

### The Prayer to the Precious Cross

(from Prayers before Sleep; 1982 St. Tikhon's Prayerbook, now out of print.)

Let God arise  
and let His enemies be scattered!  
Let those who hate Him  
flee from before His face!  
As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish.  
As wax melts before the fire, so let  
sinners perish before the face of those  
who love God and sign themselves with  
the  
Sign of the Cross and say joyfully:  
Rejoice, most precious and  
life-creating Cross of the Lord,  
which chases demons away through the  
power of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Who was nailed to you, descended into  
hell and, having trampled down the power  
of the devil gave to us His precious  
Cross for the routing of all enemies.  
Help me forever, most precious and  
life-creating Cross of the Lord,  
with the Holy Lady Virgin Theotokos  
and all the Saints.  
Amen.

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