

Prayer to the All-Holy Mother of God To Her Weeping Icon

O Mother hymned by all, you who gave birth to the Most Holy Word, receive this prayer that we offer up to You with faith, hope and love. Here now we stand before Your Holy Icon, seeing the streams of tears running down from Your Ever-Pure Eyes. We know, Our Holy Lady, that our sins and transgressions are above our heads; however, we know also that we have no other help, nor have we other solicitor and intercessor before Your Sovereign Son but You, o Mother of God! This is why we beg You: forgive us and help us. Ask Lord Jesus for forgiveness of our transgressions and for help, for He sees our sins, voluntary and involuntary, and for the sake of Your prayers we shall receive from His Right Hand the mercy for repentance and correction of our lives, in order to stop all slander, defamation and condemnation of our neighbour in us, but, filled with love for each other and living a chaste life, we could be honoured to live the rest of our lives for salvation. Then, the All-Holy One, beg the Merciful Lord so that He expose the attractions of deceptions, relieve the due sorrows, destroy the temptations and protect and keep us in His mercy, and let our hearts know the truth. Help us, Our Lady, to keep our Orthodox faith in purity and truth and find the Christian end so that we could be granted the blessed eternal life, and there, with all the saints and You, Our All-Powerful Intercessor, we shall praise the One in Trinity glorious God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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