

Level 2

1. From the Agpeya Prayer of the Ninth Hour:

The Prayer of the Ninth 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:

a. Psalm 116:1-9 (114)

I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. The pains of death encompassed me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling. I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living. Alleluia.

b. Psalm 116:10-19 (115)

I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted." I said in my haste, "All men are liars." What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people. Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints. O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people, In the courts of the Lord's house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

2. Ninth Hour Prayer Litanies from the Agpeya:

a. O' Lord who tasted death in the flesh at the ninth hour for our sake, we the sinners; mortify our carnal senses, O' Christ our God, and deliver us. Let my supplication draw near You, O' Lord. Give me understanding, according to Your wisdom. Let my request reach Your presence and give me life through Your word. Thok-sa-patri Ke ey-you Ke agiyou epnevmaty.

b. At the ninth hour You surrendered Your soul to the hands of the Father, after being hanged on the cross. You guided the thief to join You in paradise, do not forget or reject me for I have strayed. Sanctify my soul, enlighten my mind and let me partake of the grace of Your sacraments so that when I taste Your goodness, I offer You praise unceasingly, longing for Your light above all things O' Christ our Lord, save us. Ke-noon Ke-a-ee Ke-is-touse E-onas ton E-onon. Amen.

c. You were born of the virgin, for our sake and endured crucifixion, O' Righteous Lord, with Your death You defeated death, with Your resurrection You made eternal life manifest. Do not turn Your face from those whom You made by Your hands. Show Your love to mankind O' Good Lord. Accept the supplications of Your virgin mother on our behalf. O' Saviour, spare Your humble people and do not let us perish, do not revoke Your promise and do not deprive us of Your mercy for the sake of Your beloved Abraham, your servant Issac and Israel Your saint. Ke-noon Ke-a-ee Ke-is-touse E-onas ton E-onon. Amen.

d. When the thief saw the giver of life hanging on the cross, he said; "Had not the one crucified with us being the incarnate God, the sun would not have hidden its light, nor would the earth have quaked in fear. Remember me Almighty Lord when You come into Your Kingdom". Thok-sa-patri Ke ey-you Ke agiyou epnevmaty.

- e. O' Righteous Lord who received the confession of the thief on the cross, accept us who deserve the judgement of death because of our sins. We join him in acknowledging our sins and in confessing Your divinity saying: "Lord remember us when You come into Your Kingdom". Ke-noon Ke-a-ee Ke-is-touse E-onas ton E-onon. Amen.
- f. When the mother saw the Lamb, the Shepherd and Saviour of the world hanging on the cross, she wept and said: "The world rejoices at the acceptance of salvation, but my heart burns when I look at your crucifixion which You endured for the sake of all; O' My Son and My God".