



# THE SECOND WATCH OF MIDNIGHT PRAYERS

## Psalm 120

I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

*Alleluia.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE 7:36-50

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?"

I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore, I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

*Glory be to God forever. Amen.*

## The Litanies

Grant me, Lord, a fountain of many tears like that which You first granted to the woman who was a sinner. Make me worthy to shed my tears on Your feet which have freed me and took me to the right path. I bring unto You a precious ointment, to acquire through repentance a purified life, that I may hear that voice full of joy, "Your faith has saved you."

*"Zoksapatri ke Eiyou-ke agi-you epnevmaty"*  
*(Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.)*

When I am conscience of my many sins, and when I think of Your judgment, I fear and tremble and run to You, O God, do not turn away my supplications. My undefiled Lord, have mercy on me.

*"Kenin ke aa-ee ke-ic-touce e-on-ace ton e-onon Amen."*  
*(Both now and forever and unto the age of all ages, Amen.)*

The heavens praise You, O You full of grace, the ever Virgin bride. We glorify your pure birth of Jesus Christ, which is beyond our comprehension. O mother of God, mother of Mercy and Salvation, make intercession for the salvation of our souls.

*"Kenin ke aa-ee ke-ic-touce e-on-ace ton e-onon Amen."*  
*(Both now and forever and unto the age of all ages, Amen.)*

O Heavenly King, and Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who is in every place, and fills all, You who are the Treasure of goodness, and Giver of life, graciously come and dwell in us, purge away all stain, O Good-One, and save our souls.

*"Zoksapatri ke Eiyou-ke agi-you epnevmaty"*  
*(Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.)*

Just as you were with Your Disciples, O Saviour, and gave them peace, graciously come also and be with us, save us, and deliver our souls.

*"Kenin ke aa-ee ke-ic-touce e-on-ace ton e-onon Amen."*  
*(Both now and forever and unto the age of all ages, Amen.)*

Whenever we stand in Your Holy sanctuary, we are considered as those standing in Heaven. O Mother of God, You who are the gate of heaven, open unto us the door of mercy.