

FRACTION

A liturgical prayer recited after the anaphora and prior to **communion**. The [Fraction](#) prayers are first attested in Serapion's fourth century **Euchologion** and they are recited in many Eastern liturgies such as the Liturgy of **Mark**, Gregory, Basil, [John](#) Chrysostom, and James.

In the printed edition of the Euchologion, there are 20 [Fraction](#) prayers, with each **liturgy** containing one prayer and with 17 in an appendix. The most recent is translated from Syriac to [Arabic](#) and finally to Coptic. In editing the Euchologion, [Hegumen](#) Abd al-Masih Salih al-Mas'udi mentioned the existence of many prayers.

He made a critical study to choose the most well known that corresponded to the dogma and traditions of the Coptic Church.

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