

# Liturgy of the Hours

**INTRODUCTION**

V - O God, come to our aid  
 R - O Lord, make haste to help us  
 Glory be...

**THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**  
 EVENING PRAYER

## HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME

1. Holy God we praise thy name,  
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee;  
 All on earth thy scepter claim,  
 All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
 Infinite thy vast domain, } x2  
 Everlasting is thy reign. }
2. Hark! The loud celestial hymn,  
 Angel choirs above are raising;  
 Cherubim and Seraphim,  
 In unceasing chorus praising,  
 Fill the heav'ns  
 with sweet accord; } x2  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. }
3. Holy Father, Holy Son,  
 Holy Spirit, three  
 we name Thee;  
 While in essence only one  
 Undivided God, we claim Thee;  
 And adoring bend the knee, } x2  
 While we own the mystery. }



### Intercessions:

The powers of heaven stand at God's throne to serve Him. Let us ask our Father to make us ready to do His will on earth.

**R: Let us praise the Father with the hosts of heaven.**

Lord, you made the angels to be ministers of Your word. By their help, may we bring Your Word to our brothers. **R**

Lord, Your holiness is sung by the eternal angels. May the Church on earth never fail in Your praise. **R**

You sent Your angels to watch over Your servants. Protect all those who travel, and guide them safely home. **R**

At Christmas, Your angels sang of peace towards men. May their message of peace inspire the hearts of rulers and people. **R**

When the angels summon the dead from the four corners of the world, may Your people be gathered as one into Your joy. **R**

### Concluding Prayer:

Lord, God of hosts, in your all-wise providence, you send angels to guard and protect us. Surround us with their watchful care on earth, and give us the joy of their company for ever in heaven.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. AMEN.



### OUR FATHER

Our Father,  
 Who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name;  
 Thy kingdom come;  
 Thy will be done on earth  
 as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day  
 our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.

**Ant. 1:** The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere Him, to rescue them.

## Psalm 33 (34) i

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
His praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise His name.  
I sought the Lord and He answered me;  
from all my terrors He set me free.

Look towards Him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere Him,  
to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in Him.

Revere the Lord, you His saints.  
They lack nothing,  
those who revere Him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord  
lack no blessing.

### Glory be to the Father...

**Ant.:** The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere Him, to rescue them.

**Ant. 2:** As God lives, so has His angel protected me.

## Psalm 33 (34) ii

Come, children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns His face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance  
from the earth.  
The Lord turns His eyes to the just  
and His ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed He will save.

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of His servants.  
Those who hide in Him shall not be  
condemned.

### Glory be to the Father...

**Ant.:** As God lives, so has His angel protected me.

**Ant. 3:** Give thanks to the God of heaven, glorify Him with all living things, for He has shown to you His loving kindness.

## Canticle – Rev 11: 17-18; 12: 10-12

We give You thanks, Lord God Almighty,  
who are and who were, that You have taken  
Your great power, and begun to reign.

The nations raged, but Your wrath came,  
and the time for the dead to be judged,  
for rewarding Your servants, the prophets  
and saints, and those who fear Your name,  
both small and great.

Now the salvation and the power, and the  
kingdom of our God, and the authority of  
His Christ have come, for the accuser of  
our brethren has been thrown down, who  
accuses them day and night before our God.

And they have conquered Him, by the  
blood of the Lamb, for they loved not their  
lives even unto death.  
Rejoice, then, O heaven,  
and you that dwell therein.

### Glory be to the Father...

**Ant. :** Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
glorify Him with all living things, for He has  
shown to you His loving kindness.

## Scripture Reading:

**Rev. 8: 3-4**

Another angel who had a gold incense container  
came and stood at the altar. He was given much  
incense to add to the prayers of all God's people  
and offer on the altar that stands before the  
throne. The smoke of the burning incense went up  
with the prayers of God's people from the hands of  
the angel standing before God.

## Short Responsory

**R: God has entrusted you the care of his angels.**

*V: God has entrusted you the care of his angels*

**R: May they protect you wherever you go**

*V: God has entrusted you the care of his angels*

**R: Glory be to the Father...**

*V: God has entrusted you the care of his angels*

## MAGNIFICAT



**Ant:** *The angels always look on the face of my Father in heaven*

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God,  
my Saviour.  
He looks on His servant  
in her lowliness; Henceforth all ages  
will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy His name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth His arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from  
their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel His servant,  
remembering His mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons forever.

### Glory Be to the Father...

**Ant:** *The angels always look on the face of my Father in heaven*