

The Prayer

of

St Olga Nicolayevna

In loving memory of Marianna Redmond

Give to us, our Lord, patience
in this year of violent and dark days,
that we can endure people's persecutions
and the torments of our executioners.
Give us strength, O Righteous Lord,
to forgive the evil of our neighbours
and to take with thy meekness
the heavy and blood-stained Cross.
Now in the days of revolt
when our enemies will rob us,
let us suffer the shame and the insults.
O Christ our Saviour, help us.
O Lord of the World, God of the Universe,
bless us with thy prayer
and give peace to the humble soul
at this unbearable, fearful hour
on the threshold of the grave.
Inspire us with courage,
and give us, thy servants, superhuman strength
to pray humbly for our enemies.
Amen.

This prayer, by the hand of the martyred princess Olga, showing the Christian tranquility with which she faced the trials in her last days, was smuggled out of the House of Special Purpose, likely by one of the servants who had been dismissed by the Bolsheviks prior to the martyrdom of the Imperial Family. It was of particularly special significance to Baroness Marianna von Reichart (Marianna Vladimirovna Redmond), a beloved member of our parish, whose grandfather had been close to the imperial family. Marianna translated it into English shortly before her repose on the 16th (3rd) of August, 2012.