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Table of Movable Feasts.

Year of our Lord.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter Sunday.	Ascension Day.	Whit-Sunday.	Corpus Christi.	First Sunday in Advent.
1912	Feb. 21	Apr. 7	May 16	May 26	June 6	Dec. 1
1913	Feb. 5	Mar. 23	May 1	May 11	May 22	Nov. 30
1914	Feb. 25	Apr. 12	May 21	May 31	June 11	Nov. 29
1915	Feb. 17	Apr. 4	May 13	May 23	June 3	Nov. 28
1916	Mar. 8	Apr. 23	June 1	June 11	June 22	Dec. 3
1917	Feb. 21	Apr. 8	May 17	May 27	June 7	Dec. 2
1918	Feb. 13	Mar. 31	May 9	May 19	May 30	Dec. 1
1919	Mar. 5	Apr. 20	May 29	June 8	June 19	Nov. 30
1920	Feb. 18	Apr. 4	May 13	May 23	June 3	Nov. 28
1921	Feb. 9	Mar. 27	May 5	May 15	May 26	Nov. 27
1922	Mar. 1	Apr. 16	May 25	June 4	June 15	Dec. 3
1923	Feb. 14	Apr. 1	May 10	May 20	May 31	Dec. 2
1924	Mar. 5	Apr. 20	May 29	June 8	June 19	Nov. 30
1925	Feb. 25	Apr. 12	May 21	May 31	June 11	Nov. 29
1926	Feb. 17	Apr. 4	May 13	May 23	June 3	Nov. 28

Lay Baptism.

Take common water, pour it on the face of the child, and while you are pouring it, say the following words:

"*I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*"

NOTE. — Any person, whether man, woman, or child, may baptize an infant in case of danger of death.

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Table of Feasts and Fasts during the Year.

FESTIVALS OF OBLIGATION.

In addition to the Sundays, the following are holidays of obligation in every diocese of the United States:

Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8.
Nativity of our Lord, Dec. 25.
Circumcision, Jan. 1.
Ascension, forty days after Easter.
Assumption, Aug. 15.
All Saints, Nov. 1.

DAYS OF FASTING.

EVERY DAY IN LENT, Sundays excepted.

THE EMBER DAYS, which occur four times in the year, viz.: the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday immediately after the first Sunday in Lent; in Whitsunweek; immediately after the 14th of Sept.; and immediately after the 3d Sunday of Advent.

THE VIGILS of Whit-Sunday, of the Assumption, of All Saints, and of Christmas.

When a fasting day falls upon a Sunday, it is kept on the Saturday before. To fast consists in abstaining from fleshmeat, and eating only one full meal in the day, which must not be before noon. Besides this, a collation or light refreshment is allowed in the evening. All who have completed their 21st year are obliged to observe the fasts of the Church, unless dispensed or exempted for some legitimate cause.

Many Bishops in the United States, making use of the special power given to them by the Holy See, grant to the working people and their families dispensation from the law of ABSTINENCE on all days during the year, excepting the Fridays, Ash-Wednesday, Holy Week and the Vigil of Christmas.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

ALL FRIDAYS, except when Christmas falls upon a Friday.

Days of abstinence are those on which we are not allowed to eat flesh-meat. All who have attained the age of reason are obliged to observe these days.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange Gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor thy Father and thy Mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

THE CHIEF COMMANDMENTS OF THE CHURCH.

1. To hear Mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
3. To confess at least once a year.
4. To receive the Holy Eucharist during the Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of our pastors.
6. Not to marry persons who are not Catholics, or who are related to us within the fourth degree of kindred, nor privately without witnesses, nor to solemnize marriage at forbidden times.

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MORNING PRAYERS.

At awakening in the morning, say:

O MY God, my only good, the author of my being and my last end, I give Thee my heart. Praise, honor, and glory be to Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

At rising up, say:

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will raise myself up from this bed of sleep, to adore my God, and to labor for the salvation of my soul. O may I rise on the last day unto life everlasting.

When clothed, kneel down and say:

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever more. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! The earth is full of Thy Glory. Glory be to the Father: Glory be to the Son: Glory be to the Holy Ghost.

AN ACT OF ADORATION.

O great God, the Sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, I prostrate myself before Thee. With all the angels and saints I adore Thee. I acknowledge Thee to be my Creator and Sovereign Lord, my first beginning and last end. I render to Thee the homage of my being and life. I submit myself to Thy holy will; and I devote myself to Thy divine service this day and forever. I wish and purpose to gain to-day all the indulgences which it is possible for me to gain.

MORNING OFFERING TO THE SACRED HEART.

O Lord Jesus-Christ, in union

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with that divine intention with which Thou, whilst on earth, didst give praise to God through Thy most sacred Heart, and still dost continue to give praise to Him in the Sacrament of the Eucharist everywhere, even unto the consummation of the world, I, wishing to imitate the most sacred Heart of the ever immaculate Virgin Mary, most willingly, offer to Thee during this whole day, not excepting the smallest part therefrom, all my intentions and thoughts, all my affections and desires, all my words and actions.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O my God! I firmly believe all the sacred truths which Thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, who neither canst deceive nor be deceived.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O my God! relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope

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to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus-Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

O my God, I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, purely because Thou art infinitely perfect and deserving of all love. I love also my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

O glorious Trinity! I praise Thee and give Thee thanks for the numberless benefits Thou hast bestowed upon me. I thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, for having created me to Thy own image and likeness, and for having preserved me to this day. I thank Thee, O merciful Son, for having redeemed me by Thy death, and so often fed me with

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Thy precious body and blood. I thank Thee, O Holy Spirit, for having cleansed my soul by Thy grace in holy baptism, for having called me to the true faith, and so often washed me from my sins in the sacrament of penace. I thank Thee, O most bountiful God, for preserving me this night, and granting me this day to serve Thee. I earnestly invite all the saints of heaven and earth to join with me in praise and thanksgiving for Thy infinite goodness.

Pause a while, and foresee the sins you are most subject to, and firmly resolve to avoid them.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O my God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offended Thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy

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grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

Make a firm resolution to avoid evil, and to do good.

Adorable Jesus! Divine model of that perfection to which we should all aspire! I will endeavor this day to follow Thy example; to be mild, humble, chaste, zealous, patient, charitable and resigned. Incline my heart to keep Thy commandments. I am resolved to watch over myself with the greatest diligence, and to live soberly, justly and piously for the time to come. I will take care of my ways, that I may not offend with my tongue. I will turn away my eyes, that they may not see vanity, and I will be particularly attentive not to relapse this day into my accustomed failings, but to struggle against them with Thy gracious assistance. Enlighten my mind, purify my heart and guide my steps, that I may pass all my life in Thy Divine Service. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE ANGELIC SALUTATION.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius

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Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell, the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord give me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

Invoke the Blessed Virgin, your Angel Guardian, and your Patron Saint.

O holy Virgin, Mother of God, my advocate and patroness, pray for thy poor servant; show thyself a mother to me; and Thou, O blessed

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Spirit, whom God in His mercy hath appointed to watch over me, intercede for me this day, that I may not stray from the path of virtue. Thou also, O happy Saint, whose name I bear, pray for me, that I may serve God faithfully in this life, as thou hast done, and glorify Him eternally with thee in heaven. Amen.

THE ANGELUS DOMINI.

To be said morning, noon, and night, in memory of the adorable mystery of the Incarnation of our Blessed Saviour.

1. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, etc.

2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord; may it be done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary, etc.

3. And the word was made flesh; and dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

Form approved by Pope Pius IX.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.
Father of Heaven, God, *Have mercy on us.*
Son, Redeemer of the world, God, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Ghost, God, *Have mercy on us.*

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Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, Splendor of the Father,
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Life,
Jesus, King of Glory,
Jesus, Sun of Justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, amiable,
Jesus, admirable,
Jesus, the powerful God,
Jesus, Father of the world to come,
Jesus, Angel of the great Council,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, Lover of Chastity,
Jesus, Lover of us,
Jesus, God of Peace,
Jesus, Author of Life,
Jesus, Model of Virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,

Have mercy on us.

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Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our Refuge,
Jesus, Father of the Poor,
Jesus, Treasure of the Faithful,
Jesus, good Shepherd,
Jesus, true Light,
Jesus, eternal Wisdom,
Jesus, infinite Goodness,
Jesus, our Way and our Life,
Jesus, Joy of Angels,
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of Confessors,
Jesus, Purity of Virgins,
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,
} *Have mercy on us.*

Be merciful, *Spare us, O Jesus!*
Be merciful, *Hear us, O Jesus!*
From all evil, *Deliver us, O Jesus!*
From all sin, *Deliver us, O Jesus!*
From Thy wrath, *Deliver us, O Jesus!*
From the snares of the devil, *Deliver us, O Jesus!*

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From the spirit of fornication,
From eternal death,
From the neglect of Thy inspirations,
By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation,
By Thy nativity,
By Thy infancy,
By Thy most divine life,
By Thy labors,
By Thy agony and passion,
By Thy cross and dereliction,
By Thy languors,
By Thy death and burial,
By Thy resurrection,
By Thy ascension,*
By Thy joys,
By Thy glory,

Deliver us, O Jesus!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the

* By Thy institution of the most blessed Sacrament.

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sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Jesus!*

Jesus, hear us, *Jesus, graciously hear us!*

LET US PRAY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said, *Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you,* mercifully attend to our supplication, and grant us the divine gift of Thy charity, that we may ever love Thee with our whole heart, and never desist from Thy praise.

Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name, for Thou never failest to govern those whom Thou dost solidly establish in Thy love; who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

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BLESSING BEFORE MEALS.

† Bless us, O Lord! and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRACE AFTER MEALS.

† We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, who livest and reignest forever; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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EVENING PRAYERS.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Almighty and Eternal God! prostrate at the feet of Thy holy and awful Majesty, I adore Thee with all possible reverence. I believe and hold for certain all Thou hast revealed to Thy holy Church. I hope in Thy infinite goodness and mercy, and I love Thee with all my heart.

O my God! I give Thee thanks, through Jesus Christ, for all the favors Thou hast bestowed upon me, especially for creating me to Thy own image and likeness, for redeeming me with Thy Son's precious blood, for making me a Chris-

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tian, and preserving me this day. I beseech the Blessed Virgin, and all the saints, to give Thee thanks for ever and ever. Amen.

O my God! grant me the grace to know wherein I have offended Thee, and to have a perfect sorrow for my sins.

Here pause a little to ascertain what sins you may have committed:

1. *By thought:* Willingly entertaining bad, angry, impatient, or uncharitable thoughts and desires.

2. *By word:* Using bad language, cursing, lying, etc.

3. *By deed:* Being disobedient, rude, cross and unkind; having evil or dangerous company; doing an immodest action; being idle.

4. *By omission:* Neglecting your prayers, your lessons or some other duty.

THE CONFITEOR.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed

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Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

Because all my sins displease Thee, O Sovereign Goodness, I am heartily sorry for having committed them; I ask pardon for them, and promise, by the help of Thy grace,

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not only to avoid the like faults for the future, but also to do penance for them.

O most holy Virgin! be a mother to me: pray for me, now, and at the hour of my death.

O my good Angel! whom God has appointed to be my guardian, enlighten me, protect me, and guard me in all my actions. Amen.

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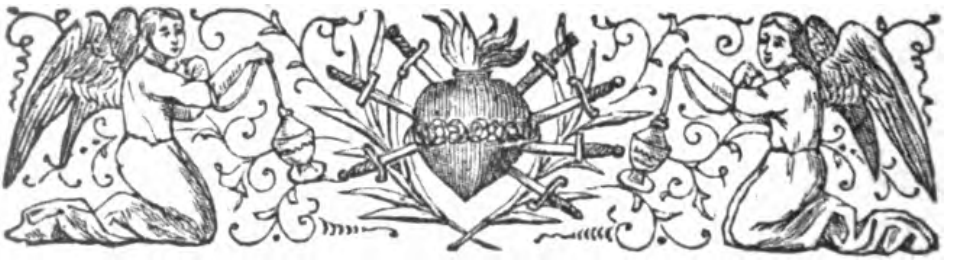

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Pray for us.

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Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,

Pray for us.

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Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
} *Pray for us.*

Queen of the most sacred Rosary, *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God!

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R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may be blessed with continual health of soul and body; and that by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, we may both be delivered from present sorrows and be brought to eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O holy Joseph!

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God! who in Thy unspeakable providence didst choose the Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy own most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that He, whom we venerate as our protector upon earth, may be our intercessor in Heaven. Amen.

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HOLY MASS.

The Holy Mass is the sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, which is offered to our heavenly Father on the altar under the appearances of bread and wine. It was instituted by Our Lord Himself in order to represent and continue that sacrifice which he made on the cross.

The best manner of hearing Mass is to offer it to God with the priest for the same purpose for which it is said, viz.: 1st, To honor and glorify God; 2d, To thank Him for all the graces bestowed on the whole world; 3d, To satisfy God's justice for the sins of men; 4th, To obtain all graces and blessings.

We should assist at Mass with great interior recollection and piety, and with every outward mark of respect and devotion.

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Rules for Assisting at Mass.

THESE rules indicate the attitude which the Church desires, as most suitable to the various parts of the Mass. They do not bind so strictly as to make it a sin to depart from them, for sufficient reasons.

LOW MASS.

Rise when the priest is going to the altar.

Kneel from the beginning to the end of Mass, except during the Gospels.

HIGH MASS.

Rise when the priest is going to the altar.

Kneel when Mass commences.

Rise at the "Gloria."

Sit when the priest is seated.

Rise when the priest kisses the altar.

Stand whilst the prayers are sung.

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Sit during the reading of the lesson (Epistle).

Rise for the Gospel, after which remain standing, whilst the priest recites the "Credo" and genuflect with him at the words "Et incarnatus est," etc. (*i. e.*, And He was made flesh, etc.)

Sit when the priest is seated, but kneel on both knees whilst the choir sings: "Et incarnatus est de spiritu sancto ex Maria Virgine; Et homo factus est."

Rise when the priest kisses the altar and remain standing till the priest has sung "Oremus."

Sit till the priest commences to sing "Per omnia sæcula sæculorum."

Stand during the Preface.

Kneel from the "Sanctus" to the second ablution.

Then sit till the priest kisses the altar.

All stand during the last prayer.

All kneel to receive the blessing.

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During the last Gospel all stand.

(If before the sermon the "Veni Creator" is sung by the choir, all kneel.)

The Asperges.

While the Priest sprinkles Holy Water before Solemn Mass on Sundays, the following Anthems are sung:

Ant. Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem delavabor.

Ant. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Ps. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Ps. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

V. Gloria Patri, etc.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Asperges me, etc.

Ant. Thou shalt, etc.

The Priest, returning to the foot of the altar, says:

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

V. Show us, O Lord, thy mercy.

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R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Exaudi nos, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus; et mittere digneris sanctum angelum tuum de coelis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Graciously hear us, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God; and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven, who may keep, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this habitation. Through Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Easter to Whit-Sunday, inclusively, instead of the foregoing Antiphon **Asperges me,** ***etc., the following is sung, and*** **Alleluia** ***is added to the Versicles and Responsories.***

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Ant. Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro. Alleluia! Et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent, Alleluia!

Ps. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in sæcula misericordia ejus.

V. Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Vidi aquam, etc.

Ant. I saw water coming forth from the temple, on the right side. Alleluia! And all those to whom this water came, were saved, and shall say, Alleluia!

Ps. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. I saw water, etc.

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Ordinary of the Mass.

IN nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Introibo ad altare Dei.

I will go unto the altar of God.

R. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

R. To God who giveth joy to my youth.

Psalmus 42.

Psalm 42.

(*Omitted in Masscs for the Dead and in Passion time.*)

S. JUDICA me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me.

P. JUDGE me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

M. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea, quare me repulisti? et quare tristis incedo dum affligit me inimicus?

R. For thou art God, my strength, why hast Thou cast me off? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

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S. Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.

P. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth: they have conducted me, and brought me unto Thy holy hill, and into Thy tabernacles.

M. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

R. And I will go unto the altar of God: to God. who giveth joy to my youth.

S. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es, anima mea? et quare conturbas me?

P. To Thee, O God my God, I will give praise upon the harp: why art thou sad, O my soul? and why dost Thou disquiet me?

M. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi: salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

R. Hope in God, for I will still give praise to Him: the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

S. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

M. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæ-

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall

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cula sæculorum. Amen.

V. Introibo ad altare Dei.

R. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

S. CONFITEOR Deo omnipotenti, etc.

M. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te ad vitam æternam.

S. Amen.

M. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi pa-

be, world without end. Amen.

V. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God, who giveth joy to my youth.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

P. I CONFESS to Almighty God, etc.

R. May Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting.

P. Amen.

R. I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you,

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ter, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo, et opere, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te, pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed [*here strike the breast thrice*], through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, and you, father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

S. MISEREATUR vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducat vos ad vitam æternam.

M. Amen.

P. MAY Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

S. INDULGENTIAM, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum tri-

P. MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution,

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buat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

M. Amen.

V. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.

R. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

and remission of our sins.

R. Amen.

V. Thou wilt turn again, O God, and quicken us.

R. And Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

V. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Before the Kyrie.

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies; through, etc. Amen.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints, whose relics are here, and of all the Saints, that Thou

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wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

The Kyrie Eleison.

KYRIE eleison (*three times*).
LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison (*three times*).
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison (*three times*).
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria.

(*Omitted in Lent and Advent and in Masses for the Dead.*)

GLORIA in excelsis Deo: et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te: benedicimus te: adoramus te: glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis, Deus, pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis: qui tollis pec-

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee: we bless Thee: we adore Thee: we glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy

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cata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus: tu solus Dominus: tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

on us: Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers: Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy: Thou only art the Lord: Thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit.

At the Collects.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Almighty and eternal God, mercifully to give ear to the prayers of Thy servant, which he offers to Thee in the name of Thy Church, and in behalf of us Thy people; accept them to the honor of Thy name, and the good of our souls, and grant us all those blessings which may any way contribute to our salvation: who livest and reignest, one God.

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S. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
P. World without end.

M. Amen.
R. Amen.

At the Epistle.

O my God, I thank Thee that Thou hast called me to the knowledge of Thy holy law, while so many of my fellow-creatures are left in darkness and ignorance. I desire to receive with all my heart Thy divine commandments, and to hear with reverence the lessons which Thou addressest to us by the mouth of Thy prophets and apostles. Give me grace, O my God, not only to know Thy will, but also to do it.

R. Deo gratias.
R. Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual.

How wonderful, O Lord, is Thy name through the whole earth! I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be ever in my mouth. Be Thou my God and Protector: in Thee alone I put my trust: O let me never be confounded.

At the Gospel.

V. Dominus vobiscum.
V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum Spiritu tuo.
R. And with thy Spirit.

V. Sequentia (*vel* initium) sancti
V. The continuation (*or* begin-

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Evangelii secundum N.

R. Gloria tibi, Domine.

ning) of the holy Gospel according to N.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

O LORD Jesus, who, according to Thy Father's will, hast declared unto the world the message of the Gospel; grant that we may receive it into our minds, embrace it with our wills, preserve it in our memory, and practice it in our lives, and, being united here with those elect sheep who hear Thy voice, may be numbered with them also at the last day at Thy right hand, and hear Thee say: "*Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess you the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*"

R. Laus tibi, Christe.

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed.

(*Omitted in Masses for the Dead.*)

CREDO in unum Deum Patrem omnipotentem, Factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

Et in unum Do-

And in one Lord

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minum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo: Lumen de Lumine: Deum verum de Deo vero: genitum non factum: consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem, descendit de cœlis, et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto, ex Maria Virgine: ET HOMO FACTUS EST. [*Hic genuflectitur.*] Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas: et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris: et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos:

Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father, before all ages. God of God: Light of Light: true God of true God: begotten, not made: consubstantial with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary: AND WAS MADE MAN. [*Here the people kneel down.*] He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father: and He shall come again

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cujus regni non erit finis.

with glory to judge both the living and the dead: of His kingdom there shall be no end.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit: qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per prophetas. Et unam sanctam Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and life-giver, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified: who spake by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum Spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

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The Offertory.

ACCEPT, O eternal Father, this offering which is here made to Thee by Thy minister, in the name of us all here present, and of Thy whole Church. It is as yet only bread and wine, but, by a miracle of Thy power and grace, will shortly become the body and blood of Thy beloved Son. He is our High-Priest, and He is our Victim. With Him and through Him we desire to approach to Thee this day, and by His hands to offer Thee this sacrifice, for Thine own honor, praise, and glory; in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits; in satisfaction for all our sins, and for obtaining conversion for all unbelievers, and mercy, grace, and salvation for all Thy faithful. And with this offering of Thine only-begotten Son we offer ourselves to Thee, begging that, through this sacrifice, we may be happily united to Thee, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate us any more from Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN a contrite heart and humble spirit may we be accepted by Thee, O Lord; and let our sacrifice be pleasing in Thy sight, O Lord God.

COME, O Almighty and eternal God, the Sanctifier, and bless this sacrifice prepared for Thy holy name

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At the Lavabo.

I WILL wash my hands among the innocent; and will compass Thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of Thy praise, and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.

Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor my life with bloody men.

In whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with gifts.

But as for me I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and have mercy on me.

My foot hath stood in the direct way, in the churches I will bless Thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

After the Lavabo.

MOST holy and adorable Trinity, vouchsafe to receive this our sacrifice, in remembrance of our Saviour's passion, resurrection and glorious ascension: and grant it may sensibly work in our souls the effects of these mysteries. Let those Saints whose memory we celebrate not forget us in heaven. They found help in this divine mystery. Grant, O Lord, it may likewise contribute to our salvation.

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P. ORATE, fratres, ut meum ac vestrum sacrificium acceptabile fiat apud Deum Patrem omnipotentem.

R. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis, ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui ad utilitatem quoque nostram totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.

P. BRETHREN, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of His name, to our benefit, and to that of His holy Church.

At the Secret Prayer.

SANCTIFY, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, by the invocation of Thy holy name, this host we offer unto Thee, and perfect us thereby an eternal oblation to Thyself. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of God the Holy Ghost.

S. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

M. Amen.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Sursum corda.

P. World without end.

R Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

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R. Habemus ad Dominum.

V. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

R. Dignum et justum est.

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, per Christum Dominum nostrum. Per quem Majestatem tuam laudant angeli, adorant dominationes, tremunt potestates cœli cœlorumque virtutes, ac beata seraphim, socia exultatione, concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas, deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes: Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sa-

R. We have them lifted up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and just.

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God. Through Christ our Lord, through whom the angels praise Thy Majesty, the dominations adore, the powers do hold in awe the heavens, and the virtues of the heavens, and the blessed seraphim, do celebrate with united joy. In union with whom we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst command our voices

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baoth. Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

also to be admitted with suppliant confession, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Canon.

MOST merciful Father, who hast given us Thy only Son to be our daily sacrifice, we beseech Thee, in the name of this holy Victim, incline Thy ear to our prayers, and favor our desires. Thou who art the Pastor of all pastors, protect, unite, and govern Thy Holy Church throughout the world; pour forth Thy blessings on his present holiness, and on that prelate who has a particular charge over us.

At the Memento.

I OFFER Thee, O eternal Father, with this Thy minister at the altar, this oblation of the body and blood of Thy only Son, to Thy honor and glory; in remembrance of my Saviour's passion, in thanksgiving for Thy benefits, in satis-

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faction for all my sins, and for the obtaining of Thy grace, whereby I may be enabled to live virtuously, and die happily. I desire Thee likewise to accept it, O God, for my parents, friends, and benefactors; and for N. N. grant them all blessings, spiritual and temporal; for those I have any ways injured in word or deed; for all my enemies; for the conversion of sinners, and enlightening all that sit in darkness. Pour forth Thy blessings on all, according to their different necessities; through the merits of Thy only Son our Lord.

(*Here we may add our particular necessities, as likewise those of our friends, etc.*)

GIVE ear, we beseech Thee, to the prayers of Thy servant, who is here appointed to make this oblation in our behalf, and grant that it may be effectual for the obtaining of those blessings which he asks for us. Be Thou, O Lord, the eternal bond of all our friendships and societies. And as Thou hast vouchsafed to join us, not only in communion with Thy faithful here below, but also with those who are now triumphing in heaven, with the Martyrs and Apostles, and Thy blessed Virgin Mother; be Thou the sacred bond to fasten and preserve us therein for ever.

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At the Elevation of the Host.

MOST adorable body, I adore Thee with all the powers of my soul. Lord, who hast given Thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely Thine.

The same eternal Word, who brought all things at first out of nothing; He that said: "*Let there be light,*" and there was light; "*Let the earth bring forth its fruits,*" and it was so: the same eternal Word now says, *This is My body;* and speaks it from the highest heavens, at this very moment, by the voice of His servant.

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

MOST adorable blood, that washest away all our sins, I adore Thee. Happy we, if we can return our life and blood for Thine.

After the Elevation.

IT is now, O Lord, with grateful hearts we call to mind the sacred mysteries of Thy passion and death, Thy resurrection and ascension. Here is Thy body that was broken; here is Thy blood that was shed for us, of which these exterior signs are but the figures, and yet in reality contain the substance. It is now we truly offer Thee, O Lord, that pure and Holy Victim which Thou hast been pleased to give us; of which all the other sacrifices were but so many types and fig-

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ures. As with a favorable eye Thou hast regarded the sacrifices of Abel, of Abraham, and Melchisedec, look likewise on ours; for however weak our faith may be, yet our sacrifice is greater than theirs, and the only one worthy of Thy heavenly altar.

ALMIGHTY God, who art infinitely good, look not on our sins, but on the infinite ransom paid for them. And now, whilst it is offered on our altars here below, do Thou receive it on Thy altar above; here from our hands, but there, from the angel of Thy great council, that eternal Priest, who is himself both priest and Victim, all in Thee, as Thou art all in him. Bless all those who here partake of this holy sacrifice.

At the Memento for the Dead.

I OFFER Thee again, O Lord, this holy sacrifice of the body and blood of Thy only Son in behalf of the faithful departed, and, in particular for the souls of N. N., for my parents, relations, benefactors, and neighbors; likewise of such as I have anyways injured, or been the occasion of their sins; of such as have injured me, and been my enemies; of such as die in war, or have none to pray for them, etc. For these and all others, as many as are yet in the state of penance, waiting for their discharge, we be-

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seech Thee to hear us. Grant them rest, O Lord, and eternal salvation; admit them to the company of Thy blessed Saints.

At the Nobis quoque peccatoribus.

VOUCHSAFE to grant the same one day to us, poor and miserable sinners as we are, and judge us not according to our demerits; but, through the infinite multitude of Thy mercies in which we hope, liberally extend to us Thy grace and pardon. We ask it of Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, and in that form of prayer which He himself has taught us—He who liveth and reigneth with Thee.

V. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Præceptis salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:

V. Forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Instructed by Thy saving precepts, and following Thy divine institution, we presume to say:

PATER NOSTER, qui es in cœlis, sanctificetur nomen tuum: adveniat regnum tuum, fiat voluntas tua sicut in

OUR FATHER who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in

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cœlo, it in terra, Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie: et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.

M. Sed libera nos a malo.

R. But deliver us from evil.

S. Amen.

P. Amen.

DELIVER us from those evils which we labor under at present; from past evils, which can be nothing but our manifold sins; and from the evils to come, which will be the just chastisement of our offences, if our prayers and those more powerful ones of Thy Saints, who intercede for us, intercept not Thy justice, or excite not Thy bounty; through Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth.

S. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

P. World without end.

M. Amen.

R. Amen.

V. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.

V. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

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At the Pax Domini.

THY body was broken and Thy blood shed for us: grant that the commemoration of this holy mystery may obtain for us peace, and that those who receive it may find everlasting rest.

O Lord our God, pure and spotless Victim, who only canst satisfy the justice of an offended God; vouchsafe to make me partaker of the merits of Thy sacrifice. What lessons of humility, meekness, charity, and patience dost Thou not give me! Impress these virtues upon my heart, that it may be to Thee a pleasant habitation, wherein Thou mayest repose as in an abode of peace.

The Agnus Dei.

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (*Repeat the above.*)

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (*Repeat the above.*)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

After the Agnus Dei.

IN saying to Thy Apostles, *My peace I leave you, My peace I give you;* Thou hast promised, O Lord, to all Thy Church, that peace which the world cannot give: peace with Thee, and peace with our-

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selves. Let nothing, O Lord, ever interupt this holy peace; let nothing separate us from Thee, to whom we heartily desire to be united, through this blessed sacrament of peace and reconciliation. Let this food of angels strengthen us in every Christian duty, so as never more to yield under temptations, or fall into our common weaknesses. But, alas! who does not tremble at this holy table? since it is true, as we are differently disposed, we may receive either life or death; and that the unworthy receiver draws upon himself not a blessing, but Thy just wrath. Help us, therefore, O Lord, and so prepare us by Thy grace, that in this holy mystery we may find the effectual remedy of all our evils.

At the Domine, non sum dignus.

DOMINE, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum; sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea. (*Three times.*)

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed. (*Three times.*)

After which the Priest says:

CORPUS Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam meam in vitam æternam. Amen.

MAY the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

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At the Communion.

KING of kings, Lord of lords, whom the heavens and the earth cannot contain, how great is Thy goodness, thus to become our sacrifice and our food! Thou art the food of life, O good Jesus; and it is by Thy power and grace my soul must live to Thee. Communicate, then, to me, at present, Thy divine blessing, and let my weak and hungry soul be now comforted and strengthened by this heavenly food; that it may be an effectual remedy of all my weaknesses; and make me faithful in Thy service for ever.

Grant, O merciful Jesus, that, whenever I shall receive this precious body and blood, they may forever abide in me, and become a heavenly nourishment to my soul.

At the Post-Communion.

V. DOMINUS vobiscum.	*V.* THE Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.

WE give Thee thanks, O God, for Thy mercy, in admitting us to have a part in offering this sacrifice to Thy holy name. Accept it now to Thy glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness.

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V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
V. Ite, missa est.	*V.* Go, the mass is ended.
R. Deo gratias.	*R.* Thanks be to God.

Most holy and adorable Trinity, without beginning, and without end; it is through Thee and by Thee we began this sacrifice; and by Thee we ought to finish it. Vouchsafe, therefore, to accept it; and as Thou art an abyss of majesty hidden from us, be Thou also an abyss of pity and mercy to us.

The Benediction.

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus Pater, et Filius et Spiritus Sanctus. Amen.	May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless you. Amen.

The Gospel according to St. John.

V. Dominus vobiscum.	*V.* The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	*R.* And with thy spirit.
S. Initium sancti Evangelii secundum Joannem.	*P.* The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

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M. Gloria tibi, Domine.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum: et Deus erat Verbum: hoc erat in principio apud Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt, et sine ipso factum est nihil quod factum est: in ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux hominum: et lux in tenebris lucet, et tenebræ eam non comprehenderunt.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God: the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made: in Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes. Hic venit in testimonium ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, ut omnes crederent per illum. Non erat ille lux: sed ut testimonium

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the Light,

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perhiberet de lumine. Erat lux vera quæ illuminat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum.

but was to give testimony of the Light. That was the true Light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognovit. In propria venit, et sui eum non receperunt. Quotquot autem receperunt eum dedit eis potestatem filios Dei fieri: his qui credunt in nomine ejus, qui non ex sanguinibus, neque ex voluntate carnis, neque ex voluntate viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt. ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST [*hic genuflectitur*], et habitavit in nobis: et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi Unigeniti a

He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came into His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God: to them that believe in His name, who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH [*here the people kneel down*], and dwelt among us: and we

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Patre plenum gratiæ et veritatis.

saw His glory, as it were the glory of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

M. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

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Prayers at Mass.

Another Formula.

A Prayer before Mass.

O MERCIFUL Father, who didst so love the world as to give up for our redemption, Thy beloved Son; who in obedience to Thee, and for us sinners, *humbled Himself even unto the death of the cross;* and continues to offer Himself daily by the ministry of His Priests, for the living and the dead—we humbly beseech Thee that penetrated with a lively faith, we may

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always assist, with the utmost devotion and reverence, at the oblation of His most precious body and blood, which is made at Mass; and thereby be made partakers of the sacrifice which He offered for us on Calvary.

In union with Thy Holy Church and its Minister, and invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the Angels and Saints, we now offer the adorable sacrifice of the Mass to Thy honor and glory, to acknowledge Thy infinite perfections, Thy supreme dominion over all Thy creatures, our entire subjection to Thee, and total dependence on Thy gracious providence; and in thanks-

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giving for all Thy benefits; and for the remission of our sins.

We offer it for the propagation of the Catholic faith; for our most holy Father the Pope; for our Archbishop (or Bishop) and for all the Pastors and Clergy of Thy Holy Church, that they may direct the faithful in the way of salvation; for *the President, and for all that are in high stations*, that we may lead quiet and holy lives—for peace and goodwill among all states and people—for the necessities of mankind — and particularly for the congregation here present; to obtain all blessings we stand in need of, in this life, everlasting happi-

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ness in the next—and eternal rest to the faithful departed.

And as Jesus Christ so ordained, when He instituted at His last supper *this wonderful mystery of His power, wisdom, and goodness*, we offer the Mass, in grateful remembrance of all He has done and suffered for the love of us; making special commemoration of His bitter Passion and Death, and of His glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven. Vouchsafe, O Almighty, and Eternal God (for to Thee alone so great a sacrifice is due), graciously to accept it, for these and all other purposes agreeable to Thy holy will. And to render it the more pleasing, we offer

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it to Thee through the same Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour; our high priest and Victim: and in the name of the most Holy Trinity, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; to whom be honor, praise, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BEGINNING OF MASS.

✠ *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.*

It is in Thy name, O Adorable Trinity! it is to honor Thee, and to do Thee homage, that I assist at this most holy and august sacrifice. Permit me, then, O Lord, to unite my intention with that of Thy minister, in offering up this

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precious victim; and give me the sentiments I ought to have had on Mount Calvary, had I been a witness of that bloody sacrifice.

At the *Confiteor*, say:

I confess to Almighty God, etc., or,

I CONFESS, O my God, not only in Thy presence, who seest the secrets of hearts, but in the presence of all the blessed in heaven, and the faithful on earth, that I have often and grievously offended Thee, *by thought, word, deed, and omission.* Yes, Lord, I have sinned; I acknowledge it to my shame, and with the most bitter regret; I have abused all Thy gifts; and therefore I humbly beseech

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thee, O Blessed Virgin Mary, and all ye Saints and Angels, to intercede for me: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to listen to them; grant to the ardor of their prayers, what Thou mayest justly refuse to the coldness of mine, and to their services, that pardon to which my offences can have no claim.

When the Priest is going up the Altar.

UNITE, O Lord, our hearts and wills, and remove from us everything that may any way make us unfit for appearing in Thy sanctuary. Of ourselves we are unworthy to appear in Thy presence, therefore we implore the intercession of the Saints in

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our behalf. Grant to their prayers the pardon of all our sins: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the *Introit.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be truly prepared for the offering of this great sacrifice to Thee, this day. Our sins alone can render us displeasing to Thee, we therefore call aloud to Thee for mercy.

At the *Kyrie Eleison.*

HAVE mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us all our sins; and though we have nothing of our own to move Thy goodness, let our importunity prevail: have mercy

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on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

At the *Gloria in Excelsis.*

GLORY be to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good-will. We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, O Heavenly King; O God, the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. O Lord God; O Lamb of God; O Son of the Father; O Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: O Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers. O Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy;

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Thou alone art Lord; Thou alone art most high, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

At the *Dominus Vobiscum.*

BE Thou always with us, O my God, and let Thy grace never depart from us.

At the *Collect.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we humbly beseech Thee to look down upon this congregation from Thy heavenly sanctuary, and graciously hear these prayers, which Thy Church addresses to Thee for us, by the ministry of Thy Priest.

Grant us, in Thy infinite mercy, pardon of our sins;

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health of mind and body; peace in our days; unity and increase of Catholic faith; fervent charity; sincere devotion; patience in suffering, and everything which leads to Thy glory, and our own salvation: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the *Epistle.*

O ETERNAL God, who never ceasest to excite us to the worship and love of Thy holy name, or to arm us against the attacks of the world, the flesh, and the devil, by the public ministry of Thy Church, by the doctrine of Thy Prophets and Apostles, and by many other holy admonitions, grant that we may

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faithfully attend to these lessons of salvation, that thus our knowledge of Thy law may never rise in judgment against us, but guide us securely to Thee, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the *Gospel.*

It is not Thy interpreters, O God, who are now to instruct me; it is Thy only Son; it is His word I am about to hear. I most gratefully embrace this heavenly doctrine. I stand up to declare, in the face of heaven and earth, that I will walk faithfully in that way which He hath marked out for me.

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He tells me: That it will avail a man nothing to gain the whole world if he lose his own soul; that the sensual, the covetous, the worldling, the libertine, the detractor, and such as are insensible to the miseries of the poor, shall have no share in His heavenly kingdom; and that, in order to become His disciple, I must take up my cross and follow Him. I receive, with my whole heart, all these sacred maxims. Grant me the grace to put them in practice; for to what purpose should I declare myself Thy disciple if I were not to live according to the maxims of Thy gospel?

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The *Nicene Creed.*

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and * became incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified also for us, suffered under

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* At these words all kneel.

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Pontius Pilate, and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who, together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins; and I expect the resurrection of the dead, and

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the life of the world to come. Amen.

At the *Offertory*.

O HOLY Father, Almighty and Eternal God, how unworthy soever I may appear in Thy presence, yet I presume to offer Thee this Host, by the hands of the Priest, with the same intention which Christ my Saviour had when He instituted this august sacrifice; and which He now has at this very instant that He immolates Himself for us. I offer it in expiation of my crimes; in thanksgiving for all Thy infinite goodness, for my parents, benefactors, friends, and enemies, all those precious

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gifts and graces which only through Him can be obtained who is just by excellence, and who became a victim for the sins of men. Remember also, O Lord, the souls of the faithful departed; and grant them, through the merits of Thy Son, eternal light and peace. Have mercy upon all heretics, infidels, and sinners; bless and preserve all my enemies; and, as I freely forgive them the injuries they have done or mean to do me, so do Thou, in Thy mercy, forgive me my offences. Amen.

At the *Lavabo*.

THOU, O Lord, who once didst vouchsafe to wash the feet of Thy disciples, be-

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fore their invitation to Thy holy table, wash us also, we beseech Thee, O Lord: and wash us again, not only our feet and hands, but our hearts, our desires, and our souls, that we may be wholly innocent and pure.

The Priest goes to the middle of the Altar.

O MOST holy and adorable Trinity, vouchsafe to receive this our sacrifice in remembrance of our Saviour's Passion, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension; and grant that we may die with Him to our sins, rise with Him to a new life, and ascend with Him to Thee. Let those Saints, whose memory we celebrate

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on earth, remember us before Thy throne in heaven, and obtain mercy for us: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the *Orate Fratres.*

MAY the Lord receive this sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of His own name, for our benefit and that of all His holy Church.

At the *Secreta.*

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation which we, Thy servants, are making to Thee; that as we offer it to the honor of Thy name, so it may be to us here a means of obtaining Thy

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grace, and in the next life everlasting happiness.

At the *Preface.*

DO Thou, Thyself, O Lord, raise up my heart; inflame it with Thy love, and free it from all earthly affections; let it rest in Heaven, where Thou, my treasure, art, and on this altar also, where Thou art going to present Thyself to the Eternal Father for our sake. As my life, O Lord, is a continual succession of Thy favors, let my thanksgiving be also uninterrupted. And since Thou art going to renew the greatest of all sacrifices, should not I also break forth into the most lively acknowledgments?

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Permit me then, O Lord, to join my feeble voice with the host of heavenly spirits; and to exclaim with them, in transports of joy and admiration, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, the Heavens and the Earth are filled with Thy glory. Blessed be He who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

At the *Canon*.

O FATHER of Mercy, graciously receive this most holy sacrifice, which we offer to Thee by the hands of Thy Priest, in union with that which Thy beloved Son offered to Thee during His whole life, at His Last Supper, and

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on the Cross. Look down on Thy Christ, Thy dearest and only begotten Son, "in whom Thou art always well pleased;" and by the infinite merits of His incarnation, nativity, tears, labors, sufferings, and death, have mercy upon me, and upon all those for whom I ought to pray [*here mention the particular persons*]—my parents, relations, brethren, friends, benefactors, and those who have injured me, or whom I may have injured. I also beseech Thee to guard, prosper, and extend the Holy Catholic Church; to pour down Thy blessings on our Chief Pastor the Pope, upon the Bishops and all the Clergy; enlighten and guide them in

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the way of salvation. Bless and preserve our government, and our fellow-citizens. Look down upon us all, I beseech Thee, O Lord, with eyes of mercy and compassion.

Bring us all to the perfect practice of a holy and virtuous life here, and to the possession of Thy eternal glory hereafter. May we all know Thee; may we all please Thee perfectly; may we all love and glorify Thee, through the same Jesus Christ, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Before the *Consecration.*

WHY have not I, O God, at this moment, the ardent sighs with which the

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holy Patriarchs wished for the Messias? Why have I not their faith, and their love? Come, Lord Jesus! come, sweet Redeemer of the world, to accomplish a mystery which is an abridgment of all Thy other miracles.

Thou art the true Pastor of our souls, who didst lay down Thy life for Thy flock! Thou art the Lamb of God, who didst die upon the Cross to save us! Prostrate in spirit before Thee, I desire to praise and bless Thee, both now and forever. Amen.

At the *Elevation of the Sacred Host.*

HAIL, Victim of Salvation! Eternal King! Incarnate Word! sacrificed for me and

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all mankind! Hail, precious Body of the Son of God! Hail, sacred flesh, torn with nails, pierced with a lance, and bleeding on a cross for us, poor sinners! O amazing goodness! O infinite love! O let that tender love plead now in my behalf; let all my iniquities be here effaced, and my name be written in the Book of Life. I believe in Thee; I hope in Thee; I love Thee. To Thee be honor, praise, and glory, from all creatures, for ever and ever. Amen.

At the *Elevation of the Chalice.*

HAIL, sacred Blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, and washing away the

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sins of the world! O cleanse, sanctify, and preserve my soul, that nothing in future may ever separate me from Thee. Behold, O Eternal Father, Thy Holy Jesus, and look upon the face of Thy Christ, in whom Thou art well pleased. Hear the voice of His blood crying out to Thee, not for vengeance, but for mercy and pardon. Accept this divine oblation, and through the infinite merits of all the sufferings that Jesus endured on the Cross for our salvation, be pleased to look upon us, and upon all Thy people, with an eye of mercy.

After the *Elevation.*

IT is now, O Eternal Father, that we truly and really of-

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fer to Thy Divine Majesty that pure, holy, and immaculate Victim, which Thou Thyself hast been pleased to grant us, and of which all other offerings were only the types and figures. The sacrifices of Abel, Abraham, and Melchisedech were of no value when compared to ours. This glorious Victim—Thy dear Son Himself, the perfect object of Thy eternal love, and alone worthy of Thy Altar—is an offering as much more precious than theirs, as God is greater than all creatures.

Offer up the Mass as a *Sacrifice of Adoration.*

O SOVEREIGN Creator and Lord of all things! graciously vouchsafe to accept

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my humble homage, in union with that which Thou here receivest from Jesus Christ, the only worthy adorer of Thy infinite Majesty. Whilst, therefore, He immolates Himself upon this Altar, I unite my intentions with those views and purposes He Himself has in offering to Thee this His holy Sacrifice. It is He alone who can form a just conception of the boundless excellence and unspeakable majesty of the great Creator of Heaven and Earth; He alone fully comprehends the entire extent of Thy dominion. He beholds (what we blind mortals cannot) how far all creatures, visible and invisi-

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ble, depend on Thee. He plainly conceives that Thy dominion is absolute over all we are, all we possess, or can hope for in time or eternity. It is in acknowledgment of this, Thy sovereign authority, and to make, in His name, a public profession of our total dependence on Thee, that I unite with Him in His daily renewal of this most holy sacrifice.

At the *Memento for the Dead.*

O GOD of infinite bounty, be pleased now to crown all the favors Thou hast hitherto conferred on me by the gifts of a lively faith, a firm hope, and an ardent charity. Bless all my labors

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and undertakings; give me an intuitive knowledge of Thy holy will, and an unshaken resolution to put it into execution. Grant me perseverance in Thy grace to the end of my life. Have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed, particularly on those for whom I am in a more especial manner bound to pray [*Name them*]. Deliver them, O Lord, from all their sufferings, and admit them into the mansions of everlasting bliss: through the infinite merits of Christ Jesus, Thy only Son, who livest, etc. Amen.

At the *Pater Noster.*

Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

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At the *Agnus Dei*, say:

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, give us peace.

At the *Domine non sum dignus.*

Say with the Priest thrice:

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

At the *Communion.*

O THAT I were amongst the number of those whose

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sanctity allows them to communicate daily! What a happiness, O my God! could I at this moment erect a throne for Thee in my heart; pay Thee my homage; lay open to Thee my wants; and participate in the favors Thou grantest to those who really and worthily receive Thee. But since I am unworthy, do Thou, O Lord, supply my want of the proper dispositions. Grant me pardon of my manifold sins, which I detest from the bottom of my heart, because they displease Thee. Cast Thy compassionate eye upon me, and purify my soul, that the ardent wish I conceive of being united to Thee by a worthy communion, may be

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speedily accomplished. But, until the arrival of so happy a moment, I earnestly entreat Thee, O dearest Lord, that Thou wouldst make me a partaker of all those advantages which the Communion of the priest may produce in Thy people. By the efficacy of this enlivening sacrament, increase my faith, strengthen my hope; revive in my soul the rays of divine charity, and inflame my heart with Thy love, that it may pant only for Thee, and live for Thee alone. Amen.

At the *Last Prayers.*

SINCE Thou, O Lord, hast sacrificed Thyself for my salvation, shall not I desire to

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be sacrificed for Thy glory? Yes, I am Thy victim, do with me as Thou willest, I consecrate my whole being to Thee. I willingly accept whatever crosses Thou art pleased to send to me. Receiving them from Thy fatherly hand, I embrace them, and unite them with those Thou hast endured for my sake. Before I quit Thy temple, strengthen the resolution I have made to serve Thee with more fidelity, and to struggle not only against my ordinary failings, but chiefly against those to which I am most inclined. Thy law shall henceforth be my rule of conduct during the remainder of my life; and I will forfeit every worldly con-

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sideration, and suffer every calamity, sooner than transgress it. Amen.

At the *Benediction.*

MOST holy and adorable Trinity! as it is by Thee we began this sacrifice, so it is by Thee we desire to conclude it. Suffer us not, therefore, O Lord, to depart hence without Thy blessing. Give it to us by the ministry of this Priest. May it ever remain with us; may its influence always direct our actions; and may it be a sure pledge of that final benediction, which Thine elect shall receive when called by Thee to Thy kingdom of eternal glory. Amen.

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The *Last Gospel.*

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was *John.* This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the Light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the Light, but was to give testimony of the Light. That was the true Light which en-

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lighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God. to them that believe in His name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *And the Word was made flesh*, and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory, the glory as it were of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Prayers ordered to be said, kneeling, at the end of every low Mass, by a decree of His Holiness, Leo XIII.

The Priest with the people recites the *Hail Mary* thrice; then

THE SALVE REGINA.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send our sighs, weeping and mourning in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thy eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet, Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

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R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and our strength, look down with favor upon Thy people, who cry to Thee; and through the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of her Spouse, Blessed Joseph, of Thy Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, mercifully and graciously hear the prayers, which we pour forth to Thee, for the conversion of sinners and the liberty and exaltation of Holy Mother Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Add the Invocation: St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. We humbly beseech God to command him: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by thy divine power thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

(Three hundred days' Indulgence.)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. (*Three times.*)

Indulgence of 7 years and 7 quarantines. — Pope Pius X. June 7, 1904.

REPARATION FOR BLASPHEMIES.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.

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Blessed be his most sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and immaculate Conception.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints

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Manner of Serving at Mass.

Consider it a great privilege to be allowed to serve the Priest at Mass. Where the angels tremblingly adore, you are their companion. You represent the faithful and respond for them. Diligently learn the prayers, and everything pertaining to so holy a ministry. Make a genuflexion whenever you pass the altar where the Blessed Sacrament is kept—with one knee, when it is enclosed in the tabernacle; with both, when it is exposed on the altar. Do everything about the altar with the greatest care and devotion; avoid undue haste, looking about, laughing and talking. "This is no other but the house of God and the gate of heaven."

The Priest commences the Mass at the foot of the altar, standing. The Clerk must remember that his place is always on the side opposite to the book; if the book is at the Epistle side, the right hand side if we face the altar, his place is on the Gospel side, or to the left of the Priest. Kneeling, then, at the foot of the altar, to the left of the Priest, answer him as follows:

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Priest. † In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.

Clerk. Amen.

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

C. Ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta; ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me.

C. Quia tu es Deus, fortitudo mea, quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

P. Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: Ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum et in tabernacula tua.

C. Et introibo ad altare Dei : ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus : quare tristis es anima mea, et quare conturbas me?

C. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc

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confitebor illi : salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

C. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

C. Ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

C. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

P. Confiteor Deo, etc.

Bow the head when the Priest begins this, and continue bent until *you* have finished the *Confiteor*.

C. Miseratur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te ad vitam æternam.

P. Amen.

C. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, Sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi, Pa-

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ter *(here turn your head toward the Priest and then go on)*, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere *(striking your breast thrice)*, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, Sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te, Pater *(here turn again toward the Priest)*, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

P. Misereatur vestri, etc.

C. Amen.

P. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, etc.

C. Amen.

P. Deus tu conversus, vivificabis nos.

C. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

P. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

C. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

P. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

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C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

While the Priest is ascending to the altar, take care the alb or cassock does not get under his feet; and here you may rise to kneel on the lowermost step of the altar.

P. Kyrie eleison.
C. Kyrie eleison.
P. Kyrie eleison.
C. Christe eleison.
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P. Kyrie eleison.

After the *Gloria*, or, when it is omitted, after the *Kyrie*.

P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

At the end of the prayer, *Oremus*.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
C. Amen.

At the end of the Epistle say, *Deo gratias*, and rise to remove the book to

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the Gospel side of the altar; and, there placing it turned a little toward the middle, return to the opposite or Epistle side. Stand in your place while the Gospel is read.

P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Sequentia sancti, etc.

Here make the sign of the cross: 1. Upon your forehead. 2. Upon your mouth. 3. Upon your breast, and say, *Gloria tibi, Domine.*

At the end of the Gospel, say:

C. Laus tibi, Christe!

At the words in the Creed, *et incarnatus*, etc., kneel.

P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Going to the middle of the altar, kneel and make a reverence; then taking the wine in the right, and the water in the left hand, present the wine with your right hand, and receive it again with your left, that you may present the water cruet with your right, making a reverence to the Priest before and after. This done, put the towel neatly folded on the end of the altar. Then holding the cruet in your

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right hand, and the plate with your left, pour water on the tip of the Priest's fingers; then placing the cruets in their former situation, and having received back the towel, return to your place on the Epistle side of the altar, after having knelt and made a reverence in the middle, as you did before.

P. Oratre, fratres, etc.

C. Suscipiat Dominus Sacrificium de manibus tuis, ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Sursum corda.

C. Habemus ad Dominum.

P. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

C. Dignum et justum est.

When the Priest says: *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus*, etc., ring the bell each time he pronounces it.

When the Priest spreads his hands over the chalice, ring the bell, and then pro-

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ceed to the centre of the altar, where kneeling, whilst the Priest elevates the host and chalice, ring the bell with your right, and hold up the vestments with your left hand, then return to your former place.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

C. Sed libera nos a malo.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

When the Priest says: *Domine, non sum dignus*, with your head bent, ring the bell at each time he pronounces those words; and when you see the Priest has received the chalice, if there be any to communicate, give them the cloth, then, kneeling at the Epistle end of the altar, say the *Confiteor*, etc. After the blessed Sacrament is replaced in the tabernacle, go to the credence-table, take the wine in your right, and water in your left hand, and with your right serve him with the wine only; then retire a little back to make way for the Priest to come nearer to

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the end of the altar with the chalice, holding his forefingers and thumbs over it. Pour first the wine, then the water over them, till he makes a motion for you to stop; then putting the cruets in their places, proceed to the centre of the altar, kneel and make your reverence. Remove the book from the Gospel side to the Epistle side of the altar, retire to the Gospel side, and kneel at your place.

P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
C. Amen.
P. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
P. Ite missa est: *or*, Benedicamus Domino.
C. Deo gratias.

***Note.*—In Masses for the dead the Priest says:**

P. Requiescant in pace.
C. Amen.

If the book be left open, remove it to the Gospel side. Kneel in the middle of the altar to receive the Priest's blessing

***Note.*—In Masses for the dead the blessing is not given.**

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P. Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

C. Amen.

Then rise.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Initium : *or*, Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum, etc.

C. Gloria tibi, Domine.

At the end of the Gospel say:

Deo gratias.

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Vesper–Service.

Recite silently the Our Father and Hail Mary.

V. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, * et Spiritui Sancto.

R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, * et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalmus cix.

Dixit Dominus Domino meo: * Sede a dextris meis;

Donec ponam inimicos tuos: * scabellum pedum tuorum.

Psalm 109.

The Lord said to my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand.

Until I make Thy enemies the footstool of Thy feet.

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Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion: * dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

The Lord will send the sceptre of Thy power out of Sion: rule Thou in the midst of Thy enemies.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ, in splendoribus sanctorum: * ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Dominion shall be with Thee in the day of Thy power, in the brightness of the saints: from the womb before the day star I begot Thee.

Juravit Dominus et non pœnitebit eum: * Tu es Sacerdos in æternum secundum ordinem Melchisedech.

The Lord swore, and he will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis: * confregit in die iræ suæ reges.

The Lord at Thy right hand hath broken kings in the day of His wrath.

Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas. * conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

He shall judge among nations, He shall fill ruins: He shall crush the heads in the land of many.

De torrente in via bibet: * propterea exaltabit caput.

He shall drink of the torrents in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

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Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalmus cx.

Psalm 110.

Confitebor tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo: * in consilio justorum et congregatione.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: in the council of the just, and in the congregation.

Magna opera Domini: * exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Great are the works of the Lord: sought ought according to all His wills.

Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus: * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

His work is praise and magnificence: and His justice continueth for ever and ever.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum, misericors et miserator Dominus: * escam dedit timentibus se.

He hath made a remembrance of His wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: He hath given food to them that fear Him.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: * virtutem operum suorum annun-

He will be mindful forever of His covenant: He will show forth to His

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tiabit populo suo.

people the power of His works.

Ut det illis hæreditatem Gentium: * opera manuum ejus veritas et judicium.

That He may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles: the works of His hands are truth and judgment.

Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi: * facta in veritate et æquitate.

All His commandments are faithful: confirmed for ever and ever, made in truth and equity.

Redemptionem missit populo suo: * mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

He hath sent redemption to His people; He hath commanded His covenant for ever.

Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus: * initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Holy and terrible is His name: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: * laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

A good understanding to all that do it: His praise continueth for ever and ever.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

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Psalmus cxi.

Beatus vir qui timet Dominum: * in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus: * generatio rectorum benedicetur.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: * misericors et miserator et justus.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commodat, disponet sermones suos in judicio: * quia in æternum non commovebitur.

In memoria æterna erit justus: * ab

Psalm 111.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in His house: and His justice remaineth for ever and ever.

To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness: He is merciful, and compassionate and just.

Acceptable is the man that showeth mercy and lendeth: he shall order his words with judgment: because he shall not be moved for ever.

The just shall be in everlasting re-

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auditione mala non timebit.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino, confirmatum est cor ejus: * non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus: justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi: * cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.

Peccator videbit et irascetur, dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: * desiderium peccatorum peribit.

Gloria Patri, etc.

membrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

His heart is ready to hope in the Lord: his heart is strengthened, he shall not be moved, until he look over his enemies.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor, his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

The wicked shall see, and shall be angry, he shall gnash with his teeth and pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalmus cxii.

Laudate, pueri, Dominum: * laudate nomen Domini.

Psalm 112.

Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

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Sit nomen Domini benedictum: * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum, * laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, * et super cœlos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat, * et humilia respicit in cœlo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem: * et de stercore erigens pauperem.

Ut collocet eum cum principibus, * cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, * matrem filiorum læ-

Blessed be the name of the Lord: from henceforth now and for ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same: the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations: and His glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth: and lifting up the poor out of the dung-hill:

That He may place them with princes: with the princes of His people.

Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house: the

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tantem.

Gloria Patri, etc.

joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalmus cxiii.

In exitu Israel de Ægypto: * domus Jacob de populo barbaro:

Facta est Judæa sanctificatio ejus, * Israel potestas ejus.

Mare vidit, et fugit: * Jordanis conversus est retrorsum.

Montes exultaverunt ut arietes, * et colles sicut agni ovium.

Quid est tibi, mare, quod fugisti? * et tu, Jordanis, quia conversus es retrorsum?

Montes, exultastis sicut arietes: * et colles, sicut agni ovium?

Psalm 113.

When Israel went out of Egypt: the house of Jacob from a barbarous people:

Judea was made his sanctuary: Israel his dominion.

The sea saw and fled: the Jordan was turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams: and the hills like the lambs of the flock.

What aileth thee, O thou sea: that thou didst flee; and thou, O Jordan, that thou wast turned back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams: and ye hills, like lambs of the flock?

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A facie Domini mota est terra, * a facie Dei Jacob;

At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved: at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Qui convertit petram in stagna aquarum, * et rupem in fontes aquarum.

Who turned the rock into pools of water: and the stony hill into fountains of waters.

Non nobis Domine, non nobis; * sed nomini tuo da gloriam:

Not to us, O Lord, not to us: but to Thy name give glory:

Super misericordia tua et veritate tua; * nequando dicant gentes: Ubi est Deus eorum?

For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake: lest the Gentiles should say: Where is their God?

Deus autem noster in cœlo; * omnia quæcumque voluit, fecit.

But our God is in heaven: He hath done all things whatsoever He would.

Simulacra gentium argentum et aurum, * opera manuum hominum.

The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold: the works of the hands of men.

Os habent, et non loquentur; * oculos habent, et non videbunt.

They have mouths, and speak not: they have eyes, and see not:

Aures habent, et

They have ears,

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non audient; * nares habent, et non odorabunt:

Manus habent, et non palpabunt; pedes habent, et non ambulabunt: * non clamabunt in gutture suo.

Similes illis fiant qui faciunt ea, * et omnes qui confidunt in eis.

and hear not: they have noses, and smell not:

They have hands, and feel not; they have feet, and walk not; neither shall they cry out through their throat.

Let them that make them become like unto them: and all such as trust in them.

Domus Israel speravit in Domino; * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and their protector.

Domus Aaron speravit in Domino; * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and their protector.

Qui timent Dominum speraverunt in Domino; * adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

They that fear the Lord have hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and their protector.

Dominus memor fuit nostri * et benedixt nobis.

The Lord hath been mindful of us: and hath blessed us.

Benedixit domui

He hath blessed

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Israel, * benedixit domui Aaron.

the house of Israel: he hath blessed the house of Aaron.

Benedixit omnibus, qui timent Dominum, * pusillis cum majoribus.

He hath blessed all that fear the Lord: both little and great.

Adjiciat Dominus super vos; * super vos, et super filios vestros.

May the Lord add blessings upon you: upon you, and upon your children.

Benedicti vos a Domino, * qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Blessed be ye of the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

Cœlum cœli Domino, * terram autem dedit filiis hominum.

The heaven of heaven is the Lord's: but the earth he hath given to the children of men.

Non mortui laudabunt te, Domine; * neque omnes qui descendunt in infernum.

The dead shall not praise thee, O Lord: nor any of them that go down to hell.

Sed nos qui vivimus, benedicimus Domino, * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

But we that live bless the Lord: from this time now and forever.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Glory, etc.

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The following is sung on sundry festivals, in place of the foregoing:

Psalmus cxvi.

Laudate Dominum omnes Gentes: * Laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: * et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Psalm 116.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him all ye people.

For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Capitulum, 2 Cor. 1.

Benedictus Deus, et Pater Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Pater misericordiarum, et Deus totius consolationis, qui consolatur nos in omni tribulatione nostra.

R. Deo gratias.

The Little Chapter, 2 Cor. 1.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation.

R. Thanks be to God.

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Hymnus.

Lucis Creator optime,
Lucem dierum proferens,
Primordiis lucis novæ,
Mundi parans originem.

Qui mane junctum vesperi
Diem vocari præcipis,
Illabitur tetrum Chaos;
Audi preces cum fletibus.

Ne mens gravata crimine,
Vitæ sit exsul munere;
Dum nil perenne cogitat,
Seseque culpis illigat.

The Hymn.

Creator of the radiant light,
Fountain of bliss, essential sight,
Emitting splendor's orient beam,
The world's creation to proclaim.

Who, with the morn's enliv'ning ray,
Dispell'st the shades and call'st the day:
Approaching night o'erspreads the spheres,
Now gracious hear our sighs and tears.

Disdained with guilt and foul offence,
Let not a sudden summons hence,
Present us at Thy awful seat,
Victims of fleeting vain deceit.

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Cœleste pulset ostium;
Vitale tollat præmium;
Vitemus omne noxium;

Purgemus omne pessimum.

Præsta, Pater piissime;
Patrique compar Unice;
Cum spiritu Paraclito,
Regnans per omne sæculum.
Amen.

V. Dirigatur, Domine, oratio mea
R. Sicut incensum in conspectu tuo.

But rather while at mercy's door,
Contrite, our treasons we deplore,
Admit Thy suppliants; grant us peace,
That triumph of Thy saving grace.

Eternal Father, lend Thine ear;
Coequal Son, receive our prayer;
O Holy Ghost, we cry to Thee,
God! three in one eternally.
Amen.

V. Let my prayer, like incense
R. Ascend to Thee, O Lord.

Canticum B. Mariæ Virginis.

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called the Magnificat.

LUCAS I.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum: *
Et exultavit spi-

LUKE 1.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit

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ritus meus * in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ: * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies * timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: * dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede, * et exaltavit humilis.

Esurientes implevit bonis; * et divites dimisit inanes.

hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because He hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call Me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation: to them that fear Him.

He hath showed might in His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart;

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent away empty.

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Suscepit Israel puerum suum, * recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, * Abraham, et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, etc.

He hath received Israel His servant: being mindful of His mercy.

As He spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

After the proper Anthem and Collect, and the commemorations, if any, the celebrant adds:

Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Pater noster, etc.

Dominus det nobis suam pacem.

R. Et vitam æternam. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Our Father, etc.

Our Lord grant us his peace

R. And life everlasting. Amen.

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Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA.

O SALUTARIS Hostia!
Quæ cœli pandis ostium:

Bella premunt Hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria;

Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.

O SAVING Victim, slain to bless,
Who openest heaven's bright gates to all;

The attacks of many a foe oppress;
Give strength in strife, and help in fall.

To God, the Three in One, ascend
All thanks and praise forevermore;

He grant the life that shall not end,
Upon the heavenly country's shore.
Amen.

TANTUM ERGO.

TANTUM ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:

THEREFORE, we, before it bending,
This great Sacrament adore:

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Et antiquum documentum,
Novo cedat ritui:

Præstet fides supplementum,
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque,
Laus et jubilatio,

Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et beneticito:

Procedenti ab utroque,
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis. Alleluia.

Omne delectamentum in se habentem. Alleluia.

Types and shadows have their ending
In the new rite evermore:

Faith, our outward sense amending,
Maketh good defects before.

Honor, laud, and praise addressing
To the Father and the Son,

Might ascribe we, virtue, blessing,
And eternal benison.

Holy Ghost from both progressing,
Equal laud to thee be done. Amen.

Thou hast given them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

Replenished with all sweetness and delight. Alleluia.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliqu-

O God, who hast left us in this wonderful Sacrament a perpetual memorial

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isti, tribue, quæsumus: ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

of thy passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may continually find in our souls the fruit of thy redemption. Thou who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

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Prayers for Confession.

PRAYER BEFORE THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

O MERCIFUL Redeemer! Hope and refuge of sinners, look with compassion on my guilty soul. I am about to prepare myself for the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation. But without Thy assistance all my endeavors to obtain the requisite dispositions will be unavailing. I beseech Thee, pour forth Thy grace into my heart, and preserve me from the misfortune of performing this holy action negligently, or of being deluded by a false sorrow. Grant that I may be deeply pene-

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trated with all those feelings and sentiments I should have, in recurring to this institution of Thy infinite goodness. Grant, also, that my first desire in approaching the tribunal of Penance, and my first motive in desiring to be reconciled to Thee, may be to accomplish Thy divine will. Purify, I beseech Thee, in the furnace of Thy own love, my poor, miserable heart, from all self-seeking and self-love; grant that I may, in every part of my preparation for this holy Sacrament, be guided by Thy divine Spirit. I ask this favor in Thy own sweet name, that name through which Thou hast promised to grant whatsoever we ask of Thee.

O Virgin, Mother of my Jesus, thou hast a clearer knowledge than any other created being of the excess of His love and mercy toward poor sinners; and thou knowest much better the ingratitude and deplorable misfortune of the sinner

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who offends him. I beseech thee by that sword which pierced thy soul at the foot of the cross, and by the knowledge of His love and mercy, obtain for me such sentiments of contrition, that I may be perfectly restored to His favor and love, and never again do, say, or think of anything in the least offensive to Him.

My dear Guardian Angel, to whose care I am committed, obtain for me, through thy intercession with God, the favor of making this confession with the most perfect dispositions.

My holy patrons, and all ye blessed inhabitants of heaven, interest yourselves in my behalf, and obtain that my conversion may be entire.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

I. *The preceding Confession and Communion.*

Have you forgotten anything; neglected the due examination of

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your conscience; concealed any mortal sin, or colored it so as to make it appear less grievous? If you have had this misfortune, you must say what space of time has since elapsed, and whether you confessed or communicated during that interval. Have you neglected to submit to your confessor well-founded doubts, legitimate disquietudes; received absolution without sincere sorrow and a firm purpose of amendment; neglected the due fulfilment of the sacramental penance, or deferred it without necessity?

II. *Commandments of God.*

Have you wilfully doubted of any article of faith; rashly exposed yourself to the danger of infidelity, by reading bad books or keeping bad company? Have you by word or deed denied your religion; gone to places of false worship, so as to join in the worship, or to give scandal; been ignorant of the articles of your

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creed, of the commandments, of any of those things which Christians in your station are bound to know; despaired of salvation, or of the forgiveness of your sins; rashly presumed upon finding mercy; gone on in your sins without any thoughts of amendment, or depending on a death-bed repentance? How long have you been in this way? Have you, after falling into mortal sin, neglected for a long time to return to God by repentance; neglected your morning and evening prayers; employed prayers or sacred names to superstitious uses; profaned the holy Scriptures by any whimsical or unauthorized interpretation, or construction; profaned or abused holy places or things consecrated to God; believed in fatality, magic, dreams, or superstition; consulted fortune-tellers, taken notice of omens, or made any other superstitious observations?

2. Have you trifled with the name

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of God, by using it irreverently; taken rash or false oaths; induced others to do so; cursed or sworn, or caused others to do so; violated your lawful promises or led others to do so; executed what you rashly swore to do?

3. Have you neglected to sanctify the Lord's day, either by omitting to attend Mass without sufficient cause, or hearing it irreverently; spent the Sunday, or any part of it, in servile work, without necessity?

4. Have you shown any disrespect to your parents, answering them in a petulant manner; grieved them, or provoked them to anger; neglected them in sickness, poverty, or any other necessity; disowned them, or been ashamed of them before others; abused or cursed them; lifted your hand against them; stolen or squandered their substance; been impatient or peevish when they reminded you of your faults; disregarded their good ad-

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vice; neglected to execute their will after their death; delayed unnecessarily to do so? Have you shown contempt or disobedience to your lawful superiors, spiritual or temporal; contempt or disrespect to aged persons? Parents should remember that if children owe them love, respect, and obedience, they themselves are bound to discharge certain duties, on the performance of which depends, in a measure, the conduct of their children. Have you loved your children with a Christian love; corrected them for their faults in a Christian manner, that is, without irascibility, but with firmness and meekness, and at the favorable moment; been attentive to inspire them with sentiments of fear and love of God; to teach them their prayers and the Christian Doctrine? Have you neglected to see that they regularly approach the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist; to remove from them

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the occasions of sin, such as dangerous companions and bad books; to educate them according to your means? Have you flattered their passions, connived at their faults, or allowed them to indulge in their evil inclinations; scandalized them, endeavored to dissuade them from embracing the state of life to which they appeared to have been called by the Almighty; compelled them to embrace a particular state of life, or to marry a particular person?

5. Have you committed any act that was likely to lead to the death of a fellow creature; encouraged others to do so; desired any one's death through hatred, malice, or self-interest; provoked, challenged, or struck others, or been guilty of quarreling or fighting; desired your own death through passion or impatience; entertained a deliberate hatred for any fellow creature; refused to pardon those who did you injury; taken private revenge for

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real or supposed injuries; suborned others to do it, or desired it in your heart?

6. 9. Have you wilfully entertained unchaste thoughts and desires; said or listened to filthy things; sung or listened to bad songs; looked at unchaste objects; read or lent bad books; made or kept lascivious pictures; dressed indecently; committed any unchaste act; yielded to evil desires, or induced others thereto; kept up a guilty friendship; given away to familiarity, or taken part in improper amusements? In this matter you must express yourself with the greatest sincerity and modesty possible; declare the circumstances that may change the kind of sin; and be not afraid to ask and give all the necessary explanations, just as a sick person desirous of being cured, discloses all, without reserve, to the physician.

7. 10. Have you possessed, or de-

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sired to possess, unjustly, the property of your neighbor; bought or received goods from suspicious persons; through malice, envy, or revenge, done injury to your neighbor's property; declined, when in your power, to pay your just debts; refused when in your power, or delayed to make restitution for the injury done your neighbor?

8. Have you privately or publicly sworn, said, or insinuated that which is false or doubtful against your neighbor; spoken ill of him; called him by abusive names; declined to defend his character when it was your duty to do so? Have you flattered people in their crimes and excesses; accused them of faults of which you knew or had reason to think that they were innocent; listened to the private conversation of others; setting your neighbors at variance by relating the private business of one to another.

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III. *The Precepts of the Church.*

Have you broken days of abstinence, or eaten more than one meal on fasting days, or been accessory to others doing so? Have you obeyed the precept of annual confession and Pascal Communion?

IV. *The Seven Deadly Sins.*

PRIDE. Have you vainly esteemed yourself on account of your fine appearance, your riches, your talents, or your birth? Have you blushed at the condition of your parents; spoken vainly of yourself, and taken pride, even in your faults; taken delight in the esteem and applause of others; been ruled by human respect in your exercises of piety?—COVETOUSNESS. Have you given alms according to your means; had too much attachment to the goods of this world; deferred to pay your debts?—LUST. See the Sixth Commandment.—ENVY. Have you been chagrined at the success or good

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fortune of another; sought to lessen him in the estimation of others; rejoiced to see him disappointed or mortified?—GLUTTONY. Have you indulged an inordinate gratification of your appetite; been guilty of eating or drinking to excess, or caused others to do so?—ANGER. See the Fifth Commandment.—SLOTH. Have you remained in bed through laziness, after the appointed hour of rising; squandered your time in idleness or useless occupation; feigned to be sick, thereby to be dispensed from work?

Observe that in each of those sins you may have been guilty, not only of your own sin, but of the sins of others, by counselling, commanding, consenting to or praising the sins of others; assisting or otherwise sharing in them; not hindering them when you could, and by concealing them when it was your duty to make them known. You may have been guilty of the sins of

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others, also, by giving them bad example.

PRAYER AFTER THE EXAMINATION.

O GOODNESS inconceivable! against Thee alone have I sinned, and in Thy sight have I committed iniquity. My God, is this the result of all the protestations of fidelity I have so often made Thee? Alas! my heart is wrung with anguish in considering the number of times I have despised and outraged Thee. O bountiful God, open to me the treasures of Thy graces, that I may thence draw a profound sorrow for having so often offended Thee. Touch my heart, that it may be overwhelmed with regret. O my adorable Redeemer, lend an attractive ear to the supplications I make Thee. Grant me tears to weep over the sins which I have committed in Thy presence; let Thy sacred blood flow on my guilty soul; let Thy sacred wounds

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plead to Thy heavenly Father in my behalf. Receive me into Thy extended arms; shelter me, merciful Jesus, in Thy sacred heart, and with Thy precious blood seal me Thy own forever.

SELF-ACCUSATION OF SINNER.

O LORD, my God, Thou unfathomable abyss of compassion, my sins are greater in number than the sands upon the seashore, and I am not worthy to lift mine eyes toward Thee. My soul is a loathsome sink of iniquities. My iniquities have gone over my head, and as a heavy burden, have become heavy upon me. Within me reigns unchecked pride, vain glory, and all kinds of evil. What shall I do, wretch that I am, or where hide myself from the face of the anger of God? Alas! O my Lord God, how many are my wounds! how utter the weakness of my soul! To whom shall I pour out my com-

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plaint by reason of all my evil and my sin but unto Thee, O Lord, Thou Saviour and Redeemer of my soul? O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, for with Thee nothing is impossible, save to refuse mercy to the wretched.

O sweet Jesus, restore to me Thy grace once more, and receive me into Thy friendship. Look upon me, not according to my merits, but according to Thy goodness. I grieve exceedingly for all the sins whereby I have offended Thee, my kind and loving God. O my God, I detest all my sins even as Thou dost detest them; would that I could grieve for them as Thou dost desire. And to supply what is lacking in my grief, I offer Thee all that aversion to sin, which Thy Son felt and endured in the Garden of Olives, when, by reason of His excessive sorrow and anguish of soul, His sweat fell in drops of blood to the ground; beseeching Thee that

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Thou wouldst accept that contrition in supply to what is lacking in mine, and to absolve me from my sins. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE FOR PARDON.

O MOST compassionate Jesus, full of pity and mercy, who despisest not the sighing of the wretched, my whole life is gone without fruit. To Thee, therefore, I betake myself, imploring Thy clemency. Do Thou speak to me, do Thou satisfy for me. Wash away all the defilement of my sinful eyes with the pure tears of Thy holy sight. By the sweet compassion of Thy blessed ears, take away the iniquity of my sinful hearing. By the pure intention of Thy holy thoughts, and by the ardent love of Thy pierced heart, wash away the guilt of my evil thoughts and of my wicked heart. By the power of Thy sweet words blot out the offences of

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my polluted mouth. By the perfection of Thy actions and the crucifixion of Thy hands, and by the painful weariness of Thy blessed feet, and their cruel piercing with nails, wash away all the evils committed by my sinful hands and feet. By the majestic innocence of Thy life, and by Thy unblemished holiness, wash away the iniquity of my corrupt life. Finally, do Thou wash away all the sins of my heart and my soul in the abundant streams of Thy most precious blood, that by Thy holy merits I may be thoroughly cleansed and henceforth keep all Thy commandments. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION.

TURN not, O Lord, a deaf ear to my supplications; be appeased by the lamentations of a heart sincerely repentant for its sins. O that my sorrow could equal their enormity. O agonizing Lord, infuse into my heart one drop of that

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bitterness with which Thy soul was overflowed in the garden of Gethsemane, that I may thereby be rendered truly contrite. Pardon me, O merciful God, for all the sins that I have committed, or to which I have been accessory; pardon me for the good which I have neglected to do, or which I have done badly; pardon me for all the sins of which I acknowledge myself guilty and those I may have forgotten. I detest them, and I wish to repair, at the price of all that is dearest to me, the misfortune of having offended Thee.

ACT OF FIRM PURPOSE.

I HAVE sinned, O Father, against heaven and before Thee; I am no longer worthy to be called Thy son. I am firmly resolved to immolate all that I hold most precious rather than again offend Thee. Because Thou art infinitely good, and because Thy mercy knows no

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bounds, shall it be said that I abuse Thy favors to offend Thee? No, Lord, it shall not be so; never shall I be ungrateful. In Thy presence, O divine Jesus, and before Thy holy altar, I take a firm resolution to flee from sin, to avoid the occasions, and to strive efficiently to destroy that (here name the habitual sin which you strive to overcome) to which I am addicted and which is so displeasing to Thee. Yes, Lord; rather die a cruel death than violate the resolution I have taken of serving Thee with inviolable fidelity. I well know that my passions will again wage war against me, but with the assistance of Thy holy grace, I will fulfil the engagement that I have made. *Amen.*

THE ACCUSATION.

It would be of no utility to examine your conscience, excite yourself to contrition, and take good resolutions, if in your accusation, you knowingly conceal a mortal sin. By receiving absolution in so un-

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worthy, so criminal a state, instead of obtaining pardon, you would but add to your former guilt the horrid crime of sacrilege. "Do you not see," says St. Francis de Sales, "that as long as you keep your sins concealed in your soul, they are like so many thorns which unceasingly inflict cruel wounds, but when they are brought to light by an humble and sincere accusation, they become harmless?"

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION.

O SWEETEST Jesus, who, in Thy loving desire for our salvation, has instituted the sacrament of Penance for the consolation of all sinners, that by its virtue we may be cleansed from all our iniquities and recover the grace we had lost; behold, I, a wretched sinner, who have offended Thee again by many sins and defiled my soul with many stains, come back once more to Thee, resolving to receive this most munificent sacrament with most steadfast hope and confidence, that Thou wilt grant me

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remission of all my sins; and to accuse myself with most profound humility and contrition before the priest, thy representative, of all and each of my sins, in so far as I can recall them to my mind; nor will I knowingly hide any mortal sin, however vile and shameful it be. And I desire to include in this confession all those sins which I cannot now recall to my memory, and all my venial sins. And I confess them all to Thee, as to my great High-Priest, I beseech Thee, therefore, O most merciful Father, to look on me, a miserable sinner, with that eye of compassion wherewith Thou didst look upon Thy Son when He fell upon His face in the garden of Gethsemane, crushed to the earth by the sins of mankind, and graciously to hear me while I implore Thy pardon. And to supply what is lacking to my most imperfect contrition, I offer Thee all that overwhelming grief which

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Thine only begotten Son endured throughout His whole life on earth by reason of the sins of the world, and especially when in the garden the extremity of his anguish wrung from Him His sweat of blood; beseeching Thee that Thou cleanse my soul from all its defilements in the stream of that most holy blood, and adorn it with a purity whiter than snow. *Amen.*

ACT OF CONTRITION.

O SWEET Jesus, I grieve for my sins. Vouchsafe to supply whatever is lacking to my sorrow, and to offer for me to God all the grief which Thou hast endured because of the sins of the whole world. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AFTER CONFESSION.

O GOD of goodness and mercy, I have now been absolved by virtue of the power which Thou hast granted to the ministers of Thy

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Church. That sentence of mercy and forgiveness has restored me in Thy favor, if I have approached the sacred tribunal with the requisite dispositions. This is the effect of the precious blood Thou hast shed for me, O Jesus, my God and my Saviour. Yes, Thou hast loved me, and washed me from my sins in Thy own blood.

O MERCIFUL Redeemer of my soul, what praise, love, and thanks shall I return to Thee for having cleansed my defiled soul in the sacrament of Penance? Let my body, soul, and all that is within me bless Thee eternally. O almighty and most merciful God, whose mercy is boundless and everlasting, and the richness of Thy goodness infinite, I give Thee thanks with all my mind and my heart for the most amazing and exceeding goodness which Thou hast now shown me, in that Thou hast

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so graciously pardoned all my sins and restored me to Thy grace and favor. Blessed be Thy divine compassion, O my God, and blessed be the incomprehensible love of Thy beloved Son, which constrained Him to institute so gentle a remedy for our sins. Wherefore, in union with all the thanksgivings which have ever ascended to Thee from truly penitent hearts, I sing aloud Thy praises in behalf of all in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

RECEIVE, I beseech Thee, O my dear Lord, by the merits of Thy blessed Mother, and the merits of all Thy saints, this my confession; let it be pleasing to Thy sacred Majesty and profitable to my own soul; let Thy infinite sweetness of love and bitterness of sorrow supply all its defects; whether a want of fervent contrition, of perfect integrity, of humility, of charity, of

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simplicity, of a true sense of feeling of the heinousness of my sins, or of a firm resolution of amendment.

O most holy Father, I offer Thee this my confession and my satisfaction in union with all the acts of penance which have ever been done to the glory of Thy holy name; beseeching Thee that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept it, and to render it availing, through the merits of the passion of Thy beloved Son, and through the intercession of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the holy apostles, martyrs, confessors, and virgins. Whatever has been lacking to me in sincere and earnest preparation, in perfect contrition, in frank and clear confession, I commend to the most loving Heart of Thine only begotten Son, that treasury of all good and all grace, from whose overflowing abundance all debts to Thee are fully acquitted; that through it all my negligences and defects in the reception of this

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holy sacrament may be fully and perfectly supplied to Thine everlasting praise and glory, and that Thou mayest effectually absolve me in heaven, even as Thy minister has, with Thy authority, absolved me here on earth: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

In case absolution has been refused, say:

O DIVINE Jesus! I have laid open to Thee the interior of my soul; Thou hast examined my wounds, yet I leave Thee without being healed; Thou hast known my infidelities, yet Thou hast not pardoned me. Ah! when shall I obtain this inestimable favor? What shall I do, O my dear Jesus, to merit it? I will implore Thy grace to fight with more vigor my inveterate enemies, and to triumph over my corrupt inclinations; I

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shall say with Thy apostle: "Lord, save me, or I perish."

Thou art all-powerful and I am weakness itself. I cast myself at Thy feet to implore Thy clemency. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be moved at the sight of Thy prodigal son, who bitterly weeps for his sins. I am determined to belong entirely to Thee. Fortify my will so that, having accused and humiliated myself anew, I may merit to hear from Thy sacred mouth those words of grace and benediction: Thy sins are forgiven thee. *Amen.*

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The Seven Penitential Psalms.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take vengeance of our sins.

Psalm 6.

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thy anger, nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are sore.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly: but Thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For in death there is no one that is mindful of Thee: and who shall praise Thee in hell?

I have labored in my groanings; every night I wash my bed: I water my couch with my tears.

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My eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old amidst all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication: the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be put to shame, and be very much troubled: let them be turned back, and put to shame very speedily.

Psalm 31.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent, my bones grew old; whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: I am turned in my

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anguish, while the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sin to Thee, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said, I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord, and Thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to Thee in a seasonable time.

Yet in a flood of many waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me: my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give Thee understanding, and I will instruct Thee in this way in which Thou shalt go: I will fix my eyes upon Thee.

Be not as the horse and mule, that have not understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast

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their jaws, who come not near unto Thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be ye glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just; and glory, all ye right of heart.

Psalm 37.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in Thy indignation: nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

For Thy arrows are fastened in me: and Thy hand presseth heavily upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy wrath: there is no rest for my bones, because of my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over my head: and as a heavy burden are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am

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greatly bowed down: I walk sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions; and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly: I roared from the agitation of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before Thee, and my groaning is not hidden from Thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have advanced against me, and stood.

And they that were near me stood afar off: and they that seek after my life used violence.

And they that design evils for me speak vain things and study deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not:

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and as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

And I am become as a man that heareth not: and hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: Thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said: lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me: and whilst my feet slip they glory over me.

For I am ready for scourges: and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity: and I will be thoughtful of my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good oppose me, because I follow goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do not Thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation.

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Psalm 50.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin: for I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and I have done evil before Thee: that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold, Thou lovest truth: the secret and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou wilt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

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To my hearing Thou wilt give joy and gladness: and the bones that are humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy face: and take not Thy holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.

O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips: and my tongue shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it:

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with burnt-offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in Thy good will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt-offerings: than shall they lay calves upon Thy altar.

Psalm 101.

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: and let my cry come to Thee.

Turn not away Thy face from me; in the day when I am in trouble, incline Thy ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon Thee: hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke: and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread.

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Through the voice of my groaning: my bone hath elevated to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched: and am become as a sparrow all alone on the house-top.

All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of Thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up Thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But Thou, O Lord, endurest forever, and Thy remembrance to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion: for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

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For the stones thereof have pleased Thy servants, and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth, Thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion: and He shall be seen in His glory.

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble: and He hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because He hath looked forth from His high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That He might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that He might release those doomed to death.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion, and His praise in Jerusalem.

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When the people assembled together, and kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength: Declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord, Thou foundedst the earth: and the heavens are the works of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old like a garment.

And as a vesture Thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed: but Thou art always the self-same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall be directed forever.

Psalm 129.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

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Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him, plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 142.

Hear, O Lord, my prayer; give ear to my supplication in Thy truth; hear me in Thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for in Thy sight no man living shall be justified.

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For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me dwell in darkness as those that have been dead of old; and my spirit is in anguish within me: my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old; I meditated on all Thy works: I meditated upon the works of Thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to Thee: my soul is as earth without water unto Thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away Thy face from me, lest I be like them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear the mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I hoped.

Make known to me the way wherein I should walk: for I have lifted up my soul to Thee.

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Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord; to Thee have I fled: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land: for Thy name's sake, O Lord, Thou wilt quicken me in Thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: and in Thy mercy Thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And Thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul: for I am Thy servant.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take vengeance of our sins.

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Devotions for Holy Communion.

Before Communion.

ACT OF FAITH.

O GOD of heaven and earth! Saviour of mankind! comest Thou to me, and shall I have the happiness to receive Thee? Who could believe such a miracle of love, so wonderful a condescension, if Thou Thyself hadst not said it? Yes, O Lord, Thou whom I am to receive in this august sacrament; born for my sake in a stable, was pleased to die for me on the cross; and glorious in heaven, art still concealed under these mysterious veils. I firmly believe this profound mys-

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tery of Thy real presence; I believe it, because Thou who art truth itself hast said it. I believe it, and though it is wholly incomprehensible to reason, and impenetrable to human understanding, I submit my senses and my reason in the obedience of faith. Verily, Thou art a hidden God, the God of Israel, the Saviour.

ACT OF HUMILITY.

WHO am I, O God of glory and Majesty! who am I that Thou shouldst deign even to look on my unworthiness? Whence this supreme happiness, this unbounded goodness, that Thou shouldst condescend to visit me? I am but a wretched sinner, more contemptible than nothingness itself, and yet I dare approach so holy a God, and partake of the bread of angels! Ah, Lord, I do not deserve this mark of Thy predilection, this additional proof of Thy tenderness and love. King of heaven, author and pre-

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server of the world! I annihilate myself before Thee. With profound humility, I acknowledge Thy sovereign greatness and my extreme wretchedness. This consideration covers me with inexpressible awe and confusion, O my loving Lord; I confess with humble sincerity that I am but dust and ashes, and that I am wholly unworthy of the ineffable favor Thou deignest now to confer upon me. Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof.

ACT OF CONTRITION.

THOU comest to me, O bountiful and merciful Lord! Alas! my frequent prevarications should rather lead Thee to abandon me to my perversity. Sensible of the displeasure they have caused Thee, and moved by the infinite goodness, I solemnly renounce my evil ways, and firmly resolve never more to relapse into my former transgres-

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sions. O most amiable Father, since Thou lovest me to such a degree as to permit me to approach Thy holy banquet, enliven my courage and quicken my confidence, by granting me an entire forgiveness.

My soul, as I hope, has been cleansed in the sacrament of regeneration; but, O Lord, cleanse me still more, purify me from the slightest stain, robe me in the nuptial garment, create a new heart within me, and renew therein the spirit of innocence, that I may be somewhat worthy to approach unto Thee. Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sins. Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

ACT OF HOPE.

THOU comest to me, O loving Saviour! What may I not expect from Thy excessive goodness and unbounded liberality! I present

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myself before Thee with all the confidence Thy infinite power and amiable condescension inspire.

Thou knowest all my wants, and canst relieve them; Thou invitest me to come unto Thee, and desirest to assist me. I come at Thy gracious invitation; I present myself before Thee with all my imperfections and infirmities; and hope that Thou wilt strengthen my weakness, enlighten my blindness, and support me in my sufferings in this earthly pilgrimage. In fine, incline my heart to love Thy divine truths, and attract me to Thyself, that I may, in leaving this vale of tears, follow Thee to heaven, where Thou livest and reignest for all eternity.

ACT OF DESIRE.

IS it possible, O amiable Jesus, that Thou comest with a vehement desire of uniting a wretched sinner to Thyself! O come, beloved of my soul. Come, adorable

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body and precious blood of my Saviour, come and be the nourishment of my soul. As the hart panteth after the fountains of water, so my soul panteth after Thee, the fountain of life. For Thou alone art my consolation, my treasure, my happiness, my life, and my all. Come, dear Jesus, take up Thy abode in my heart, and dwell therein all the days of my life. My heart is ready; and, were it not, one of Thy divine looks would be sufficient to prepare, soften, and inflame it. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

After Communion.

ACT OF ADORATION.

O GOD of power and majesty! the grandeur of the heavens is as nothing in Thy sight; the earth Thou hast poised in Thy hand; the ocean is before Thee as a drop of water; all nature trembles in Thy presence! How then shall I extol

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Thee, immortal King of ages! What homage can I render Thee, except to be silent and honor Thee in the most profound annihilation of my soul? I acknowledge Thy supreme greatness, compared with which all power is weakness; all prosperity, wretchedness; and the most brilliant light, nothing but the thickest darkness. Eternal Power! infinite Perfection! adorable Holiness! My soul longs to annihilate itself before Thee. I adore Thee, O my God, and render Thee homage with all the faculties of my being; with all my heart by loving Thee; with all my soul by praising Thee; with all my mind by submitting it to faith.

It is my sweetest delight to know that I possess within me, as in a living tabernacle, the Holy of holies; and that in the holy Eucharist I honor Thee in a manner worthy of Thy immortal majesty.

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ACT OF LOVE.

O BELOVED Jesus, where shall I find words to express my gratitude and love? O inestimable pledge of God's love for man! O inexhaustible fountain of divine graces! O boundless mercy! O divine charity! Hail, O merciful Jesus! O may my soul be sensible of Thy adorable presence, and may I see how sovereignly sweet Thou art in the sacrament of Thy love. Yes, O God of goodness! I love Thee with my whole heart, my whole soul, and above all things. O divine Jesus, do Thou confirm these holy resolutions in my heart, and grant that I may always be able affectionately to exclaim with Thy holy apostle: Thou knowest, Lord, that I love Thee.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

IN what manner, O Lord, shall I testify to Thee my gratitude? Faith reveals to me that in Holy

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Communion I receive benefits which the heart of man cannot comprehend. I yearned for the happy moment that was to unite me to Thee, and behold, my desire is accomplished. I burned with impatience, and lo! all my wishes are fulfilled. My God is with me.

O my soul! glorify the Lord Thy God; acknowledge His goodness; eternally proclaim His mercy. But how can I praise Thee worthily, O Lord? Ye heavens and earth, assist me in offering thanksgiving to my God; ye flowers, lend me your perfumes; ye trees, bend down your tops; ye mountains, burn like holocausts. Oh, that I could convert the entire universe into one temple, and fill it with my voice, in order to celebrate the praises of my God and Saviour. Mary, my tender Mother, lend me Thy heart with which to love Him. Ye blessed angels, lend me your fervor; all ye saints, come to my aid.

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ACT OF OBLATION.

WHAT shall I offer Thee, O my God! acknowledging as I do, that I am weakness and misery itself? Yet here again Thy divine love is my only resource. I said in my poverty: What return shall I make? and Thy love permits me to reply: I will take the chalice of salvation. Permit me, O Lord, in Thy tender mercy, to offer Thee my whole self, miserable as it is. Ah! methinks I hear the reply: My child, the offering of thyself, united with that of thy Saviour, shall never be rejected by me. The gift of thy heart, blended by the divine love of Jesus with His own, shall ever be acceptable to a God who asks only love in return for love.

ACT OF PETITION.

O THAT I could pray to Thee, Lord, as I ought! Here especially I feel the need of Thy grace. Faith assures me that Thou

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grantest all things to prayer; and I possess Thee now, in the depth of my petitions. Give me grace to prove by my deeds, that my conversion is sincere, and that I desire to live for Thee alone. Deign to bestow on me those virtues of which I stand in need; a spirit of faith which will never forsake me; a confidence which nothing will be able to shake; a charity enkindled by Thine own; a profound humility; an entire detachment from creatures; constancy in Thy service; a most tender and special devotion to Thy Sacred Heart, and to the immaculate heart of Thy holy Mother. Grant me grace to approach Thy august sacraments with unfeigned piety; to come to the life-giving sacrament of Penance, with a lively faith, a firm confidence, and a sincere contrition, and to draw nigh to Thy holy table with a most profound humility, inflamed by love, and a heart hungering after that

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bread which is the delight of the soul. Shower, O Lord, Thy choicest blessings on our holy mother, the Church; on her visible head the Pope, and all her bishops and priests, particularly of this country; crush the efforts made by impiety to destroy their labors. Touch the hearts of those who persecute and calumniate them; and unite all men in the one blessed task of loving and serving Thee. I entreat Thee also to bless my parents, relations, and all those for whom I am bound to pray.

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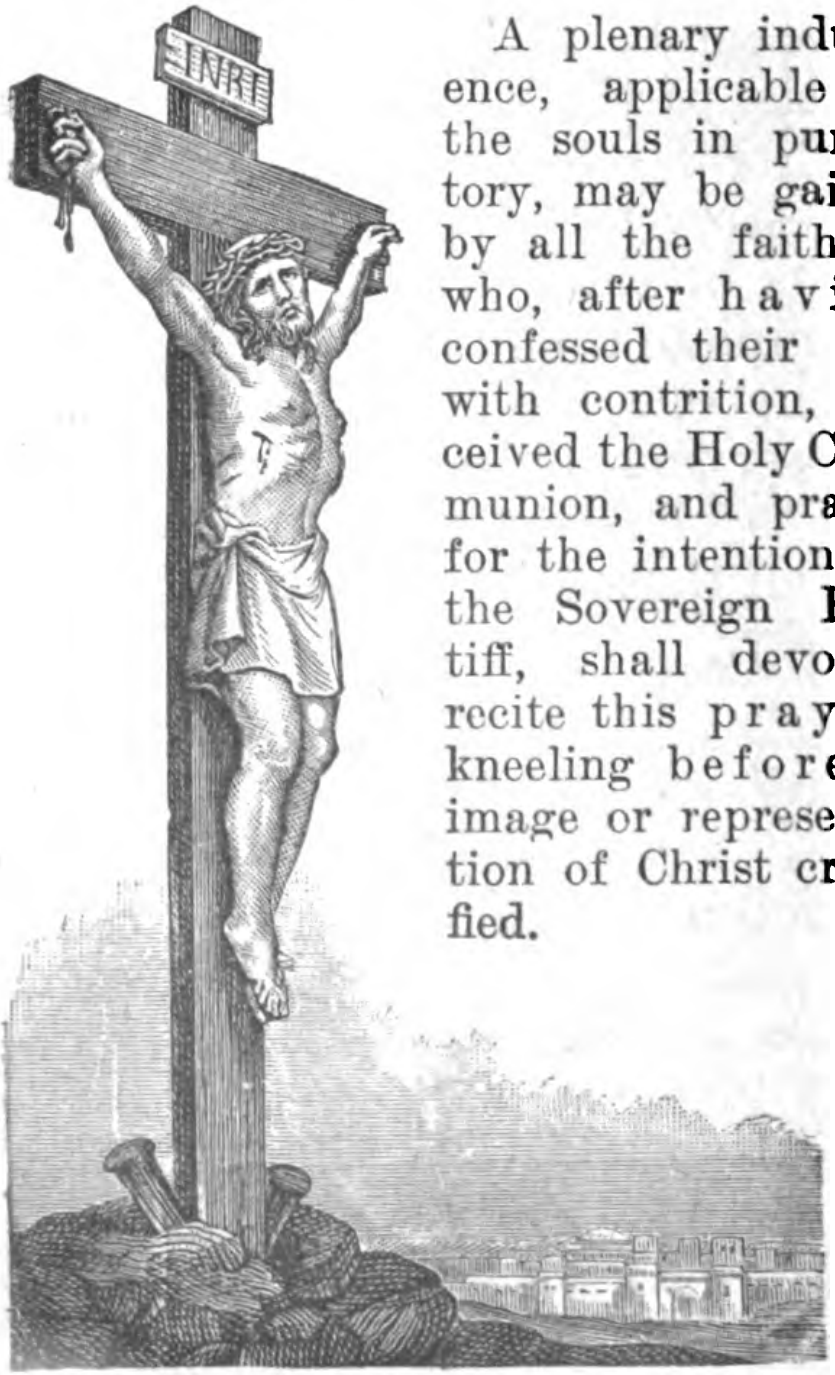
Plenary Indulgence.

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX.



A plenary indulgence, applicable to the souls in purgatory, may be gained by all the faithful, who, after having confessed their sins with contrition, received the Holy Communion, and prayed for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, shall devoutly recite this prayer, kneeling before an image or representation of Christ crucified.

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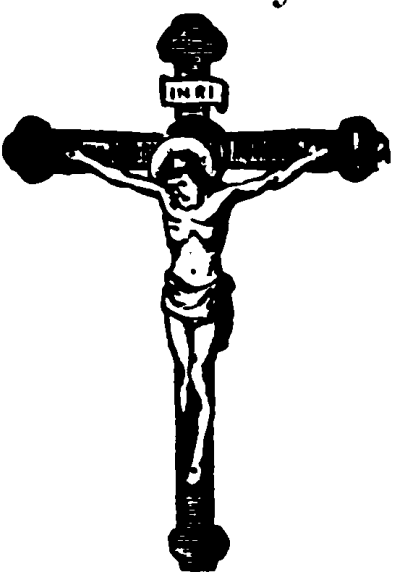
BEHOLD, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment, whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself, and mentally contemplate Thy five most precious wounds; having before my eyes that which David spake in prophecy: "They pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones."



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The Stations of the Way of the Cross.

A very frequent and most touching devotion of Christians in former times was to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Palestine, where our Blessed Redeemer lived and died, and there to visit every spot of ground made sacred by His presence, and especially the places which were known as the stations of His passion and death, and to honor them by prayer and penance. Afterwards when the Holy Land had fallen into the hands of the infidel Saracens, and Christians could no longer make this pilgrimage with safety, the present exercise of the Way to the Cross was invented as a substitute. Pictures representing the most moving and remarkable events of our Lord's passion, from the time He was sentenced to death by Pilate to His burial, are hung about the walls of the church, and by visiting these in succession and praying before each one, we are able in some manner to imitate the devotion of Catholics of other days, though by a pilgrimage far less long and dangerous.

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The Way of the Cross, in its present form, was instituted by the Franciscans, who, for over six hundred years, have had charge of the sacred places in the Holy Land. They gradually introduced this touching devotion into the different countries all over the world. No special form of prayers is prescribed for this holy exercise: the essential part of it is to visit each of the fourteen stations, and mediate on the sufferings of Christ. The text of the following prayers is commonly used in Franciscan churches.

PREPARATORY PRAYER.

O most merciful Jesus! With a contrite heart and penitent spirit I bow down in profound humility before Thy divine Majesty. I adore Thee as my supreme Lord and Master; I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee above all things. I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, my supreme and only God. I resolve to amend my life, and although I am unworthy to obtain mercy, yet the sight of Thy holy cross, on which Thou didst die, inspires me with hope and consola-

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tion, I will therefore meditate on Thy sufferings, and visit the stations of Thy passions in company with Thy sorrowful Mother and my Guardian Angel, with the intention of promoting Thy honor and saving my soul.

I desire to gain all the indulgences granted for this holy exercise for myself and for the souls in purgatory. O merciful Redeemer, who hast said, "*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself*," draw my heart and my love to Thee, that I may perform this devotion as perfectly as possible, and that I may live and die in union with Thee. *Amen.*

FIRST STATION.

Jesus is condemned to death.

Before the prayer at each station say:

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

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My Jesus, oft have I signed Thy death-warrant by my sins; save me by Thy death from that death eternal I deserve.

After the prayer at each station say:

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be, etc.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

In passing from one station to another, say:

Holy Mother, pierce me through,
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Saviour crucified.

SECOND STATION.

Jesus is made to bear His Cross.

My Jesus, who by Thine own will didst take on Thee the Cross I made for Thee by my sins; O make me feel their heavy weight, and weep for them ever while I live.

THIRD STATION.

Jesus falls the first time.

My Jesus, the heavy burden of

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my sins is on Thee, and bears Thee down beneath the Cross. I loathe them, I detest them, I call on Thee to pardon them; may Thy grace aid me never more to commit them.

FOURTH STATION.

Jesus meets His blessed Mother.

Jesus most suffering! Mary, Mother most sorrowful! if for the past by sin I have caused you pain and anguish, yet, by God's assisting grace, it shall be so no more: rather be ye my love henceforth till death.

FIFTH STATION.

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the Cross.

My Jesus, blest, thrice blest was he who aided Thee to bear the Cross. Blest shall I be, if I too aid Thee to bear the Cross, by patiently bowing my neck to the crosses Thou shalt send me during life. My Jesus, give me grace to do so.

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SIXTH STATION.

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

My tender Jesus, who didst deign to print Thy sacred face upon the cloth with which Veronica dried the sweat from off Thy brows; print in my soul deep, I pray Thee, the lasting memory of Thy bitter pains.

SEVENTH STATION.

Jesus falls a second time.

My Jesus, oft have I sinned, and oft by sin beat Thee to the ground beneath the Cross. Help me to use the efficacious means of grace, that I may never fall again.

EIGHTH STATION.

Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem.

My Jesus, who didst comfort the pious women of Jerusalem, who wept to see Thee bruised and torn; comfort my soul with Thy tender

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pity, for in Thy pity lies my trust. May my heart ever answer Thine.

NINTH STATION.

Jesus falls a third time.

My Jesus, by all the bitter woes Thou didst endure, when a third time the heavy cross bowed Thee to the earth, O never, never let me fall away; but rather let me die than ever mortally sin again. *Amen.*

TENTH STATION.

Jesus is stripped, and receives gall to drink.

My Jesus, stripped naked of Thy clothes, and drenched with gall, strip me of love for things of earth, and make me loathe all that savors of the world and sin.

ELEVENTH STATION.

Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

My Jesus, by Thine agony when

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the cruel nails pierced Thy tender hands and feet, and fixed them to the cross, O make me crucify my flesh with Christian penance.

TWELFTH STATION.

Jesus dies on the Cross.

My Jesus, three hours didst Thou hang in agony, and then die for me; then let me die before I sin, and if I live, live for Thy love and faithful service.

THIRTEENTH STATION.

The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

Mary, Mother most sorrowful, the sword of grief went through thy soul when thou didst see Jesus lying lifeless in thy bosom; ask for me hatred of sin, because sin slew thy Son, and wounded thine own heart, and then grace to live a Christian life, and save my soul.

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FOURTEENTH STATION.

Jesus is laid in the tomb.

My Jesus, beside Thy Body in the tomb I too would lie dead; and if I live, let me live but to Thee, so that one day I may taste heaven's bliss with Thee, fruit of Thy Passion and Thy bitter death. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O God, who by the Precious Blood of Thy only begotten Son didst sanctify the standard of the Cross; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who rejoice in the glory of the same Holy Cross, may feel everywhere the gladness of Thy sovereign protection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Conclude by saying five times *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory be, etc.*, to gain the Indulgences.

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Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE.

I ADORE Thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, inexhaustible fountain of mercy and grace, greatest miracle of divine omnipotence, goodness, and wisdom, throne of holy love, and the only sacrifice which can satisfy divine justice! Filled with reverence, I prostrate myself before Thee, and acknowl-

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edge Thy sublime majesty, which deserves the adoration of heavenly spirits, with whom I unite in praising and glorifying Thee. O Sacred Heart of my Redeemer, essentially united with the eternal Word, possessing all His eternal and unspeakable perfection, the love and joy of the Blessed Trinity; to Thee I address my supplications; to Thee I offer myself. To Thy honor and glory I consecrate all that I am and have, now and forever. Inspire me with words, O sweetest Heart, to praise Thee worthily; give me a heart which will love Thee as it should; mercifully accept me as a victim which may burn with Thy love, now and forever. *Amen.*

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

approved by decree of June 28th, 1898, of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.

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Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity one God, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, the Son of the eternal Father, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother,
Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the word of God,
Heart of Jesus, of infinite Majesty,
Heart of Jesus, God's holy Temple,
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,
Heart of Jesus, House of God and Door of heaven,
have mercy on us.

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Heart of Jesus, burning Furnace of divine love,
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,
Heart of Jesus, full of kindness and love,
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all hearts,
Heart of Jesus, in which all the treasures of wisdom and science are contained,
Heart of Jesus, wherein dwelleth the very fulness of the divinity,
Heart of Jesus, in which the Father was well pleased,
Heart of Jesus, of whose fulness we all have received,
Heart of Jesus, the desire of the everlasting hills,
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,

have mercy on us.

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Heart of Jesus, bountiful towards all who implore Thee,
Heart of Jesus, Fountain of life and holiness,
Heart of Jesus, the propitiation for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, saturated with revilings,
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our evildoings,
Heart of Jesus, which became obedient unto death,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a spear,
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,
Heart of Jesus, our peace and our atonement,
Heart of Jesus, the victim for sins,
Heart of Jesus, the Salvation of those who hope in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, the hope of those who die in Thee,

have mercy on us.

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Heart of Jesus, the delight of all the Saints, *have mercy on us.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
V. Jesus meek and humble of heart,
R. Make my heart like unto Thine.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and eternal God, look down upon the heart of Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfactions which He offers to Thee in the place of all sinners, and do Thou, appeased by these appeals to Thy mercy, grant us pardon, in the name of the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.*

(BY BLESSED MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE.)

I N. N. give and consecrate myself to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ; I give to Him my person and my life, my actions, pains and sufferings, so that my entire being may be devoted to honor, love and glorify Him. My determination, taken forever, is to be and do all for love of Him, and to give up with all my heart everything that could displease Him.

I choose Thee therefore, O Sacred Heart, for the only object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy against my malice and weakness, the repairer of the sins of my life,

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* Leo XIII by rescript of June 1, 1897, grants 300 days of Indulgence to those reciting this act.

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and my safe refuge at the hour of death. Be then, O Heart of Goodness, my justification before God the Father, and ward off from me the darts of His just wrath. O Heart of Love, in Thee I place my entire trust, I fear everything from my own malice and weakness, but I hope all from Thy goodness. Destroy, therefore, in me whatever may displease or resist Thee. Let Thy pure love penetrate so deep into my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I implore Thee by Thy goodness, let my name be written in Thee, for my wish is to find my happiness and glory in living and dying as Thy slave. *Amen.*

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Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Cultivate a tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus Himself gave her to us for our Mother, when He said on the cross to His beloved disciple St. John, "Behold thy Mother!" She is the most tender, the most compassionate and most loving of all mothers. In particular, do not neglect the devotions of the holy Rosary and the Litany.

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THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

The Rosary is one of the most beautiful, most profitable and most popular of all devotions. It is a combination of mental prayer, or meditation, with vocal prayer. The meditation is made by the consideration of the most memorable and touching events, or mysteries, in the life, suffering, death and glory, of our most holy Redeemer and His blessed Mother. The vocal prayer consists of the recitation, on the beads, of the *Lord's Prayer*, the *Hail Mary* and the *Glory be to the Father*, etc. The mysteries to be meditated on are fifteen in number; they are divided into three parts, which are named the joyful, the sorrowful, and the glorious mysteries.

The mysteries on which we are to meditate while we say

THE ROSARY.

1. The Joyful Mysteries.

In the *first* joyful mystery we consider how the Archangel Gabriel announced to the most holy Mary that she was to conceive and bring forth our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Our Father once, *Hail Mary* ten times, and *Glory be to the Father* once. These same prayers are to be said in each mystery.

In the *second* joyful mystery we consider how, when Mary heard that Elisabeth was to become the mother of St. John the Baptist, she went to her house, and stayed with her three months.

In the *third* joyful mystery we consider how our Saviour was born in a stable, at Bethlehem, and laid in a manger between two brute beasts.

In the *fourth* joyful mystery we consider how the Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented our Lord in the temple.

In the *fifth* joyful mystery we consider how the Virgin Mary lost her Son, sought for Him three days, and at the end of the third day found Him in the temple, He being then twelve years old.

2. The Sorrowful Mysteries.

In the *first* sorrowful mystery we consider how our Lord Jesus Christ

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prayed in the garden of Olivet, and sweated blood.

In the *second* sorrowful mystery we consider how our Lord Jesus Christ was cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, and had countless blows laid on Him.

In the *third* sorrowful mystery we consider how our Lord Jesus Christ was crowned with sharp thorns.

In the *fourth* sorrowful mystery we consider how Jesus was condemned to die, and carried the heavy cross on His shoulders.

In the *fifth* sorrowful mystery we consider how, when Jesus came to Calvary, He was stripped of His garments and nailed to the cross, whereon He died before His sorrowing Mother's eyes.

3. The Glorious Mysteries.

In the *first* glorious mystery we consider how Jesus rose glorious the third day after His death, never more to die.

In the *second* glorious mystery we consider how Jesus, the fortieth day after His resurrection, ascended into heaven, in the presence of His Mother and of His disciples.

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In the *third* glorious mystery we consider how Jesus, sitting at the right hand of His Father, sent the Holy Ghost on the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin.

In the *fourth* glorious mystery we consider how the Blessed Virgin Mary passed from this life, and was carried into heaven by the angels.

In the *fifth* glorious mystery we consider how, in heaven, Mary was crowned by Her Son, and is now the Queen of Angels and Saints.

THE MEMORARE OF ST. BERNARD.

Remember, O most pious Virgin Mary! that never was it known that any one, who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother! To thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

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Litany of the Saints.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
Have mercy on us!
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us!
God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us!
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us!
Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy angels and archangels,
All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,
St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
} *Pray for us!*

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St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thaddeus,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnabas,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
SS. John and Paul,
SS. Cosmas and Damian,
SS. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,

Pray for us!

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St. Jerome,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
All ye holy doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Benedict,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy priests and levites,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalene,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecilia,
St. Catharina,
St. Anastasia,
All ye holy virgins and widows,
All ye holy men and women, saints of God,
Pray for us!

Make intercession for us.
Be merciful,
Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
From all evil, *O Lord, deliver us!*
From all sin, *O Lord, deliver us!*
From Thy wrath, *O Lord, deliver us!*

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From sudden and unprovided death,
From the snares of the devil,
From anger and hatred, and all ill-will.
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From the scourge of earthquake,
From pestilence, famine and war,
From everlasting death,
Through the mystery of Thy holy incarnation,
Through Thy coming,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting,
Through Thy cross and passion,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy holy resurrection,
Through Thy admirable ascension,
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,
In the day of judgment,

O Lord, deliver us!

We sinners,
Beseech Thee, hear us!
That Thou wouldst spare us,
We beseech Thee, hear us!
That Thou wouldst pardon us,
We beseech Thee, hear us!

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That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy Holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate and all orders of the Church in holy religion,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of the holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian rulers,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,
That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,
That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

We beseech Thee, hear us!

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That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth, *We beseech Thee, hear us!*
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *We beseech Thee, hear us!*
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us, *We beseech Thee, hear us!*
Son of God, *We beseech Thee, hear us!*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us!*
Christ, hear us!
Christ, graciously hear us!
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Our Father, etc.

Psalm 69.

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them that seek my life be confounded and put to shame.

Let them that desire evil to me be turned backward and blush for shame.

Let them be presently turned away

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blushing for shame, that say to me: Aha! Aha!

Let them that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; and let such as love Thy salvation say always: The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be, etc.

Save Thy servants.

Who hope in Thee, O my God.

Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

From the face of the enemy.

Let not the enemy prevail against us.

Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt us.

O Lord, deal not with us, according to our sins.

Neither requite us according to our iniquities.

Let us pray for our sovereign Pontiff N.

The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth; and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Let us pray for our benefactors.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, for Thy name's

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sake, to reward with eternal life all them that do us good. Amen.

Let us pray for the faithful departed.

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let them rest in peace. Amen.

For our absent brethren.

Save Thy servants, who hope in Thee, O my God.

Send them help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.

And defend them out of Sion.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O God, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, receive our humble petition; that we, and all Thy servants who are bound by the chain of sins, may, by the compassion of Thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy suppliants, and forgive the sins of them that confess to Thee: that in Thy bounty Thou mayest grant us both pardon and peace.

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Show forth upon us, O Lord, in Thy mercy, Thy unspeakable loving kindness; that Thou mayest both loose us from all our sins, and deliver us from the punishment which we deserve from them.

O God, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy people making supplication to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thine anger, which we deserve for our sins.

Almighty, everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant N., our sovereign Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy clemency, into the way of everlasting salvation; that by Thy grace he may both desire the things that are pleasing to Thee, and perform them with all his strength.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all right counsels and all just works do come, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts being devoted to the keeping of Thy commandments,

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and the fear of enemies being taken away, the times may, by Thy protection, be peaceful.

Inflame, O Lord, our veins and hearts with the fire of the Holy Ghost; that we may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Rédeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

Model, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy inspirations, and further them with Thy continual help; that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from Thee, and through Thee be likewise ended.

Almighty, everlasting God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all, who Thou foreknowest will be Thine by faith and works; we humbly beseech Thee, that they for whom we intend to pour forth

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our prayers, whether this present world still detain them, or the world to come hath already received them, may, by the graces of Thy loving kindness, and by the intercession of all the saints, obtain the remission of all their sins. Amen.

O Lord, hear my prayer. And let my cry come unto Thee.

May the divine assistance remain always with us. Amen.

And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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For the Souls in Purgatory.

Psalm 129.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark our iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that, by pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

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THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

IN HONOR OF THE SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

By the devout recital of this prayer, for the above space of time, we may mercifully hope to obtain our lawful request. It is particularly recommended as a proper devotion for every day in Lent, and all the Fridays throughout the year.

EVER glorious and blessed Mary, Queen of Virgins, Mother of Mercy, hope and comfort of dejected and desolate souls, through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart whilst thine only Son, Christ Jesus, our Lord, suffered death and ignominy on the cross; through that filial tenderness and pure love He had for thee, grieving in thy grief, whilst from His cross He recommended thee to the care and protection of His beloved disciple, St. John, take pity, I beseech thee, on my poverty and necessities; have compassion on my anxieties and cares; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities and miseries, of

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what kind soever. Thou art the Mother of Mercies, the sweet Consolatrix and only refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and afflicted. Cast, therefore, an eye of pity on a miserable, forlorn child of Eve, and hear my prayer; for since, in just punishment of my sins, I find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils, and oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable Mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than under the wings of thy maternal protection? Attend, therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion, to my humble and earnest request. I ask it, through the bowels of mercy of thy dear Son; through that love and condescension wherewith He embraced our nature, when, in compliance with the divine Will, thou gavest thy consent, and Whom, after the expiration of nine months, thou

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didst bring forth from the chaste enclosure of thy womb, to visit this world, and bless it with His presence. I ask it, through that anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on Mount Olivet, when He besought His eternal Father to remove from Him, if possible, the bitter chalice of His future passion. I ask it, through the threefold repetition of His prayers in the Garden, from whence afterwards, with dolorous steps and mournful tears, thou didst accompany Him to the doleful theatre of His death and sufferings. I ask it, through the welts and sores of His virginal flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith He was bound and scourged, when stripped of His seamless garment, for which His executioners afterwards cast lots. I ask it, through the scoffs and ignominies by which He was insulted; the false accusations

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and unjust sentence by which He was condemned to death, and which He bore with heavenly patience. I ask it, through His bitter tears and bloody sweat; His silence and resignation; His sadness and grief of heart. I ask it, through the blood which trickled from His royal and sacred head, when struck with the sceptre of a reed, and pierced with His crown of thorns. I ask it, through the excruciating torments He suffered, when His hands and feet were fastened with gross nails to the tree of the cross. I ask it, through His vehement thirst, and bitter potion of vinegar and gall. I ask it, through His dereliction on the cross, when He exclaimed, « My God! my God! why hast Thou forsaken me? » I ask it, through His mercy extended to the good thief, and through His recommending His precious soul and spirit into the hands of His eternal Father before He

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expired, saying, «All is consummated.» I ask it, through the blood mixed with water, which issued from His sacred side when pierced with a lance, and whence a flood of grace and mercy has flowed to us. I ask it, through His immaculate life, bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at which nature itself was thrown into convulsions, by the bursting of rocks, rending of the veil of the Temple, the earthquake, and darkness of the sun and moon. I ask it, through His descent into hell, where He comforted the Saints of the old law with His presence, and led captivity captive. I ask it, through His glorious victory over death, when He arose again to life on the third day, and through the joy which His appearance for forty days after gave thee, His blessed Mother, His Apostles, and the rest of His Disciples; when in thine and their presence He miraculously ascended

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into heaven. I ask it, through the grace of the Holy Ghost, infused into the hearts of His Disciples, when He descended upon them in the form of fiery tongues, and by which they were inspired with zeal in the conversion of the world, when they went to preach the gospel. I ask it, through the awful appearance of thy Son, at the last dreadful day, when He shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. I ask it, through the compassion He bore thee in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thine assumption into heaven, where thou art eternally absorbed in the sweet contemplation of His divine perfections. O glorious and ever blessed Virgin! comfort the heart of thy supplicant, by obtaining for me, —

(Here mention or reflect on your lawful request, under the reservation of its being agreeable to the will of God, Who sees whether it will contribute towards your spiritual good.

And as I am persuaded my Divine

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Saviour doth honor thee as His beloved Mother, to whom He refuses nothing, because thou askest nothing contrary to His honor, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy powerful intercession, according to the tenderness of thy maternal affection, and His filial loving heart, who mercifully granteth the requests and complieth with the desires of those that love and fear Him. Wherefore, O most blessed Virgin, beside the object of my present petition, and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son, our Lord and our God, a lively faith, firm hope, perfect charity, true contrition of heart, unfeigned tears of compunction, sincere confession, condign satisfaction, abstinence from sin, love of God and my neighbor, contempt of the world, patience to suffer affronts and ignominies, nay, even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for love of thy

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Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Obtain likewise for me, O sacred Mother of God, perseverance in good works, performance of good resolutions, mortification of self-will, a pious conversation through life, and, at my last moments, strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind, as may enable me to receive the last Sacrament of the Church worthily, and die in thy friendship and favor. Lastly, obtain through thy Son, I beseech thee, for the souls of my parents, brethren, relatives and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting, from the *only* Giver of every good and perfect gift, the Lord God Almighty: to Whom be all power, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A MOST DEVOUT ACT OF CONTRITION.

O MY God! the God of my heart! my soul! my life! and all that

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is within me! Whom I have so much offended, that neither the sands on the sea shore, the stars in the heavens, the flowers of the fields, nor the leaves of the trees, can equal the infinite number and unspeakable variety of my sins. I have sinned, I have offended Thee, and done evil before the face of heaven and earth! I have departed from Thy law; turned my back on Thy grace; adored what offended Thee; made an idol of my guilt, and run on without fear or shame in the ways of deceit, vanity, and perdition. Ah! my God, how much am I grieved for having offended Thee! I am more troubled at the greatness of the torments which I have deserved for my sins. I would have my sorrow for my sins to be as great as the sins themselves: I would have my regret for having displeased Thee proportioned to the injuries committed against Thee: I would have a grief equal to

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Thy mercy: I would willingly bewail the enormity of my sins with tears of blood: more for the offence and insult offered Thy divine Majesty than for the injury and perdition they bring upon myself. But where shall I find so deep a sense of sorrow, save only in the fountain of Thy grace? Where shall I find such a grief, save only in the contemplation of Thy immense goodness and infinite Majesty! Whence are those tears to flow, save only from the ocean of Thy mercy? Here I cast myself at Thy feet: consider not in what manner, at what time, or how late: consider only that I come. But ah! Lord, in how miserable a condition! how filthy, how abominable! Clad with the deformity of my sins, covered with the filthiness of my offences, and defiled with the abominations of a vicious life! But, in approaching Thee, O my God, I come with the confidence of finding in Thy mercy a

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secure haven; in Thy compassion, protection; in Thy clemency, a refuge; and in Thy goodness, a remedy. Wherefore, O Lord, under the dread of Thy justice, I seek no other remedy, save that of Thy mercy, nor fly to any other shelter, but that of Thy clemency. In Thee I place my trust, O my God; for though by sin I have lost the nature and privilege of a son, yet Thou, O Lord, infinitely good, dost not lose the nature and condition Thou hast of a Father. Let then, O Lord, Thy infinite grace complete that work in me which Thy infinite mercy has begun. Let Thy clemency come to the succor of Thy miserable creature: take pity and compassion on my poor soul. I am firmly resolved, with the aid of Thy grace, to amend my life, confess my sins, and persevere in Thy service; to pardon injuries, avoid the occasions of evil, and abhor my vices: to make such restitution as I am able, and to observe,

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as in duty bound, all Thy commandments. I trust, O Lord, in Thy infinite goodness, that Thou wilt pardon all my sins, through the death and passion of my Lord Jesus Christ; for though in His wounds there is justice to punish me, yet in the same wounds there is likewise mercy to forgive me. Mercy! mercy! mercy! Jesus, have mercy upon me.

DEVOUT PRAYERS.

A PRAYER PROPER TO BE DAILY REPEATED IN TIME OF SICKNESS.

O LORD Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness, with which Thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from Thy fatherly hand. It is Thy will it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May this sickness be to the honor of Thy holy name, and for the good of my soul.

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For this end, I here offer myself with an entire submission to all Thine appointments, to suffer whatever Thou pleasest, and in what manner Thou pleasest; for I am Thy creature, O Lord, who have most ungratefully offended Thee; and since my sins have a long time cried aloud to heaven for justice, why should I now complain if I feel Thy hand upon me?

But rebuke me not, O Lord, in Thy fury, nor chastise me in Thy wrath; but have regard to my weakness. Thou knowest how frail I am; that I am nothing but dust and ashes. Deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, neither punish me according to my iniquities; but, according to the multitude of Thy most tender mercies, have compassion on me. Oh, let Thy justice be tempered with mercy, and let Thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this my illness. Confirm my soul

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with strength from above, that I may bear with a true Christian patience all the uneasiness, pains, disquiets and difficulties of my sickness, and that I may cheerfully accept them as the just punishment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be Thou my defence against all the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may in no way offend Thee; and if this is to be my last, I beseech Thee so to direct me by Thy grace, that I may not neglect nor be deprived of those helps which, in Thy mercy, Thou hast ordained for the good of my soul, to prepare it for its passage into eternity; that, being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in Thee, put my whole trust in Thee, love Thee above all things, and, through the merits of Thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise Thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all whom Thou foreknowest shall be Thine by faith and good works; we humbly beseech Thee, that they for whom we have determined to offer up our prayers, whether this present world still detain them in the flesh, or the world to come hath already received them out of their bodies, may, by the clemency of Thy goodness (all Thy saints interceding for them), obtain pardon and full remission of their sins; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that,

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by pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Grant this, O God, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O eternal God, Who, besides the general precept of charity, hast commanded a particular respect to parents, kindred, and benefactors; grant, we beseech Thee, that, as they were the instruments by which Thy Providence bestowed on us our birth, education, and innumerable other blessings, so our prayers may be the means to obtain for them a speedy release from their excessive sufferings, and free admittance to Thine infinite joys. Through Jesus, etc.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

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