

CLEMENT TO THE CORINTHIANS Lesson Eleven (1 Clement 59-61)

Clement had seen the blessed apostles and conversed with them, their teaching was still ringing in his ears.
(Irenaeus)

1 Clement 59: Clement's Prayer

We will be innocent of this sin. Cf. Lev 19:17: "You will surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him."

Specified number of His elect. Clement implies that if the insurrectionists do not repent, they remove themselves from the elect.

Grant us Lord to hope on your name. Clement's closing prayer begins, combining quotations and allusions from Numbers 27; Deut 32; 1 Sam 2, 1 Kings 8, 2 Kings 5, 19; Job 5; Psalms 32, 79, 95, 100, 119; Isaiah 13, 57; Ezek 36; Judith 9; Sirach 16; Ephesians 1.

You humble the pride of the proud. Psalm 18:27.

Destroy the plans of the nations. Psalm 33:10.

Exalt the humble. Psalm 113:7.

Humble the exalted. 1 Samuel 2:7.

Make rich and make poor. 1 Samuel 2:7.

Kill and make alive. 1 Samuel 2:6.

Looks into the depths. Job 28:11.

From among all of them have chosen. Frequently in Jewish liturgy: "Who has sanctified us from among the nations."

We ask you HaShem ... save those among us in distress. Amidah 2: "Abundantly able to save."

Raise up the fallen: Amidah 2: "He supports the fallen."

Show yourself to those in need. Amidah 2: "Sustains the living with kindness."

Heal the godless. Some manuscripts "Heal the sick." Amidah 2: "Heals the sick."

Let all nations know Acts 4:27

We are Sheep of your Pasture. Psalm 79:13.

1 Clement 60: Petitions for Forgiveness, Grace, Peace, Salvation

Revealed the everlasting structure of the world. The testimony of nature, or, perhaps, the revelation of the world to come based on Clement's appeals to nature.

Forgive us our sins and our injustices, our transgressions and shortcomings. Petition for forgiveness corresponding to the Master's instruction in prayer.

Good and pleasing in your sight. Hebrews 13:21.

Cleansing of your truth. Cf. John 17:16.

Let your face shine upon us. Numbers 6:25, Psalm 67:1, Psalm 80. Cf. Amidah 19.

Obedience to your ... name and to our rulers and governors on earth. I.e. to the Roman government. Cf. Romans 13, 1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17.

1 Clement 61: Prayer for the Government

Glory and honor which you have given them ... you give to the sons of men glory and honor. Cf. the blessing for a Gentile king: "Blessed are You, LORD our God, king of the universe who has given of his glory to flesh and blood."

Direct their plans. Clement asks the LORD to direct Roman policy.

High priest and guardian of our souls. Cf. Hebrews 7-10.

Through whom be the glory and the majesty to you both now and for all generations and for ever and ever. Amen. Eighth doxology.

Prayer for the Persecuted Believers

Address 1: God's Name and Character 1 Clement 59:3

Petition 1: Save those in distress 1 Clement 59:4

Address 2: God as creator 1 Clement 60:1a

Petition 2: Forgiveness 1 Clement 60:1b-2

Petition 3: Favor 1 Clement 60:3

Petition 4: Peace 1 Clement 60:4

Petition 5: Government 1 Clement 61:1-2

Signature: Name of Yeshua 1 Clement 61:3a

Doxology: Amen 1 Clement 61:3b