

**Prayer for all the peoples of the world,
according to the model of the prayer of St Silouan of Mount Athos.**

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, for all the peoples of the world, that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***¹

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst relieve the suffering of the hungry, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst bring to repentance those who can alleviate the suffering of the hungry, but do nothing, or even actively increase their suffering, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst relieve the sickness and suffering of those who are ill, especially those who suffer because of civil war, oppression, neglect and poverty, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort and make safe those who are suffering from war, and killing, and civil unrest, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort and guard from anger, bitterness and despair those who have lost loved ones because of the inhumanity of men. Help them to not return hatred for hatred or murder for murder, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst enlighten and bring to repentance and the knowledge of Thee those who kill and rape and plunder from their fellow man, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort and protect women, children and men who are trafficked as slaves, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort and protect women, children and men who are abused physically, sexually, verbally and emotionally, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou would bring to sobriety, peacefulness and love those who are angry and nursing grudges, and planning retribution for wrongs they have suffered, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst enlighten those who hate Christianity and the church because of personal experiences, and prejudices, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

*I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst make steadfast those who are suffering persecution, deprivation, slander and danger because of their true belief in Thee, and that **they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort, protect and bring to repentance those who are incarcerated, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort and guard from evil thoughts and actions those who are suffering unjustly for something they did not do, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort and give purpose and joy to those who are in despair or feel no purpose in their lives or are contemplating suicide, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst bring to full sobriety, and mental clarity those who suffer from mental illness and those who are possessed or oppressed by demons, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst enlighten and bring to repentance those who kill and torture and dominate others in the name of a false God, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, That Thou wouldst enlighten and bring to repentance those who kill and profit from and promote the killing of babies in the womb, and children, and the elderly and the feeble, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort and enlighten and bring to repentance and fill with true joy and purpose those who are contemplating killing their unborn child, and those who have killed their children, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst help those who have committed a great sin, and have great sorrow, to know Thy forgiveness and to grow in hope, and love, and joy, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst bring to repentance those who are advocating for or attempting to impose abortion upon anyone, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst bring to repentance and true belief and moral purity politicians who promote and subsidize all immorality, the killing of the unborn and feeble and disenfranchisement or the subjugation of the poor, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst bring to repentance and true belief and moral purity those who teach indecent things because of greed, or ignorance or any other hidden sin, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst help those who know what is right and are afraid to speak the truth, especially the clergy, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou would enlighten and bring true belief, and purpose those who do not believe in Thee, or oppose Thee, ***and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.***

I pray Thee O Merciful Lord, that thou wouldst increase peace in families, and mutual love between all, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst teach spouses to put aside any divisions and grow to perfection in Thee through loving each other, with peace, mutual comfort, and tranquility, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst help spouses to keep their marriage bed undefiled, never with lust or selfishness or perverse practices, and always increasing their love for Thee, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst guard children from the pernicious effects of our unbelieving society and that they would grow in their faith unto the stature of a perfect man, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst help Fathers and Mothers to do the one thing needful for their children, and with patience and wisdom raise them in the fear of Thee and piety and remember to pray for them with tears every day, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst teach siblings to love each other as their neighbor and not have petty squabbles and disputes, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst prosper the church and not let any one of our children, loved ones and friends be lost to unbelief, lukewarmness or depravity, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst bring to repentance and purity those who fornicate and do impure sexual things or have heretical beliefs concerning them, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst break the bondage of those who are addicted to pornography and all uncleanness and bring them to the knowledge of Thee, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst bring to wholeness and purity those who are engaged in the homosexual lifestyle and give strength to those who have any kind of illicit sexual attractions to live in purity and holiness, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst give courage and steadfastness to those Who have true belief in Thee, whose lives, families and property are at great risk because of the spectre of militant Islam, atheistic governments, or any totalitarian system that hates true Christianity, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst comfort and give true joy to those who are in despair because of drug addiction, and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst help those who do not live according to purpose to learn their purpose, *and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst enlighten and bring to repentance and true faith and the knowledge of Thee those who proclaim heresies, *and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst help all peoples to have the remembrance of death and to have their treasure in heaven, not among the things of the world which are passing away, *and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst bring to repentance and Christian action those of us who do very little to help our suffering brethren, *and that they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst forgive me my terrible sins, and not let any one of them cause my brother to stumble. And if I have caused anyone to stumble because of my sins, I beseech Thee - forgive! And give me a path to rectify my wrongs, and grant that *we all may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst help me to love my enemies, that *we all may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst open my heart to the sufferings of others, that *we all may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst help me to judge rightly regarding my brothers, but never to disdain them because of their sins, *and that we all may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst season my foolish words with salt, that *we all may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, that Thou wouldst teach me to pray with attention and love, *that those I pray for may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit*.

I pray Thee, O Merciful Lord, for all the peoples of the world, that *they may come to know Thee by the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

<http://www.orthodox.net/trebnic/prayer-for-all-peoples-of-the-world-according-to-the-model-of-the-prayer-of-saint-silouan-of-mount-athos.doc>

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Lots of other prayers (Akathists, canons, ectenias, prayers of saints, for the sick, etc) at

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¹ This is St Silouan's original prayer, quoted in Archimandrite Zacharias, "The Enlargement of the Heart". All other prayers are according to his model, and written by someone who is not a saint.