

Level 1

“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (Matthew 24:44)

**Twelfth Hour Prayer Gospel from the Agpeya:
A chapter from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke may his blessings be with us all. Amen.**

“And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: ‘Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.’” (Luke 2:25-32)

Glory be to God forever. Amen.

Level 2

From the Agpeya Prayer of the Twelfth Hour (Prayer Before Sleeping):

The Prayer of the Twelfth Hour of this blessed day is offered to Christ my King and my God, beseeching Him to forgive my sins. From the Psalms of our father David the prophet. May his blessings be upon us all. Amen.

Choose one psalm only from the following:

Psalm 131 (130)

LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me. Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD From this time forth and forever. Alleluia.

Psalm 133 (132)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life for evermore. Alleluia.

Psalm 134 (133)

Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD. The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion! Alleluia.

Twelfth Hour Prayer (Prayer Before Sleeping) Litanies from the Agpeya:

Behold, I am about to stand before the just judge in fear because of my numerous sins, for the life spent in pleasures deserves condemnation. Repent therefore, O my soul so long as you dwell on earth, for the dust in the grave offers no praise, and amongst the dead no one remembers, nor those who are in Hades, give thanks. Rise up from your laziness and implore the Saviour in repentance, saying; Lord have mercy upon me and save me. Thok-sa-patri Ke ey-you Ke agiyou ep-nevmaty.

If this life was everlasting and this world eternal, O my soul, you would have a valid excuse. But if your wicked deeds and repulsive evils are exposed before the just judge, what answer would you give when you are lying on the bed of sin and failed to subject the body. O' Christ, our God, before Your fearful throne of judgment I am terrified, and before Your counsel of judgment I am in awe, and unto the light of Your divinity I tremble, I am the wicked and defiled, lying on my bed careless about my life. Yet I imitate the tax-collector beating on my chest saying; "God be merciful to me a sinner" Ke-neen Ke-a-ee Ke-is-touse E-onas ton E-on-on. Amen.

O' Pure virgin, cast the shadow of your assistance on your servant. Remove the evil thoughts and raise my frail soul to stay awake and pray, because it has been lying long in deep sleep. You are a capable, merciful and helpful Mother, the Mother of the Spring of life, my King and God, Jesus Christ, my hope.