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Officiant: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Officiant: The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People: Let us call upon His holy Name without ceasing.

Officiant: Let us all say with our whole soul and our whole mind, let us say:

All: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Officiant: O Lord Almighty, the God of our mothers and fathers, we pray Thee: hearken and have mercy.

All: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother and all the saints, have mercy on us.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Officiant: O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, treasury of good things and giver of life: come and dwell in us and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

All (bowing): Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x3)

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

All: O most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

The door of compassion open unto us, O Lord; and hoping in Thee, let us not go astray. Through Thee may we be delivered from all adversities, for Thou art the salvation of the human race.

Officiant: O eternal God and King of all creation, Who hast vouchsafed us to arrive at this hour, forgive us the sins that we have committed this day, in thought, word and deed, and cleanse, O Lord, our lowly souls of all impurity; and grant us to pass the sleep of this night in peace; that,

rising from our lowly beds, we may please Thy most holy Name all the days of our lives, and overcome the enemies that war against us. And deliver us, O Lord, from vain thoughts and evil desires, which defile us. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, and all things forever: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, unto ages of ages.

(St. Macarius the Great)

People: Amen.

All:

In Thee, O Lord, have I taken refuge. *

Let me never be put to shame.

Deliver me in Thy righteousness. *

Incline Thine ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be Thou my strong rock: a house of defense to save me. *

For Thou art my rock and my fortress;

therefore, for Thy Name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Pull me out from the net that they have secretly set for me; *

for Thou art my strength.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, *

for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, O God of Truth.

(Psalm 31)

Sayeth Wisdom: Harken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whosoever findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain the favor of the Lord. *(Proverbs 8:32-36)*

For Wisdom is more moving than any motion: she passeth and goeth through all things by reason of her pureness. For she is the breath of the power of God, and a pure influence flowing from the glory of the Almighty: therefore can no defiled thing fall into her. For she is the brightness of the everlasting light, the unspotted mirror of the power of God, and the image of His goodness. And being but one, she can do all things: and remaining in herself, she maketh all things new: and in all ages entering into holy souls, she maketh them friends of God, and prophets. For God loveth none but the one that dwelleth with Wisdom. For she is more beautiful than the sun, and above all the order of stars: being compared with the light, she is found before it. For after this cometh night: but vice shall not prevail against Wisdom. Wisdom reacheth from one end to another mightily: and sweetly doth she order all things. *(Book of Wisdom 7:24-8:1)*

Lord, have mercy on us, for we have hoped in Thee. Be not angry with us greatly, nor remember our iniquities; but look upon us now as Thou art compassionate, and deliver us from all evil, according to Thy great mercy. For Thou art our God, and we Thy people. All are the works of Thy hands, and we call upon Thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

A brief time of reflective silence is observed.

All: Almighty and merciful God, eternal Father: We have sinned against Thee, in thought, word and deed: by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved Thee with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not surrendered fully to Thy Way, nor truly died to ourselves, that Thou might live fully within us. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may only delight in Thy will. For the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses, and grant that we may serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy most holy Name, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

All (bowing): To Thee, O Lord.

Officiant: O Heavenly Father, in Thou alone we live and move and have our being. We humbly pray Thee: guide and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our lives we may not forget Thee, but remember that we are ever in Thy presence: by and with and in Thee, in the unity of Thy eternal Fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Thy angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for the sake of Thy love and great mercy.

People: Amen.

All: O God, who doth manifest in Thy servants the signs of Thy presence, send forth upon us the Spirit of Wisdom and Love, that in companionship with one another Thy abounding grace may increase among us. This we humbly pray, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our mothers and fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy holy Name, unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

All: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

(bowing with each) Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy Way. Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy Way. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy Way.

Officiant: Wisdom! Let us now lay aside all earthly cares. Let us cleanse our senses, that we might behold God.

A time of silence and contemplative prayer is observed.

Officiant: Almighty God, Thou hast given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplication unto Thee; and Thou hast promised through Thy well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in the world knowledge of Thy Truth; and in the age to come life everlasting. *(St. John Chrysostom)*

People: Amen.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.