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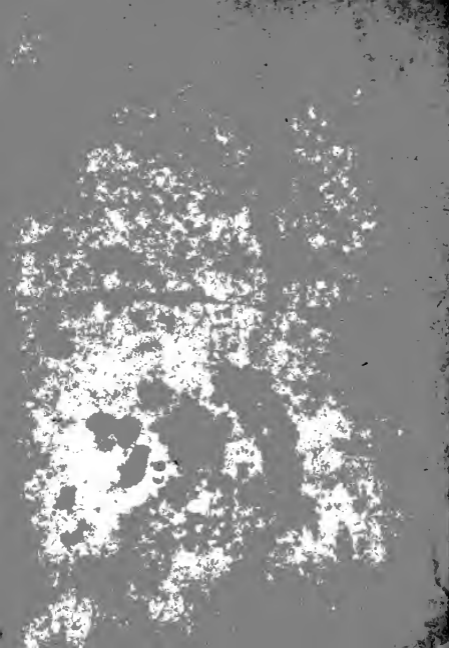


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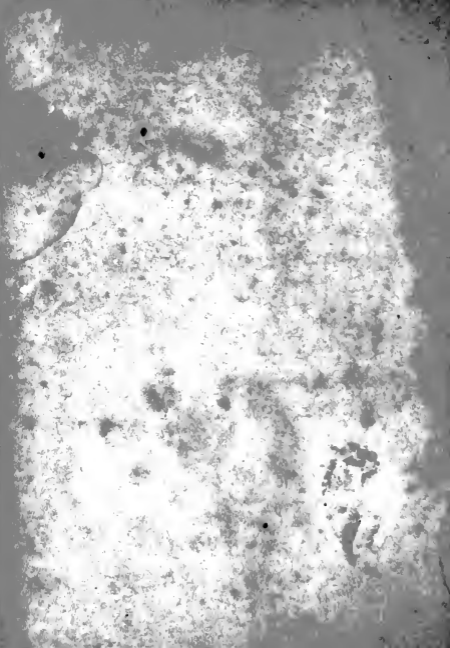




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THE ANGEL OF PRAYER.

WITH A SELECTION OF DEVOTIONS FOR
CHRISTIANS.

*“And the smoke of the incense of the prayers
of the saints ascended up before God, from
the hand of the Angel.”—APOC. C. viii:
v. 4.*

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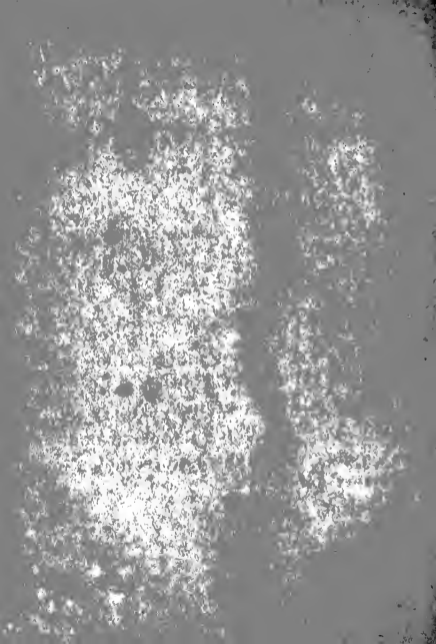
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The difficulty of obtaining books of devotion, under the circumstances resulting from the war, and the necessity of meeting the frequent demands that are made by our Catholic soldiers and citizens for a cheap and portable prayer-book, is our excuse for presenting to the public the present little compilation. It may not contain all that some may desire to find in it, but, as an aid for the most essential practices of Christian life, we are confident that it will be kindly welcomed, and especially by those who are not already supplied with some other manual of piety.

Richmond, Nov. 1861.

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A TABLE OF MOVEABLE FEASTS.

Year of our Lord	D. Letter.	Ash- Wednesday.	Easter- Sunday.	Whit- Sunday.	Corpus Christi.	1st Sunday in Advent.
1861	F	13 Feb.	31 Mar.	19 May	30 May	1 Dec.
1862	E	5 Mar.	20 Apr.	8 June.	19 June	30 Nov
1863	D	18 Feb.	5 Apr.	24 May	4 June.	29 Nov
1864	CB	10 Feb.	27 Mar.	15 May	26 May	27 Nov
1865	A	1 Mar.	16 Apr.	4 June.	15 June	3 Dec.
1866	G	14 Feb.	1 Apr.	20 May	31 May	2 Dec.
1867	F	6 Mar.	21 Apr.	9 June.	20 June	1 Dec.
1868	ED	26 Feb.	12 Apr.	31 May	11 June	29 Nov
1869	C	10 Feb.	28 Mar.	16 May	27 May	28 Nov
1870	B	2 Mar.	17 Apr.	5 June.	16 June	27 Nov
1871	A	22 Feb.	9 Apr.	28 May	8 June.	3 Dec.
1872	GF	13 Feb.	31 Mar.	19 May.	30 May	1 Dec.
1873	E	26 Feb.	13 Apr.	1 June.	12 June	30 Nov
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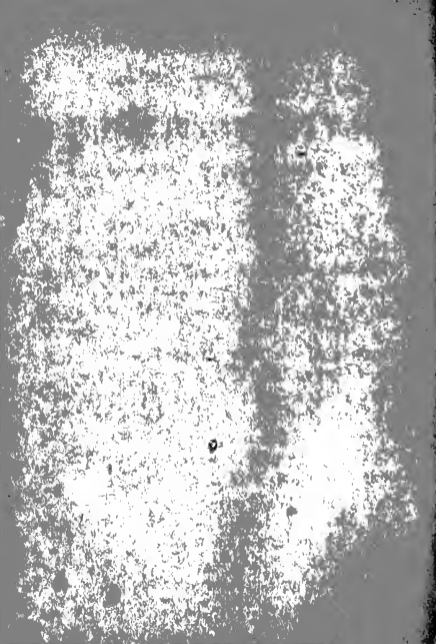
The manner of lay persons' baptizing an infant in danger of death.

Take common water, and pour it on the head or 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. Amen."

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

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SHORT PRAYERS DURING THE DAY.

Before Meals.

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

After Meals.

We give thee thanks, O Almighty God! for all thy benefits, who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Before Work, or Study.

To thee, O Lord! I offer the work, which, in compliance with thy holy will, I am about to begin; give it thy blessing, that it may contribute to thy glory, and my salvation.

Invocation of the Holy Ghost.

V. Come, O Holy Spirit! fill the hearts of thy Faithful.

R. And kindle in them the fire of thy divine love.

Let us pray.

O God! who, by the light of the Holy Ghost, didst instruct the hearts of the Faithful, give us by the same Holy Spirit, a love and relish of what is right and just, and a constant enjoyment of his comforts: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Feasts and Fasts

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Holy days on which there is a strict obligation to hear Mass, and refrain from servile works.

All Sundays in the year.

The Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, Jan: 1.

The Epiphany, Jan. 6.

The Annunciation, March 25.

Ascension of our Lord.

Corpus Christi.

Assumption of the B. V. Mary, August 15.

Feast of All Saints, November 1.

Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Dec. 25.

Fasting Days.

All days in Lent, except Sundays.

The Eve of Whitsuntide.

The Quarter-Tenses, or Ember days, that occur in the four seasons of the year.

The Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of All Saints.

Every Friday in Advent, and Christmas Eve.

Days of Abstinence from Flesh Meat.

Every Day in Lent except when the use of meat is allowed by the Archbishop or Bishop of the diocess.

All Fridays in the year.

If a fasting day fall on a Sunday, the fast is kept on the Saturday before. If Christmas Day fall upon a Friday, neither fast nor abstinence is observed.

N. B.—The Catholic Church commands all her children to be present at the great Eucharistic Sacrifice, which we call the Mass; and to rest from servile work on Sundays and Holydays.

Secondly, To abstain from flesh on all the days of fasting and abstinence.

Thirdly, To confess their sins at least once a year.

Fourthly, To receive the blessed sacrament at least once a year, during Easter time.

The time for satisfying the Easter precept in the States, as well North as South, is, in virtue of a late concession, from the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday, both inclusively.

Before prayer prepare thy soul, and be not as a man that tempteth God.

Eccles. xviii. 23.

In every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God.

Phil. iv. 6.

Pray to thy Father in secret, and thy Father who beholdeth what is secret, will repay thee.

Mat. vi. 6.

And all things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer believing, you shall receive.

Mat. xxi. 22.

Hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God.

For to Thee will I pray: O Lord, in the morning Thou shalt hear my voice.

Ps. v. 3, 4.

The Angelus Domini.

*To be said Morning, Noon, and Night, in
Memory of our Saviour's becoming Man
for our Salvation.*

1. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail, Mary, &c.—2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to thy word. Hail, Mary, &c.—3. And the Word was made flesh; and dwelt among us. Hail, Mary, &c.

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 Regina Cœli.**

O Queen of Heaven! rejoice, Alleluia;
For he whom thou didst deserve to bear,
Alleluia,

Is risen again, as he said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary!
Alleluia.

R. Because our Lord is truly risen. Alle-
luia.

Let us Pray.

O God! who by the Resurrection of thy
Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been
pleased to fill the world with gladness,
grant, we beseech thee, that by the inter-
cession of the Virgin Mary, his mother,
we may obtain the joys of eternal life:
through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

* To be said instead of the Angelus,
from Holy Saturday, at noon, till noon
before Trinity Sunday.



Morning Exercise.

[Awaking 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.*

[Rising, 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. Oh! 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.

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!

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 for ever.

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 canst neither deceive, nor be deceived.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O MY God! relying on thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of thy grace, and life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord, and Redeemer.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O MY God! I love thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, because thou art infinitely amiable, 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 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 penance. I thank thee, O most bountiful God! for having preserved me this night, and for 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 most heartily sorry for all my sins, and I detest them above all things from the bottom of my heart, because they displease thee, my God, who art most deserving of all my love for thy most amiable and adorable perfections; and I firmly propose, by thy

holy grace, never more to offend thee, and to do all that I can to atone for my sins.

A 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.*

OFFER YOURSELF WITHOUT RESERVE TO GOD.

O LORD ! I offer thee my whole being, and particularly all my thoughts, words, and actions of this day, together with all the crosses and contradictions, I may meet with, in the course of it. I consecrate them entirely to the glory of thy name, in union with those of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, that through his infinite merits, they may all find acceptance. Give them, O Lord ! a blessing. May thy divine love animate them ; and may they all tend to the greater honor of thy sovereign Majesty. *Amen.*

IMPLORE THE NECESSARY GRACES.

THOU knowest, O God ! my weakness ; that I am poor and destitute ; that I cannot do, that I cannot even think of any good without thee. Rise up, then, to help me ; strengthen me with thy grace, that I may fervently execute what I have firmly resolved, and not only avoid all the evil thou forbiddest, but also perform all the good thou commandest.

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, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

THE ANGELICAL 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 Pilate, was crucified, dead and

buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and 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.*

THE CONFITEOR.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and 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, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the 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, 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 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.*

Litany of the holy Name of Jesus.

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,

God, the Son, Redeemer of the
world,

God, the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus, son of the living God,

Jesus, splendor of the Father,

Jesus, brightness of eternal light,

Jesus, king of glory,

Jesus, sun of justice,

Jesus, son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, most amiable,

Jesus, most admirable,

Jesus, powerful God,

Jesus, father of the world to come,

Jesus, angel of the great council,

Jesus, most patient,

Jesus, most obedient,

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

Jesus, lover of chastity,

Jesus, God of peace,

Jesus, lover of mankind,

Jesus, author of life,

Jesus, model of virtues,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, zealous for souls,
 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 unto us. *Hear us, O Jesus!*
 Be merciful unto us. *Spare us, O Jesus!*

From all evil,
 From all sin,
 From thy wrath,
 From the snares of the devil,
 From the spirit of uncleanness,
 From eternal death,

*Lord Jesus
Deliver us.*

From the neglect of thy inspira-
 tions,
 Through the mystery of thy incar-
 nation,
 Through thy nativity,
 Through thy childhood,
 Through thy most sacred life,
 Through thy labors,
 Through thy agony and passion,
 Through thy death and burial,
 Through thy resurrection,
 Through thy ascension,
 Through thy joys,
 Through thy glory.

Lord Jesus ! deliver us.

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

Jesus, hear us. *Lord Jesus, graciously
 hear us.*

Let us Pray.

O LORD, Jesus Christ! who hast said,

Ask, and thou shalt receive ; seek, and thou shalt find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto thee ; mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the divine gift of thy charity, that we may ever love thee with our whole hearts, and never desist from thy praise ; who livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

Evening Exercise.

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

BLESSED be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Come, O Holy Ghost! replenish the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy divine love.

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LET US RETURN THANKS TO GOD FOR THE
FAVORS BESTOWED ON US.

How shall I be able to thank thee, O

Lord! for all thy favors? Thou hast thought of me from all eternity; thou hast brought me forth from nothing; thou hast given thy life to redeem me, and thou continuest still, daily, to load me with thy favors. Alas! my God! what return can I make thee, for all thy benefits, and in particular for the favors of this day! Join me, ye blessed spirits! and all ye elect! in praising the God of mercies, who is so bountiful to so unworthy a creature.

LET US BEG OF GOD TO MAKE KNOWN OUR
SINS TO US.

O HOLY Ghost, eternal source of light! remove my darkness, and dispel those shades, that hide from me the filth and enormity of my offences. Show me, I beseech thee, the sins I have this day committed, in thought, word, and action. Grant me a feeling sense of them, that I may detest them all from the bottom of my heart, and dread nothing so much, as ever to commit them hereafter.

Let us examine our consciences, and consider where we have been this day, and in what company. Let us call to mind the duties of our state, and our different offences.

Against God. By omissions, negligence in our religious duties, irreverence in the Church, wilful distractions in prayer, faults in our intentions, resistance to divine grace, oaths, murmurings, want of confidence and resignation.

Against our neighbor. By rash judgments, hatred, jealousy, contempt, desire of revenge, quarrelling, passion, imprecations, injuries, detraction, raillery, false reports, damaging either in goods or reputation, bad example, scandal; want of obedience, respect, charity, or fidelity.

Against ourselves. By vanity, human respect, lies; by thoughts, desires, discourse, or actions contrary to purity; by intemperance, rage, impatience; by a useless and sensual life, or sloth in complying with the duties of our state. Re-

cite the general confession, *I confess to Almighty God, &c.*, as in page 22.

A FIRM PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT.

O ETERNAL God! against whom I have sinned, I wish from my heart that I had never offended thee; but as I have been so unhappy, O grant me now grace, never more to offend thee. Thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live. Convert me then, and I shall be converted. Have mercy on me according to thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities. I renounce all sin, and firmly purpose to shun all the occasions of it, and to walk henceforth in the path of thy commandments. This is my fixed resolution, which I hope I shall faithfully keep, relying upon thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

ANTHEM.

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy

Mother of God! despise not our petitions
in our necessities, but deliver us from all
dangers, O ever glorious and blessed
Virgin!

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,

Mother undefiled,

Mother unviolated,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Pray for us.

Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Redeemer,
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,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning Star,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,

Pray for us.

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.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
 sins of the world, *Spure 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.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

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

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

Let us Pray.

DEFEND, we beseech thee, O Lord!
 through the intercession of the blessed

Mary, ever virgin, this family from all adversity; and, as in all humility, they prostrate themselves before thee, do thou mercifully protect them against all the snares of their enemies; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Pour down thy blessing, O Lord! on thy holy Church, on our holy Father the Pope; on this diocess, on our most reverend Archbishop, on our Bishop, and all pastors of souls; on this country, on our rulers, and all superiors, temporal and spiritual; on this congregation; on this family; on our parents, relations, benefactors, friends, and enemies. Help the poor, the sick, and those that are in their agony; convert all heretics, and enlighten the infidels.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c. p. 21.

Let us pray for the souls of all the Faithful departed, particularly for those of our friends and benefactors.

PSALM 129.

OUT of the depths I have cried unto

thee, O Lord! Lord hear my voice.

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

If thou, O Lord! wilt mark iniquities; 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!

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.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord!

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

V. O Lord! hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us Pray.

O GOD! the Creator and Redeemer of

all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins : that, through pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon, which they have always desired, who livest and reignest world without end.

Amen.

Let us recommend our rest to God, to the blessed Virgin, and the Saints.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord! this night, to keep us without sin.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord! have mercy on us.

Let us Pray.

VISIT, we beseech thee, O Lord! this habitation, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bless, O Lord! the repose I am going to take, in order to renew my strength, that I may be better able to serve thee.

O all ye saints and angels! but chiefly thou, O Mother of God! intercede for me this night, and during the rest of my life, but particularly at the hour of my death.

May the divine assistance remain always with us. *Amen.*

ANTHEMS

AT

SPRINKLING THE HOLY WATER

BEFORE HIGH MASS.

Before solemn Mass, from Trinity to Palm Sunday inclusively, the following Anthem is sung :

ASPERGES me, Do- mine, hyssopo, et mundabor; lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.	SPRINKLE me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
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<i>Ps.</i> Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericor- diam tuam.	<i>Ps.</i> Have mercy on me, O God, ac- cording to thy great mercy.
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V. Gloria, &c.

V. Glory, &c.

Ant. Asperges,
&c.

Ant. Sprinkle me,
&c.

The Priest being returned to the foot of the Altar, says :

V. Ostende nobis.	V. Show us,	O
Domine, misericordiam tuam.	Lord, thy mercy.	

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.	R. And grant us thy salvation.
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V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
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R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	R. And let my cry come unto thee.
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V. Dominus vobiscum.	V. The Lord be with you.
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R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.
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For the prayer *Exaudi*, see next page.

From Easter to Whitsunday inclusively, the following is sung :

VIDI aquam egredientem de templo à latere dextro, <i>Alleluia</i> ; et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent, <i>Alleluia</i> .	I SAW water flowing from the right side of the temple, <i>Alleluia</i> ; and all to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say, <i>Alleluia</i> .
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<p><i>Ps.</i> Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus; quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus. Gloria, &c.</p>	<p><i>Ps.</i> Praise the Lord, because he is good; because his mercy endureth for ever. Glory, &c.</p>
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The Prayer, Exaudi.

<p>Exaudi nos, Domine Sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus: et mittere digneris sanctum angelum tuum de cælis, qui custodiat, foveat, protegat, visitet, atque defendat omnes habitantes in hoc habitaculo, per Christum Dominum nostrum. <i>Amen.</i></p>	<p>HEAR us, O holy Lord, Almighty Father, eternal God, and vouchsafe to send thy angel from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all that are assembled in this place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <i>Amen.</i></p>
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Five Points or Resolutions,

*Which may be formed with much
spiritual profit, either before
or after hearing Mass.*

I.

I detest and abhor all and every one of the sins I have ever committed, or that have been committed by others from the beginning of the world to the present hour, or that may be hereafter committed to the end thereof; and I would, with the grace of God, do my utmost to prevent them, which I therefore humbly implore.

II.

I extol and approve of all the good works that have been done from the beginning of the world, or that may be done hereafter to the consummation thereof: and I would, with the help of God, multiply them, whose grace I most humbly implore.

III.

I purpose henceforth to direct all my thoughts, words and actions, to the greater glory of God, in union with all those good intentions which the saints have ever had—now have—or can possibly have hereafter.

IV.

I pardon and forgive, from the bottom of my heart, all my enemies—all who calumniate or detract me, all who would by any means injure me, or wish that evil would befall me.

V.

O! that it were possible I could save all mankind by dying for each individual: this I would freely do by the help of the grace of God, which I therefore earnestly invoke, for without his grace, I can do nothing.—*Ex. Missali Romano.*

Devotions for Mass.

A PRAYER BEFORE MASS.

O FATHER of mercies! and God of all consolation! who, not content, that thy only begotten Son should have once been offered a bleeding victim upon the cross for our salvation, wouldst have the same most acceptable oblation, daily repeated in an unbloody manner, to renew in our souls the fruit thereof; grant, we beseech thee, that we may assist at this adorable mystery of thy power, wisdom, and goodness, with such reverence, attention, and love, that we may plentifully partake of the fruits it is intended to produce in us, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

AT THE COMMENCEMENT 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 presume to 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 precious victim; and give me now the sentiments with which I should have been filled, on Mount Calvary, had I been witness to the bloody sacrifice offered thereon.

CONFITEOR.

[Think now, in the bitterness of your heart, on all your past sins, and recall to your mind in a general manner, such of them as are most humbling to you. Lay your weakness before God. Beg of him to pardon you, and to assist you in all your necessities, through the infinite merits of this great sacrifice.]

I CONFESS, O my God! not only in thy

presence, who seest the secrets of hearts. but in presence of all the blessed in heaven, and of all the faithful on earth, that I have often and grievously offended thee by my thoughts, words, actions and omissions. Yes, I have sinned, O my God! I have sinned! I acknowledge it to my shame, and with the most bitter regret. I have abused all thy gifts. I am unworthy to appear before thee. But thy mercies, O my God! are above all thy works; thou wilt not despise a contrite, and an humble heart.

O most holy Virgin! and ye angels, and saints of heaven! I humbly beseech you to intercede for me. Vouchsafe, O Lord! to listen to their prayers. Grant to the ardor of their supplication, what thou mayest justly refuse to the coldness of mine; and to their services, so pleasing in thy sight, that pardon, to which my offences can have no claim.

KYRIE ELEISON.

[Beg of the Lord to show you mercy, and rely with confidence on his infinite

goodness. By granting you so powerful a means of reconciliation as this is, he gives you a sure pledge that you will obtain it.]

THOUGH I were, at every instant of my life, to cry out, Lord, have mercy on me! this would still be unequal to the number and quality of my offences. But though, after long repeating this prayer, thou shouldst appear to disregard me, I would still redouble my importunity, and cry out with a louder and more animated voice, as the woman of Canaan, and the blind man of Jericho did; "Jesus, son of David! have mercy on me!" Be not then tired, O Lord! of my supplications. I know that thou lovest to be importuned. If, as yet, thy goodness hath not granted my pardon, my perseverance shall at length engage thee to grant it. Have pity, bountiful Creator! on the work of thy hands. O Father of mercies! grant pardon to thy children.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

[Conceive a great desire of promoting God's glory and your neighbor's good. Rejoice with the angels at the share you have in the holy mysteries, and form to yourself the highest idea of the majesty of God, and of Jesus Christ his Son.]

<p>GLORIA in excelsis Deo. Et in terrâ pax hominibus bonæ vol- untatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glo- rificamus te. ▸ Gra- tias agimus tibi prop- ter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis! Deus Pater omnipotens! Domine, Fili unige- nite, Jesu Christe! Domine Deus! Ag- nus Dei! Filius Pa- tris! Qui tollis pec-</p>	<p>GLORY be to God on high, and peace on earth 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! O heavenly King! O God, the Father Almighty! O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son! O Lord God, Lamb of God! Son of the Father! O</p>
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cata mundi! miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata 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 gloriâ Dei Patris. <i>Amen.</i>	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 prayer. O thou, who sittest at the right hand of the Father! have mercy on us. For thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone art most high, O Jesus Christ! Together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of the Father. <i>Amen.</i>
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THE COLLECT.

[This prayer is so called, because, in it, the priest lays before God the necessities of his people, their vows, and their desires, collected in a manner, together. Whence, turning to the congregation, he

says, *Oremus, Let us pray*, inviting them to unite with him in the petition he is about to make.]

ALMIGHTY, and eternal God! We humbly beseech thee to look down upon this congregation from thy heavenly sanctuary, and graciously hear these prayers of thy Church, addressed to thee for us all, by the ministry of this priest.

Grant us in thy infinite mercy, pardon for our sins, health of mind and body, peace in our days, unity and increase of Catholic Faith, fervor of charity, sincere devotion, patience in suffering, and every thing conducive to thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE.

[Return God thanks for having called you to the knowledge of his law. Submit to it with perfect docility, and beg of him to extend our holy religion over all the world.]

O ETERNAL God! who never ceasest to excite us to the worship, and love of thy

holy name, and 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 we may 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.

THE GOSPEL.

[Look on the Gospel, which you are now going to hear, as the rule of your faith and morals; a rule which Christ himself has drawn up, which, at your baptism, you have solemnly promised to follow, and by which you shall most certainly be judged.]

It is not thy interpreters, O God! who are now to instruct me; it is thy only Son; it is his word I am going to hear. I most gratefully embrace this heavenly doctrine. I rise up and declare, in the

face of heaven and earth, that I will walk faithfully in that way which he hath marked out for me. He tells me here, "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 all my heart, these sacred maxims; grant me the grace to put them in practice. For, to what purpose, O my Jesus! should I declare myself thy disciple, if I were not to live according to thy Gospel?

THE CREED.

[Renew here your faith. All these things which the Church proposes to your belief, are founded on God's own word, revealed in the scriptures, announced by the prophets, supported by miracles, confirmed by the martyrs, verified by the

establishment of our faith, and obvious by the sanctity of our religion.]

<p>CREDO in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem cœli et terræ visibilium omnium, et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum 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</p>	<p>I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty maker of heaven and earth, 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 to the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnated by the</p>
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incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Mariâ Virgine; ET HOMO FACTUS EST. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertiâ die, secundum scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloriâ judicare vivos et mortuos; cujus regni non erit finis. 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

Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary. AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified also for us, suffered under 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

Prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholi- cam, et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confi- teor unum Baptisma, in remissionem pec- catorum. Et expec- to resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vi- tam venturi sæculi. <i>Amen.</i>	and the Son, is ador- ed 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 look for the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. <i>Amen.</i>
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THE OFFERTORY.

[Consider what an advantage it is to have, in this great Sacrifice, wherewith to honor God perfectly, to thank him in a manner equal to his gifts, to blot out entirely your past sins, and to obtain, both for yourself and others, all the graces you stand in need of.]

O HOLY Father, Almighty and Eternal God! how unworthy soever I be to appear in thy presence, I dare to offer

thee this Host, by the hands of the priest, with that intention which Christ my Saviour had, when he first instituted this sacrifice, and which he has, at this very instant, that he immolates himself for us. I offer it in acknowledgment of thy supreme dominion over me, and all creatures. I offer it in expiation of my crimes, and in thanksgiving for all thy benefits. I offer it to obtain of thy infinite goodness, for my parents, benefactors, friends and enemies, all those precious graces, which only through him can be obtained, who is the JUST ONE by excellence, and who became a victim for the sins of men.

Accept then, O Lord! this ineffable sacrifice, as a sweet odor, and permit me to unite to this sacred oblation, the sacrifice of my soul and body, and whatever I am, or have. Change me, O Lord! and make me a new creature in Christ, as thou art going to change this bread and wine by thy power, to make them the body and blood of thy Son.

THE LAVABO.

O! WHAT cleanness and purity of heart should we not bring with us to this great sacrifice! But, alas! I am a poor, unclean sinner. Oh! wash me, dear Lord! from all the stains of sin in the blood of the Lamb, that I may be worthy to be present at these heavenly mysteries.

THE ORATE FRATRES.

RECEIVE, O Lord! from the hands of the priest, the sacrifice which is now prepared, for the praise and the glory of thy name, for our benefit, and that of all thy holy Church. Graciously hear the prayers, which she now offers to thee, by the mouth of her minister, and mercifully grant us all the graces, which thou knowest to be necessary for our salvation.

THE PREFACE.

[Raise your thoughts to heaven, to the very throne of the Divinity; and there,

with most holy and respectful awe, pay homage to his glorious Majesty, mixing your praises with those sacred hymns which the heavenly spirits are ever singing to him.]

P. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Sursum corda.

R. Habemus ad Dominum.

P. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

R. Dignum et justum est.

P. Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere; Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

R. It is meet and just so to do.

P. It is truly meet, and just, right, and available to salvation, that we always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord,

<p>Deus; qui cum unigenito Filio tuo et Spiritu Sancto unus es Deus, unus es Dominus; non in unius singularitate personæ, sed in unius Trinitate substantiæ. Quod enim de tuâ gloriâ, revelante te, credimus, hoc de Filio tuo, hoc de Spiritu Sancto, sine differentiâ discretionis sentimus. Ut in confessione veræ sempiternæque Deitatis, et in personis proprietas, et in essentiâ unitas, et in majestate adoretur æqualitas. Quam laudant Angeli atque Archangeli, Cherubim quoque ac Seraphim, qui</p>	<p>Father Almighty, eternal God, who, with thy only begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, art one God, and one Lord; not in one single person, but in three persons and one substance. For what we believe of thy glory, as thou hast revealed it, we believe the same of thy Son and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference: so that, in the confession of one true and eternal Deity, we adore a distinction of persons, an unity of essence and an equality of majesty; which the Angels and Archangels</p>
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non cessant clamare
quotidie, unâ voce
dicentes :

Sanctus ! Sanctus !
Sanctus ! Dominus
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni
sunt cœli et terra
gloriâ tuâ. Hosanna
in excelsis. Bene-
dictus qui venit in
nomine Domini.—
Hosanna in excel-
sis.

praise, the Cheru-
bim and Seraphim
also, who cease not
to cry out daily,
saying, with one
voice :

Holy ! Holy ! Ho-
ly ! Lord God of
Sabaoth ; the hea-
vens and the 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.

[Represent here to yourself the altar as
a throne of mercy, upon which Christ is
to sit, where you are entitled to present
yourself, to expose to him your wants, to
ask for blessings, and to obtain them.
Can he who giveth us his only Son, re-
fuse us any thing !]

O FATHER of mercy! graciously receive by the hands of the priest, this most holy sacrifice, in union with that which thy beloved Son offered up to thee, during his whole life, at his last supper, and on the cross. Look down on thy Christ, thy dearest and only begotten, in whom thou art always well pleased; and by the infinite merits of his Incarnation, of his Nativity, of his tears, labors, sufferings, and death, have mercy upon me, and upon all those for whom I ought to pray, (*here name the particular persons,*) my parents, brethren, friends, benefactors, relations, and those who have injured me, or whom I have injured. I also beseech thee to guard, prosper, and extend the holy Catholic Church, to pour down thy blessing upon our chief pastor the Pope, upon the bishops, and all the clergy; enlighten and guide them in the way of salvation. Bless and preserve our rulers and all our fellow citizens. Look upon us all, I beseech thee, 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 fear, 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.*

Why have I not, O God! at this moment, the ardent sighs with which the holy patriarchs wished for the Messiah? Why have I not their faith, and all their love? Come, Lord Jesus! come, sweet Redeemer of the world! to accomplish a mystery, which is an abridgment of all thy wonders!

Thou art, indeed, the true Pastor of souls, who didst lay down thy life for thy flock. Thou art the Lamb of God, that died upon the cross, to save us. I prostrate myself in spirit before thee, and desire to praise and bless thee for ever.

THE ELEVATION.

[Behold your God, your Saviour, and

your Judge; remain for a while in silent astonishment at what passes before you; call up all your fervor, and all those sentiments which fear, respect, and confidence can inspire.]

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

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE CHALICE.

HAIL, sacred Blood! flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the world! Oh! cleanse, sanctify, and preserve my soul, that

nothing may 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, that cries out to thee, not for vengeance, but for pardon and mercy. Accept this divine oblation, and through the infinite merits of all 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.

THE CANON CONTINUED.

[CONTEMPLATE, in the most affectionate manner, your Saviour here present. Reflect on the mysteries he here renews; unite the sacrifice of your heart to that of his body; offer him to God his Father, with the several intentions, with which the sacrifice should be offered, beseeching the Father of mercy, to accept the prayers, which his dear Son addresses to him in your behalf.]

It is now, O Eternal Majesty! that we

truly and really offer thee that pure, holy, and immaculate victim, which of thyself thou hast been pleased to grant us, and of which all other offerings were only the types. The sacrifices of Abel, of Abraham, and Melchisedech, were nothing compared to ours. This glorious victim, thy dear Son himself, the perfect object of thy eternal love, is alone worthy of thy altar, and an offering by so much the more precious than theirs. as God is greater than all creatures.

**OFFER THE MASS, AS A SACRIFICE OF
ADORATION.**

O SOVEREIGN Lord of all things! graciously accept my humble homage, in union with that which thou here receivest from Christ, thy beloved Son, in whom thou art well pleased. With him, I offer thee his own holy sacrifice, for the end he proposes, while he immolates himself upon this altar. He alone knows the boundless excellence of thy unspeakable majesty. He alone fully

comprehends the entire extent of thy dominion. He beholds thee as thou art; and how all creatures, visible and invisible, depend on thee. He clearly conceives, that thy right is absolute over all we are. and all we possess, or can hope for in this life and in eternity. It is to acknowledge this supreme dominion, and to make in his name a public profession of our total dependence upon thee, that he renews every day, and that we renew with him, this most holy sacrifice.

OFFER IT AS A SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING.

VOUCHSAFE also, dearest Lord! to receive this precious victim in thanksgiving for all thy benefits. Thou has created me to thy own likeness, and without thee, I must fall back into my original nothingness. For my sake, thy beloved Son gave himself up to the cruelty of the Jews, and to an ignominious death; nor doth a moment of my existence pass away, without new proofs

of thy bounty. I wish, O Lord! I could, even at the price of my blood, acknowledge, in some degree, these numberless favors; but the offering I here make thee, is far more acceptable; it is thy own Son, equal in all things to thee; the figure of thy substance, the splendor of thy glory.

AS A SACRIFICE OF EXPIATION.

REMEMBER, O merciful Father! that the sacrifice we are now offering to thee, is a representation of that, which was offered by our Saviour on the cross. May it be now again a propitiatory sacrifice. Pardon us our ingratitude. Our transgressions, it is true, are grievous and manifold; but then, O Lord! it is the blood of a God we offer in atonement.

AS A SACRIFICE OF IMPETRATION.

GOD! who art infinitely bountiful, be pleased now, to crown all thy favors by the gift of a lively faith, of a firm hope, of an ardent charity. Bless all my

labors; give me clearly to know thy holy will, and steadily to execute it; grant me to persevere in thy grace to the end of my life. Have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed, and particularly on those, whom I am bound to pray for. [*Name them.*] Deliver them, O Lord! from their sufferings, through the powerful merits of thy Son.

PATER NOSTER.

[Here we are with Jesus on a new Calvary. Let us remain at the foot of his cross, with the tender compassion of Magdalen, with the ardent love of St. John; or standing afar off with St. Peter, let us weep bitterly over our offences. With sentiments like these, let us recite the Lord's prayer with the priest.]

PATER NOSTER! qui es in cœlis; sancti- ficetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua sicut in cœlo et in terra. Panem	QUI ART LOWED THY THY THY ON HEAVEN.	OUR FATHER! who art in heaven; hal- lowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us,
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nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie. Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem. <i>R.</i> Sed libera nos a malo.	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. <i>Amen.</i>
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P. Amen.

DELIVER us, we beseech thee, O Lord! from all evils past, present, and to come. And by the intercession of the blessed and ever Virgin Mary, mother of God, and of the holy apostles Peter, Paul, and Andrew, and all the saints, mercifully grant peace in our days, that through the assistance of thy mercy, we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI.

[God, so glorious in heaven, so power-

erful on earth, so dreadful in hell, is here only a Lamb full of sweetness and bounty. He comes here to take away the sins of the world, and your sins in particular. What a motive of confidence! What a subject of consolation!]

O LAMB of God! sacrificed for my sake, have mercy on me. O adorable victim of my salvation! look down on me, and save me. Divine Mediator! obtain pardon of thy Father for me, a sinner, and mercifully grant me the sweets of thy peace. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION.

[To communicate spiritually, renew by an act of Faith, your firm belief of Christ's real presence. Make an act of contrition. Desire most earnestly to receive him with the priest. Beg him to accept these desires, and to unite himself to you in the effusion of his graces.]

WHAT a comfort to me, O my God! were I in the number of those, whose

sanctity allows them to receive thee daily! What an advantage, if I could at this instant possess thee in my heart, pay thee there my homage, lay open to thee my wants, and share in the favors, which thou grantest to those who receive thee really! But since I am unworthy, do thou, O Lord! supply my want of dispositions; pardon me my sins; I detest them from my heart, because they are displeasing to thee. Accept my ardent wish to be united to thee; cast thine eye upon me, and purify my soul, that I may soon be fit to receive thee worthily. But, until the arrival of this happy day, I earnestly entreat thee, O dearest Lord! that thou wouldst make me a sharer in all the advantages, which the communion of the priest shall produce in these thy people.

Increase my faith by the virtue of this sacrament, strengthen my hope, refine in my soul thy divine charity, fill my heart with love, that it beat but for thee, and live for thee alone. *Amen.*

THE LAST PRAYER.

[Strive earnestly to offer your Lord sacrifice for sacrifice, becoming the victim of his love. Immolate freely to him all sinful inclinations, and whatever is contrary to his holy will.]

THOU hast offered thyself, O Lord! for my salvation; I desire to be sacrificed for thy glory. I am thy victim; do with me as thou willest. Whatever I have, I consecrate entirely to thee. Those crosses, which thou shalt please to send me, I most freely accept. I bless them; I receive them from thy hand, and unite them with those thou hast endured for my sake. I am now about to leave thy temple, resolved, with thy help, to serve thee faithfully. I will struggle against my failings, but chiefly against that to which I am most inclined. Thy law shall henceforth direct me, and I shall forfeit all, and suffer every thing, rather than mortally transgress it.

THE BENEDICTION.

[Receive this blessing from the priest, as being given you in the name of the Lord. Thank him sincerely for the favors here granted you; lay up with care the fruits of this sacrifice, and let your conduct be such, that all who see you, may clearly perceive how much you have profited by so holy an action.]

MOST holy and adorable Trinity! by thee we have begun this sacrifice, by thee we desire to conclude it; we therefore shall not leave thee, until thou bless us. Give us. O Lord! thy blessing, by the hands of this priest; may it ever remain with us; may it influence our actions, and be the sure pledge of that last benediction, which thy elect shall receive, when called by thee into eternal glory.

THE LAST GOSPEL.

DIVINE Word, only Son of the Father, Light of the world! who camest from heaven to show us the way to it, I adore

thy Majesty with the most profound respect. I place my whole confidence in thee. I hope most firmly, that as thou art my God, a God made man to save mankind, thou wilt grant me those graces my sanctification requires, and also the enjoyment of thee in thy glory.

A PRAYER AFTER MASS.

I EARNESTLY thank thee, O my God! for having permitted me to assist at the celebration of this holy sacrifice, in preference to so many others, who have not been thus favored. I humbly entreat thee to pardon me the faults, which I have committed during it, either by my inattention or my neglect. Grant that I remember through the course of the day, what thou hast here done for me. Grant that no thought, word, or action of mine, deprive me of the graces, of which, through thy infinite mercy, I have been partaker.

The manner of serving and answering at Mass.

[The clerk, or minister, kneeling at the left hand of the priest, shall answer him, as follows:]

Priest. INTROIBO ad Altare Dei.

Clerk. Ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sanctâ: 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 citharâ, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es anima mea,

et quare conturbas me ?

C. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi ; salutare vultûs 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 cælum et terram.

P. Confiteor Deo, &c.

C. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducatur 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, Pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere (*here strike your breast thrice,*) meâ culpâ, meâ

culpâ meâ maximâ culpâ. 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.

P. Misereatur vestri, &c.

C. Amen.

P. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem, &c.

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.

C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

[After the *Introit*, the priest returns to the middle of the altar and says:]

P. Kyrie eleison.

C. Kyrie eleison.

P. Kyrie eleison.

C. Christe eleison.

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P. Kyrie eleison.

C. Kyrie eleison.

P. Kyrie eleison.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

[When the priest says, *Flectamus genua*. The C. *answers*, *Levate*.]

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

[At the end of the Epistle, say:]

C. Deo gratias.

[The *Epistle*, *Gradual* and *Alleluia* or *Tract*, being read, remove the Mass-book to the right corner of the altar, making a reverence, as you pass before the middle of the altar. Always kneel or stand on the side opposite to that on which the book is placed.]

P. Dominus vobiscum,

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum, &c.

[Making the sign of the cross on your forehead, mouth and breast, and bowing, say:]

C. Gloria tibi, Domine!

[Always bow at the name of Jesus. At the end of the Gospel, say:]

C. Laus tibi, Christe!

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

[When the priest has offered the bread, the clerk gives him wine and water; then prepares the towel, and gives him water for his hands That done, let him kneel down as before.]

P. Orate, fratres.

C. Suscipiat Dominus Saerificium 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 Deonostro.

C. Dignum et justum est.

[At *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus*, ring the little bell. When you see the priest spread his hands over the chalice, you must give warning, by the bell, of the consecration, which is about to be made. Light the candle, if any be prepared for that purpose. Then holding up the vestment with your left hand, with the right, ring the bell during the elevation of the host. Do the same at the elevation of the chalice. As often as you pass by the blessed Sacrament, make a genuflexion.]

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

[The priest's communion being ended, be ready to give him wine first, then wine and water. But if there be any communicants, provide first a communion cloth, and say the *Confiteor*. And after the communion, give the priest wine and water. Then remove the book to the left corner of the altar, put out the candle which you lighted before the elevation, take away the communion cloth, and return to your former place.]

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. *Ite, Missa est, or Benedicamus Domino.*

C. Deo gratias.

[In *Masses* for the dead. *P.* Requiescant in pace. *C.* Amen.]

[If the book be left open, remove it. Kneel to receive the priest's blessing.]

P. Pater et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

C. Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Initium, *or* sequentia sancti Evangelii, secundum, &c.

C. Gloria tibi, Domine.

[At the end of the last gospel, whatever it be, say: Deo Gratias.]

Devotions before Confession.

A PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God! who hast made me out of nothing, and redeemed me by the precious blood of thy only Son; who hast borne with me to this day with so much patience, notwithstanding my sins and ingratitude; behold me, O Lord! prostrate at thy feet to implore thy forgiveness. I desire most sincerely to leave all my evil ways, to forsake this region of death where I have so long lost myself, and to return to thee, the fountain of life. I desire, like the prodigal child, to enter seriously into myself, and, with the like resolutions, to rise without delay, and go home to my Father, though I am infinitely unworthy to be called his child, in hopes of meeting with the like reception from his most tender

mercy. I know thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he may be converted and live. I know thy mercies are above all thy works; and I most confidently hope, that as in thy mercy thou hast spared me so long, and hast now given me this desire of returning to thee, so thou wilt finish the work thou hast begun, and bring me to a perfect reconciliation with thee.

I desire now to comply with thy holy institution of the sacrament of penance. I desire to confess my sins with all sincerity to thee and to thy minister, and therefore I desire to know myself and to call myself to an account by a diligent examination of my conscience.

But, O my good God! what will it avail me to know my sins, if thou dost not also give me a hearty sorrow and repentance for them. Without this, my sins will be all against me still, and I shall be still thy enemy and a child of hell. Thou insistest upon a change of heart, without which there can be no reconciliation with thee; and this change of heart none but

thou canst give. Oh! give it me then, dear Lord! at this time. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the passion of my Redeemer. Teach me to fear thee, and to love thee. Give me, for thy mercy's sake, a hearty sorrow for having offended so good a God.

O blessed Virgin, mother of my Redeemer, mirror of innocence and sanctity, and refuge of penitent sinners! intercede for me through the passion of thy Son, that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession. O all you blessed angels and saints of God! pray for me, a most miserable sinner, that I may now effectually turn from my evil ways, that my heart may henceforward be for ever united with yours in eternal love, and never more go astray from the sovereign good. *Amen.*

A SHORT TABLE OF SINS :

To help the memory when we prepare for Confession.

AGAINST THE COMMANDMENTS.

1. Have you doubted in matters of faith?

Murmured against God at your own adversary, or at the prosperity of others ?

Despaired of his mercy ?

Believed in fortune-tellers, or consulted them ?

Gone to places of worship belonging to other denominations ?

Not recommended yourself daily to God ?

2. Taken the name of God in vain ?

Spoken irreverently of holy things, or profaned any thing relating to religion ?

Sworn falsely, rashly, or in slight and trivial matters ?

Cursed yourself, or others, or any creature ?

Angered others so far as to make them swear, or blaspheme God ?

3. Have you kept holy the Lord's day, and all other days commanded to be kept holy ?

Bought or sold things, not of necessity for that day ?

Done or commanded some servile work, not of necessity ?

Missed Mass, or been wilfully distracted in time of Mass?

Talked, gazed, or laughed in the church?

Profaned the day by dancing, drinking, gambling? &c.

4. Have you honored your parents, superiors, masters, according to your just duty?

Deceived them; disobeyed them?

Failed in due reverence to aged persons?

5. Procured, desired, or hastened the death of any one?

Borne hatred; oppressed any; desired revenge; not forgiven; refused to speak to others; given provoking language; threatened or struck others not under your charge; made others fall out?

6 & 9. Have you been guilty of lascivious dressing or painting; lewd company; have you read immodest books? been guilty of unchaste songs, discourses, words, looks, or actions by yourself or others? Wilfully entertained impure thoughts or desires?

7. Stealing; deceit in gaming, reckoning, buying or selling, in wares, prices, weights, or measures; bought of such as could not sell; wilfully damaged another man's goods, or negligently spoiled them; run into debt carelessly, beyond your power of payment?

8. Borne false witness; called injurious names; uttered another's sins; Flattered yourself or others; opened others' letters; judged rashly; falsely suspected?

10. Coveted unjustly any thing that belongs to another?

Precepts of the Church.—Have you gone to confession, at least once a year? received the holy communion during the Easter-time?

Have you not violated the fasts of the Church, or eaten flesh-meat on prohibited days?

The Seven Capital Sins.—Pride, Covetousness, Luxury, Anger, Gluttony, Envy, Sloth.

AFFECTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS BEFORE CONFESSION.

My Lord, and my all! I am confounded at the multitude and enormity of my offences against so good a God. I dare not presume even to lift up my eyes to heaven, much less to come near thy altar, after so many treasons against thee. Alas! what shall I now do, O Lord! What shall I say? With the humble publican I will strike my breast, and cry unto thee; *O God! be merciful to me, a sinner.*

My sins exceed in number the hairs of my head, and the sands of the sea. But thy mercies are still greater in number than my sins. O ocean of mercy! have compassion on me, a poor miserable sinner, and make me, now at last, a true penitent.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am not worthy to be called thy child. Oh! receive me as one of the least of thy servants, and never suffer me to stray from thee any more.

It grieves me, O my God! that I have

offended thee. I am heartily sorry for all the sins I have committed against thy infinite goodness: Oh! that I could sufficiently lament them, even with tears of blood.

Who will give water to my head, and fountains of tears to my eyes, that, night and day, I may bewail all my sins and my ingratitude!

Oh! that I had never offended my God! Oh! that I had never sinned! happy those souls, who have never lost their baptismal innocence! Ah! sweet Jesus! that I had been so happy!

Have mercy on me, O God! according to thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out all my iniquities. Wash me yet more from my iniquities, and cleanse me from my sins; because I know my iniquities, and my sins are always before me.

Oh! that I could now, like Magdalen, prostrate myself at the feet of my Saviour! Oh! that I could wash them with my tears! Oh! suffer me, dear Lord! to lay

down all my sins at thy feet, to be cancelled by thy precious blood.

Lord! thou hast said, there is joy in heaven upon one sinner's doing penance, more than upon ninety-nine just: Oh! give me now grace to be a true penitent, indeed, that hereby heaven may rejoice at my conversion.

Thou camest, O my dear Redeemer! not to call the just, but sinners, to repentance. Look down upon me, a poor miserable sinner, and draw me now powerfully to thee by thy grace.

I know thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted, and live. Oh! let me no longer remain dead in my sins! Oh! let me now at least begin to live to thee!

Create a clean heart in me, O God! and renew a right spirit within my bowels. Oh! grant that I may now serve thee in good earnest! Let this be the change of the right hand of the Most High!

Thou hast made me, O my God! and redeemed me by thy precious blood. Oh! despise not the work of thy hands,

and let not thy blood be spilt for me in vain!

Too late have I known thee, O eternal truth! too late have I loved thee, O eternal beauty! too long have I gone astray from thee! From this moment, O my Sovereign Good! I desire to be for ever thine. Oh! let nothing, in life or death, ever separate me from thee any more!

O divine lover of penitent souls! give me henceforth a contrite and humble heart. I wish from this hour to offer this sacrifice to thee daily, to the end of my life.

O divine love, how little art thou known in this wicked world! how little art thou loved! Come now, and take full possession of my whole heart and soul, for time and eternity.

Thy mercy has been infinite, in bearing so long with so ungrateful a sinner as I have been, and in daily heaping thy favors upon me. Add this one favor, O Lord! to all the rest, that henceforth, through thy grace, I may never offend thee more. This one thing I earnestly

beg of thee, for thy infinite mercy's sake, and through the death and passion of thy only Son. Hear this one prayer, I beseech thee, and in all things else do with me what thou pleasest.

I am resolved, by thy grace, never more to turn to my sins. Oh! rather let me die than offend thee wilfully any more. I am resolved to avoid all evil company, and dangerous occasions; and to take proper measures for a thorough amendment of my life for the future. All this I resolve; but thou knowest my frailty, O my God! and if thou assist me not with thy grace, all my resolution will prove ineffectual, and I shall be for ever miserable. Oh! look to me, O Lord! that I may never betray thee any more.

METHOD OF CONFESSING.

After having carefully examined your conscience, excited yourself to a hearty sorrow for your sins, and made a firm purpose of amendment, go and make your confession to the minister of God, who, in virtue of the power and commission which he has

received to that effect, is, either "to forgive or retain, to loose or bind," according to the preparation of your heart, the nature of your transgressions, their number, their enormity, &c.

In going to confession, humble yourself by considering the majesty of God, and your own many infirmities and great unworthiness. Let your confession be plain, entire, and prudent; neither obscuring your faults, nor concealing any thing wilfully, nor saying what would be prejudicial to a third person.

Being on your knees, in the attitude of a suppliant, say first: Bless me, Father, because I have sinned; "I confess to Almighty God," &c., p. 22, as far as "through my fault."

Then proceed thus: Since my last confession, which was (mention the time) I accuse myself of, &c. &c.

Having finished the declaration of your sins, add: For these and all other sins that have escaped my memory, I am heartily sorry, humbly ask pardon of God, and penance and absolution of

you, my ghostly father, "through my fault," &c.

After this, listen attentively to the instructions and advice of your confessor, answer his questions, and humbly accept the penance which he will enjoin. Whilst he absolves you, bow down your head, and, with profound humility, say

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O MY God! I am most heartily sorry for all my sins; and I detest them above all things, because they displease thee, who art infinitely good and amiable, and subject me to the rigors of thy justice; and I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to do penance for them, and never more to offend thee.

Prayers after Confession.

O God of infinite goodness! who hast shown such mercy to a miserable sinner! O most indulgent Father! who hast received once more thy prodigal child. how shall I thank thee? how shall I testify the joy and gratitude that fill my heart? O that I could worthily thank thee, my good God! and acknowledge, as I ought, that infinite mercy which *forgiveth all my iniquities, which healeth all my diseases.* Ps. cii. 3. Oh! that I could now be heard all over the world, I would publish to all sinners, that thou art a God *compassionate and merciful, who wilt not always be angry, nor threaten for ever.* Ibid. 8, 9. I would invite all who ever had the misfortune of offending thee, to return with their whole hearts. that they may enjoy with me the bliss of having been received into thy grace and favor. Thou wouldst receive them no

less mercifully than thou receivedst me ; for as a father hath compassion on his children, so hath the Lord compassion on them that fear him. Ibid. 13. My God, thou hast broken the bonds of my sins ; thou hast blotted out, with thy own precious blood, the sentence of eternal death, which stood against me ; thou hast snatched me almost from the brink of hell, and delivered me from the power of the devil, who has now no claim to my soul : as far as the east is from the west, so far hast thou removed my iniquities from me, (lb. 12.) and by the mouth of thy minister thou hast desired the most unworthy of all sinners to "*Go in peace.*" O divine Jesus ! I have obeyed thy command, my heart rejoices, my soul is truly at peace, because I hope I am no longer thy enemy ; because thou hast received me with mercy and forgiveness, and satisfied the first and only desire of my heart. But, Lord ! hast thou not said, that those to whom much has been forgiven, should love thee much ? To whom hast thou ever remitted such in-

gratitude as mine? who had ever so little claim on thy compassion; yet, at the same time, who ever experienced more of thy mercy and goodness? Oh! let me then love thee, at least, more than those who offended thee less, and to whom less was remitted; let me love thee unceasingly, and sincerely begin, from this happy day, to serve thee alone, and love thee above all created things. O most bountiful Redeemer, so worthy of my whole heart! though thou hast mercifully forgiven me, yet I will never pardon myself; though I firmly trust thou hast forgotten my iniquities, yet I will never forget them, but grieve over them to the last moment of my life. The more mercy and tenderness I have experienced from thee, the more reason I have to deplore my misfortune in having ever offended so good a God. This day shall be the beginning of my perfect conversion; from this moment forward, the recollection of my past ingratitude and thy ineffable goodness shall be ever present to my mind, and with the assis-

tance of thy grace, shall be a double motive for detesting sin, and faithfully observing my resolutions, which I fervently renew, and once more present to thy divine Majesty. Do not refuse to receive, O my God! the remainder of my life. I am heartily sorrow for the years I have misspent; they have gone down as a shadow; they have passed away without fruit; but as I cannot recall them, I will at least think of them in the bitterness of my soul. Oh! let the ardor with which I pursued a life of sin, be in future applied to thy service, that where sin hath abounded, thy divine grace may be still more abundant. Let the change in my conduct be visible to all, and may I henceforward edify more than I have hitherto scandalized.

O DIVINE Lord! vouchsafe graciously to remember thy holy thoughts from all eternity, and chiefly that tender design of becoming man for the redemption of the world. Pardon me, through the merits of these, all my vain and evil imaginations, as well as the bad thoughts I may have excited in others.

O most compassionate Jesus! I, a wretched sinner, dare to present thee all the words of salvation which have fallen from thy sacred lips, and which others have uttered, or shall hereafter utter to the glory of thy name; and I earnestly beseech thee, through these expressions, full of glory to God and peace to men, to forgive whatever I have said offensive to thy divine Majesty, or what others, through my means, may have sinfully uttered.

O most amiable Lord, Jesus Christ! remember all the good works thou hast performed for our salvation, and through their infinite merits graciously pardon my reiterated offenses against thy holy law. Mercifully direct, all my thoughts, words, and actions to thy greater glory, and regulate them by the model of thy own blessed life.

O JESUS CHRIST, Saviour of the world! who invitest the sinner to return to thee, kindly receiving, refreshing, and consoling him; remember that with thy precious blood thou wast pleased to redeem

my sinful soul: to thy sacred wounds I therefore flee for refuge; and as in thy mercy thou didst pray for thy enemies, and sacrifice thy life for thy tormentors, vouchsafe to impart to me the benefits of thy sacred death and passion. Grant that I may never again crucify thee by any wilful offence; but sincerely grieving for the past, and resolutely striving against present temptations, I may fervently persevere to the end in thy love and service. Into thy hands I commend my whole being. O Jesus, Son of David! have mercy on me.

O HOLY VIRGIN, and all ye saints and angels! bless and extol the Lord for his infinite mercies: beg of him to accept the confession I have made, to supply, through his goodness, for all its deficiencies, and graciously to confirm in heaven the sentence of absolution which has been pronounced upon me on earth.

[For satisfaction (besides your performance of the penance which is enjoined,) you must labor to conquer all inclina-

tions to the sins you have confessed. If you have injured any, you must make restitution as far as you are able; if, by your example or otherwise, you have given scandal or occasion for sin, you must, by contrary virtues, endeavor to repair the spiritual damage of your neighbor.]

Devotions before Communion.

[IMAGINE that our Saviour invites you into the same room in which he ate his last supper with his apostles, to be a witness of the miracle he is there going to perform, and to give you communion with his own sacred hands. How fervent soever your sentiments might have been on that solemn occasion, they ought not to be less so at present; for as he ordained that this divine food should be daily renewed, for the nourishment of the faithful, till his second coming to judge mankind at the end of the world, so he gives himself no less to us at present, than he did at that time to his apostles. Take them now for your model. The accounts which we have in the gospel of this last mysterious supper, will furnish you with proper Acts for Communion. Read them attentively: make them your own, by

reflection ; and let them sink deeply into your heart.]

AN ACT OF ADORATION.

COULD we ever believe, O Lord, or even imagine, that thy love for us was so excessive, had not thine own infallible word convinced us of its truth ? Hadst thou, when thou wast about to quit this world, left us thy adorable heart as a pledge of thy affection ; or hadst thou, when thy side was pierced, ordered thy precious blood to be distributed throughout thy Church ; such favors would justly claim our most grateful acknowledgments. But this would not satisfy the extent of thy love : thou didst choose, in a godlike manner, to penetrate into the very centre of our hearts, and give thyself to each of us in particular, entirely, and for ever. With what amazement, then, must not the angels, and the whole hierarchy of celestial intelligences, have beheld such a prodigy ! Were they not, in some measure, jealous to see mankind thus uncommonly favored ? But what didst thou dis-

cover in me, O Lord, that could thus attract thee? or what couldst thou possibly expect from my indigence? Can I become the dwelling place of Him who is the delight of the blessed. Alas! had I even the innocence of the beloved disciple St. John, or the ardent love of thy zealous apostle St. Peter, I should then have some little claim to sit down at thy table; but since I am removed at so great a distance from such holy dispositions, vouchsafe, O Lord, to supply my deficiency by the effusion of thy grace. Whence is this favor to me, O my merciful Redeemer? *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?* Ps. viii. 5.

AN ACT OF DESIRE.

SINCE thou, O Lord, art so prodigal of miracles, and obligest me to receive thee under such severe penalties, nothing can be more certain than that thou desirest to make my heart thy dwelling place. With what fervent desires should I not, therefore, endeavor to co-operate with inten-

BEFORE COMMUNION.

tions so bountiful, O my all-sufficient God! Though thou standest in no need of me, yet thou hast compassion on my poverty. May then the efficacy of thy grace supply my indigence; may it awaken every faculty of my soul, and render my desires to receive thee worthily, still more inflamed: for though they are arrived at a certain anxiety, I am nevertheless sensible of their being too tepid. Alas, my Redeemer! why do I not sigh after thee, with the same holy fervor as did the Patriarchs of the Old Law, who expected thy coming? *Come, O Lord! and do not delay.* Remember, O heavenly Physician! that thou canst not refuse thy all-healing balsam to the wounds of my soul, since thy motive for descending on earth was to heal the sins of men. Although I am needy and poor, yet thou canst enrich me. Although I am enslaved under the tyranny of my predominant passions, yet thou canst break my chains and set me at liberty: a single word of thine would be altogether sufficient to work these miracles in favor of

one so unworthy of thy corporeal presence as I am. Speak it then, O Sovereign Good! for I can no longer live without thee. Let blind and infatuated worldings intoxicate themselves with the false, transient, and fading happiness of this life; as for my part, nothing besides thyself can content me, either in heaven or on earth; for what have I in heaven, or what can I desire on earth, beside thee? Come, then, O thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world! Come! thou beloved of my heart! adorable flesh and precious blood of my Saviour! Come, to nourish, comfort, and enliven my sickly soul. O God of my heart! let me neither love, seek, nor think on any other object but thyself alone; for thou alone art my consolation, my treasure, my joy, my life, my God, and my all! My heart as eagerly desires to receive thee, as the wearied stag longs to quench his thirst in the fountains of water.

AN ACT OF FEAR.

If the uncertainty of being worthy of

thy love or hatred, O Lord! made even St. Paul, that vessel of election, tremble, how much more reason have not I to apprehend lest some concealed sin, lurking in my heart, might obstruct the salutary influence of those graces, which thou hast prepared for them that worthily receive thee in this divine Sacrament? May not I perhaps, like another Judas, give thee the kiss of peace to-day, and basely betray thee to-morrow? or, instead of coming to visit me, as a faithful disciple, dost thou not rather come with horror and indignation, as to a concealed enemy? How can I answer for the integrity of my confession, the fervor of my contrition, or the sincerity of my resolutions? Is it not custom, or human respect, that brings me to the foot of thy altar? Have I not still some favorite attachment? and in the resolution I have made of relinquishing my evil habits, have I not spared some favorite, though dangerous passion? With the same heartfelt anguish as thy disciples experienced on the like occasion, I ask thee, O Lord! *Is it I?*

But the most abominable traitor Judas asked thee the same question. Is not my anxiety, as his was, only false and apparent? It is this thought, O my God! that terrifies me; and it is to thyself alone I have recourse to preserve me from so horrible a sacrilege. No; thou wilt never permit me to be guilty of so horrid a profanation, since thou seest there is no evil I dread so much. Wherefore, my dear Saviour! after being as diligent as I could in my preparation to receive thee, I now rest entirely on thy infinite mercy. *Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, Lord!* Luke v. 8. *Son be of good heart; thy sins are forgiven thee.* Matt. ix. 2.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

To transform a soul so defiled as mine into a state of innocence and purity, must be the work of the right hand of the Most High. Ah, my God! I shall never be able to discover any vestige of that precious innocence which makes a soul so lovely and acceptable in thy sight, unless I trace back my whole life to the days of

my childhood. But although I have had the misfortune to forfeit my baptismal innocence by sin, yet there remains for my consolation this sure anchor, whereby I may hope to regain thy favor, grounded on thy infallible promise, viz. *That thou wilt never despise a contrite and humble heart.*

But if even the enormity of my sins had not exposed me to thy wrath, and consequently to the eternal pains of hell, yet would I nevertheless sincerely detest them. O my God! do not upbraid me with mine iniquities, they are always in my sight; and the bitterness of my regret for having committed them, shall serve as a continual punishment of my baseness. Ah, my Redeemer! though I cannot suffer such an excessive degree of anguish as thou didst during thy agony in the garden of Gethsemani, when in a bloody sweat, thou didst offer thyself as a victim to the eternal Father; yet I am fully determined to suffer with patience every cross or affliction which may fall in my way, as well in atonement for the

sins I have hitherto committed, as to prevent me from future relapses. Assist me with thy grace, O bountiful Saviour! and remove every occasion of sin from me; and as I dread no evil so much as that of offending thee, rather cut the thread of my life, than suffer me again to commit a deliberate sin. O my amiable Saviour! inflamed with thy love, I am fully resolved to avoid every fault that may in the least displease thee; or diminish the influence of thy graces. Although I have a well-grounded confidence that my soul has been cleansed in the Sacrament of Penance, still I desire to be washed more and more from my iniquities. *Create a clean heart in me, O God! and renew a right spirit within my bowels.* Psalm 1. 12.

AN ACT OF HUMILITY.

WHAT am I, O God of majesty and glory, or who am I that thou shouldst deign even to look on me? Whence am I honored with so unspeakable a favor, as that my Lord and my God should come and visit in person so miserable a sinner

and vile a worm of the earth? How dares a being more contemptible than nothing, approach so holy a God, eat the bread of angels, and feed on thy divine flesh? Ah, Lord! it is too much: I am not worthy of so great a favor; I shall never, no, never deserve it.

O King of heaven and earth! adorable Sovereign! the Author and Preserver of the universe! behold, I annihilate myself before thee, protesting that I would humble myself as much for thy glory, as thou dost here for my salvation. I acknowledge, with the most profound respect, the infinite grandeur of thy divine Majesty, and my own miserable baseness. The contemplation of the one and the other fills me with inexpressible confusion. Can I possibly do more, my dear Saviour! than to confess with the utmost humility, in the words of the Centurion, *Lord! I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.*

AN ACT OF FAITH.

SINCE thou, omnipotent God ! whose almighty words are creative, productive, and effective ; since thou, O eternal Truth ! who canst neither deceive nor be deceived ; since thou, I say, hast declared that thou art *really* and *actually present*, under the appearance of material bread, I therefore implicitly believe it ; for what greater proof can I require of the truth of this mystery, than thine own infallible word ? Yes, my dear Saviour, I openly confess, and am inwardly convinced, that it is thou thyself I am going to receive ; thou who, for my sake, wast born in a manger ; thou who, for my redemption, didst die on a cross, and who, though now gloriously seated on thy heavenly throne, still continuest on earth, under the sacramental veils, to feed and nourish the souls of men. Were I to behold thee with my corporal eyes, and examine the impressions of the wounds thou didst receive in thy sacred hands and side, as St. Thomas did, still I could not say with

more confidence than I now do, that thou art *my Lord and my God*. I do not ask a miracle, as a proof of thy real presence: no, Lord! let me rather have the whole merit of faith; for thou hast said: *Blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed*. Wast thou therefore to speak to me from this very tabernacle. thy voice would affect me less than that which resounds in thy Gospel, and in thy Church founded by thyself and propagated in a miraculous manner. Though to my senses it appears to be bread, yet submitting them entirely in obedience to divine faith, I answer, it is thy real body and blood, accompanied by thy soul and divinity. In this faith I am determined to live and die; and were I to suffer a thousand martyrdoms in testimony thereof, I am persuaded that, with the help of thy grace, I would remain immoveable. *Verily thou art a hidden God, the God of Israel the Saviour*. Is. xlv. *I do believe, O Lord; help thou my unbelief*.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

SINCE thou vouchsafest to come and dwell within me, O my Redeemer, what may I not expect from thy bounty? I therefore present myself before thee with that lively confidence which thy infinite goodness inspires. Thou not only knowest all my wants, but thou art also willing and able to relieve them. Thou hast not only invited me, but also promised me thy gracious assistance: *Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.* Behold, then, O Lord! I accept thy gracious invitation: I lay before thee all my wants, my misery, and my blindness; and confidently hope, without the fear of being disappointed, that thou wilt enlighten my understanding, inflame my will, comfort me in the midst of such crosses or afflictions as thou hast appointed I should suffer, strengthen me in all temptations and trials, and, with the powerful assistance of thy grace, change me into a new creature; for, art

not thou, O God, the master of my heart?
and when shall my heart be more absolutely disposed of by thee, than when thou shalt have once entered into it?

Devotions after Communion.

AN ACT OF FAITH AND ADMIRATION.

Is it credible then, O my soul! that the great God of heaven and earth should dwell in me? That I should now possess within myself, the same Jesus, who is sitting in heaven at the right hand of God, and who is there the joy of saints and angels? Yes, O my Saviour! I firmly believe it. It is thou, O God of glory! who art hidden under these Sacramental veils, whom I have just now received, and who dost, at this instant, reside within me. It is thou, O sovereign Majesty! who vouchsafest to heap thy favors on me, who am but dust and ashes, and come into this poor cottage, this house of clay of my earthly habitation. O heavenly manna! O adorable sacra-

ment! O inestimable pledge of God's love to mankind! O inexhaustible fountain of divine grace! O boundless mercy! O divine charity! O Lord, my God! What is man, that thou art mindful of him; or the son of man, that thou visitest him! O how sweet, and mild, and merciful art thou, to those who call upon thee! When I had no being at all, thou createdst me; when I was gone astray, and lost in my sins, thou didst seek after me, and redeem me by dying for my sake; and after restoring me to life, with more than a mother's love, thou didst feed me with thy own substance, even with thy own flesh and blood! O wonderful condescension! O immense love bestowed on sinful man!

AN ACT OF ADORATION.

UNDER these sacred veils, where thy love for man has concealed the splendor of thy Majesty, I most humbly adore thee, O Almighty God! The grandeur of the heavens is in thy sight as nothing; the heavens are the work of thy hands,

they shall perish, but thou shalt remain ; they shall grow old and be changed as a garment, but thou art the same and thy years shall not fail. The earth thou hast poised in thy hand, the ocean is to thee, but a drop of water ; all nature bends before thee, and trembles in thy presence. How then shall I extol thee, immortal King of Ages ! What homage can I give, proportioned to thy greatness ! Thou art the perfect image of thy Father's substance ; thou art the inherent splendor of his glory ; thou art his powerful word, supporting all things ; thee he hath seated at his right hand. Thy throne, O God ! is for ever and ever ; a sceptre of justice is the sceptre of thy reign. I bow before thy sacred Majesty ; I acknowledge with the sincerest gratitude, that thou art my Redeemer, my Creator, and the supreme Arbiter of my eternal doom. I wish to humble myself as much for thy sake, as thou art here humbled for love of me, and to consecrate to the glory of thy name, the whole extent of my being. O Jesus ! be now

the absolute Lord and master of my heart. Reign there as a sovereign Monarch on thy throne; rule with an absolute sway over all the powers of my soul. Suffer not the devil, or the world, to have any part in me. Subdue my rebellious nature; deliver me from the shameful slavery of my passions, and grant me the glorious liberty of thy children. O sweet empire of my God! O delightful service of Jesus! To serve thee, O amiable King! is to reign.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

AM I then, my God! so happy as to possess thee! What a blessing is this! what unspeakable comfort! Thou art indeed my Saviour; thy goodness hath no bounds; thy beauty is inexpressible; thou art the brightness of eternal light; the glory of heaven is from thee. Thou art the unfailing source of endless happiness; the angels desire to behold thee; thou fillest the hearts of the blessed. Therefore will I love thee, O amiable Redeemer! who hast loved me even unto

death, and hast left me in this Sacrament, the sweetest pledge of thy affection. Oh! inflame my heart, burn and consume it with this heavenly fire; let me love thee above all things; let me love thee, more than myself; let me adhere to thee always; let me never be separated from thee. Yes, my God! I love thee with all my heart, with all my strength. I love thee for thy own sake, and I heartily wish that every object on earth may increase my love for thee. If I cannot love thee, as much as I desire, as much as thou hast loved me, as much as thou deservest to be loved may I at least, love thee as much as I am able. Let disgust and anguish embitter every other attachment, that I may be happily forced to rest in thee alone. Make this love, I beseech thee, effectual, ardent and persevering, that its divine influence may support me in every trial, may purify my affections, and bring me securely to thee.

AN ACT OF OBLATION.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all consolation, how hast thou loved us, to whom thou hast given thy only begotten Son, once for our ransom, and daily for the food of our souls! What can I, a wretched creature, return thee for this infinite charity! Verily nothing else but this same beloved Son of thine, whom thou hast given me, and surely thou couldst give me nothing greater, or more worthy of thyself. Him then I offer to thee, O heavenly Father, with whom thou art always well pleased; him, whom thou hast lovingly delivered up to death for me, and given me in this most holy sacrament, which we frequent for the everlasting memorial of his death. He is our High Priest and Victim; he is the Propitiation for the sins of the whole world; he is our Advocate and Intercessor. Look down then upon him, and for his sake look down upon me, and upon us all. Remember all his sufferings, which he endured here in his mortal

life, his bitter anguish, his mortal agony and bloody sweat, all the injuries and affronts, all the blows and stripes. all the bruises and wounds that he received for us. Remember his death, which thou wast pleased should be the fountain of our life; and for the sake of his sacred passion, have mercy on us. Receive, O holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God! this holy and unspotted Victim, which I here offer thee, in union with that love, with which he offered himself to thee upon the altar of the cross. Receive him for the praise and glory of thy name; in thanksgiving for all the benefits bestowed on me, and on all mankind; in satisfaction also for all my sins, and for the benefit of thy whole Church, and the refreshment and succor of all thy faithful, living and dead, through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

When I reflect, O my God! on the innumerable blessings and favors thou hast heaped on me, from the first moment

of my existence to the present hour, I am penetrated with confusion; and my heart, overpowered with gratitude and love, is unable to express what I feel. I am surrounded on all sides with thy benefits. Thou art not only the God of the universe; thou art also, in a special manner, a God to me; so interested art thou in all that concerns my welfare, that thy attention seems to be fixed on me alone. Thou hast given me all that I am, and even all that thou art thyself. I can call thee, with as much reason as David could, *the God of my salvation, and my mercy*; my refuge and my support; my treasure and my inheritance. What do I say? Dost thou not deign at present to become my nourishment, to incorporate thyself with my very substance, that I may know the extent of thy love, and possess within my breast a pledge of eternal life? How great, then, will be my ingratitude, if henceforward I do not endeavor, to the utmost of my ability, to correspond with this infinite love, this marked predilection! O my God! may

I never be unmindful of thy favors! may my right hand be forgotten, and my tongue cleave to my mouth, if ever I neglect to extol thy mercies! But how shall I, a wretched, miserable creature, make thee a suitable return for all thou hast done for me? In myself I have nothing; but do I not possess, in the invaluable gift I have just received, an adequate thanksgiving? an offering worthy of thy supreme greatness? Accept then, O omnipotent Lord! the uninterrupted praise and thanksgivings which thy dear Son offered thee from the moment of his incarnation, to the close of his mortal life; particularly at the institution of this sacrament, when fully sensible of our weaknesses, and of the infinite value of the benefits then bestowed, he raised his eyes to thee, O omnipotent Father! and in our name gave thanks. The sacrifice of my whole being is not worthy to be presented to thee; but in offering thee to thyself, I look on my debts as abundantly discharged. May thy infinite mercies be for ever exalted, for having given me so

excellent a means of repaying, in some manner, all the obligations I have contracted towards thy justice, as well as thy mercy.

AN ACT OF PETITION.

O MOST merciful Saviour! thou seest all my maladies, and all the wounds of my soul; thou knowest how prone I am to evil, and how backward and sluggish to good. Thou seest this self-love, that tyrannizes over my soul, which is so deeply rooted in my corrupt nature, and branches out into so many vices, so much pride and vanity, so much passion and envy, so much covetousness and worldly solicitude, so much sensuality and concupiscence. Oh! who can heal all these my evils, but thou, the true physician of my soul, who givest me thy body and blood in this blessed sacrament, as a sovereign medicine for all my infirmities, and a sovereign balsam for all my wounds. Dispel the darkness of ignorance and error from my understanding, by thy heavenly light; drive away the corruption

and malice of my will, by the fire of divine love and charity; restrain all the motions of concupiscence, and all the irregular sallies of passion, that they may no more prevail over me; strengthen my weakness with heavenly fortitude; destroy this monster of self-love, with its many heads, or, at least, chain down this worst of all my enemies, that it may no longer usurp the empire of my soul, which belongs to thee, and which thou hast taken possession of, this day; cut off the heads of this beast, and particularly that which annoys me most, and which is my predominant passion; stand by me henceforward in all my temptations, that I may never more be overcome; remove from me all dangerous occasions, and grant me this one favor, that I may rather die a thousand deaths than live to offend thee deliberately.

O my Jesus! thou art infinitely rich, and all the treasures of divine grace are locked up in thee; these treasures thou bringest with thee, when thou comest to visit us in this blessed sacrament, and

thou takest an infinite pleasure in opening them to us, to enrich our poverty. This gives me the confidence to present thee now with my petitions, and to beg of thee those graces and virtues, which I so much need, as thou best knowest. Oh! increase and strengthen my belief of thy heavenly truths, and grant that henceforward I may ever live by faith, and be guided by the maxims of thy Gospel. Teach me to be poor in spirit, to take off my heart from the love of these transitory things, and to fix it upon eternity; teach me, by thy divine example, and by thy most efficacious grace, to be meek and humble of heart, and in my patience to possess my soul. Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul chaste and pure; that I may ever bewail my past sins, and by a daily mortification restrain all irregular inclinations and passions for the future. Above all things, teach me to love thee; teach me to be ever recollected in thee, and to walk always in thy presence; teach me to love my friends in thee, and my enemies for thee; grant

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me the grace to persevere to the end in this love. Let nothing in future be my comfort, but thou, O Divine Jesus! nor let any thing afflict me hereafter but my sins and whatever is displeasing to thy Divine Majesty. O Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, purify me; Water issuing from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, graciously hear me; hide me within thy wounds; suffer me never to be separated from thee; call me at the hour of death, and command me to come to thee, that I may associate with the saints and angels, and the whole choir of celestial spirits, to sing forth canticles of praise and glory to thy holy name for ever and ever, world without end. Amen, amen, sweet Jesus! amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS OF AQUIN.

I give thee thanks, eternal Father; for having, out of thy pure mercy, without

any deserts of mine, been pleased to feed my soul with the body and blood of thy only son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I beseech thee, that this holy communion may not be to my condemnation, but prove an effectual remission of all my sins. May it strengthen my faith; encourage me in all that is good; deliver me from my vicious customs; remove all concupiscence; perfect me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and in all other virtues. May it secure me against all the snares of my enemies, both visible and invisible; perfectly moderate all my inclinations, closely unite me to thee, the true and only good, and happily settle me in unchangeable bliss. I now make it my hearty request, that thou wilt one day admit me, though an unworthy sinner, to be a guest at that divine banquet, where thou, with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art the true light, eternal fulness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness of all the saints, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Devotions to the B. Sacrament.

DEVOUT PRAYERS.

I

O most adorable Jesus! whom thy own infinite love induces to dwell among us, thy unworthy servants, in the adorable Sacrament of the Altar, receive, I beseech thee, my profound adoration. I firmly believe that thou art really present in the holy Eucharist, as powerful, as amiable, and as adorable as thou art in heaven; thou hast mercifully hidden the splendor of thy Majesty, lest it should deter us from approaching thy sanctuary. I believe thou dwellest on our altars, not only to receive our adorations, but to listen to our petitions, to remedy our evils, to be the strength and nourishment of our souls, our powerful helper, our refuge and our sacrifice. I hope in that boundless mercy which detains thee among us, poor weak sinners. I love

that infinite goodness, which induces thee to communicate thyself so liberally and so wonderfully to thy creatures: I thank thee for so convincing a proof of thy love, and ardently wish that I could worthily acknowledge all the blessings I have ever received from this fountain of grace and mercy. I sincerely regret that this precious pledge of thy love is received by so many with such coldness and indifference.

Alas! I myself have had too much share, by my ungrateful conduct, in wounding thy merciful heart on this altar, and I am more guilty than others, since very few have been so much favored. Thou hast not only granted me abundantly the general blessings, which this fountain of grace pours on the world; but thou hast provided me with the most favorable opportunities of loving and adoring thee in this august mystery.

Thou hast placed me close to thy sanctuary, where I can recur to thee frequently, and daily behold the sacrifice on the altar. Ah! my good God! I am

now convinced that thou deservest from me all the love that my heart is capable of feeling; therefore, I humbly consecrate to thee all my affections, and firmly resolve, from this moment, to endeavor to imitate the respect, gratitude, and love, which always distinguished those among thy faithful servants, who were most peculiarly devoted to the august Sacrament of the Altar. Accept, O Divine Jesus! all the sacrifices of Mass, that have been offered, and that will be offered hereafter, throughout the whole world, in thanksgiving for the institution of this amiable mystery: in atonement for all the insults, irreverences, and sacrileges which have ever been committed against it, and to implore for myself and all creatures a solid devotion to the holy Eucharist. Mercifully give efficacy to my ardent desire of worthily honoring thee in this adorable mystery, and grant me, through thy divine heart, a share in the purity and fervor of the angels, who day and night surround thy sanctuary, and of all those who have

loved thee most in this sacred mystery ; that I may serve thee with sincerity and perseverance during my life, and be so happy as to enjoy thee in the splendor of thy glory for all eternity. *Amen.*

II

O MY God, my most adorable Refuge ! terrified at my own weakness, covered with the wounds I have already received, solicited by innumerable passions to offend thee anew, and tortured by the apprehension of being at this moment an object of thy just indignation, I throw myself at the foot of this altar. O Lord ! thou, in whose *sight the stars are not pure*, cast me not away from thy face, and take not thy holy spirit from me. I have often and grievously offended thee : I know not whether thou hast pardoned me, or whether I am worthy of love or hatred ; I am engaged in a conflict, to which, of myself, I am unequal ; and by the abuse of the favors thou hast hitherto granted me, I have rendered myself unworthy of those special graces, which are

necessary to conquer such enemies as mine. Pursued by unceasing sollicitations to offend thee, my sovereign God! wearied by my evil inclinations, and disgusted with the fund of depravity, which lies lurking in my heart, I too often doubt whether I may not have committed the evil which I sovereignly dread; and am even on the point of wounding thy adorable heart, by despairing of that mercy which cannot be exhausted by ingratitude even greater than mine. O my God! all my misery is before thee, and my conflicts are not hidden from thy sight: thou hast not forbidden thy children to complain to thee, to lay their griefs at thy feet, and pour their sorrows into that paternal bosom, where the good and the weak find a secure refuge. Ah! why have I so long delayed to seek thee, my divine Comforter? why have I not always fled to thee in this most amiable Sacrament, where thou art to all who hope in thee, a Helper, a Deliverer, a Tower of strength from the face of their enemies? Behold me now, my God and

Redeemer! behold me at thy sacred feet, oppressed, and pursued by inveterate foes, whom thou alone canst put to flight. Arise, then, adorable Jesus! arise, and judge thy own cause; abandon not a soul which combats in thy name, and for thy love; *be thou unto me a God, a Protector, and* let this august tabernacle be to me *a house of refuge*, where thou, my divine Master, wilt not only preserve me from grievous falls, but also instruct me in that sublime perfection, which springs from humility of heart, and which teaches to detest sin, but at the same time to embrace the abjection which springs therefrom, and dwell with joy on the conviction which it creates of the innate misery of our weak natures. Ah! why should I despond? Am I not resolved to die a thousand deaths rather than offend thee? Yes, my adorable Saviour! I will, with the assistance of thy grace, resist all that is contrary, not only to thy law, but to the perfection of thy love; and all the torments of hell itself I would infinitely prefer to the

enjoyment of any worldly delight, which would separate me from thee. For these dispositions, O Lord! I most fervently thank thy boundless mercy; they come not from myself, but are the effects of thy grace, which is with me, notwithstanding my unworthiness.

I will then confidently hope in thy assistance, in that mercy which is above all thy works, and once more cast myself, and all that I am, and have, into thy divine bosom: I commit my salvation to thy care; for I am well convinced that it is dearer to thee, than it can be to me, and that thou wilt never abandon a soul, which thou didst not consider too highly purchased by the sacrifice of thy precious life.

III.

O MY God, my adorable Love! I am firmly convinced that the heart made for thee, will be satisfied with nothing less than thyself. I consecrate myself for ever to thee in this august mystery, persuaded that the soul created to feast on

thy adorable charms, can never be so happily, so profitably employed, as in contemplating the most wonderful miracle of thy mercy and love. Come then into my heart, that I may enter into thine. Come, and by one sweet transport of thy love, concentrate every power of my soul in thee. Teach me, my heavenly Spouse! to spare no exertion in thy service; to despise, and for ever renounce every gratification which this world can bestow, that I may deserve to repose in thy arms, to lean on thy bosom, with thy beloved disciple, and *to taste and see how sweet thou art.* Adorable heart of Jesus, delicious abode of the just, and secure refuge of sinners! receive me: thou art *my rest for ever and ever—in thee will I dwell, for I have chosen it.*

DEVOUT ASPIRATIONS.

O SOUL of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water of the side of Christ, purify me. Passion of Christ, comfort me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within

thy sacred wounds shelter me. Never suffer me to be separated from thee. From the malice of my enemies, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me. Command me to come to thee, that, with thy saints, I may praise thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OTHER DEVOUT ASPIRATIONS.

Blood of Jesus, wash me.
 Passion of Jesus, strengthen me.
 Wounds of Jesus, heal me.
 Heart of Jesus, receive me.
 Spirit of Jesus, enliven me.
 Love of Jesus, inflame me.
 Mercy of Jesus, spare me.
 Cross of Jesus, support me.
 Thorns of Jesus, crown me.
 Sighs of Jesus, plead for me.
 Agony of Jesus, atone for me.
 Lips of Jesus, bless me in life and death,
 in time and in eternity. *Amen.*

The Rosary of the B. Virgin.

In the name of the Father, &c.

I believe in God, &c.

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

R. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

V. Thou, O Lord, will open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God :

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

[*Alleluia*, is said at all times except from Septuagesima till Easter, during which period, say :]

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.

1. *The Incarnation.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the Angel Gabriel saluted our blessed Lady, with the title of *Full of Grace*, and declared unto her, the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Then say, *Our Father*, &c., once, *Hail Mary*, &c., ten times.

When the *Hail Mary* has been repeated a tenth time, the decade finishes with *Glory be to the father*, &c., then follows the prayer.

LET US PRAY.

O HOLY Mary, Queen of virgins! by the most high mystery of the Incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun, obtain for us, by thy intercession, light to know this so great a benefit which he hath bestowed upon us, vouchsafing in it to make himself our brother,

and thee, (his own most beloved mother,) our mother also. *Amen.*

II. *The Visitation.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the angel, that her cousin St. Elizabeth had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea, to visit her, and remained with her three months. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O HOLY Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility; by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy consin St. Elizabeth, obtain for us, by thy intercession, that our hearts may be so visited by thy most holy Son, that being free from all sin, we may praise him and give him thanks for ever. *Amen.*

III. *The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Bethlehem.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the

time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, at midnight, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inns at Bethlehem. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O MOST pure Mother of God, by thy virginal and most joyful delivery, in which thou gavest unto the world thy only Son, our Saviour, we beseech thee to obtain for us, by thy intercession, grace to lead so pure and holy lives in this world, that we may worthily sing without ceasing, both day and night, the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. *Amen.*

IV. *The Oblation of our blessed Lord in the Temple.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the most Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God with great devotion, received him into his arms. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O HOLY Virgin, most admirable mistress and pattern of obedience, who didst present in the temple the Lord of the temple, obtain for us of thy beloved Son, that, with holy Simeon and devout Anna, we may praise and glorify him for ever. *Amen.*

V. *The finding of the child Jesus in the Temple.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery how the Blessed Virgin Mary, having lost without any fault of hers her beloved Son in Jerusalem, she sought him for the space of three days, and at length found him the third day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, being of the age of twelve years. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

MOST Blessed Virgin, more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy, wherewith thy soul was ravished

in finding thy beloved Son in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, obtain of him for us, so to seek him, and to find him in the holy Catholic Church, that we may never be separated from him. *Amen.*

SALVE REGINA.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! to thee we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thy eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile is ended, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus: O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.

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

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

LET US PRAY.

O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life;

grant, we beseech thee, that meditating upon those mysteries, in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise: Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE FIVE DOLOROUS MYSTERIES.

I. *The prayer and bloody sweat of our blessed Saviour in the Garden.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemani, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory be to the Father, &c., as before.

LET US PRAY.

MOST holy Virgin, more than martyr, by that ardent prayer which thy most beloved Son poured forth unto his Father in the garden, vouchsafe to intercede for

us, that our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always, and in all things, conform and subject ourselves to the will of God. *Amen.*

II. *The scourging of our blessed Lord at the Pillar.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him being above five thousand, (as it was revealed to St. Bridget.) *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O MOTHER of God, overflowing fountain of patience; by those stripes thy only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of him for us grace that we may know how to mortify our rebellious senses, and cut off all occasions of sinning, with that sword of grief and compassion, which pierced thy most tender soul. *Amen.*

III. *The crowning of our blessed Saviour with Thorns.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan platted a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O MOTHER of our eternal Prince and King of glory; by those sharp thorns, wherewith his most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee, that, by thy intercession, we may be delivered here from all motions of pride, and, in the day of judgment, from that confusion which our sins deserve. *Amen.*

IV. *Jesus carrying his Cross*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to die, bore with the most amazing patience the cross, which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O HOLY Virgin, example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the cross, in which thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain of him for us, by thy intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps, and bear our cross after him to the end of our lives. *Amen.*

V. The crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, being come to Mount Calvary, was stript of his clothes, and his hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the cross, in the presence of his most afflicted Mother. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of God, as the body of thy beloved Son was for us extended on the cross, so may our desires be daily more and more stretched out in his service, and our hearts wounded with compassion of his most bitter passion.

And thou, O most B. Virgin, graciously vouchsafe to help us to accomplish the work of our salvation, by thy powerful intercession. *Amen.*

Hail, holy Queen, &c., with the verse and prayer as before, at page 146.

THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

I. *The resurrection of Christ from the Dead.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory be to the Father, &c. as before.

LET US PRAY.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy thou receivedst in the resurrection of thy only Son, we beseech thee, obtain of him for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed in the pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. *Amen.*

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The ascension of Christ into Heaven.

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven attended by Angels, in the sight of his most holy Mother, his holy Apostles and disciples, to the great admiration of them all. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O MOTHER of God, comfort of the afflicted ; as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands, and blessed his apostles : so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him for us, that we may enjoy the benefit of his blessing and thine, here on earth, and hereafter in heaven.
Amen.

III. *The coming of the Holy Ghost to his Disciples.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent, as he had

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promised, the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, who, after he was ascended, returned to Jerusalem, and continued in prayer and supplication with the blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O SACRED Virgin, tabernacle of the Holy Ghost; we beseech thee, obtain by thy intercession, that this most sweet comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his Apostles, filling them thereby with a spiritual joy, may teach us, in this world, the true way of salvation, and make us walk in the path of virtue and good works. *Amen.*

IV. *The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary, after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy Angels. *Our Father, &c.*

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LET US PRAY.

MOST prudent Virgin, who, entering into the heavenly palace, didst fill the holy Angels with joy, and man with hope; vouchsafe to intercede for us in the hour of death, that, free from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully and successfully pass out of this temporal state to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. *Amen.*

V. *The coronation of the most Blessed Virgin Mary in Heaven.*

LET us contemplate in this Mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, with great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of heaven, and particular glory of all the Saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory. *Our Father, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O GLORIOUS Queen of all the heavenly citizens, we beseech thee, accept this Rosary, which, as a crown of roses, we

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offer at thy feet ; and grant, most gracious Lady, that by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die in us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. *Amen.*

Hail, holy Queen, &c., with the verse and prayer as before, at page 146.

PRAYER OF ST. BERNARD,

To the B. Virgin Mary.

REMEMBER, O most pious Virgin Mary ! that no one ever had recourse to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy mediation, without obtaining relief. Confiding, then, in thy goodness and mercy, I cast myself at thy sacred feet, and do most humbly supplicate thee, O Mother of the eternal Word ! to adopt me as thy child, and take upon thyself the care of my salvation. Oh ! let it not be said, my dearest Mother, that I have perished where no one ever found but grace and salvation. *Amen.*

A PRAYER

To our Angel Guardian.

O HOLY Angel! to whose care God in his mercy hath committed me ; thou, who assistest me in my wants, who consolest me in my afflictions, who supportest me when dejected, and who constantly obtainest for me new favors ; I return thee now most sincere and humble thanks, and I conjure thee, O amiable Guide! to continue still thy care ; to defend me against my enemies ; to remove from me the occasions of sin ; to obtain for me a docility to thy holy inspirations ; to protect me, in particular, at the hour of my death ; and then conduct me to the mansions of eternal repose. *Amen.*

The Litany of Saints.

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,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

} Pray for us.

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
 St. Peter,
 St. Paul,
 St. Andrew,
 St. James, (*Son of Zeb.*)
 St. John,
 St. Thomas,
 St. James, (*Son of Alph.*)
 St. Philip,
 St. Bartholomew,
 St. Matthew,
 St. Simon,
 St. Thaddeus,
 St. Matthias,
 St. Barnaby,
 St. Luke,
 St. Mark,
 All ye holy Apostles and Evangel-
 ists,
 All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
 All ye holy innocents,
 St. Stephen,
 St. Laurence,
 St. Vincent,
 St. Fabian and St. Sebastian,
 St. John and St. Paul,

Pray for us.

St. Cosmas and St. Damian,
 St. Gervase and St. Protase,
 All ye holy Martyrs,
 St. Sylvester,
 St. Gregory,
 St. Ambrose,
 St. Augustin,
 St. Jerom,
 St. Martin,
 St. Nicholas,
 All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
 All ye holy Doctors,
 St. Anthony,
 St. Bennet,
 St. Bernard,
 St. Dominick,
 St. Francis,
 All ye holy Priests and Levites,
 All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
 St. Mary Magdalen,
 St. Agatha,
 St. Lucy,
 St. Agnes,
 St. Cecily,
 St. Catharine,
 St. Anastatia,
 All ye holy Virgins, and Widows,

Pray for us.

All ye Men and Women, Saints of God,
make intercession for us.

Be merciful unto us, *Spare us, O Lord,*

Be merciful unto us, *Graciously hear us, O
 Lord.*

From all evil,

From all sin,

From thy wrath,

From a sudden and unprovided
 death,

From the deceits of the devil,

From anger, hatred, and ill-will,

From the spirit of fornication,

From lightning and tempest,

From everlasting death,

Through the mystery of thy holy in-
 carnation,

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 Comforter,

In the day of judgment,

O Lord, deliver us.

We sinners, *do beseech thee to hear us.*

That thou spare us,

That thou pardon us,

That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,

That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,

That thou vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in thy holy religion,

That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy Church;

That thou vouchsafe to give peace, and true concord to christian kings and princes,

That thou vouchsafe to grant peace, and unity to all christian people,

That thou vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in thy holy service,

That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

That thou render eternal good things to all our benefactors,

That thou deliver our souls, and those

We beseech thee to hear us.

of our brethren, kinsfolks, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

That thou vouchsafe to give, and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Son of God,

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. *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. Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

We beseech thee to
hear us.

Psalm lxxix.

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

Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek my soul:

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame that desire evils to me:

Let them be presently turned away blushing for shame that say to me: 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all 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 to the Father, &c.

V. Save thy servants.

R. Trusting in thee, O my God.

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

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us at all.

R. Nor the son of iniquity have any power to hurt us.

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

R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our chief bishop, *N.*

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

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all those who have done us good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

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

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren.

R. O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare. receive our petition, that we, and all thy servants who are bound by the chains of sin, may, by the compassion of thy goodness, be mercifully absolved.

Hear, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers of thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to thee that, in thy bounty, thou mayest give us pardon and peace.

Out of thy clemency, O Lord, show thy unspeakable mercy to us; that so thou mayest both acquit us of our sins, and deliver us from the punishments we deserve for 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 thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O Almighty and Eternal God, have mercy on thy servant, *N.* our chief bishop, and direct him according to thy clemency, into the way of everlasting salvation; that, by thy grace, he may desire those things that are agreeable to thee, and perform them with all his strength.

O God, from whom are all holy desires, right counsels, and just works, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that our hearts may be disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of enemies being removed, the times, by thy protection, may be peaceable.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of thy holy spirit, that we may serve thee with chaste bodies, and please thee with clean hearts.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer 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.

Prevent, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by thy holy inspirations, and car-

ry them on by thy gracious assistance ; that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

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 world still detains them in the flesh, or the world to come has 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 all their sins ; Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy son, who liveth and reigneth, one God with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord graciously hear us. *R. Amen.*

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *R. Amen.*

THE SEVEN
Penitential Psalms.

ANTHEM.

[REMEMBER not, O Lord! our offences nor those of our parents, and take not revenge on our sins.]

Psalm vi. Domine, ne in furore.

O LORD! rebuke me not in thy indignation nor chastise me in thy wrath.

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

And my soul is troubled exceedingly; but thou, O Lord! how long?

Turn to me, O Lord! and deliver my soul; O! save me for thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death, that is mindful of thee; and who shall confess to thee in hell?

I have labored in my groanings, every

night I will wash my bed; I will water my couch with tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation; I have grown old among 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 ashamed, and very much troubled; let them be turned back and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Psalm xxxi. Beati quorum.

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 all the day long.

For, day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; I am turned in my anguish; whilst 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 the deluge 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.

Do not become as the horse, and mule that have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast 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 glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye just! and glory, all ye right of heart. Glory, &c.

Psalm xxxvii. Domine, ne in furore.

REBUKE me not, O Lord! in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

For thy arrows are fastened in me, and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath; there is no peace 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 bowed down even to the end: I walked sorrowful all the day long.

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

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly: I roared with the groaning of my heart.

O Lord! all my desire is before thee,
and my groaning is not hid 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
drawn near, and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar
off; and they that sought my soul, used
violence.

And they that sought evils to me, spoke
vain things, and studied deceits all the
day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and
was as a dumb man, not opening his
mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth
not, and that 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 are
moved, they speak great things against
me.

For I am ready for scourges; and my

sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity; and I will think for my sins.

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

They, that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I followed 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. Glory, &c.

Psalm L Miserere.

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.

To thee only have I sinned, and 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 hast loved truth; the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom, thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt 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 my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face, and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto 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 mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit; a contrite and humble 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; then shall they lay calves upon thy altar. Glory, &c.

Psalm ci, Domine exaudi.

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 thine 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 as fuel for the fire.

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

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like 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 for ever;
and thy memorial 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.

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 prayers of
the humble; and he hath not despised
their petition. Let these things be writ-
ten 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 the children of the slain:

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

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 for ever.

PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxxix. De profundis.

OUT of the depths I have cried to thee,
O Lord! Lord! hear my voice.

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

If thou, O Lord! wilt mark iniquities,
Lord! who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgive-
ness: 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.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxlii. Domine exaudi.

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.

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 mused on 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 unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee I have hoped.

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

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.

Glory, &c.

ANTHEM. REMEMBER not, O Lord! our offences, nor those of our parents, and take not revenge on our sins.

Various Prayers.

Under Temptations.

LORD! thy enemies and mine have risen up against me; they seek my soul

to destroy it, and use their utmost efforts to drag it into the bottomless pit: I therefore come, and cast myself at thy feet, to implore thy succor.

Ah! suffer not that soul which thou hast redeemed at the price of thy blood, to become their prey. Be thou my protector and my refuge; receive me into thy arms, and shield me from their rage confound their devices; destroy their power; disappoint their malice. Thy glory, O my Saviour! is concerned in not suffering those that belong to thee, to fall into the hands of thy enemies. Support me, therefore, I beseech thee, in the severe conflicts I have to sustain against them, and make me victorious over all their efforts. *Amen.*

IN SICKNESS.

O MY God! I offer thee the pains which I endure, in expiation of my sins. Alas! I have so often, so grievously, so contemptuously offended thee, who art so so full of goodness for me, O my Jesus! who for the love of me didst suffer upon

the cross the most excruciating tortures. Alas! what are my sufferings compared with thine? what are they compared with my sins! what are they, compared with the everlasting flames of hell which I have deserved by my horrid crimes! O my God, O sweet Jesus, grant me the grace I stand in need of, to profit by my sufferings, now; to die in thy divine love; and to be happy with thee for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

For the Ecclesiastical and Civil Authorities.

WE pray thee, O Almighty and Eternal God! who, through Jesus Christ, hast revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of thy mercy; that thy church, being spread throughout the world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of thy name.

We pray thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop *N. N.* the vicar of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of

his church; our own bishop *N. N.* (*or, if he be not consecrated,*" our bishop elect;") all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice! through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these Confederate States; that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to thy people, over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy, and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all their proceedings and laws, framed for our rule and government; so that they may tend to the preservation

of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for his Excellency the Governor of this State, for the Members of Assembly, for all Judges, Magistrates, and other officers, who are appointed to guard our political welfare; that they may be enabled, by thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend, likewise, to thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow-citizens, throughout the Confederate States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge, and sanctified in the observance, of thy most holy law: that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray thee, O Lord of mercy! to remember the souls of thy servants departed, who are gone before us, with

the sign of faith, and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relations, and friends; of those, who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors, who by their donations or legacies to this church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship, and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ONE'S CONFESSOR.

HEAR, O adorable Saviour! my humble prayer in behalf of him whom thou hast appointed to be my spiritual guide through the difficulties that beset my path. As I desire to hear in his voice the expression of thy holy will in my regard, enlighten him with thy holy inspiration; make him a worthy minister of thy altar, a priest according to thy heart;

that his advice may urge me to the performance of the duties incumbent on me as thy child, and finally lead me to everlasting happiness. Give him that peace which the world cannot give; bestow on him an ardent love for thee, and a tender confidence in thy virgin Mother. Grant that he may faithfully discharge all the duties of his exalted station; and be thou, O amiable Jesus! his exceeding great reward during all eternity. I ask these favors of thee for him, through the powerful intercession of Mary, thy spotless and ever blessed Mother. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY.

O GOD, whose goodness and mercy are unbounded, listen to the prayers we offer thee in behalf of our suffering brethren in Purgatory. O bountiful Jesus, who upon the cross didst shed the last drop of thy blood for the redemption of mankind, look with compassion upon the sufferings of these dear souls. Let some drops of that precious blood flow upon them, and purify their least stains, and extinguish

the devouring flames in which they are plunged. Deliver them, O merciful Jesus, from that place of darkness and tortures, and receive them immediately into thy paternal bosom, there to behold, and praise, and love thee for all eternity. *Amen.*

A PRAYER

For the conversion of sinners, and of those separated from the Church.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who holdest in thy hands the destinies of thy creatures, and who desirest not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, hearken to the humble petition which I offer to thee in behalf of those who are separated from thee by a sinful life, or remain out of thy Church which thou has commanded all to obey under pain of incurring thy displeasure. Grant that all may forsake their evil ways, and serve thee faithfully to the end. Enlighten those who belong not to thy fold: open their eyes to a knowledge of thy truth, and give them

grace and courage to embrace it. Grant them patience under the sufferings they may have to endure for thy sake; and guide them through the thorny path of this world to the endless happiness of the world to come. I ask these favors of thee, O merciful Father! through the merits of thy adorable Son, and through the intercession of his spotless Mother.

Amen.

Our Father.—Hail Mary.

Instructions and Devotions for the sick.

1. If attacked with serious sickness, send immediately for your confessor, and make a good confession. As sickness is often a punishment of sin, sincere repentance and a good confession are often means of recovery. Delay not.

2. If your will is not already made, make it, and settle your *temporal affairs*.

3. Ask your best friends candidly to tell you your condition. Admit but few visitors, and profit by the time you have left.

4. Discharge your debts if you have any. Forgive those who have injured you, and ask pardon of all you have injured. Be reconciled to enemies if you have any.

5. With resignation accept your sickness as coming from God, and a just in-

fliction on you for your sins. Offer yourself and your sufferings to God, and beg He will grant you patience. Unite your sufferings with those of Christ our Saviour.

6. Ask some friend to read to you spiritual lessons and prayers.

7. Keep the crucifix before your eyes, and think much and often on the passion and death of our Lord.

8. Try, by frequent acts of contrition, to excite in your soul a truly penitential spirit. It is said by St. Augustine, that however innocent his life may have been no christian ought to venture to die except as a penitent.

A DAILY PRAYER IN TIME OF SICKNESS.

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 honour of thy holy name, and to the good of my soul. For

this end, I here offer myself with an entire submission to thy appointments, to suffer whatever thou pleasest, as long and in what manner thou pleasest. For I thy creature, O Lord, have most ungratefully offended thee; and, as my sins have long since cried aloud to heaven for justice, how can I now complain of thy chastisements? Now, my God, thou art just in all thy ways; I have truly deserved thy punishment; and therefore can have no reason to complain of thee, but rather of my own wickedness.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath; but have compassion on my weakness. Thou knowest my frailty, and that I am nothing but dust and ashes. Deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, nor punish me according to my iniquities, but according to the multitude of thy tender mercies have compassion on me. May thy justice, O Lord, be tempered with mercy; and let thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this illness. Enable me, with

strength from above, to bear all the uneasiness, pains, and difficulties of my sickness, with Christian patience, and to accept them with cheerfulness, in just punishment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be thou to me a tower of strength against the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may no ways offend thee. And should it be my last, I beg of thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may neither neglect nor be deprived of those helps which thou hast, in thy mercy ordained for the safe conduct of my soul in its passage to eternity; that being perfectly cleansed from my sins, I may believe in thee, hope 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. *Amen.*

Acts of the most necessary virtues, to be made in time of sickness.

LORD, I accept this sickness from thy hands and resign myself entirely to thy

blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will, but thine be done; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

I offer up to thee, O Lord, all that I now suffer, or may hereafter suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion.

I adore thee, O my God and my all, as my first beginning and last end; and, bowing down all the powers of my soul in thy presence, desire to pay thee the best homage I am able.

I desire to praise thee, O Lord, without ceasing, in sickness as well as in health; and to join my heart and voice with the whole church in heaven and on earth, in blessing thee for ever.

I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart, for all the mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and thy whole church, through Jesus Christ thy Son; and above all, for his having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with his precious blood. O let not that blood be shed for me in vain!

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which thou hast revealed, and which thy holy Catholic church believes and teaches; thou art the sovereign truth, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived; and thou hast promised the Spirit of truth to guide thy church into all truth. *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, &c.* In this faith I resolve, through thy grace, both to live and die; O Lord, strengthen and increase my faith.

O my God, all my hopes are centered in thee, from whom I hope for mercy, grace, and salvation, through the passion and death of my blessed Redeemer. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; O let me never be confounded.

O sweet Jesus, receive me into thy arms in this day of my distress; hide me within thy wounds; bathe my soul in thy precious blood.

I love thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things; at least I desire so to love thee. O come now, and take full possession of my soul, and teach me to love thee for ever.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

When, O Lord, will thy kingdom come? When wilt thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

I desire to embrace every neighbour in the arms of perfect charity, for love of thee. I forgive, from my heart, all that have any ways offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have any ways offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities.

O who will give water to my head, and fountains of tears to my eyes, that night and day I may bewail all my sins.

O that I had never offended so good a God! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have preserved their baptismal innocence.

Lord be merciful to me a sinner; sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I recommend my soul to God, my Creator, who made me out of nothing; to

Jesus Christ, my Saviour, who redeemed me with his blood; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I renounce from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works; and abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Suffer not this mortal enemy of my soul, O Lord, to have any dominion over me, either now or at my last hour. O let thy holy angels defend me from all the powers of darkness.

O holy Mary, mother of God, pray for me, a poor sinner, now and at the hour of my death. O all ye blessed angels and saints of God, pray for me a poor sinner.

[It may also be proper to read some part of the Meditations on the passion of Christ, the Miserere, or other penitential psalms, devout acts of contrition, &c.; but not too much at a time, lest it might fatigue the sick person.]

A DAILY PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

1. MY heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; not my will, but thine be done.

I resign myself entirely to thee, O Lord, to receive death at the time and in the manner it shall please thee to send it.

2. I most humbly ask pardon for all the sins I have committed against thy sovereign goodness, and repent of them all from the bottom of my heart.

3. I firmly believe whatsoever the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches; and by thy grace I will die in this belief.

4. I hope to possess eternal life, through thy infinite mercy and the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

5. O my God, my sovereign good, I desire to love thee above all things, and to despise this miserable world. I desire to love my neighbour as myself, for the love of thee, and from my heart to forgive all injuries.

6. O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive thy sacred body! O come now unto my soul, at least by a spiritual communion! O grant that I may worthily receive thee before my death! I desire to unite my communion to all the worthy communions which

shall be made in thy holy church, even to the end of the world.

7. Grant me the grace, O my divine Saviour, perfectly to efface all the sins I have committed by any of my senses, by applying daily to my soul thy blessed merits, the holy unction of thy precious blood.

8. Holy Virgin, Mother of God, defend me from my enemies in my last hour, and present me to thy divine Son. Glorious St. Michael, prince of the heavenly host; my angel guardian, and blessed patrons, intercede for me, and assist me in this my last and dreadful passage.

9. O my God, I renounce all temptations of the enemy, and in general whatsoever may displease thee. I adore and accept thy divine appointments with regard to my soul, and entirely abandon myself to them as most just and equitable.

10. O Jesus, my divine Redeemer, be to me a Saviour. Save me, O my God, hiding myself with an humble confidence in thy dear wounds. I deliver my soul into thy divine hands; receive it into the bosom of thy divine mercy. *Amen.*

Indulgences briefly Explained.

The Treasury of the church, consisting of the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, of the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the other saints, is the source from which we may seek aid to make *satisfaction* to God for our sins, after we have sought pardon for them through repentance and absolution. Of this treasury the Sovereign Pontif, the successor of St. Peter, holds the keys. In virtue of the Communion of Saints we can be made partakers of this spiritual treasury. The application is made to us by what is termed an indulgence, requiring on our part, that we place ourselves in the state of grace, and comply with the prescribed conditions.

An indulgence is not the remission of sin, it is much less a license to sin, but it is *the remission of the temporal punishment, which remains due to sin*, after the sin has been forgiven by means of the sacrament

of penance. The temporal punishment and obligation of satisfaction are not always remitted when sin is forgiven, but most commonly are still to be undergone. We know not what will be the amount of satisfaction God will require, nor whether our penitential works, in the imperfect way we perform them, will amount to much in satisfying for our sins, but the church teaches us we can be aided from the riches of the church, which is the mystic body of Christ of which we are weak members, and hence the great importance for us to avail ourselves of the indulgences offered to us, on the condition of our doing certain pious works, in themselves agreeable to God.

There must be a renouncing of sin, a purpose of amendment and satisfaction, a sincere sorrow for sins committed, and a due performance of the conditions prescribed. This penitential disposition must be found in him who seeks the aid of an indulgence.

The church, at an early period of her existence, drew up certain rules or can-

ons for penitential works, to be performed, for a period of days or years or even for the whole life of the penitent, according to the gravity of his sins. The indulgence remitted so many days or so many years of such canonical penances and of the satisfaction which corresponded with them, and such remission was called a *partial indulgence*. An entire remission was called *plenary*. And though the public penances of those canons are not now performed by penitents, yet the obligation of satisfaction being the same, the granting of *partial* or *plenary* indulgences still prevails. When these are granted by the competent ecclesiastical authority, and the faithful comply with the conditions with a proper spirit, they obtain from the mercy of God great spiritual favours, for God has said to Him in whose hands He placed the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: "*Whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven.*" Math. c. xvi. v. 19.

Manner of saying the Rosary or Beads.

On the cross, say: THE APOSTLES CREED.

First large bead: OUR FATHER.

*On each of the three small beads: THE
HAIL MARY.*

*On the next large one THE GLORY, &c.,
Then again OUR FATHER, and thus on each
large bead; saying the Hail Mary for each
small one of every ten or decade.*

*The substance of the Meditations and Mys-
teries.*

I. In the joyful mysteries add to the
word *Jesus* in the Hail Mary as follows:

1. Who was MADE MAN for us.
2. Whom thou didst carry in visiting St. Elizabeth.
3. Who was born in a stable for us.
4. Who was presented in the temple for us.
5. Whom thou didst find in the temple.

II. *In the Sorrowful Mysteries, say :*

1. Who sweated blood for us.
2. Who was scourged for us.
3. Who was crowned with thorns for us.
4. Who carried the heavy cross for us.
5. Who was crucified for us.

III. *In the Glorious Mysteries, say :*

1. Who arose from the dead.
2. Who ascended into Heaven.
3. Who sent the Holy Ghost.
4. Who assumed thee into Heaven.
5. Who crowned thee in Heaven.

CHAPLET OF THE
Immaculate Conception.

INVOCATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

ADORABLE JESUS! whose divine Heart is ever ready to compassionate the unhappy, have mercy on us, miserable sinners, and grant us the graces we ask through the immaculate and afflicted Heart of thy holy mother and ours also, to whom thou canst refuse nothing.
Amen.

On the First Bead.—By thy sacred Virginity and Immaculate Conception, O most pure Virgin, Queen of Angels, obtain that my soul and body may be free from all sin. (300 days indulgence.)

On the three following.—Ave Maria.

On the fifth.—By thy sacred Virginity, &c.

On the twelve following.—O Mary! con-

ceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee.

(100 days indulgence each time.)

On the last.—By thy sacred Virginity, &c.

In Conclusion, say.—St. Joseph! chaste Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee, obtain us the love of Jesus and Mary. Jesus, Mary, Joseph! I give you my heart, my soul and my life.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph! assist me in my last agony!

Jesus, Mary, Joseph! grant that I may expire in peace in your holy company.

(100 days indulgence to each of these *Invocations.*)

CONCLUDE WITH THE PRAYER OF ST. BERNARD.

Remember, O most pious Virgin Mary, that no one ever had recourse to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy mediation, without obtaining relief.—Confiding, therefore, in thy goodness and

mercy, I cast myself at thy sacred feet, and do most humbly supplicate thee, O Mother of the Eternal Word, to adopt me as thy child, and to take upon thyself the care of my salvation. O! let it not be said, my dearest Mother, that I have perished where no one ever found but grace and salvation. *Amen.*

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

To assist by alms and prayers, the Catholic missionaries, who are charged with preaching the Gospel to Foreign nations, is the object of this association. Members contribute *one cent* per week. They are to recite daily, one *Our Father* and one *Hail Mary*, and to add this invocation: "*Saint Francis Xavier pray for us.*" The *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* of the Morning or Evening prayer, may be offered for this purpose.

The association is administered by two central councils, one of which is in Lyons, the other in Paris, France. The reports of subscriptions, &c., appear in the

Annals of the Propagation of the Faith, six numbers of which appear annually. Every *ten members* can receive a copy of each number.

The Sovereign Pontifs, Pius VII. Leo XII. Pius VIII. Gregory XVI. have, by rescript, warmly recommended this association to the faithful, granting indulgences, which may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

The association was first established in Lyons in the year 1822, on the festival of "the Finding of the Holy Cross, and on this Festival a *plenary indulgence* may be gained by the members. Also on the feast of St. Francis Xavier, the patron of the society, and once a month, on any day selected by the member, who each day of the month says the appointed prayers. To gain the indulgence, the member must be sorry for his sins, make his confession, receive holy communion, visit the church or oratory of the Institution, if it have one, and if not, visit the parish church or chapel, and there offer prayers for the prosperity of the church,

and the intention of the pope. The sick and infirm, are dispensed from the visit to the church, if with the advice of their confessor they do their best to comply with the other conditions. The indulgence on these festivals can be obtained either on the day, or within the octaves.

A partial indulgence of *one hundred days* can be gained each time that the member says the prescribed prayers with a contrite heart, or makes a donation to the missions, or performs some other pious or charitable work.

Archconfraternity of the Sacred and Immaculate Heart of Mary to Pray for the Conversion of Sinners.

This pious Association was established in Paris, at the church of *Notre Dame des Victoires*, Dec. 16, 1836, by the pastor Rev. M. DeGenettes, and approved by the Pope, on the 24th April, 1838, according the privilege of aggregating similar associations. To pray for the conversion of sinners is its primary object.

The chief requirement is, that each associate, after his name has been registered, should recite every day the *Hail Mary* for the intentions of the Association. Besides which, a short act of oblation of the thoughts, words and actions of the day to God through the Holy and Immaculate heart of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary is recommended, with the following short prayers: "Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us." "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

It is further recommended, 1st. To receive communion once a month. 2. To recite the fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary once a week, and offer the Communion and Rosary for the intentions of the Association. 3. To wear either the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, or that known as "the Miraculous Medal." 4. To say, often the prayer of St. Bernard, the Memorare or "Remember."

The Associates, *complying with the usual conditions*, can gain the following plenary indulgences :

1. On the day of Admission.
2. At the hour of Death.
3. On the Sunday before *Septuagesima*.
4. On the feast of our Lord's circumcision.
5. On the feasts of the Purification, Annunciation, Assumption, Conception, Seven Dolours, and Nativity of our Blessed Lady.
6. On the festival of the conversion of St. Paul, 25th of January.
7. On that of St. Magdalen, July 22d.
8. On any two days of the month the member may select.

9. On the anniversary of their Baptism.

An indulgence of 500 days can be gained by members who assist at the masses celebrated on Saturdays, in honor of the Holy and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the church or chapel of the confraternity, and there pray for the conversion of sinners.

On the first Saturday of each month a mass is offered for deceased members in the church of *Notre Dame des Victoires*, at Paris.

THE HOLY SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL.

The word *scapular* is derived from the Latin, and signifies a garment worn over the shoulders. The devotion of the Scapular was instituted towards the middle of the 13th century. -St. Simon Stock, one of the superiors of the monks of Mount Carmel, in England, established it in consequence of the singular favour extended to him by the Blessed Virgin, who, appearing to him, presented to him

the scapular as the livery of her confraternity, a privilege granted to him and to all the Carmelites, with the declaration that "*Whoever shall be so happy as to die wearing this garment, shall not suffer in the eternal flames of Hell.*" A promise of protection, which is not interpreted as assuring to the sinner, who wears the scapular, a preservation from eternal punishment if he persevere and die in his sins, but rather a promise to protect him from dying in sin by procuring him the grace of conversion and repentance. This vision occurred on the 16th of July 1251. Since then Popes, Kings, princes, and the faithful of every rank have sought the protection of the Blessed Virgin by wearing the scapular as her livery.

The bull of Pope John XXII. issued March 3d, 1322, and called the Sabbatine Bull, represents that the Blessed Virgin appeared to him and promised a still greater favour to the members of this devout confraternity, which is, *their deliverance from purgatory, (if they have been sent there,) on the Saturday after*

their death. This bull has received the approbation of several of the Sovereign Pontifs.

To gain the graces and privileges annexed to the scapular, two things are necessary.

1st. The scapular must be received with the accustomed ceremonies from a priest empowered to give it.

2d. It must be devoutly worn, as a scapular, that is hanging from the shoulders. When it is worn out it may be replaced by another, blessed or not, without a new ceremony.

N. B. The pious reception and devout wearing of the scapular, without any special prayers on account of it, is of inestimable advantage to the christian.

But to gain the privileges of the Sabbatine bull, the following conditions must be complied with.

1st. Chastity to be observed according to the state of life of the member.

2dly. Those who can read should each day recite the little office of the Blessed Virgin.

Those who cannot read, instead of the office, must abstain from the use of flesh meat on *Wednesdays* and *Saturdays*.

N. B. Persons who can read are not free to choose the abstinence on *Wednesdays* and *Saturdays*, instead of the office of the Blessed Virgin. But for reasons, they may obtain a commutation from a confessor who has the faculty to grant such commutation.

The scapular must be worn continually, night and day, and especially at the hour of death.

Children may be invested and partake of the Sabbatine privilege without being obliged to any thing before the age of seven years. After obtaining the use of reason, they must comply with the conditions to gain the privileges.

The cloth of the scapular must be woolen and of a dark brown colour, the two parts attached by woolen strings for wearing part on the breast and part on the back. The picture, and initials I. H. S., usually put on them, are not necessary.

For sharing in the merits and good

works of the confraternity, no particular prayer, fast, or abstinence has been prescribed by the church, but each member is free to offer such as his piety will dictate. Those who recite seven *our Father's*, and seven *Hail Mary's* each day, being members, gain an indulgence of forty days, but these are not the prayers prescribed for the Sabbatine privilege, which, as we have said, is the little office of the Blessed Virgin. The others can only take the place of the office by an authoritative commutation.

No one should be deterred from becoming a member by the idea that they cannot read the office of the Blessed Virgin, or perform the abstinence, because by leading a good life and devoutly wearing the scapular, they can gain most of the advantages of the confraternity.

To the members of the scapular of Mount Carmel are granted a plenary indulgence.

1. On the day of admission, (by Pope Paul, V.)
2. On the feast of our Lady of Mount

Carmel, July 16, or during the octave, (Paul V., and Benedict XIV.)

3. On the day in each month when there is a procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin, to those who assist at it.

4. At the hour of death, for those who pronounce devoutly the holy name of Jesus, or at least say it in their hearts, (Paul V.)

5. Everytime that other confraternities have a plenary indulgence, (Sixtus IV, Clement VII.)

6. On all the festivals of the Blessed Virgin, of the twelve Apostles, and of the canonized saints of the Carmelite order, (Gregory XVI.)

7. Those who wear the scapular, may on two days in each week at their option, gain a plenary indulgence, (Gregory XVI.)

Several *partial* indulgencies can also be gained by the members, as:

1. Of five years and five quarantaines to members who accompany the blessed sacrament to the sick, (Paul V.)

2. Five years and five quarantaines to

those who receive holy communion once a month, and pray for the intentions of the Pope.

3. Three hundred days to those who abstain from meat on Wednesday and Saturday.

4. One hundred days each time the member gives an alms or performs some other corporal or spiritual work of mercy.

5. Forty days, once a day, to those who recite seven *our Father's*, and seven *Hail Mary's*, in honor of the seven joys of the Blessed Virgin, viz : The Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Adoration of the three Kings, the finding of Jesus in the Temple, the Resurrection, and the Assumption.

N. B. *All these by suffrage can be applied to the souls in Purgatory.*

THE LIVING ROSARY.

This devotion commenced in the city of Lyons in 1826. It was approved by Pope Gregory, XVI, who annexed to it the following indulgences:

The members, who recite the part

assigned to them, may gain a plenary indulgence.

1st. On the first festival after their admission.

2d. On the third Sunday of each month.

3d. On the feasts of Christmas, Epiphany, Circumcision, Easter, Ascension, Corpus Christi, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday; and on all the festivals of the Blessed Virgin, provided they receive the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist on those days, and offer up some prayers in a church.

4. A partial indulgence of one hundred days each time they recite their part during the week.

Also an indulgence of seven years and seven times forty days each time they recite their part on Sunday's and Festivals.

"The Living Rosary" is the union of fifteen persons into a circle for saying the Rosary. The fifteen mysteries being divided, one to each of the fifteen. Thus each recites one *our Father*, ten *Hail Mary's*, and one "*Glory be to the Father,*"

&c., every day in honor of the mystery assigned.

A number of these circles form a sodality under the direction of a clergyman.

The member to whom the first mystery is allotted recites before his decade the *creed*, the *our Father*, and three *Hail Mary's*, which precede the Rosary, and each member concludes his part with this short prayer.

“May the Divine Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, be ever known, loved, and imitated in all places throughout the world.”

N. B. Monthly donations are made by the members, to be employed in meeting the expenses of the sodality, for printing, stationary, &c., or procuring vestments and ornaments for the altar. The donation in this country is six cents per month.

Association of prayers for the conversion of those who, in this country, are not in communion with the church.

By a rescript of the 5th September 1852, our Holy Father, Pope Pius, IX, at

the instance of the National Council of Baltimore, approves this association, and accords the following indulgences :

1. To those ' who recite the following prayer :

“Almighty and Eternal God, who savest all, and wilt have none to perish, have regard to the souls who are led astray by the deceits of the devil, that rejecting all errors, the hearts of those who err may be converted, and may return to the unity of thy truth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.” The Pope grants a plenary indulgence on receiving the Easter communion.

2. Also a plenary indulgence at the hour of death, on confessing their sins with sincere sorrow, and receiving the Holy Eucharist; or if unable to receive communion, on their invoking the Holy name of Jesus with their lips, or at least in their hearts.

3. He grants an indulgence of one hundred days each time they recite the above prayer.

4. Those not able to recite the above

prayer, may gain these indulgences by daily saying in its place an *our Father*, a *Hail Mary*, and a *Glory*, with the same intention.

VESPERS,

OR

The Evening Office.

FOR SUNDAYS.

PATER noster, &c.

Ave Maria, &c.

V. DEUS, in adiutorium meum intende.

R. Dómine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

V. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui sancto.

R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum, Amen. Allelúia. *In Lent:* Laus tibi, Dómine, Rex æternæ glóriæ.

OUR Father, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

V. INCLINE unto my aid, O God!

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. Alleluia. *In Lent:* Praise be to thee, O Lord! king of eternal glory.

Psalm cix.

DIXIT Dóminus | THE Lord said to
Dómino meo: * Se- | my Lord: Sit thou
de à dextris meis: | at my right hand:

Donec ponam ini- | Until I make thy
micos tuos, * sca- | enemies thy foot-
bellum pedum tuó- | stool.
rum.

Virgam virtútis tuæ | The Lord will
emíttet Dóminus ex | send forth the scap-
Sion, * domináre in | tre of thy power out
in medio inimicórum | of Sion: rule thou
tuórum. | in the midst of thy
enemies.

Tecum principi- | With thee is the
um in die virtutis | principality in the
tuæ in spendoribus | day of thy strength;
sanctórum * ex útero | in the brightness of
ante lucíferum gènu | the saints: from the
te. | womb before the
day-star I begot thee.

Jurávit Dóminus, | The Lord hath
et non pœnitebit | sworn, and he will
eum: * Tu es Sa- | not repent: Thou

cérdos in ætérnum
secúnbum òrdinẽm
Melchisedech. | art a priest for ever
according to the or-
der of Melchisedech.

Dóminus à dextris
tuis, * confrégit in
die iræ suæ reges. | The Lord at thy
right hand, hath bro-
ken kings in the day
of his wrath.

Judicábit in na-
tiónibus, implébit ru-
ínas: * conquassábit
capita in terrâ mul-
tórurum. | He shall judge
among nations; he
shall fill ruins: he
shall crush the heads
in the land of many.

De torrén-te in viâ
bibet: * proptérea
exaltábit caput. | He shall drink of
the torrent in the
way; therefore shall
he lift up the head.

Glória Patri, &c. | Glory be to the
Father, &c.

Psalm cx.

CONFITEBOR tibi | I WILL praise thee,
Dómine in toto cor- | O Lord! with my
de meo: * in conci- | whole heart; in the
lio justórum, et con- | council of the just,
gregatióne. | and in the congrega-
tion.

Magna ópera Dómini: * exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Conféssio et magnificentia opus ejus; * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Memóriam fecit mirabilium suorum, misericors et miserátor Dóminus: * escam dedit timéntibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum testaménti sui: * virtútem óperum suorum annuntiábit pópulo suo:

Ut det illis hæreditátem géntium: * ópera mánuum ejus, véritas et judicium.

Great are the works of the Lord; sought out according to all his wills.

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

He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord; he hath given food to them that fear him.

He will be mindful for ever of his covenant: he will show forth to his people the power of his works:

That he may give them the inheritance of the gentiles the works of his

<p>Fidélia ó m n i a mandáta ejus: con- firmata in sæculum sæculi; * facta in veritáte et æquitáte.</p>	<p>hands are truth and judgment. All his command- ments are faithful; confirmed for ever and ever, made in truth and equity.</p>
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<p>Redemptionem misit populo suo: * mandávit in ætér- num testaméntum suum.</p>	<p>He hath sent re- demption to his peo- ple: he hath com- manded his cove- nant for ever.</p>
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<p>Sanctum, et ter- ribile nomen ejus: * initium sapiéntiæ ti- mor Dómini.</p>	<p>Holy and terrible is his name: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wis- dom.</p>
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<p>Intellectus bonus ómnibus faciéntibus eum: * landátio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.</p>	<p>A good under- standing to all that do it: his praise continueth for ever and ever.</p>
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<p>Glória Patri, &c.</p>	<p>Glory, &c.</p>
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Psalm cxiii.

BEATUS vir, qui timet Dóminum: * in mandátis ejus volentissimus.

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

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

Exórtum est in ténebris lumen rectis: * miséricors, et miserátor, et justus.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et cómmodat, dispónet sermónes suos in ju-

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

dicio: * quia in ætérnum non commovébitur.

words with judgment: because he shall not be moved for ever.

In memóriâ ætérnâ erit justus: * ab auditióne malâ non timébit.

The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

Parátum cor ejus speráre in Dómino, confirmátum est cor ejus: * non commovébitur donec despiciat inimícos suos.

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

Dispérsit. dedit paupéribus: justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi, * cornu ejus exaltábitur in gloriâ.

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

Peccátor vidébit, et irascétur, déntibus suis fremet et tabéscet: * desidérium

The wicked shall see, and shall be angry; he shall gnash with his teeth, and

peccatorum peribit.	pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.
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Glória Patri, &c.	Glory, &c.
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Psalm cxii.

LAUDATE pueri Dóminum: * laudáte nomen Dómini.	PRAISE the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.
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Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum, * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum:	Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth and forever.
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A solis ortu usque ad occásum, * laudábile nomen Dómini.	From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.
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Excélsus super omnes gentes Dominus, * et super cælos glória ejus.	The Lord is high, above all nations; and his glory above the heavens.
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Quis sicut Dóminus Deus noster, qui	Who is as the Lord our God, who
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in altis hábitat, * et dwelleth on high,
humilia réspicit in and looketh down
cælo et in terrâ? on the low things in
heaven and earth?

Súscitans à terrâ Raising up the
ínopem, * et de stér- needy from the earth
core érigens páupe- and lifting up the
rem: poor out of the dung-
hill:

Ut cóllocet eum That he may place
cum princípibus, * him with princes,
cum princípibus pó- with the princes of
puli sui. his people.

Qui habitáre facit Who maketh the
stérilem in domo, * barren woman to
matrem filiórum læ- dwell in a house, the
tántem. joyful mother of
children.

Glória Patria, &c. Glory, &c.

Psalm cxiii.

In éxitu Israel de WHEN Israel went
Ægypto, * domus out of Egypt, the
Jacob de pópulo bár- house of Jacob from
baro. a barbarous people:

Facta est Judæa sanctificatio ejus, * Israel potestas ejus.

Judea was made his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

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

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

Montes exultaverunt ut arietes: * et colles sicut agni ovium?

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

Quid est tibi mare quod fugisti: et tu Jordánis quia conversus es retrorsum?

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

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

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

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

At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved, at

Qui convértit pe-
tram in stagna aquá-
rum, * et rupem in
fontes aquárum.

Non nobis Dó-
mine, non nobis : *
sed nómini tuo da
glóriam.

Super miseriórdiá,
tuâ et veritate tuâ ;
nequando dicant
gentes : Ubi est Deus
eórum ?

Deus autem nos-
ter in cœlo : * om-
nia quæcumque vó-
luit, fecit.

Simulacra géntium
argentum et aurum,*
ópera mannum hó-
minum.

the presence of the
God of Jacob.

Who turned the
rock into pools of
waters, and the sto-
ny hill into fountains
of waters.

Not to us, O Lord!
not to us; but to thy
name give glory.

For thy mercy,
and for the truth's
sake : lest the gen-
tiles should say :—
Where is their God?

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

The idols of the
gentiles are silver
and gold, the works
of the hands of men.

Os habent, et non loquéntur : * óculos habent, et non vidébunt.

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

Aures habent, et non áudient ; * nares habent, et non odorábunt.

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

Manus habent, et non palpábunt : pedes habent, et non ambulábunt : * non clamábunt in gútture suo.

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

Similes illis fiant qui faciunt ea : * et omnes qui confí dunt in eis.

Let them that make them, become like unto them, and all such as trust in them.¹

Domus Israel sperávit in Dómino : * adjutor eórum et protéctor eorum est.

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

Domus Aaron sperávit in Dómino : *

The house of Aaron hath hoped in

adjutor eorum et protector eorum est. 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 benedixit nobis. The Lord hath been mindful of us, and hath blessed us.

Benedixit domui Israel : * benedixit domui Aaron. He hath blessed 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 à Domino * qui fecit cælum et terram. Blessed be you of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Cœlum cœli Do- mino; * terram au- tem dedit fîliis ho- minum.	The heaven of heaven is the Lord's: but the earth he hath given to the children of men.
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Non mortui lau- dâbunt te Domine: * neque omnes, qui descêdunt in infêr- num.	The dead shall not praise thee, O Lord! nor any of them that go down to hell.
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Sed nos qui vivi- mus, benedicimus Domino, * ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.	But we that live bless the Lord, from this time now and for ever.
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Gloria Patri, &c.	Glory, &c.
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[The following Psalm is sung on sundry festivals, in place of the foregoing.]

Psalm cxvi.

LAUDATE Dominum omnes gentes: * lau- dâte eum omnes po- puli.	O PRAISE the Lord; all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
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Quoniam confir-	For his mercy is
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máta est, super nos	confirmed upon us:
miserícordia ejus : *	and the truth of the
et véritas Domini	Lord remaineth for
manet in æternum.	ever.
Gloria Patri, &c.	Glory, &c.

Capitulum, 2 Cor. i.

BENEDICTUS Deus	BLESSED be the
et Pater Domini	God and Father of
nostri Jesu Christi,	our Lord Jesus
Pater misericordiá-	Christ the Father
rum, et Deus totíus	of mercies, and the
consolationis, qui	God of all comfort,
consolátur nos in	who comforteth us
omni tribulatione	in all our tribula-
nostrá.	tion.

R. Deo grátias.

R. Thanks be to
God.

The Hymn.

LUCIS Creátor óptime!
 Lucem diérum próferens,
 Primórdiis lucis novæ,
 Mundi parans oíginem.

Qui mane junctum vésperi,
Diem vocári præcipis ;
Illábitur tetrum chaos ;
Audi preces cum fletibus ;

Ne mens, graváta crímine,
Vitæ sit exul múnere ;
Dum nil perénne cógitat,
Sesêque culpis illigat.

Coeléste pulset óstium,
Vitále tollat præmium :
Vitémus omne nóxium :
Purgémus omne pèssimum.

Præsta, Pater piïssime !
Patrique compar únice,
Cum Spiritu Paráclito,
Regnans per omne sæculum.

V. Dirigátur, Dómine, orátio mea,
R. Sicut incénsus in conspéctu tuo.

*The Magnificat; or, the Canticle of the
blessed Virgin: St. Luke i.*

MAGNIFICAT* án-
ima mea Dóminum.

Et exultávit Spí-
ritus meus* in Deo
salutári meo.

Quia respéxit hu-
militátem ancillæ
suæ,* ecce enim ex
hoc, beatam me di-
cent omnes genera-
tiónes.

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

Et misericordia
ejus a progénie in
progénies, * timén-
tibus eum.

Fecit poténtiam
in bráchio suo; *

My soul doth mag-
nify the Lord.

And my spirit
hath rejoiced in God
my Saviour.

Because he hath
regarded the humi-
lity of his hand-
maid: 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;

dispersit superbos
mente cordis sui.

he hath scattered
the proud in the
conceit of their
heart.

Deposuit, potentes
de sede : * et ex-
altavit humiles.

He hath put down
the mighty from
their seat ; and hath
exalted the hum-
ble.

Esuriētes implē-
vit bonis : * et divi-
tes dimisit inānes.

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

Suscēpit Israel
pūerum suum ; *
recordātus miseri-
cōrdiæ suæ.

He hath received
Israel his servant ;
being mindful of
his mercy.

Sicut locūtus est
ad patres nostros ; *
Abraham et sēmini
ejus in sæcula.

As he spoke to
our fathers ; to
Abraham and to
his seed for ever.

Glória Patri, &c.

Glory, &c.

[Then follows the prayer, which is
different every Sunday.]

V. Dóminus vo-
biscum.

R. Et cum spi-
ritu tuo.

V. Benedicámus
Dómino.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Fidélium áni-
mæ, per. misericór-
diam Dei, requiés-
cant in pace.

R. Amen.
Pater noster, &c.

V. The Lord be
with you.

R. And with thy
spirit.

V. Let us bless
the Lord.

R. Thanks be to
God.

V. May the souls
of the faithful,
through the mer-
cy of God, rest in
peace.

R. Amen.
Our Father, &c.

[When Complin is not said immedi-
ately after Vespers, after the verse, Fide-
lium animæ, &c. May the souls &c. and
Our Father,—is said.]

V. Dóminus det
nobis suam pacem.

R. Et vitam ætér-
nam. Amen.

V. Our Lord grant
us his peace!

R. And life ever-
lasting. Amen.

[Then is said one of the following anthems, according to the time.]

The Anthem, from the first Sunday of Advent till the Purification, inclusive.

<p>ALMA Redemp- tôris mater, quæ pérvia cœli, Porta manes, et stella maris, suc- curre cadénti, Surgere qui curat pópulo, tu quæ ge- nuisti. Naturâ miránte, tuum sanctum gen- itórem, Virgo prius ac postérius: Gabri- elis ab ore, Sumens illud ave, peccatôrum miserére.</p>	<p>MOTHER of Jesus! heaven's open gate, Star of the sea, support the fallen state, Of mortals; thou whose womb thy maker bore; And yet, strange thing, a virgin, as before; Who didst, from Gabriel's hail, this news receive, Repenting sin- ners by thy prayers relieve.</p>
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In Advent.

V. Angelus Dó-
mini nuntiávit Ma-
riæ.

R. Et concépit de
Spíritu Sancto.

V. The angel of
the Lord declared
his message to Ma-
ry.

R. And she con-
ceived by the Holy
Ghost.

*Orémus**Let us pray.*

GRATIAM tuam
quæsumus Domi-
ne! méntibus nos-
tris infúnde; ut qui,
ángelo nuntiánte,
Christi, Filii tui
incarnatiónem cog-
nóvimus, per pas-
siónem ejus et cru-
cem, ad resurrec-
tiónis glóriam per-
ducámur, Per eun-
dem Christum, Do-

POUR forth, we
beseech thee, O
Lord! thy grace
into our hearts, that
we, to whom the
incarnation of thy
Son has been made
known by the mes-
sage of an angel,
may, by his pas-
sion and cross, be
brought to the glo-
ry of his resurrec-

minum nostrum. *R.*
Amen.

V. Post partum
virgo invioláta per-
mansisti.

R. Dei génitrix!
intercéde pro no-
bis.

Orémus

DEUS! qui salú-
tis æternæ beátæ
Mariæ virginitáte
foecúnda h ú m a n o
gèneri præmia præ-
stitisti: tribue, quæ-
sumus, ut ipsam
pro nobis intercê-
dere sentiámus, per
quam merúimus
Auctórem vitæ sus-
cíper e Dóminum

tion: through the
same Christ, our
Lord. *R.* Amen.

V. After child-
birth thou didst re-
main an inviolate
virgin.

R. Mother of
God! make inter-
cession for us.

Let us pray.

O GOD! who by
the fruitful virgini-
ty of the blessed
virgin Mary, hast
given to mankind
the rewards of eter-
nal salvation; grant
we beseech thee,
that we may be
sensible of the ben-
efits of her inter-
cession, by whom

nostrum Jesum Christum filium tuum. <i>R.</i> Amen.	we have received the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy son. <i>R.</i> Amen.
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From the Purification till Easter.

AVE, Regina cœ- lorum !	HAIL, Mary, queen of heavenly spheres !
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Ave, Dómina an- gelorum.	Hail, whom the angelic host re- veres !
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Salve, radix ! sal- ve, porta !	Hail, fruitful root, hail sacred gate !
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Ex qua mundo lux est orta.	Whence the World's light de- rives its date.
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Gaude, virgo glo- riósa !	O glorious maid, with beauty bless- ed !
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Super omnes spe- ciosa ;	May joys eternal fill thy breast !
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Vale, O v. de
decóra!

Et pro nobis
Christum exóra.

V. Dignáre me
laudáre te, virgosa-
cráta!

R. Da mihi vir-
tútem contra hostes
tuos.

Thus crown'd
with beauty and
with joy.

Thy prayers with
Christ for us em-
ploy.

V. Vouchsafe, O
sacred virgin! to
accept my praises.

R. Give me pow-
er against thy ene-
mies.

Orémus

Let us pray.

CONCEDE, misé-
ricors Deus! fragi-
litáti nostræ præ-
sídium: ut qui
sanctæ dei geni-
trícis memóriam
ágimus, intercessi-
ónis ejus áuxilio a
nostris iniquitáti-
bus resurgámus.

GRANT us, O mer-
ciful God! strength
against all our
weakness; that we,
who celebrate the
memory of the holy
mother of God, may,
by the help of her
intercession, rise
again from our in-

Per eúndem Chris-iquities : through
tum, D ó m i n u m the same Christ our
nostrum. R. Amen. Lord. R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

REGINA 'coeli !
lætáre, Alleluia :

O QUEEN of hea-
ven ! rejoice, Alle-
luia ;

Quia quem me-
ruísti portáre, Al-
leluia ;

F o r h e w h o m
thou didst deserve
to bear, Alleluia :

Resurréxit, sicut
dixit, Alleluia.

I s r i s e n a g a i n a s
he said, Alleluia.

Ora pro nobis De-
um, Alleluia.

P r a y f o r u s t o
God, Alleluia.

V. Gaude et læ-
táre, Virgo María !
Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and
be glad, O Virgin
Mary ! Alleluia.

R. Quia surréxit
Dóminus vere, Al-
leluia.

R. B e c a u s e o u r
Lord is truly risen,
Alleluia.

Orémus

Let us pray.

DEUS ! qui, per |

O GOD ! who by

resurrectionem filii tui, Domini nos- tri, Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es, præ- sta, quæsumus, ut per ejus genitricem virginem Mariam perpétuæ capiámus gaudia vitæ. Per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.	the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, hath been pleased to fill the world with joy; grant we beseech thee, that by the virgin Mary, his mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life: through the same Christ, our Lord. R. Amen.
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From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

SALVE, regina, mater misericór- diæ! vita, dulcédo, et spes nostra, sal- ve! Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evæ. Ad te suspirámus, geméntes et flentes,	HAIL, O Queen, O mother of mer- cy! hail, our life, our comfort, and our hope! We, the banished children of Eve, cry out unto thee. To thee we send up
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in hac lacrymárum
valle.

Eia ergo advo-
cata nostra, illos
tuos misericórdes
óculos ad nos con-
vèrte.

Et Jesum bene-
dictum fructum
ventris tui nobis
post hoc exilium
osténde;

O clemens! O
pia! O dulcis Virgo
María.

V. Ora pro nobis,
sancta Dei Génit-
rix!

R. Ut digni effi-
ciámur promissió-
nibus Christi.

Orémus

OMNIPOTENS, |

our sighs, groaning
and weeping in this
vale of tears.

Come, then, our
advocate, and look
upon us with those
thy pitying eyes.

And after this our
banishment, show
us Jesus, the bless-
ed fruit of thy
womb;

O merciful! O
pious! O sweet
Virgin Mary!

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

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

Pray for us.

ALMIGHTY and

sempitèrne Deus ! qui gloriósæ Vir- ginis Matris Ma- riæ corpus et áni- mam, ut dignum Filii tui habitacu- lum éffici mererétur, Spíritu Sancto co-operante, præ- parásti ; da, ut cu- jus commemorati- óne lætámur ejus pia intercessióne ab instántibus ma- lis, et a morte per- pètua liberémur. Per eúndem Chris- tum, Dóminum nostrum. <i>R. Amen.</i>	eternal God ! who, by the coöperation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious virgin mother, Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for thy Son ; grant, that as with joy we celebrate her me- mory, so by her pious intercession we may be deliv- ered from present evils and eternal death : through the same Christ, our Lord. <i>R. Amen.</i>
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V. Divinum aux-
 ilium maneat sem-
 per nobiscum. *R.*
Amen.

V. May the di-
 vine assistance al-
 ways remain with
 us. *R. Amen.*

• HYMNS AND ANTHEMS

WHICH MAY BE SUNG AT THE BENEDICTION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Ch. ADOREMUS in ætérnum
Sanctissimum Sacraméntum.

Solo. Laudáte Dóminum, page 236.

The Same in English.

Prostrate in trembling awe, let's all adore
This holy Sacrament for evermore.

O praise the Lord, page 236.

O SALUTARIS hóstia,
Quæ cæli pandis óstium !
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinóque Dómino,
Sit sempitérna glória ;
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria.

The same in English.

O SAVING host! O heav'nly bread!
That mak'st our souls for ever live,
Against the cruel foes we dread,
Thy heav'nly aid unto us give.

O thou, who feed'st us with thy blood
Good shepherd! praise be to thy name,
Whilst mortals taste th' immortal food,
Let heav'nly choirs thy love proclaim.

PANIS angélicus fit panis hōminum,
Dat panis cœlicus figúris términum:
O res mirábilis! manducat Dóminum
Pauper, servus et hūnilis.

Te, trina Déitas, únaque pōscimus,
Sic nos tu vísita, sicut te cólimus;
Per tuas sémitas duc nos quo téndimus,
Ad lucem quam inhábitas.

The same in English.

THE bread of angels, bread of men is
made;
The truth and substance now exclude the
shade.

O strange effect of love! the sovereign
 God
 Becomes the poor's, the slave's, the sin-
 ner's food!
 O Three and One! we humbly thee im-
 plore
 To manifest thyself, as we adore;
 By thy own way instruct us how to move,
 To find th' abyss of light, in which thou
 dwell's above.

AVE, verum corpus! natum
 De María Vírgine,
 Vere passum, immolátum,
 In cruce pro hómine.

Cujus latus perforátum
 Unda fluxit sángine,
 Esto nobis prægustátum,
 Mortis in examine.

O Jesu dulcis!
 O Jesu pie!
 O Jesu fili Maríæ!
 Tu nobis miserere.

The same in English.

HAIL! real body of our Lord,
 From spotless Virgin born!
 Hail! Victim, stretch'd upon the cross,
 And for us, bruis'd and torn!

Thy side with cruel spear transpierc'd,
 Let out a saving flood,
 To wash our sinful stains away,
 Of water mix'd with blood.

O heav'nly manna! be our food,
 Whilst in this life we stay;
 And when death comes, prepare our souls
 To meet the judgment day.

O gracious Jesus! bounteous Lord!
 O Mary's clement Son!
 Let sinners grace and pardon find,
 Before thy mercy's throne.

*The following Anthems to the Blessed Virgin
 are sometimes added.*

Solo. Sub tuum præsidium confúgimus,
 sancta Dei génitrix!

Chorus. Sub tuum, &c.

Solo. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus nostris.

Chorus. Sub tuum, &c.

Solo. Sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, virgo gloriosa et benedicta!

Chorus. Sub tuum, &c.

The same in English.

O HOLY Mother of our God!

To thee for help we fly;
Despise not this our humble prayer,
But all our wants supply.

O glorious Virgin, ever bless'd!

Defend us from our foes;
From threat'ning dangers set us free,
And terminate our woes.

Solo. O SANCTISSIMA, O purissima,
Dulcis Virgo Maria!

Ch. Mater amata, intemerata!
Ora, ora pro nobis.

Solo. Tota pulchra es, O Maria!
Et macula non est in te.

Ch. Mater amáta, &c.

Solo. Sicut lílium inter spinas,
Sic Maria inter filias,

Ch. Mater amáta, &c.

TANTUM ergo Sacraméntum.
Venerémur cernui ;
Et antíquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui,
Præstet fides suppleméntum
Sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, Genitóque
Laus et jubilátio,
Salus honor. virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio ;
Procedénti ab utróque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

EXERCISE
OF
The Way of the Cross.

NOTE.—The opening prayers are to be said before the Altar.

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

Blessed be the Most Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever more. Amen.

V. Thou O Lord, wilt open my lips,

R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

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. Amen.

Let us pray.

Direct, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our

actions by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may commence always with Thee, and by Thee be happily ended: Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER TO DIRECT THE INTENTION.

LORD Jesus Christ, Saviour of my soul, I present myself before Thee to follow the Way of thy Cross and to retrace in spirit that sacred path, which was watered with Thy adorable blood during Thy painful journey to Calvary's Mount. I offer to Thee this pious exercise with the view of gaining the indulgences, which the Sovereign Pontiffs have attached to it: and I propose to pray for all the intentions, which they had in view in dispensing so rich a treasure. Grant me, O Lord, the dispositions necessary for obtaining these indulgences, as well for myself, as for the souls in purgatory, and in particular for those, for whom I design to pray. May I by this

holy exercise merit your mercy in this world, so as to secure, with those suffering souls, a place in your eternal kingdom in the life to come. Amen.

And thou, O Blessed Mother of God, assist me by thy powerful intercession. Present this my feeble homage to thy Divine Son, in reparation of the many injuries He daily receives from bad Christians and from so many impious men, "*who deny Him that bought them.*" Let me participate in that ineffable sorrow, which pierced thy most tender soul during the several stages of His passion: that I may reap an abundant fruit from this holy exercise, for the advantage and ultimate salvation of my own soul, and the benefit of all those for whom I pray. Amen.

While proceeding towards each Station, a stanza of the "Stabat Mater" may be said or sung:

1. STABAT Mater, dolorosa,
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,
Dum pendebat filius.

FIRST STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name :

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus is condemned to death.

LET us consider the wonderful submission of Jesus, when he received this unjust sentence. Let us reflect, that it was not Pilate alone who condemned him, but that all here present, and all the sinners of the world cried aloud for his death. Let us, therefore, penetrated with the most lively sorrow, say to him :

O adorable Jesus ! since it is our crimes that have sentenced you to death, grant that we may detest them with our whole heart, and that our sincere repentance may obtain for us mercy and pardon.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

V. May the souls of the faithful de-

parted, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

2. Cujus animam gementem,
Contristatam et dolentem,
Pertransivit gladius.

SECOND STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name:

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus takes the Cross on his shoulders.

LET us consider with what meekness our divine Master takes on his mangled and bloody shoulders, the terrible instrument of his punishment. He thus wished to teach us how to carry our cross, by accepting with the greatest resignation, the sufferings that shall be inflicted on us by our heavenly Father, and those which we may endure from our fellow creatures.

O meek Jesus! It was we, miserable

sinner, who are guilty of all kinds of iniquity, that should have carried this cross, and not you; for you were innocent. Grant us then strength to imitate your example, by enduring, without a murmur, all the trials of this life, which, in the order of your fatherly Providence, may enable us to satisfy your justice, and to arrive at our heavenly country.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

3. O quam tristis et afflicta,

Fuit illa benedicta

Mater unigeniti!

THIRD STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name:

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus falls the first time under the Cross.

LET us consider Jesus Christ beginning his painful journey to Calvary. The blood which he lost when he was scourged and crowned with thorns, has weakened him to such a degree, that he falls under the heavy load. He rises again, after the most cruel outrages, which he endures without betraying the least emotion of resentment. Behold how he thus wished to atone for our many falls, and to teach us to rise again, by the austerities of penance, when we have had the misfortune to fall into the abyss of sin.

O Good Jesus! stretch forth your succoring hand, and assist us amidst all the dangers to which we are exposed. Vouchsafe to strengthen us in our weaknesses, that after having courageously followed you to Calvary, we may there taste the delicious fruits of the tree of life, and become eternally happy with you.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

1. Quæ mœrebat et dolobat,
Pia mater, dum videbat
Nati pœnas inelyti.

FOURTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name :

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus meets his most afflicted Mother.

LET us consider how painful it was to this divine Son, to meet his most beloved Mother under such afflicting circumstances; and how heart-rending it was to Mary to behold her adorable Son, dragged along by a troop of ruffians, through an immense crowd, who load him with reproaches. At this sight, her maternal

heart is pierced with a thousand swords, and is torn with all anguish. She wished to deliver our Saviour, and to rescue him from the hands of his executioners; but she knows that the work of our salvation is to be thus accomplished. Uniting then the sacrifice of her love to that of her Son, she participates in all his sufferings, and accompanies him, even to his last breath.

O Mary! Mother of Sorrows! obtain for us that ardent love with which you accompanied Jesus to that holy mountain, and that constancy which you displayed at the foot of the cross, in order that we may faithfully remain there with you, and that nothing may be ever able to separate us from thence.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

5. Quis est homo qui non fleret,
Christi matrem si videret
In tanto supplicio ?

FIFTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name :

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus is assisted in carrying his Cross by Simon of Cyrene.

LET us consider the great goodness of Jesus Christ towards us. Though he allows himself to be assisted in carrying his cross, it is not because he wants strength, it being his powerful hands that sustain the world; but he was anxious to teach us to unite our sufferings to his, and to drink with him of his chalice of bitterness.

O Jesus, our Master! You have drunk the most bitter portion of this chalice, and you have left the smallest to our share. Do not suffer us to be such enemies to ourselves, as to refuse it. Ena-

ble us, on the contrary, to accept it cheerfully, that we may become worthy of drinking in the torrent of delights with which you incubate your elect in the land of the living.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

6. Quis posset non contristari
Piam matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum filio!

SIXTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name:

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

LET us consider the heroic action of

this holy woman, who presses through the crowd of soldiers to behold her divine Master. She sees that he is covered all over with spittle, dust, perspiration, and blood. The painful sight afflicts her soul, even to tears; and her love, placing her above all fear, she approaches Jesus, and wipes his disfigured countenance; that august countenance, which ravishes all the Saints, and before the splendor of which, the Angels veil their faces with their wings.

O Jesus! the most beautiful among the sons of men! to what a condition has your love for us reduced you! Oh, never were you more worthy of our adorations and homage than now! We adore you, therefore; and prostrate before your divine Majesty, we beseech you to remember no more our many offences, and to restore to our soul its ancient beauty, which it has lost by sin.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

7. Pro peccatis suæ gentis,
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.

SEVENTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus falls under the Cross the second time.

LET us consider the Man-God falling again under his grievous Load. Let us behold this victim stretched along the ground, under the terrible wood of his sacrifice, exposed anew to the cruelty of his executioners, and the soldiers. It was in order to give us a further proof of his infinite love, that Jesus Christ permitted this second fall. He also wished to teach us, that as we so often relapse

into sin, we should never lose our confidence in his mercy—that in the midst of the greatest afflictions, we should not be discouraged—that the road to heaven is filled with briars and thorns, and that in order to share in his glory, we must pass through the crucible of suffering.

O Jesus, our strength! Preserve us from every relapse—save us from the misfortune of losing our immortal souls, and of thus rendering useless all the suffering and fatigue which you endured to deliver us from eternal death.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

8. Vidit suum dulcem natum,
Morientem, desolatum.

Dum emisit spiritum.

EIGHTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name :

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem, who followed him, and wept over him.

LET us here admire the noble generosity of our Divine Lord. He seems to forget his own sufferings altogether, to administer consolation to those holy women, who were plunged in the deepest grief at his deplorable state. He exhorts them, not to weep for him, but rather for themselves, and their ungrateful, perfidious country. He has thus taught us, that our compassion for his sufferings, will make little impression on his tender heart, unless we bewail our sins, which are the sole cause of all his agony.

O amiable Jesus, true comforter of afflicted souls! vouchsafe to look down upon us with tenderness and mercy.

Grant us grace to walk constantly after you, on the royal road of the cross, that like the women of Jerusalem we may hear the words of life, and enjoy your unspeakable consolations.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

9. Eia mater, fons amoris,
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.

NINTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name :

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus falls under the Cross the third time.

LET us consider our adorable Jesus ar-

rived at the summit of Calvary. He directs his eyes to the spot where he is soon to be sacrificed to the fury of his enemies. His attention is engaged at this moment by our endless relapses, and the great number of sinners, for whom his blood will be shed in vain. This cruel thought afflicts his tender heart, more than all the punishment which he has yet to endure. It fills his soul with a profound sorrow, and his strength failing him, as in his agony, he falls on his face to the earth.

O Jesus, Victim of Love! Behold you are at length going to be immolated for the salvation of mankind. Deign to apply to our souls the merits of your sacrifice in this life, that we may offer you the sacrifice of our praises during all eternity.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

19. Fac ut ardeat cor meum,
In amando Christum Deum,
Ut illi complaceam.

TENTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name ;

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus is stripped of his garments.

LET us consider how much our dear Redeemer suffered, when his executioners stripped off his garments. All the wounds which he had received, and by which his clothes adhered to his sacred flesh, were now torn open, and thus the pain of his bloody scourging was renewed. But what he most sensibly felt was, to see himself exposed, in a state of nakedness, before such an immense multitude.

O Jesus, divine Lamb ! you have at length come to the place of slaughter, without opening your mouth to complain.

Alh, how forcible and how eloquent is your silence! With what efficacy it teaches us the necessity of repressing our impatience and our murmurs! You suffer yourself to be stripped of all your garments, to expiate our misfortune, in having lost the precious gift of grace. Oh, grant that we may recover that inestimable treasure, that we may entirely put off the old man, and be clothed with the new, according to you, so that we may henceforth live according to the sentiments of your adorable heart.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

11. Sancta mater, istud agas,

Crucifixi fige plagas

Cordi meo valide.

ELEVENTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name :

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

LET us consider Jesus Christ offering himself to his executioners to be crucified, and stretching himself out on the wood of the cross. Oh! what torment does he not endure whilst the heavy strokes of the hammer are driving the nails into his feet, and his adorable hands! His flesh is torn, his bones are bruised, his nerves are broken, his veins are burst asunder! His blood flowing in great torrents, exhausts his strength, and adds to his other terrible sufferings, that of the most burning thirst.

O sin! accursed sin! It was you plunged into that ocean of sorrow the victim of our salvation. Ah! Christian, what an excess of love! what immense charity! Shall not our hearts be rent

asunder with grief, and burn with love at this dreadful sight! will they not renounce all the pleasures of the world! Shall they not be ever crucified with that of Jesus, and will not our eyes pour forth torrents of tears both day and night!

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

12. Tui Nati vulnerati,
 Tam dignati pro me pati.
 Pœnas mecum divide.

TWELFTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name:

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus expires on the Cross.

LET us consider Jesus the God of all

sanctity, expiring between two malefactors, and let us admire the sweetness and strength of his love. He prays to his Father for the pardon of his murderers. He promises heaven to the good thief. He recommends his Mother to his beloved disciple. He commits his soul to the hands of his Father. He announces that all is consummated, and he expires for us. At the same moment all creatures proclaim his Divinity. All nature mourns, and seems anxious to annihilate itself, on beholding the death of its Creator.

O sinners! will you be the only exception to this general mourning? Will you alone remain insensible before this heart-rending spectacle? Cast one look upon your Saviour, and see the frightful state to which your sins have reduced him. Nevertheless, he forgives you, if your repentance be sincere. His feet are nailed to await your coming. His arms are stretched out to receive you. His side is opened, and his heart wounded to pour out all his graces upon you. His

head is bowing down to give you the kiss of reconciliation and peace! Oh! let us all then run up to his cross, and let us die for him, as he has died for us!

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

13. *Fac me tecum pie flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.*

THIRTEENTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name:

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

LET us consider the overwhelming grief of his tender Mother after the death

of her Divine Son Jesus. She receives this precious deposite in her arms. She gazes on his pale, bloody, and disfigured countenance. She sees his eyes closed, his mouth shut, his side opened, and his hands and feet pierced through. This sight is to her an unspeakable martyrdom, the value of which God alone can comprehend.

O Mary! we, we alone are the cause of your affliction; and it is our sins that have pierced through your soul, by fastening Jesus to the cross. O Mother of Mercy! vouchsafe to obtain our pardon, and permit us to adore in your arms our crucified Love. Imprint so strongly in our souls, the sorrows which you feel at the foot of the cross, that we may never lose the recollection of them.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

14. Juxta crucem tecum stare,
 Et tibi me sociare
 In planctu desidero.

FOURTEENTH STATION.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thy holy name.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Jesus is laid in the Sepulchre

BEHOLD then, O Jesus, our dear Redeemer! behold the spot where your adorable body, the precious pledge of our salvation is reposed. Grant, that our greatest comfort in this valley of tears may be to meditate on the sufferings and ignominious death which you endured for our deliverance. You wished to be placed in a new sepulchre, to give us to understand, that we must approach you in the sacrament of your love, with a new heart. Vouchsafe to purify us from all our stains, and to render us worthy to assist frequently at your holy banquet.

Bury in the same tomb all our iniquities, that we may die to our passions and to every thing earthly, to lead with you a life hidden in God, and thus deserve a happy end, and the blissful vision of you in the splendor of your glory.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

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

R. Amen.

(On returning to the Altar, recite the following prayers:)

Antiphora. Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the Cross.

V. By thy Holy Cross deliver us, O God.

R. From all our enemies.

Let us pray.

Look down, we beseech Thee, O eternal Father, on this thy family, for which

our Lord Jesus Christ was pleased to be delivered into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer the torment of the cross, who liveth and reigneth, one God in unity with Thee and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Antiphon. O all ye, that pass-by the way, attend and see if there be grief like unto my grief.

V. Pray for us, O most sorrowful Mother of God.

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

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ that the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, during Thy bitter passion, had her most holy soul pierced with the sword of sorrow, may effectually intercede for us with Thy clemency, both now and at the hour of death. Who livest and reignest, one God with the Father and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Antiphon. It is a holy and wholesome

thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

P. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain that pardon, which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest one God for ever and ever

R. Amen.

(Our Father, &c., Hail Mary, &c., Glory be to the Father, &c. Each to be recited six times.)

V. Jesus Christ crucified have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

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