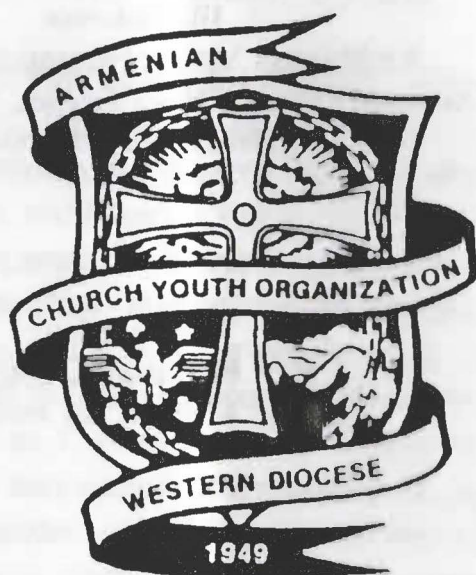


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The Prayer of the ACYO-WD

O Lord, Our Savior Jesus Christ, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, give us the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech You, the wisdom to know, to love, and to serve You in our personal lives and in the corporate life of our Organization.

Lead us, Your children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious ancestors.

Inspire us, O Lord, and open our eyes to Your light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our ancestors have left to us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities as citizens of our beloved country, the United States of America.

Fill us, O Christ our God, with the Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to whom, together with You and the Holy Spirit, is befitting glory, dominion, and honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. AMEN.

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Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: (Recite) The Lord's Prayer

Hayr Mer vor herginus yes, Soorp yeghitzi anoon ko. Yegestzeh arkayootiun ko. Yeghitzin gamk ko vorbes herginus yev hergri. Zhatz mer hanabazort door mez aysor. Togh mez uzbardis mer, vorbes yev mek toghoomk merotz bardabanatz. Yev mi danir uzmez ee portzootiun, ayl purgya ee chare.

Priest: Zi ko eh arkayootiun yev zoroottiun yev park havidyans. Amen.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; sing in His presence.

Priest: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon: We have gathered here together to take part in the Annual General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of the Western Diocese. We thank you Lord for allowing us to arrive at this moment safely and for this opportunity to be together, to visit with friends and make new ones.

All: Thank you, Lord.

Deacon: We thank you for our Armenian Church where we can hear and learn Your Word and worship you.

All: Thank you, Lord.

Deacon: We thank you for our leaders: for our Catholicos Vazken the First; for our Primate, Archbishop Vatche; and for our priests and deacons.

All: Thank you, Lord.

Deacon: We thank you for our Armenian Church Youth Organization where we can learn and enjoy one another's company in fellowship with Christ. And for all those who helped make this Assembly possible.

All: Thank you, Lord.

Priest: We have come together in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we come together in His name, we know that He is here with us. Let us all now joyfully spread the Good News that Christ is here with us and let us greet one another with the proclamation that Christ is revealed among us! Chrisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav. (Priest blesses the congregation.)

Deacon: Let us take a moment now, to turn to the person standing next to us and proclaim that Christ is with us.

Each person should either embrace or shake hands with those standing nearby and say, "Christ is with us!"

All: (Singing) Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetzav, vor En Asdvadz asd pazmetzav. Khaghaghootyan tzayn hunchetzav, Soorp voghchooyni hraman duvav. Yegeghetzis mi antzn yeghev, Hampooyrus hot lurman duvav. Tushnamootiunun heratzav. Sern unthanoorus surpretzav. Art bashdonyayk partzyal utzayn, dook zornhootiun ee mi peran. Miasnagan Asdvadzootyan, Voroom srovpek n en surpapan.

Translation: Christ in our midst has been revealed. He who is God is seated here. The voice of peace has resounded Holy greeting has been enjoined. Here the Church becomes one soul. The kiss has been given for a bond of fullness. Enmity has been removed. And love is spread over us all. Now, ministers, raise your voices, give blessings with one accord to the consubstantial Godhead to Whom Seraphim gives praise.

Priest: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Savior, it is good for us to come before You to offer our prayers and sing songs of praise. We pray that You will always lead, guide, and direct us in all that we think, say, and do. You are the Light of the world and the salvation of all people. Enlighten our minds to Your will, so that we will never be fooled or tricked by the false values of this world.

Deacon: So that we may always live lives which are pleasing to our Lord, let us now prepare to receive the light and guidance which comes from the Holy Bible.

All: Lord, You who love humanity, purify my heart with the most pure source of Your Love; Illumine the eyes of my mind so that I may understand your gospel teachings and Your Will for me. Implant in me a deep respect for Your blessed commandments, so that I may begin a spiritual manner of life by thinking and doing those things that are pleasing to You. For You are the Savior and Light of the World, and those who follow You will not walk in darkness, but have the Light of Life. It is to You, my Lord Jesus Christ, that I offer praise, thanksgiving, and glory, together with your Father who is from all eternity, and your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Deacon: Therefore, let us listen to the words from the Breath of God.

All: (Sing) Soorp Asdvadz, soorp yev huzor, soorp yev anmah, vor khachetzar vasun mer, voghormia mez (repeat three times).

Translation: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, who was crucified for us, have mercy on us.

Reading & Sermonette

Priest: Let us all join in prayer to again ask God to give us the guidance necessary to live our lives as He wants us to live them.

All: O Jesus, Wisdom of the Father, grant me wisdom that I may always think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight; save me from evil thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon all Your creatures and upon me, a sinner.

Priest: We have heard Your Word, O Lord, and have been instructed by it and enlightened by it, and now, once again, we raise our voices to sing the prayer which you have taught us:

All: (Sing) Hayr Mer vor herginus yes, Soorp yeghitzi anoon ko. Yegestzeh arkayootiun ko. Yeghitzin gamk ko vorbes herginus yev hergri. Zhatz mer hanabazort door mez aysor. Togh mez uzbardis mer, vorbes yev mek toghoomk merotz bardabanatz. Yev mi danir uzmez ee portzootiun, ayl purgya ee chare.

Priest: Zi ko eh arkayootiun yev zorootiun yev park havidyans. Amen.
May you all be blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit and may the Lord be with you now and forever. Amen.



ACYO Pledge

I solemnly promise and declare upon my honor , that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization, I shall, to the best of my ability , be a faithful child of the Armenian Church; shall be a devoted upholder of the Armenian cultural heritage; shall be a loyal citizen of the United States; and I shall diligently abide by the objects, policies, and decisions of the Armenian Church Youth Organization. I shall not strive for personal recognition and pleasure, but will serve our Church, our Community , and our Country, for the greater glory of God.