

The Prayer of St. Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk (Prostration)
 But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant. (Prostration)

CHOIR:

The refrain, after which they again kneel

LET MY PRAYL AS INCENSE RISE IN THY SIGHT
 Da is- pra- vit- sja mo- lit- va mo- ja ja-ko ka- di- lo
 Pred To- bo- ju. Voz- di- ja- ni- je ru- ku mo- je- ju.
 AS IN COME AND LET THE LIFTING UP OF MY HANDS
 žer- tva ve- čer- ňa - ja.
 BE AN EVENING SACRIFICE

Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

The priest goes to his right to the side of the Altar Table for the next verse, then to the back, and to the other side.

PRIEST:

Lord, have mercy.
 O Lord almighty, the God of our fathers,
 we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
 Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.