

the want of consideration be not brought against you.

*Consider, and meditate often on the wonders of redemption, and then this language of praise will be ever flowing from your lips—*O my soul, so freely pardoned, and justified by the precious blood of *Jesus*, the Son of God, praise the Lord evermore. Thou never canst do enough, who hast received so much. Give unto him all honour, all praise. To God the Father, who created and made us; to God the Son, who redeemed and saved us, by dying for our sins, and rising again for our justification; to God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth and maketh us holy; three persons and one God, be ascribed all glory, honour, power, and dominion, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Upon your death-bed, say,* Lord, I have waited for thy salvation; Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, because mine eyes have seen thy salvation, in knowing, and depending upon my Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ* for my redemption. Lord, wash my soul in the blood of this Lamb, that it may be presented without spot unto thee. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. Farewell vanishing life, and welcome blessed eternity: even so Lord *Jesus*, come quickly.

## REFLECTIONS

*Proper for Persons at Sea, and those who live near the Sea.*

THE Lord is a great God, in his hand are all the corners of the earth, and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it.\* He shut up the sea with doors, and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed.† Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth; ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.‡ He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap, and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house. Let all the earth fear the Lord; stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.§ Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears and hear not. Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not

\* Psalm xcv.  
† Job xxxviii.

‡ Isaiah xlii.  
§ Psalm xxxiii.



tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? \* [Read often the 107th Psalm.]

Consider the ocean (says a pious author) as an emblem of the present life; this hour smooth and quiet, the next stormy and tempestuous; therefore fix not your heart upon this dangerous uncertain world, but upon that which is not subject to change, that which endureth for ever and ever, where there is no more sea. Who in their senses would place their happiness in a shattered vessel, on a stormy ocean, ready to split and sink every hour amidst their greatest caution and care? Yet this is the case of the men of the world. But very different is that of the Christian, who has secured a treasure that is not subject to shipwreck or change. The Christian, in all the different scenes of life, finds himself unspeakably blest, because his hope and trust are founded on God, that rock of ages.

This ocean is an emblem of eternity, not only in its countless drops, and the unnumbered sands upon its shore, but in a particular manner as it opens its bosom, and swallows up all the streams in the world. It strikes the soul with veneration, transports it with wonder, and cries aloud in the ear of reason, Ascribe ye greatness to our God.

*When you see a ship under sail, consider the art first of building, and then of navigating it;*

\* Jer. v. 21, 22.

all flow from him, who is the Father of Light, and Fountain of Wisdom of every kind; and that by such a vehicle not only the good things of each soil and climate are brought to us, but that the Gospel of salvation, the tidings of a Saviour, were transported hither. If it had not been for such a conveniency, how could this inestimable treasure of grace have visited this distant land of the Gentiles? O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men!

*When you look at the sea, cry out, Marvellous are thy works, O Lord God Almighty! They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters; these men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.*

*When you look at a troubled sea, it should put you in mind of the troubles in a sinner's breast. For thus saith the Lord, The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*

*When you view an angry sea, or hear a violent wind. Put thy trust in God, O my soul, and thou needest not fear the stormy wind, nor the proud waves; for the Lord JEHOVAH, who sitteth upon them, can say, Be still, and they shall obey. O Almighty God! suffer not our passions to be like this wind, nor turbulent like these billows. but thou that rulest the raging of the sea, and the noise of the waves, check, subdue, and calm the madness of the people.*

*When you go to sea. In thee, O Lord, do I put*



my trust; O bring me in safety to the haven where I would be.

*When you are in a storm.* Consider how dreadful it is to fall into the hands of a God with whom is such terrible majesty; cry unto the Lord in your trouble, and he will deliver you out of your distress, for he maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still. Consider also, that as none can abide the storm and day of God's wrath without having an interest in *Christ*, so fly to him, who calleth himself an hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest.\* Cry, Lord save us! we perish!

*When the storm rises so high, that the ship is ready to sink.* O Lord, who hast sent out a mighty tempest into the sea, so that our ship is like to be broken, and we swallowed up alive; look down with an eye of pity upon us, miserable sinners; we beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish. Rebuke the winds, and restrain the horrible raging of the sea; bring us safe to the haven where we would be; so will we exalt thee in the congregation of the people, and praise thee in the seat of the elders.

*After a storm.* O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men! When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. I cried unto the Lord in my trouble, and he delivered me out of my distress, for he made the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof were still. I will sacrifice unto

\* Isaiah xxxii. 2

thee with the voice of thanksgiving. I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart secretly, and among the faithful, and in the congregation. And grant, Lord, that I may show forth thy praise, not only with my lips, but in my life, by giving up myself to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all my days, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord.

*On a safe return from sea.* Praised be God my Preserver. I will thank thee, O Lord, in thy holy temple. I will pay my vows unto thee in the midst of thy people. I will serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life. O let thy holy Spirit evermore guide and preserve me.

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED,

*Explained in a Devotional Form.*

[Altered from Bishop Kenn.]

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*I believe.*

My Lord and my God, with a full, free, and firm assent, I believe all the Articles of the Creed, because thou hast revealed them; I know thou art infallible truth, and canst not, thou art infinite love, and wilt not deceive me: Glory be to thee.



Lord, daily increase my faith; make it active and fruitful, that I may believe in thee, and love thee as becomes one entirely devoted to thee.

### In GOD

I believe, O God, that thou art *One*,<sup>a</sup> and that *there is no other God besides thee*;<sup>b</sup> thou art that One infinite and independent Being, that One only true God, whom all men, and all angels, are to adore.

I believe, O my God, that in the Unity of thy Godhead there is a Trinity of Persons.<sup>c</sup> I believe in thee, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in whose name I was baptized,<sup>d</sup> to whose service I am religiously devoted.

I adore thee, O most blessed and glorious Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, for being the joint Authors of our Salvation.

### The Father.

I believe in thee, O God, the first Person in the most adorable Trinity; the Fountain of the Godhead; the eternal Father of thy co-eternal Son,<sup>e</sup> Jesus my Saviour.

Glory be to thee, O God the Father, *for so loving the world*,<sup>f</sup> as to give thy only begotten Son to redeem us.

<sup>a</sup> Deut. iv. 35.

<sup>b</sup> Isa. xlv. 6. xlv. 5, 6.

<sup>c</sup> Matt. iii. 17. xxviii. 19.

<sup>d</sup> 1 John v. 7.

<sup>e</sup> John i. 18. v. 18.

<sup>f</sup> John iii. 16.

### Almighty.

I believe, O God, that thou art a Spirit, most pure and holy, and infinite in all perfections, in power, and knowledge, and goodness; that thou art eternal, immutable, and omnipresent: All glory be to thee.

I believe, O Lord, that thou art most wise and just, most happy and glorious, and all-sufficient; most gracious and merciful, and tender, and benign, and liberal, and beneficent: All glory be to thee.

Thou, Lord, art my hope my trust, my life, my joy, my glory, my God.

### Maker of Heaven and Earth.

I believe that thou, O Father Almighty, didst create heaven and earth, the whole world, and all things in it, visible and invisible, men and angels, out of nothing, and by thy word only.<sup>g</sup>

I believe, O God, that thou art the sole Lord and Proprietor of all things thou hast made; that all things do necessarily depend on thee; that it is in thee only *we live, and move, and have our being*.<sup>h</sup> All glory be to thee.

### And in Jesus.

I believe in thee, O Jesus, and I rejoice in that name, which is so full and expressive of thy love.

Thou art *Jesus* our Saviour, because thou camest into the world to *save us from our sins*:<sup>i</sup> All glory be to thee.

<sup>g</sup> Gen. i. 1. Heb. xi. 3. Psal. xxxiii. 6.

<sup>h</sup> Acts xvii. 28.

<sup>i</sup> Matt. i. 21



O most benign Jesus, he well deserves to be *accursed that does not love thee*.<sup>j</sup> Who, Lord, can ever hope to share in thy salvation, who does not love thee his Saviour?

*Christ.*

I believe, O merciful Jesus, that thou art Christ the true *Messias*.<sup>k</sup> the Anointed of the Lord, the promised *Seed, which was to bruise the Serpent's Head*,<sup>l</sup> long expected by the Fathers,<sup>m</sup> foretold by the Prophets,<sup>n</sup> represented by types,<sup>o</sup> which were all fulfilled in thee, O thou *the desire of all nations*.<sup>p</sup> All glory be to thee.

I believe that thou, O Jesus, wast anointed with the Holy Spirit,<sup>q</sup> and consecrated to be our Prophet, our King, and our Priest; and in all those three offices, to manifest thy love to us; and therefore all glory be to thee.

Glory be to thee, O Christ, our Prophet,<sup>r</sup> who didst teach, and reveal, and interpret thy Father's will, and all saving truth, to the world.

Glory be to thee, O Christ, our King,<sup>s</sup> who dost give laws to thy people, dost govern and protect us, and hast subdued all our ghostly enemies.

Glory be to thee, O Christ, our Priest, who dost bless us,<sup>t</sup> who didst offer thyself a sacrifice,<sup>u</sup> and dost still *make intercession for us*.<sup>v</sup>

<sup>j</sup> 1 Cor. xvi. 22.

<sup>k</sup> John i. 41. Dan. ix. 26.

<sup>l</sup> Gen. iii. 15.

<sup>m</sup> Luke ii. 25.

<sup>n</sup> Acts x. 43.

<sup>o</sup> Col. ii. 17.

<sup>p</sup> Hag. ii. 7.

<sup>q</sup> Acts x. 38. Heb. i. 9.

<sup>r</sup> John iv. 25. Acts vii. 37.

Luke iv. 18.

<sup>s</sup> Luke i. 33. 69. 71.

<sup>t</sup> Acts iii. 26.

<sup>u</sup> Isa. liii. 10. Eph. v. 2.

Heb. ix. 14.

<sup>v</sup> Rom. viii. 34. Heb. vii. 25.

Our redemption, our illumination, our support, is from thee, O thou Anointed of God: All glory be to thee.

*His only Son.*

I believe that thou, O most adorable Jesus, art the Son of God by ineffable generation;<sup>w</sup> thou didst from eternity derive thy Godhead from the Father; *thou art the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person*.<sup>x</sup>

Thou, O blessed Jesus, art the *only Son of God, the only begotten Son, full of grace and truth*;<sup>y</sup> thou art the *only beloved Son, in whom thy Father is well pleased*; it is only in thee, and for thee, that sinners have hope; and therefore all glory be to thee.

*Our Lord.*

I believe, O thou eternal Son of the Father, that thou art *the great and true God*,<sup>a</sup> *Jehovah our righteousness*,<sup>b</sup> *God above all blessed for ever*,<sup>c</sup> and *mighty to save*.<sup>d</sup> All glory be to thee.

I believe, O Lord Jesus, that thou didst make,<sup>e</sup> and dost sustain *all things by thy power*,<sup>f</sup> and that thou art to be *honoured by men*, and by *angels*, as thy Father is honoured:<sup>g</sup> All glory be to thee.

<sup>w</sup> Heb. i. 5. Isa. liii. 8. <sup>b</sup> Jer. xxiii. 6.

John i. 1. <sup>c</sup> Rom. ix. 5.

<sup>x</sup> Heb. i. 3. <sup>d</sup> Isa. lxiii. 1.

<sup>y</sup> John i. 14. xviii. 5, 18. <sup>e</sup> John i. 3.

Rom. viii. 32. Matt. iii.

17. <sup>f</sup> Heb. i. 3. 10.

<sup>z</sup> Tit. ii. 13. <sup>g</sup> Heb. i. 6. Phil. ii. 10.

<sup>a</sup> 1 John v. 20. <sup>John v. 23.</sup>



I believe, O thou *King of kings and Lord of lords*,<sup>h</sup> that thou art the Lord, and the Author of the new Creation,<sup>i</sup> as well as of the old; that thou art more peculiarly Lord of us sinners by purchase.<sup>j</sup> O that I, and all that own thy dominion, may for ever love, and revere, and obey so powerful and gracious a Lord.

*Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.*

I believe, O most condescending Majesty, that when thou didst stoop so low as to assume our frail nature, *the Holy Ghost came on thy sacred Mother, and that the Power of the Highest did overshadow her*.<sup>k</sup>

*Born of the Virgin Mary.*

I believe, O most adorable Jesus, that thou wast at last born into the world;<sup>l</sup> that thou having only God for thy Father, and *Mary*, a Virgin, for thy Mother, both thy conception and birth were perfectly immaculate; that being without sin thyself, thou mightest be a fit sacrifice to atone for us sinners; and therefore all glory be to thee, O immaculate *Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world*.<sup>m</sup>

I believe, O blessed Saviour, that the two natures of God and man were in thee so mysteriously united, without either change or confusion, that they made in thee but one person, but one

<sup>h</sup> Rev. xix. 16.

<sup>i</sup> Eph. i. 21, 22. ii. 10.

<sup>j</sup> 1 Cor. vi. 20.

<sup>k</sup> Luke i. 31, 34, 35, 42.

<sup>l</sup> Luke ii. 6, 7.

<sup>m</sup> 1 John ii. 1, 2.

<sup>n</sup> John i. 29.

*Mediator*,<sup>o</sup> *one Lord*.<sup>p</sup> Thou, O eternal Word, didst *become flesh*, and didst  *dwell among us*,<sup>q</sup> on purpose to save us; and therefore all glory be to thee.

*Suffered under Pontius Pilate.*

I believe, O adorable Saviour, that thy whole life was made up of sufferings, and that for sinful men, and in particular for me; O let me never cease to adore and love thee.

It was for us sinners, that thou wast all thy life *a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief*;<sup>r</sup> that thou wast persecuted and reviled, *despised and rejected*, and hadst *not where to lay thy Head*;<sup>s</sup> and therefore I am bound to praise and love thee.

How great were thy sufferings, O Saviour of the world! when the very apprehension of them made thy *soul very heavy, exceeding sorrowful even to death*; made thee *offer up prayers, with strong crying and tears*, that if it were *thy Father's will, the cup might pass from thee*; threw thee into an *agony and bloody sweat*,<sup>t</sup> insomuch that there was an *angel sent from heaven on purpose to strengthen thee*.

I see thee, O incarnate God, who couldst command more than twelve legions of angels for thy rescue, out of love to sinners, humbling thyself to be apprehended and bound by the rude soldiers, as a malefactor.

<sup>o</sup> 1 Tim. ii. 5.

<sup>p</sup> Eph. iv. 5.

<sup>q</sup> John i. 14.

<sup>r</sup> Isa. liii. 3.

<sup>s</sup> Matt. viii. 20.

<sup>t</sup> Heb. v. 7. Matt. xxvi. 48.

Luke xxii. 43. 44.



I see thee, O gracious Lord, for my sake, betrayed by the treacherous kiss of *Judas*, denied by *Peter*, and forsaken of all thy disciples.

I see thee, O spotless Innocence, out of love to me, dragged to *Annas*, and *Caiaphas* the High-Priest; I see thee accused by false witnesses, arraigned and condemned.

I see thee, O divine Majesty, out of love to me, spit upon and blindfolded, and buffeted, and mocked, sent to *Pilate*, an infidel judge, then to wicked *Herod*, who, with his men of war, set thee at naught, arrayed thee in a white robe of mockery, and sent thee again to *Pilate*.

I see thee, though declared innocent by the very traitor *Judas*, who, out of horror for his crime, went and hanged himself; though declared innocent by *Pilate* himself, the judge to whom thine enemies appealed; yet worried to death by the clamours of the rabble, who cried out, *Crucify, Crucify*; I see *Barabbas*, a traitor and a murderer, preferred before thee.

I see thee, for my sake, most unjustly given up into the hands of soldiers, to be stript naked, and scourged; I see the ploughers ploughing on thy back, and making long furrows.

O King of Heaven, I see thee, out of love to me, humbling thyself to be arrayed in purple, with a reed in thy hand; I see thee crowned with thorns, to multiply thy torments; I see thee mocked by barbarous wretches, with their bended knee, and with *Hail, King of the Jews*.

I see thee, O Lord God, whom the angels worship, spit upon again, and buffeted, and, for my sake, made the scorn, and contempt, and sport, of thy insolent and insulting enemies; and though

still declared innocent by *Pilate*, yet surrendered to the relentless cruelty of the multitude, to be crucified.

My Lord, my God, my Saviour, with all my heart I adore thy infinite love and benignity to sinners: With all my heart I lament and detest the hatred and outrage of sinners to thee.

*Was crucified.*

O sorrowful Jesus, I see thee, for my sake, oppressed with the weight of thy own cross, till thy tender body, quite spent with sufferings, sank under it.

I see thy body stript naked, thy hands and thy feet nailed to the cross; I see thee crucified between two thieves, and numbered with the transgressors; I see gall given thee to eat, and vinegar to drink.<sup>u</sup>

I see thee hanging on the cross; and for my sake, by thy own people, in the height of thy anguish, derided, reproached, and blasphemed, with wagging their heads; I see thee mocked by the soldiers, and by the impenitent thief.

I see thee, Son of God, blessed for evermore, hang bleeding on the cross, and made a curse for me.<sup>v</sup> How does my indignation swell against the injustice, and ingratitude, and inhumanity of the *Jews*, who could thus cruelly treat so unapproachable an Innocence, so amiable a Charity, so compassionate a Saviour.

Alas! alas! it was the sinner, O Love incarnate, rather than the *Jew*, that betrayed, and de-

<sup>u</sup> Psalm lxi. 21.

<sup>v</sup> Gal. iii. 13.



rided, and blasphemed, and tortured, and crucified thee; the sins of lapsed mankind,<sup>w</sup> and particularly my sins, they were thy tormentors; and therefore, from my heart I bewail, detest, and abjure them.

My Lord and my God, instil penitential love into my soul, that I may grieve for my sins, which grieved thee; that I may love thee for suffering for us sinners, who occasioned all thy griefs: O may I always love thee, O may I never grieve thee more!

#### Dead.

I see thee on the cross, quite spent with pain and anguish; I see thee in thy dying pangs, commending thy Spirit into the hands of thy heavenly Father,<sup>x</sup> bowing thy head,<sup>y</sup> and giving up the ghost. Thou, O Lord of Life, didst for us sinners humble thyself to death, even to the death of the cross, a death of the utmost shame and ignominy, and of torment insupportable; All love, all glory be to thee.

Was ever any sorrow, O crucified Lord, like that sorrow my sins created thee!

Was ever any love like that love which thou didst show in dying for sinners!

All the frame of nature, O dying Saviour, fell into convulsions at the crucifixion of their great Creator; the sun was darkened,<sup>z</sup> the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom, the earth quaked, the rocks clave asunder, the bodies

<sup>w</sup> Isaiah liii. 6.  
<sup>x</sup> Luke xxiii. 46.

<sup>y</sup> John xix. 30.  
<sup>z</sup> Matt. xxvii. 51.

of the dead saints rose out of their graves, inasmuch that the Centurion and infidel soldiers acknowledged thee to be the Son of God—thou wast lovely, and glorious, and adorable, in thy lowest humiliation.

I hear thee on the cross crying out, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*<sup>a</sup> Ah, sinful wretch that I am! how infinite and inconceivable were the inward dolours and agonies thou didst undergo for us sinners, when thou didst tread the wine-press of thy Father's wrath alone;<sup>b</sup> when it pleased thy own most beloved Father to bruise thee, and to put thee to grief; when the iniquities of the whole world were laid on thee;<sup>c</sup> and my numerous sins increased thy load, and heightened thy torment; when thy own Deity withdrew all consolation from thee; when God, offended by our sins, did afflict thee in the day of his fierce anger.<sup>d</sup> No sufferings, no love, was ever like unto thine for me; no grief, no love, should exceed mine for thee.

For what end didst thou suffer, O most blessed Saviour, but to save sinners from all things that were destructive, the curse of the Law,<sup>e</sup> the terrors of death,<sup>f</sup> the tyranny of sin,<sup>g</sup> the power of darkness, and torments eternal,<sup>h</sup> to purchase for us all things conducive to our happiness,<sup>i</sup> pardon and grace, consolation and acceptance, and the everlasting joys and glories of the King-

<sup>a</sup> Matt. xxvii. 46,  
<sup>b</sup> Isa. lxiii. 3.  
<sup>c</sup> Isa. liii. 6, 10.  
<sup>d</sup> Lam. i. 22.  
<sup>e</sup> Gal. iii. 13.

<sup>f</sup> Heb. ii. 14, 15.  
<sup>g</sup> Rom. vi. 14.  
<sup>h</sup> 1 Thess. i. 10.  
<sup>i</sup> Eph. i. 7. Heb. ix. 12, 15.



dom of Heaven? And therefore I praise and love thee.

By the love of thy cross, O Jesus, I *live*; <sup>j</sup> in that I will only *glory*; that above all things will I study; <sup>k</sup> that before all things will I value; <sup>l</sup> by the love of thy cross I will take up my cross daily; <sup>m</sup> and follow thee; I will crucify <sup>n</sup> my sinful affections and lusts, which persecuted, tormented, and crucified thee; and if thy love calls me to it, I will suffer on the cross for thee, as thou hast done for me.

How illustrious and amiable were thy graces amidst all thy sufferings, O thou afflicted Jesus! I adore thy profound humility, unwearied patience, lamb-like meekness, immaculate innocence, invincible courage, entire resignation, compassionate love of souls, and perfect charity to thy enemies. O give me grace to tread in thy *steps*; <sup>o</sup> and conform me to thy divine image, that the more I grow like thee, the more I may love thee, and the more I may be loved by thee.

*And buried. He descended into Hell.*

I believe, O crucified Lord, that thou wast really dead, and that there was a separation of thy body and soul; that *thy side* was mortally wounded, and *pierced with a spear* on the cross; <sup>p</sup> and thy sacred body was buried; <sup>q</sup> to assure us of thy death.

<sup>j</sup> Gal. ii. 20. vi. 14.

<sup>k</sup> 1 Cor. ii. 2.

<sup>l</sup> Phil. iii. 8.

<sup>m</sup> Luke ix. 23.

<sup>n</sup> Rom. vi. 6. Gal. v. 24.

<sup>o</sup> 1 Pet. ii. 21.

<sup>p</sup> John xix. 34.

<sup>q</sup> Matt. xxvii. 57. 66

I believe that thy soul, in the state of separation, did descend into hell, the place of departed spirits, to proclaim thy victory over death and the grave, and to sanctify this paradise, where the souls of the redeemed rest in hope until the morning of the resurrection.

*The third day he rose again from the dead.*

I believe that, according to the types and prophecies which went before of thee; <sup>r</sup> and according to thy own infallible predictions, thou didst, by thy own power; <sup>s</sup> rise from the dead the third day: All glory be to thee.

*He ascended into Heaven.*

I believe, O victorious Saviour, that thou after thy conquest over death and hell, didst ascend in triumph to heaven; <sup>t</sup> that thou mightest prepare *mansions* for us <sup>u</sup> and from thence, as conqueror, bestow the gifts of thy conquest on us; <sup>v</sup> and, above all the gift of thy Holy Spirit; <sup>w</sup> that thou mightest enter into the holy of holies, as our great High-Priest; <sup>x</sup> to present to thy Father the sacrifice of his crucified Son, the sole propitiation for sinners. All glory be to thee.

O thou, whom my soul loveth, let my affections ascend after thee; for *whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.* <sup>y</sup>

<sup>r</sup> Luke xxiv. 26, 27. Matt xii. 40.

<sup>s</sup> John ii. 19.

<sup>t</sup> Luke xxiv. 51. Acts i. 9, 10.

<sup>u</sup> John xiv. 2.

<sup>v</sup> Eph. iv. 8.

<sup>w</sup> John xvi. 7.

<sup>x</sup> Heb. vi. 19, 20. x. 20, 21.

<sup>y</sup> Psal. lxxiii. 25.



*And sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.*

I believe, O triumphant Saviour, that thou now sittest in full and peaceful possession of bliss,<sup>a</sup> and at the right hand of God; that thy human nature is exalted to the most honourable place in heaven, where thou sittest on thy throne of glory, adored by angels,<sup>a</sup> and interceding for sinners;<sup>b</sup> and therefore all glory be to thee.

*From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

I believe, O glorified Saviour, that from thy throne, at God's right hand, where thou now sittest, thou wilt come again<sup>c</sup> to judge the world, attended with thy holy Angels.<sup>d</sup>

I believe, O thou adorable Judge, that all mankind shall be summoned before thy awful tribunal; all the *dead*, who shall be awaked out of their graves, when the Angel shall blow the last trump,<sup>e</sup> and all that are then *quick*, and alive, shall appear before thee.

I believe, Lord, that I, and all mankind, shall give a strict account of all our thoughts, and words, and actions; that the books will be then opened; that out of those dreadful registers we shall be judged;<sup>f</sup> that *Satan*, and our own consciences will be our accusers. O let the last trump be ever sounding in my ears, that I may

<sup>a</sup> 1 Pet. iii. 22.

<sup>b</sup> Rev. v. 8, 9, 12.

<sup>c</sup> Rom. viii. 34.

<sup>d</sup> Acts. i. 11. Phil. iii. 20.

<sup>e</sup> 2 Thes. i. 7.

<sup>f</sup> 1 Cor. xv. 52

<sup>g</sup> Rom. xiv. 10. Matt. xii

36. Rev. xx. 12.

ever be mindful of my great account;<sup>g</sup> and that I may neither speak, nor do, nor think, any thing that may wound my own conscience, or provoke thy anger, or make me tremble at the awful day.

*I believe in the Holy Ghost.*

I believe in thee, O thou Spirit of God, the third person in the most adorable Trinity. I believe, O blessed Spirit, that thou art the Lord,<sup>h</sup> that thou art God,<sup>i</sup> eternal,<sup>j</sup> and omniscient,<sup>k</sup> a person distinct from both the Father and the Son, eternally proceeding from both,<sup>l</sup> and equally sent by both,<sup>m</sup> and joint author with both of our salvation.

I believe, O blessed Spirit, that thou art holy,<sup>n</sup> in respect of thy own divine nature.

I believe, O blessed Spirit, that thou art personally holy; that thou art the Author of all internal holiness, and of all internal and sanctifying grace;<sup>o</sup> that thou art the principle of all spiritual life in us.<sup>p</sup>

*The Holy Catholic Church.*

I believe, O blessed and adorable Mediator, that the Church is a Society of persons, founded on thy love to sinners,<sup>q</sup> united into one body, of

<sup>g</sup> Eccles. xii. 13, 14.

<sup>h</sup> 2 Cor. iii. 17, 18.

<sup>i</sup> John iv. 24. Acts v. 3.

<sup>j</sup> Heb. ix. 14.

<sup>k</sup> 1 Cor. ii. 10.

<sup>l</sup> Matt. x. 2. Rom. viii. 9.

<sup>m</sup> John xiv. 26. xvi. 7.

<sup>n</sup> 1 Pet. i. 15.

<sup>o</sup> Gal. v. 22.

<sup>p</sup> John iii. 5.

<sup>q</sup> Matt. xvi. 18. Eph. v. 25



which thou art the head,<sup>r</sup> initiated by baptism,<sup>q</sup> nourished by the Eucharist,<sup>t</sup> governed by pastors commissioned by thee, and endowed with the power of the keys,<sup>u</sup> professing the doctrine taught by thee,<sup>v</sup> and delivered to the saints,<sup>w</sup> and devoted to praise and to love thee.

I believe, O holy Jesus, that thy Church is holy, and like unto thee its Author; holy, by the original design of its institution;<sup>x</sup> holy, by baptismal dedication; holy, in all its administrations, which tend to produce holiness;<sup>y</sup> and though there will be always a mixture of good and bad in it in this world,<sup>z</sup> yet it has always many real saints in it.

I believe, Lord, this church to be Catholic or *Universal*, made up of the collection of all particular Churches; I believe it to be *Universal* in respect of time, comprehending all ages to the world's end, to which it is to endure;<sup>a</sup> *Universal* in respect of all places, out of which believers are to be gathered;<sup>b</sup> *Universal* in respect of all saving faith, of which this creed contains the substance, which shall in it always be taught;<sup>c</sup> *Universal* in respect of all graces, which shall in it be practised; and *universal* in respect of that Catholic war it is to wage against all its ghostly enemies, for which it is called militant. O preserve me always a true member of thy *Universal*

<sup>r</sup> Col. i. 18.

<sup>s</sup> Matt. xxviii. 19.

<sup>t</sup> Matt. xxvi. 26.

<sup>u</sup> Matt. xviii. 18. John

xx. 22, 23.

<sup>v</sup> Acts ii. 41, 42.

<sup>w</sup> Jude 3.

<sup>x</sup> 2 Tim. i. 9.

<sup>y</sup> 2 Tim. ii. 19.

<sup>z</sup> Matt. xiii. 24.

<sup>a</sup> Matt. xvi. 18. xxviii. 20.

<sup>b</sup> Matt. xxvii. 19.

<sup>c</sup> John xvi. 13.

Church, that I may always inseparably adhere to thee, that I may always devoutly praise and love thee.

Glory be to thee, O Lord my God, who hast made me a member of a particular Church, whose faith, and whose ministry in the orders of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and whose worship, are holy and Catholic, and Apostolic, and free from the extremes of irreverence or superstition; and which I firmly believe to be a sound part of thy church universal.

O my God, give me grace to continue steadfast in her bosom, to improve all those helps to true piety, all those means of grace, all those incentives of thy love, with which thou hast mercifully indulged me in her communion, that I may, with primitive affection and fervour, praise and love thee.

#### *The Communion of Saints.*

I believe, O King of saints, that among the saints on earth, whether real or in outward profession only, there ought to be a mutual participation of all good things.<sup>d</sup>

I believe, O thou God of love, that all the saints on earth, by profession, ought to communicate one with another in evangelical worship, and the same holy sacraments, in the same divine and apostolical faith,<sup>e</sup> in all offices of corporal<sup>f</sup> and spiritual charity,<sup>g</sup> in reciprocal delight in each other's salvation, and in tender sympathy

<sup>d</sup> John i. 7.

<sup>e</sup> Acts ii. 42, 46.

<sup>f</sup> Gal. vi. 10.

<sup>g</sup> Rom. xii. 9. &c. 1 Thes.

v. 14. Heb. x. 23.



as members of one and the same body.<sup>k</sup> O God of peace, restore in thy good time this Catholic Communion, that with one heart, and one mouth, we may all praise and love thee.

O my God, amidst the deplorable divisions of thy Church, O let me never widen its breaches. O deliver me from the sins and errors, from the schisms and heresies of the age. O give me grace to pray daily for the peace of thy Church,<sup>i</sup> and earnestly to seek it.

I believe, O most holy Jesus, that thy saints here below have communion with thy saints above,<sup>j</sup> they praying for us in heaven, we here on earth celebrating their memorials, rejoicing at their bliss, giving thee thanks for their labours of love, and imitating their examples.

I believe, O gracious Redeemer, that thy saints here on earth have communion with the holy Angels above: that they are *ministering spirits*,<sup>k</sup> sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation, and to watch over us;<sup>l</sup> and we give thanks to thee for their protection, and emulate their incessant praises, and ready obedience.

Glory be to thee, O Goodness infinitely diffusive, for all the graces and blessings in which the saints communicate, for breathing thy love into thy mystical body, as the very soul that animates it, that all who believe in thee may love one another, and all join in loving thee.

<sup>h</sup> 1 Cor. xii. 13. 26.

<sup>i</sup> Psal. cxxii. 6.

<sup>j</sup> Heb. xii. 22.

<sup>k</sup> Heb. i. 14.

<sup>l</sup> Psal. xxxiv. 7.

### The forgiveness of Sins.

I believe, O my God, that none can forgive sins but thou only,<sup>m</sup> and that in thy Church forgiveness is always to be had; and for so inestimable a blessing, all glory be to thee.

I believe that without true repentance we cannot hope for pardon;<sup>n</sup> that our repentance is, at the best, imperfect; that it is out of thy mere mercy, O heavenly Father,<sup>o</sup> and for the merits and passion of thy crucified Son,<sup>p</sup> that thou dost accept our imperfect repentance, and art pleased to forgive us; and therefore all glory be to thee.

Glory be to thee, O most adorable Trinity, for thy infinite love in our forgiveness;<sup>q</sup> glory be to thee, O Father forgiving, O Son propitiating, O Holy Ghost purifying. I, miserable sinner, who earnestly implore thy forgiveness, and seek to be at peace with thee,<sup>r</sup> praise and adore that most tender mercy that delights in forgiving sinners.

### The Resurrection of the Body.

I believe, O victorious Jesus, that by the virtue of thy resurrection, all the dead shall rise,<sup>s</sup> bad as well as good. All glory be to thee, by whom *death is swallowed up in victory.*

I believe, O Almighty Jesus, that by thy power all shall rise with the same bodies they had on earth;<sup>t</sup> that thou wilt re-collect their scattered dust

<sup>m</sup> Mark ii. 7.

<sup>n</sup> 1 John. i. 9.

<sup>o</sup> Tit. iii. 4, 5.

<sup>p</sup> 1 Pet. i. 18.

<sup>q</sup> Rom. v. 8, 10.

<sup>r</sup> Rom. v. 1.

<sup>s</sup> 1 Cor. xv. 20. John v. 28, 29.

Cor. xv. 54.



into the same form again; that our souls shall be re-united to our bodies; that we shall be judged both in body and soul for the sins committed by both; that the bodies of the wicked shall be fitted for torment, and the bodies of the saints changed in quality, and made glorified bodies,<sup>v</sup> immortal and incorruptible, fitted for heaven, and eternally to love and enjoy thee.

*And the Life everlasting.*

I believe, O great Judge of heaven and earth, that after all the quick and dead have appeared before thy judgment-seat, then the most just and unrepealable sentence shall be executed to all eternity.

I believe, O righteous Jesus, that the wicked shall be set on thy *left hand*, and be doomed to hell, to be tormented with everlasting and inconceivable anguish and despair, by the devil and his angels,<sup>w</sup> and their own conscience, both in soul and body, in the lake of fire that burneth for ever.<sup>x</sup>

I believe, O my Lord and my God, that the righteous shall be rewarded with *joys unspeakable and full of glory*, with the beatific vision and love of thyself in heaven,<sup>y</sup> with a happiness of body and soul, which shall be in all respects most perfect, eternal, and unchangeable;<sup>z</sup> that they shall never sorrow nor sin more;<sup>a</sup> which happiness and glory is all the free gift of thy infinite love,<sup>b</sup> O heavenly Father, and the purchase of

<sup>v</sup> 1 Cor. xv. 35. Phil. iii. 21.

<sup>w</sup> Matt. xxv. 41.

<sup>x</sup> Rev. xiv. 10, 11.

<sup>y</sup> 1 John iii. 2. 1 Cor. xiii. 12.

<sup>z</sup> 1 Pet. i. 4.

<sup>a</sup> Rev. xxi. 4.

<sup>b</sup> Matt. xxv. 34.

thy blood, O God incarnate; for which I will ever, to the utmost of my power, adore and love thee.

When, O my God, O when shall I have the transporting vision of thy goodness, that I may unalterably love thee, that I may never more offend thee?

*Amen.*

O thou great author and finisher of our faith, do thou daily increase my faith, and heighten my love; O grant, that in holy ardours my love may at last ascend to that region where I shall have nothing to do, to all eternity, but to praise and to love thee. *Amen.*

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER,

*In a Devotional Form.*

**OUR Father.** Thou, O God, art our Father, by creating us and all mankind out of nothing; thou art our Father in *Christ*, the Father of all believers; thou art our Father, who in great compassion looked upon us, in thy Son *Jesus*, and redeemed us after we had by sin destroyed ourselves.

*Who art in heaven.* Who, though thou art present in every place, showest thy glory and majesty in a more particular manner in Heaven, the place of thy holy habitation. O that we may in heart and mind thither ascend, and with all low-