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*We invite you to a celebration
of the Resurrection of Christ*



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Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the
world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O
Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Your Kingdom!//

Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You
as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master!

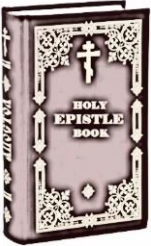
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to
You:// “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Tone 1 Prokeimenon – (Resurrection)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You! (Ps. 32:22)

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2) 9:6:11



But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Alleluia and Verses Tone

V. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

V. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke 8:5-15



"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

Communion Hymn

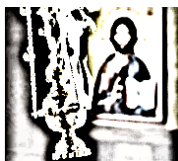
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Sophia Karpa, George Klein, Iryna Farion, Charles Demetrios, Nun Antonina, Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, William Zemko, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodczenko, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Soldier Serhiy. All Who died during the war in Ukraine.



PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Metropolitan Anthony, Archbishop Daniel, Lori, Christine Kline, Arlene Hawryluk, Jerry Zets, Larry, Darlene Moon, Jeff Smith, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, Ann Klein, David & Richard Scharba, Brittany, Matt, Stephen Shonn, Thelma Zemko, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy,



Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O'Leary, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people who are suffering from war.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Arlene Hawryluk	18 David Spanja
7 Delia Walkowicz	18 Carla Rogensky
8 Elizabeth Zets	21 Joseph Owens
15 Jessica Slagel	23 Waltraud Demetrius
11 Addison Ratliff	27 David Zylka
12 Linda Serrano	27 Artem Zhelyabin
13 Volodymyr Koval	29 Margie Senediak
14 Pat Mounce	29 Mary K. Woloschak
14 Dominic Woloschak	30 Mary Bobersky
16 Fred Battisti Jr.	31 Sharlene Senediak
17 Charles G. Senediak	31 Rick Wilson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jason M Medved	15 Michael Semchee Jr
3 William Terlecki Jr	16 Joseph K. Gnat
4 Linda Novak	22 David J Koroczynsky
5 Gregory J Yuschak	22 Natalia Novicky
9 John N Burlock Sr	22 Christine A. Burlock
10 Kathy Zebel	22 Steven R. Telischak II
10 Steve Medved	22 Sophia Anderson
11 Maria Melnykovich	24 Bella Dombrovskaya
12 Elliot David Newton	24 Michele Telischak
13 Anthony Kichton	26 Holly Mishey
14 Barbara Semchee	29 Anthony N Yuschak
15 Thomas Senedak	

HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU

to our loved parishioners,
We pray that God blesses you with
good health, happiness, & joy!

Many Years!



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE



- Sunday, October 27, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 18th Sunday**
- Sunday, November 3, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 19th Sunday**
- Thursday, November 7, 6:30PM – **Moleben (Supplication) Service for the sick**
Moleben will be served on the 1st Thursday of each month
- Sunday, November 10, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 20th Sunday**
- Sunday, November 17, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 21st Sunday**

Upcoming dates & events

- Sr. UOL Meetings: **Oct 27, Nov 3, Dec 1**
- Nov 10 - **Honoring Sts. Peter & Paul Veterans & Chili Cook-off**
- Nov 24 - **Parish Annual Meeting.**

Church School Calendar

- Sunday, Oct 27 - **Church School** * Sunday, Nov 3 - **Church School**
- Sunday, Nov 10 - **Church School.** *Food Donation project with the children after service on Nov 10*

Cooking, Baking and Sales Schedule (to place orders - 234-247-1534)

- * Nov 2 - **DRIVE THROUGH UKIE DINNER** - Saturday from noon to 4pm
Workdays for Ukie Dinner: Thursday, Oct 31 - **Leaves at 9:00am**
Friday, Nov 1 - **Roll & Make Halushki at 9:00am**
Saturday, Nov 2 - **Finish Prep at 9:30 am**
Saturday, Nov 2 - **Drive Through Pick-up** noon to 4pm
- * Nov 10 - **CHILI COOKOFF**
- * Nov 15 - **PYROHY SALE**
Workdays for Pyrohy: Tue, Nov 12 & Thur, Nov 14 – **Making Pyrohy**
Friday, Nov 15 - **Pick-up from 9:00 to Noon**
- * Dec 7 - **Stuffed Cabbage Sale**
Workdays for Stuffed Cabbage: Thursday, Dec 5 - **Leaves at 8:30 am**
Friday, Dec 6 - **Roll & Make Halushki - 9:00**
Saturday, Dec 7 - **Sales from 10:00 to Noon**
- * Dec 7-8 - **KOLACHI & COOKIE SALES**
Workdays for Kolachi: Saturday, Dec 7 - **Make Kolachi at 9:00am**
Sunday, Dec 8 - **Pick-up 11:30am to 1:30pm**
- * Dec 13 - **PYROHY SALE**
Workdays for Pyrohy: Tue, Dec 10 & Thur, Dec 12 – **Making Pyrohy**
Friday, Dec 13 - **Pick-up from 9:00 to Noon**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Thank you!**

Sincerely grateful for all the cards, texts, phone calls and prayers for my recovery and especially to our church school children for the wonderful signed card it was very refreshing to receive.

- *With gratitude, Jerry Zets*

Thank
you!

- **UOL Dues - \$25 !**

The Senior UOL Dues are **due**. **They are \$25!** Submit to Joe Novicky.

- **UOL EVENTS:**

- 2025 UOL Convention in Florida – SAVE the DATE – July 23-27, 2025

- **Volunteers Needed**

MEN NEEDED !! Pyrohy making fundraiser won't be able to continue without men-volunteers. Please talk to Anna Anderson if you're willing to help

- *Respectfully, Pyrohy Crew*

- **Food Collection**

Attention! Starting Sunday **Oct 20th through Nov 10th we will be collecting Non-Perishable Foods** to help those in need. We will donate the food to the First Harvest Food Bank.



- **BINGO for the Hurricane Victims – THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who helped at the Bingo for the Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Our Parish is donating **\$3000 to the Red Cross** to help with Hurricane Relief!

May God bless you for doing the charitable work in the name of God!



- **Honoring the Parish Veterans & Chili Cook-off – Nov 10**

- **Become a Steward**

If you would like to become a steward (*member*) of our parish, please ask for the stewardship form. Submit the completed form to the church office. **STEWARDSHIP**

CARD NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED EVERY YEAR. You must have a stewardship card submitted to be able to vote at the annual meeting.

**STEWARDSHIP
CARD**

- ***Need a Stewardship Form?***

To receive a stewardship card – talk to Fr. Mykola or call 330-799-3830

- **Church Offering Envelopes**

Do you need Church Offering Envelopes with your number? – let us know (*talk to Kenny Senediak or leave a note in the church office or call the church office – 330-799-3830*)

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On Oct 13	On Oct 20
General:	\$1343.00	\$1096.00
Renovation:	\$ 69.00	\$ 93.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00

Our Parish is donating **\$3000 to the Red Cross** to help with Hurricane Relief! Money raised at the Bingo for the Hurricane Victims. God bless all who helped!

Bulletin Dedication *(in memory or in honor)*

<u>Sun Nov 3</u> 1. Available 2. Available	<u>Sun Nov 10</u> 1. Available 2. Available	<u>Sun Nov 17</u> 1. Dedicated 2. Dedicated	<u>Sun Nov 24</u> 1. Available 2. Available	
<u>Sun Dec 1</u> 1. Available 2. Available	<u>Sun Dec 8</u> 1. Dedicated 2. Available	<u>Sun Dec 15</u> 1. Dedicated 2. Available	<u>Sun Dec 22</u> 1. Available 2. Available	<u>Sun Dec 29</u> 1. Available 2. Available

For bulletin dedication please call – 330-799-3830, Fr Mykola

On the Different Types of Ground

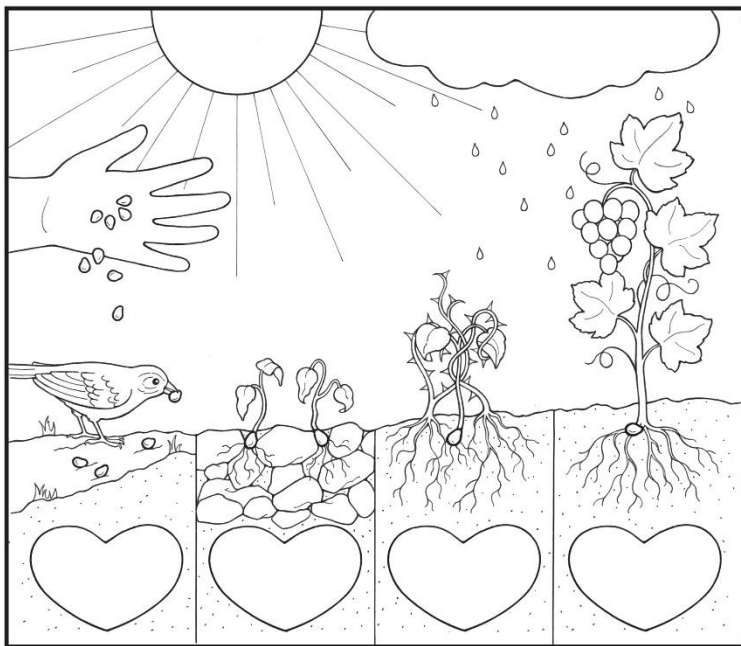
The Parable of the Sower (found in Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, and Luke 8:4-15) serves as a profound teaching on the openness and readiness of the human heart to receive God's word. Each type of ground symbolizes different states of the heart and how it responds to the Gospel. Here's how the Orthodox tradition interprets each type of ground:



1. The Path: Seeds that fall along the path represent those who hear the word of God but don't allow it to penetrate their hearts. This hard, unyielding ground reflects a state of distraction, a lack of prayer, or inattentiveness. In Orthodoxy, this is seen as a call to overcome the constant noise of our lives that prevents faith from taking root and growing. The Church reminds us to seek moments of quiet reflection, away from worldly distractions, so that God's word can enter our hearts.

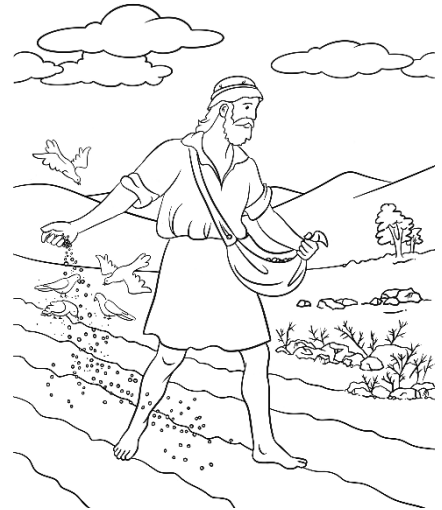
2. Rocky Ground: Seeds that fall on rocky ground grow quickly but lack the depth to survive, withering at the first sign of hardship. This ground represents those who initially embrace faith with enthusiasm but fall away when challenges arise. The Orthodox tradition teaches that sustaining faith requires perseverance, humility, and spiritual depth. Through regular prayer, sacraments, and a disciplined spiritual life, believers are called to strengthen their roots and deepen their relationship with Christ so that they may withstand life's inevitable challenges.
3. Thorns: The seeds among thorns are choked by worldly cares, riches, and pleasures, symbolizing people whose spiritual lives are stifled by attachment to material concerns. The Orthodox Church warns of the danger of becoming entangled in wealth, status, and other worldly desires. Instead, the Church encourages believers to live in simplicity and seek the eternal Kingdom of God above all. By focusing on spiritual growth and detaching from worldly attachments, we can create space in our lives for God's grace to work freely.
4. Good Soil: Seeds that fall on good soil and produce a rich harvest symbolize those who receive God's word with an open, humble, and receptive heart. This type of heart is cultivated through prayer, repentance, reading Scripture, and partaking in the sacraments. By engaging in a life of virtue and striving to reflect Christ's love, joy, and peace, believers can bear spiritual fruit. The Orthodox Church views this "good soil" as the ideal state of heart that every Christian should aim for—a life fully rooted in Christ, producing lasting and transformative fruit.

Ultimately, the parable teaches that faith is a lifelong journey of cultivating a heart that is free from distractions, receptive to God's grace, and committed to spiritual growth. The Orthodox tradition encourages believers to nurture their hearts through the practices and community life of the Church, drawing closer to God and bearing fruit that blesses the world around them.



How to Improve the “soil” of your Heart?

Improving the “soil” of your heart in Orthodox Christianity involves actively nurturing your spiritual life and staying open to God’s grace. Here are some practical ways to make your heart more like “good soil,” ready to receive and grow in faith:



1. Cultivate a Habit of Prayer:

Begin each day with prayer, asking God to prepare your heart for His word. Daily prayer, even in small moments, softens your heart and draws you closer to God. Orthodox prayers, such as the Jesus Prayer (“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner”), can be repeated throughout the day to stay connected to God’s presence.

2. Read and Meditate on Scripture:

Regularly reading Scripture, especially the Gospels, helps God’s word take root in you. Meditate on a passage or verse each day, letting it dwell in your heart. This daily practice strengthens your understanding of God’s will and helps transform your thoughts and actions.

3. Participate in the Sacraments:

The sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, are essential to Orthodox spiritual growth. Confession helps us clear out the “thorns” of sin and distractions that crowd our hearts. The Eucharist feeds our soul, allowing Christ to dwell within us and help us grow in His likeness.

4. Practice Humility and Repentance:

Repentance isn’t just a one-time act; it’s an ongoing attitude of humility and openness to change. Make time to reflect on your day, asking God to reveal any areas where you may have fallen short. Being aware of your own weaknesses helps you be more receptive to God’s healing grace.

5. Engage in Spiritual Reading and Learning:

Read the lives of the saints, spiritual writings, or listen to teachings from Orthodox Christian teachers. These resources can inspire and guide you, offering wisdom for your spiritual journey and examples of lives transformed by faith.

6. Foster Simplicity and Detachment:

The Parable of the Sower warns against the “thorns” of worldly distractions. To grow spiritually, aim to simplify your life, focusing on what’s essential and

eternal. Prioritize time with God over material pursuits, and practice gratitude for what you have, letting go of excessive attachment to possessions or status.

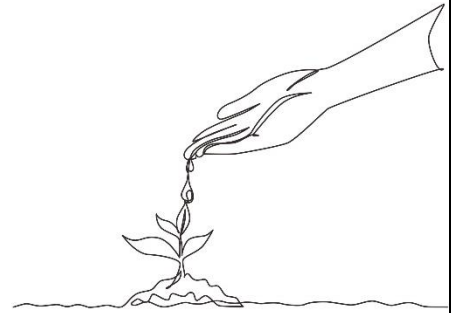
7. Be Part of Your Church Community:

Engaging with your church community provides support and accountability in your spiritual journey. Attending services, church activities, charitable work, and learning from the experiences of others all help to strengthen your faith.

8. Trust in God's Timing and Grace:

Just as a plant grows slowly, spiritual growth takes time and patience. Trust in God's timing, even if you don't see immediate changes. Remember that it's God who ultimately causes growth, and your role is to stay open and responsive to His guidance.

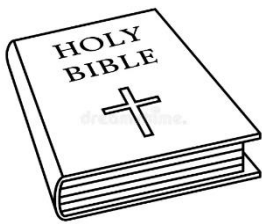
Improving your "soil" is a continual journey of returning to God, asking for His help, and making intentional choices each day to nurture your heart. By focusing on these practices, you'll gradually create a heart that's more receptive to God's word and open to bearing the fruits of the Spirit.



"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

- Luke 8:8

DO YOU READ THE BIBLE? The Bible tells us:



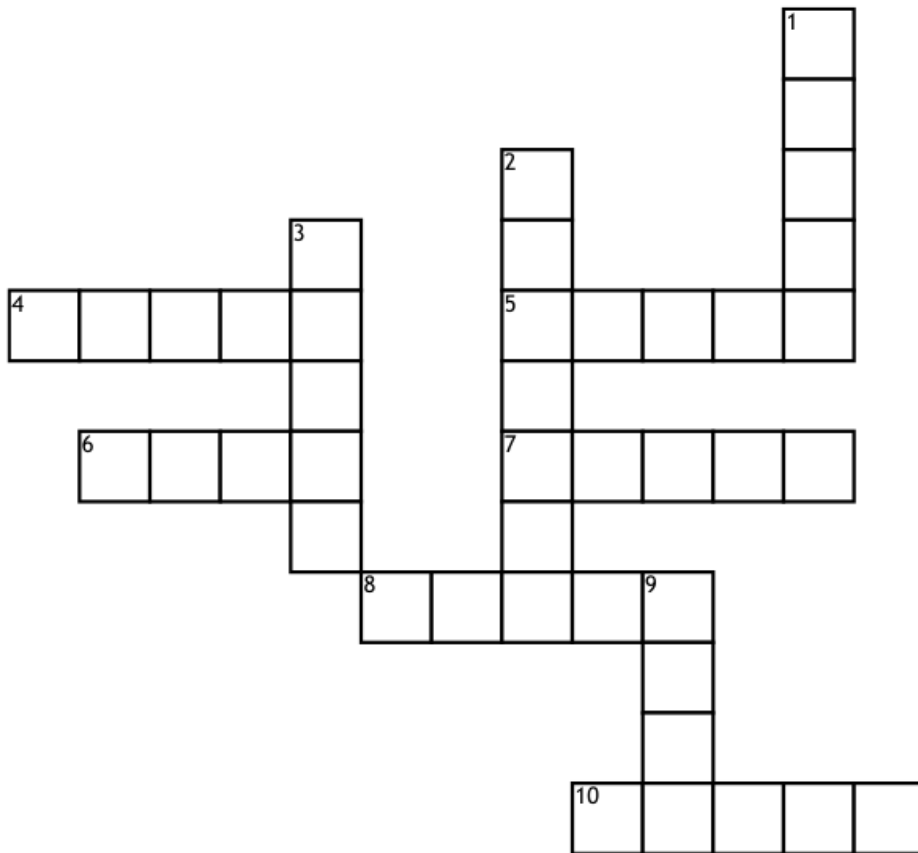
- Who God is and what He has done for us;
- What it means to truly be a human being and what the purpose of our life is; and
- How each of us should respond - with our whole life - to what God has done for us in His love.

The Bible contains the answers to the most fundamental questions that we as human beings can ask.

Reading the Bible is letting God plant the seed and nurture it!

Don't have a Bible? – take one from church.

The Parable of the Sower



Across

4. The weeds were able to _____ out the good plants
5. Some seeds fell on _____ ground with not much soil
6. Some of the seeds fell on _____ soil
7. The seeds that fell beside the road eaten by _____
8. The _____ choked out the grain plants

10. The farmer went out to _____ seeds

Down

1. The birds represent God's _____, the devil who steals away the truth about God
2. An earthly story with a heavenly meaning
3. Some of the _____ fell among thorns
9. The seeds that fell on good _____ grew 30 to 100 times more

Moleben

Supplication Service

Dear Parishioners,

Beginning next month, our church will hold a special Moleben (Supplication Service) for the Sick on **the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm**. This service is an opportunity for us to come together as a community, praying for the healing, strength, and comfort of those who are suffering from illness or other struggles. Through this ancient and powerful tradition, we call upon God's mercy and love to bring relief to those in need, reminding them—and us—that they are not alone in their trials.



We invite you to write down the names of those who need prayers for healing, whether they are struggling with physical, emotional, or spiritual sickness. You may submit these names before each service, so that we may offer prayers for them individually and as a parish family. This Moleben is a way for us to support one another in faith, lifting up our loved ones and entrusting them to God's care. Please join us as we ask for His healing grace and compassion to be with all those who are suffering.

A **Moleben** is an Orthodox Christian prayer service dedicated to intercession for various needs, encompassing any requests for help, guidance, or thanksgiving. The term originates from the Slavic word "molebny," meaning "to ask" or "to pray."

During a Moleben, the faithful gather to pray collectively, presenting their intentions, which may include prayers for healing, comfort, strength, protection, or expressions of gratitude. The service typically features the singing of hymns, readings from Scripture, and specific prayers of supplication directed toward God, the Mother of God, and the Saints. Participants often mention the names of those they wish to pray for, fostering a sense of community and shared faith.



The Moleben highlights the Church's role as a source of support and spiritual nourishment, encouraging believers to seek divine assistance in times of need and to offer thanks for blessings received. It emphasizes the power of prayer and the importance of coming together as a community in both supplication and gratitude.