

**Special Petitions at the Moleben to the Fathers of the 1917-1918 Council
to be celebrated on 15th/28th August, 2017**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hear and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (3x). (*And thus after each petition.*)

Again we pray for our great Lord and father, the most Holy Patriarch Kirill, for our Lord the most Reverend Archbishop Elisey, and for all our brethren in Christ.

Again we pray for our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, for our divinely-protected land, her government and armed forces, that in peace and tranquillity we may lead a calm and godly life in all piety and honesty.

Again we pray Thee, our God and Saviour, that Thou wouldest look with Thy merciful eye upon us who now on the hundredth anniversary of the Holy Council of our Church celebrate the memory of the labours and spiritual endeavours of its ever-memorable participants, and that Thou wouldest preserve for us the Orthodox Faith unharmed and unconquerable from schisms, heresies, unbelief and all assaults of enemies: let us all say, O merciful Lord, hearken and have mercy

Again we pray to the Lord our Saviour that he will accept the confession and thanksgiving of us his unworthy servants for the blessings that He has poured out upon the Russian Church from ancient times and especially during the last century, saving her from misfortunes and troubles and overcoming divisions, and we fall down and cry with compunction: as Thou art merciful, fulfil our petitions that are unto salvation, we earnestly entreat Thee, O all-powerful Creator, hearken and have mercy!

Again we pray that He will accept as a savour of sweet-smelling incense the prayers of the multitude of new martyrs and confessors who endured terrible sufferings and martyrdom for the Faith and for justice in the years of persecution, and that He will establish the Russian Church and keep all of us in oneness of mind: let us all say, hear us, O Lord our Saviour, and graciously have mercy.

Again we pray to Thee, our Lord and God, that Thou wouldest look with kindness and mercy upon this vineyard which Thine own right hand hath planted and defended from all attacks of enemies, and that as in former times Thou wouldest grant unto Thine inheritance peace and quietness, that Holy Rus' may not be diminished or shaken, and that in her may be glorified Thy Thrice-Holy Name: let us all say, hear us, O compassionate Lord, and graciously have mercy.

Priest: Hear us, O God our Saviour, the Hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, on account of our sins, and be merciful unto us. For thou, O God, art merciful and lovest mankind, and to thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Deacon: Again and again, with compunctionate hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

The priest reads this prayer aloud:

O God, great and inscrutable, O Father without beginning, O Son who likewise hast no beginning, and Spirit who equally existest from everlasting, who savest those who are ready to perish, who givest life to the dead and by Thy marvellous Providence directest all things! Incline Thine ear from thy holy place on high, and accept from us Thy humble and unworthy servants, upon whom Thou hast manifested Thy great salvation from calamity and utter destruction, these prayers of gratitude, praise and thanksgiving. For not according to our transgressions hast Thou dealt with us, O Lord, neither rewarded us according to our iniquities, but Thou hast had regard unto the manifold labours and heartfelt prayers of Thy faithful servants, the members of the Holy Council of the Russian Church, the Archpastors, pastors, monastics and lay people who suffered in the years of persecution, putting all their hope on Thee.

Help us, O Lord, unceasingly and steadfastly to bear within us the memory of this Thy glorious beneficence, that, compassed about by Thy protection, we may ever henceforth, as this day, praise and magnify Thy Holy Name. Grant us to abide in faith, love and unity, to overcome all pernicious divisions and schisms, that Thy Good Spirit may abide upon us. Grant to Thy faithful people peace and quietness, to the pastors holiness, to the rulers judgement and uprightness, to the Law, strength and observance, to the Orthodox Faith, confirmation. Continue forth Thy mercy upon those that know Thee, and reveal Thyself to those who know Thee not, that from the rising of the sun to its setting all nations with one mouth and one heart may cry unto Thee with a voice of rejoicing:

Glory to Thee, O God our Saviour, unto ages of ages. Amen.