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PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

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

I will go to the altar of God. To God, the joy of my youth.

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Who made heaven and earth.

The priest bows down and says the Confiteor, to which the servers respond:

May almighty God have mercy on thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting. Amen.

Now say the Confiteor with the servers:

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

May almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. Amen.

Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life. And Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy. And grant us Thy salvation.

O Lord, hear my prayer. And let my cry come unto Thee.

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

The priest goes up to the altar, saying privately:

Let us pray. Take our sins away from us, we beseech Thee, Lord, that with pure minds we may enter the holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He kisses the altar-stone containing the relics, saying:

We beseech Thee, Lord, by the merits of Thy saints whose relics are here, and of all the saints that Thou wouldst grant me pardon of all my sins. Amen.

Going to the right side, the priest reads the Introit:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. *Psalm 64, 2-3.* A hymn becometh Thee, O God, in Sion; and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem: O Lord, hear my pray-

er; all flesh shall come to Thee. Now repeat "Eternal rest" as far as the Psalm.

Returning to the middle, the priest says the Kyrie alternately with the boys:

Lord, have mercy on us. (Three times) Christ, have mercy on us. (Three times) Lord, have mercy on us. (Three times)

The priest kisses the altar and, turning to the people, says:

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Going to the right side, he reads the Collects, Epistle, Gradual, and Tract:

Let us pray. O God, Who didst raise Thy servants to the dignity of bishops and priests in Thy apostolic priesthood; grant, we beseech Thee, that they may be joined in fellowship with Thine apostles for evermore. Through our Lord.

O God, Who grantest forgiveness and desirest the salvation of all mankind, we beseech Thee in Thy mercy to grant that the brethren of our congregation, their relatives and benefactors who have passed out. of this life, may partake of everlasting bliss by the intercession of blessed Mary ever virgin and of all Thy saints.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins, that through our pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest.

EPISTLE

Apocalypse 14, 13. Lesson from the Book of the Apocalypse of St. John, the apostle. In those days: I heard a voice from heaven saying to me: Write: Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow them. Thank God.

GRADUAL

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. The just shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear the evil hearing.

TRACT

Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin. And by the help of Thy grace, may they be able to escape the avenging judgment. And enjoy the happiness of everlasting light.

SEQUENCE

(Optional, according to the rubrics)

Day of wrath! O day of mourning, See fulfilled the prophets' warning; Heaven and earth in ashes burning.

Oh, what fear man's bosom rendeth When from heaven the Judge descendeth, On whose sentence all dependeth!

Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth, Though earth's sepulchres it ringeth, All before the throne it bringeth.

Death is struck and nature quaking, All creation is awaking, To its Judge in answer making.

Lo! the book, exactly worded, Wherein all hath been recorded; Thence shall judgment be awarded.

When the Judge His seat attaineth, And each hidden deed arraigneth, Nothing unavenged remaineth.

What shall I, frail man, be pleading, Who for me be interceding, When the just are mercy needing?

King of majesty tremendous, Who dost free salvation send us, Fount of pity, then befriend us!

Think, good Jesu, my salvation Caused Thy wondrous Incarnation. Leave me not to reprobation.

Faint and weary, Thou hast sought me, On the cross of suffering bought me; Shall such grace be vainly brought me?

Righteous Judge, for sin's pollution Grant Thy gift of absolution, Ere that day of retribution.

Guilty, now I pour my moaning, All my shame with anguish owning; Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning.

Thou the sinful woman savedst; Thou

the dying thief forgavest; and to me a hope vouchsafest.

Worthless are my prayers and sighing; Yet, good Lord, in grace complying, rescue me from fires undying.

With Thy favored sheep O place me, Nor among the goats abase me, But to Thy right hand upraise me.

While the wicked are confounded, Doomed to flames of woe unbounded, Call me with Thy saints surrounded.

Low I kneel, with heart-submission, See, like ashes, my contrition; Help me in my last condition.

Ah! that day of tears and mourning! From the dust of earth returning Man for judgment must prepare him.

Spare, O God, in mercy spare him!

Lord, all pitying, Jesu blest, Grant them Thine eternal rest. Amen.

The priest goes to the middle and recites the following prayer while the boy carries the book to the left-hand side of the altar:

Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaias with a live coal; deign in Thy gracious mercy so to purify me that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest goes to the left side for the Gospel:

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The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

As he reads the following, all mark their forehead, lips, and heart with the small sign of the cross:

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John. Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

At that time: Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews: I am the living bread, which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying: How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said to them: Amen, amen, I say unto you: except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you. He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath everlasting life; and I will raise him up in the last day.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The priest returns to the middle of the altar.

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

After kissing the altar, the priest faces the people and says:

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

He turns back to the altar and reads the Offertory antiphon:

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell may not swallow them up, that they may not fall into darkness; but may Thy holy ensign, Michael, lead them into the holy light; *which Thou didst promise to Abraham and to his seed. We offer to Thee, Lord, sacrifices and prayers; do Thou receive them in behalf of those souls whom we commemorate this day. Grant, Lord, that they may pass from death unto life; *which Thou didst promise to Abraham and to his seed.

The priest now uncovers the chalice and, raising the host on the paten, offers it to God with the prayer:

Receive, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this spotless host which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, for my own countless sins, offenses, and negligences, and for all here present; as well as for all faithful Christians living and dead, that it may profit me and them as a means of salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

He goes to the right side and prepares the cup with wine and a few drops of water, saying:

O God, who hast established the nature of man in wondrous dignity and still more wonderfully hast renewed it, grant that, through the mystery of this water and wine, we may be made sharers in His divinity, who has deigned to become a sharer in our humanity, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Returning to the middle, the priest offers the chalice with the words:

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy mercy that it may ascend in the sight of Thy divine majesty with a sweet fragrance, for our own salvation and for that of the whole world. Amen.

Bending low over the altar, he says:

In a humble spirit and a contrite heart may we be accepted by Thee, O Lord, and may our sacrifice be offered in Thy sight this day so as to please Thee, O Lord Cod.

Raising his eyes to the crucifix, he blesses the offerings with a prayer to the Holy Ghost:

Come, O Sanctifier, almighty and eternal God, and bless this sacrifice prepared for Thy holy name.

Now he goes to the right and washes his fingers, saying the following, from Psalm 25:

- I will wash my hands among the innocent, and will walk round Thy altar, O God.
- To hear the voice of Thy praise and to tell all Thy wondrous deeds.
- O Lord, I love the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwells.
- Destroy not my soul with the impious, O God, nor my life with men of blood.
- In whose hands there is wickedness, whose right hand is full of bribes.
- But as for me, I will walk in my innocence: rescue me and have mercy on me.

My foot is on the straight way: in assemblies will I bless Thee, O Lord.

The priest returns to the middle, bows low, and says:

Receive, O holy Trinity, this offering which we make to Thee in remembrance of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in honor of blessed Mary ever virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of these [whose relics are in the altar-stone], and of all the saints, that it may add to their honor and aid our salvation; and that they may deign to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we now keep on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. THE REQUIEM MASS IN ENGLISH

The priest kisses the altar, turns to the people, and says:

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may become acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

The server answers for the people:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, unto the praise and glory of His name, to our own benefit, and to that of all His holy Church.

The priest secretly answers Amen, then goes on to read the Secret prayers:

Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the sacrifice which we offer for the souls of Thy servants. In this world Thou didst raise them to the episcopal or priestly rank; bid them now enter into the company of Thy saints in the kingdom of heaven. Through our Lord.

O God, whose mercy is boundless, graciously receive our humble prayers, and by means of these sacraments of our salvation, grant to the souls of our brethren, relatives, and benefactors, who by Thy grace did confess Thy name, the remission of all their sins.

Look with mercy, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon the sacrifice which we offer to Thee on behalf of the souls of Thy servants and handmaids; that those to whom Thou didst grant the merit of Christian faith may likewise receive its reward. Through our Lord.

THE PREFACE

Raising his voice, the priest ends the Secret prayers and begins the Preface:

. . . world without end. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We have them lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is meet and just.

The priest continues:

It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty and everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. In whom the hope of a blessed resurrection hath shone upon us, that those whom the certainty of dying afflicteth may be consoled by the promise of future immortality. For unto Thy faithful, Lord, life is changed, not taken away: and the abode of this earthly sojourn being dissolved, an eternal dwelling is prepared in heaven. And therefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the heavenly host, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, saying without ceasing:

The bell rings three times.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON

The priest bows low, kisses the altar, and continues through silent prayers to the Pater noster:

Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray and beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, that Thou wouldst deign to accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unspotted sacrifices, which we offer to Thee in the first place for Thy holy Catholic Church, that it may please Thee to grant her peace, to protect, unite, and govern her throughout the world, together with Thy servant N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, and all true believers and followers of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Be mindful, Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids (the priest recalls the living he wants to pray for) and of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known to Thee, for whom we offer or who offer up to Thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves and for all those dear to them, for the redemption of their souls, the hope of their safety and salvation: who now pay their vows to Thee, the eternal, living, and true God.

In union with and venerating the memory, first, of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ; also of Thy blessed apostles and martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that we may be defended in all things by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The bell rings once as the priest extends his hands over the offerings.

This oblation, therefore, of our service and that of Thy whole family, we beseech Thee, Lord, graciously to accept, and to order our days in Thy peace, and bid us be delivered from eternal damnation and numbered among the flock of Thy chosen ones. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Do Thou, O God, deign to bless what we offer, and make it approved, effective, right, and wholly pleasing in every way, that it may be for our good, the Body and Blood of Thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONSECRATION of the HOST

Who the day before He suffered took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes lifted up to heaven unto Thee, God, His almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, blessed, broke, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take ye all and eat of this, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

The bell rings three times as the priest raises the Host for the adoration of the faithful.

CONSECRATION of the WINE

In like manner, when the supper was done, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands and giving thanks to Thee, He blessed and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take ye all and drink of this: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTA-MENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS.

As often as ye shall do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of Me.

Again the bell rings three times as the priest raises the chalice for the adoration of the faithful. The priest continues praying:

Wherefore, Lord, we Thy servants and likewise Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed passion of the same Christ Thy Son, our Lord, and also His resurrection from hell as well as His glorious ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent majesty, of Thy gifts and presents, the pure Victim, the all-perfect Victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the cup of everlasting salvation.

Deign to look upon this with a propitious and serene regard, and to accept them as Thou wert pleased to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy high priest Melchisedech offered to Thee, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

The priest bows low over the altar as he saus:

We most humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, command these things to be carried up by the hands of Thy holy angel to Thine altar on high, in the sight of Thy divine majesty, that as many of us who, by sharing in the sacrifice of this altar, shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with every heavenly blessing and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be mindful also, Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids N. and N. who are gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace.

Here the priest prays for his dead.

To these, Lord, and to all that rest in

Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Striking his breast, the priest prays again for the Church on earth:

And to us sinners, also, Thy servants, hoping in the multitude of Thy mercies, deign to grant some fellowship with Thy holy apostles and martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all Thy saints, into whose company we implore Thee to admit us, not considering our merits, but pardoning our offenses. Through Christ our Lord.

Through whom, Lord, Thou dost always create, hallow, fill with life, bless, and bestow upon us all good things.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, be unto Thee, God the Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

The priest says the Lord's prayer aloud: Let us pray. Taught by Thy saving precepts and guided by the divine institution, we make bold to say: 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

The priest concludes: Amen. He then continues:

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come, and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, together with Thy blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and Andrew, and all the saints, mercifully grant peace in our days: that through the abundant help of Thy mercy we may always be free from sin and safe from all disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever. Amen. May the peace of the Lord be always

May the peace of the Lord be always with you. And with thy spirit.

As he drops a particle of the Host into the cup, the priest says:

May this mingling and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ help us who receive it unto life everlasting. Amen.

Now the priest genuflects, bows down, and says:

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

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The priest bends over the Blessed Sacrament and, hands joined, says the following prayers:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who according to the will of the Father, with the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy most holy Body and Blood from all my sins and from all evils; make me always cling to Thy commandments and never let me be parted from Thee; who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let not the partaking of Thy Body, Lord Jesus Christ, which I, all unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy goodness may it be unto me a safeguard and a healing remedy both of soul and body; who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

The priest genuflects, takes the Host, and says:

I will take the bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Lord. The bell rings as the priest strikes his breast and says three times:

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof; but only say the word and my soul will be healed.

The priest consumes the Host, saying:

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

After a short thanksgiving, he continues:

What return shall I make to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising, I will call upon the Lord and I shall be saved from my enemies.

May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting.

The priest drains the chalice and then communicates the people. (If there is no one receiving, the prayers marked with the asterisks are omitted.) The servers say the Confiteor, after which the priest turns around for the absolution:

*May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting. Amen.

*May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, absolution, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

Raising one of the Hosts, the priest says:

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*Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

*Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof; but only say the word and my soul will be healed. (*Three times*)

As he communicates each person, the priest says:

*May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep thy soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

After closing the tabernacle, the priest receives wine into the chalice, saying:

Grant, Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth we may receive with a pure mind: and that from a temporal gift it may become for us an eternal remedy.

After drinking this, he goes to the right side where wine and water are poured over his fingers as he says:

May Thy Body, Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my inmost parts, and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom these pure and holy sacraments have refreshed. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

After the altar-boy changes the book to the right side, the priest goes to it and reads the Communion antiphon:

May light eternal shine upon them, O

Lord, * with Thy saints for ever, for Thou art merciful. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, * with Thy saints for ever, for Thou art merciful.

Returning to the middle, he faces the people and says:

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

He goes back to the right side for the Postcommunion prayer:

Let us pray. May the abundance of Thy mercies, Lord, which we implore, benefit Thy servants departed, that by Thy mercy they may partake of that in which they hoped and believed. Through our Lord.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty and merciful God, that the souls of our brethren, relatives, and benefactors, for whom we offer to Thy majesty this sacrifice of praise, may by virtue of this sacrament be cleansed from all sin and by Thy mercy receive the happiness of eternal light.

May the prayers of Thy suppliant servants, Lord, benefit the souls of Thy servants and handmaids; that Thou mayest deliver them from all their sins and make them partakers of Thy redemption. Who livest. Amen.

Returning to the middle, the priest turns around and says:

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The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Facing the altar, the priest bows low and says:

May the homage of my bounden duty be pleasing to Thee, Holy Trinity, and grant that the sacrifice which I, all unworthy, have offered in the sight of Thy majesty, may be acceptable to Thee, and through Thy mercy obtain forgiveness for me and all for whom I have offered it, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LAST GOSPEL

The people stand as the priest goes to the left and reads the Last Gospel:

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

He makes a small cross on the altar, on his forehead, his lips, and on his heart:

The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

But to as many as received Him He gave the power of becoming sons of God; to those who believe in His name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of men, but of God.

(All genuflect.) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US. And we saw His glory-glory as of the only-begotten of the Father-full of grace and truth. Thank God.

PRAYERS AFTER LOW MASS– FOR RUSSIA

"Hail Mary," three times, then:

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

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

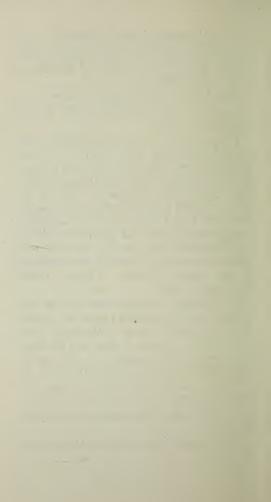
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, our refuge and our strength, look down with favor upon Thy people who cry unto Thee; and through the intercession of the glorious and immaculate virgin Mary, Mother of God, of her spouse blessed Joseph, of Thy holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, mercifully and graciously hear the prayers which we pour forth to Thee for the conversion of sinners, and for the freedom and exaltation of holy mother Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The following invocation is said three times:

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Have mercy on us.



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