

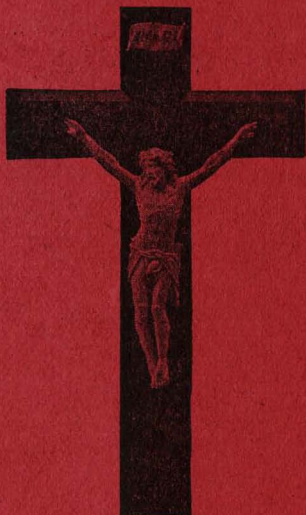
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INTRODUCTION

On Good Friday, that never-to-be forgotten day of 1900 years ago, thousands of men and women stood beneath the cross of Calvary watching Jesus the Son of God shed His Precious Blood drop by drop, and those people stood there because they Hated Christ. In every Mass it is the same Jesus who is offered up for us and for our sins, and our good people go to mass, not because they HATE Christ but because they LOVE Him. If all Catholics fully understood this great truth, would any of our people look upon their attendance at Mass on Sundays as a disagreeable duty, and would they go to mass not because they love the Holy sacrifice, but because they wish to avoid mortal sin by remaining away? If all Catholics realized that the Mass is the same sacrifice that Jesus made for us and for our sins on the cross of Calvary, and if they understood that they could have such a full, rich share in every Mass they attend, would any of them come to Mass and pray in a careless, half-asleep way and thus gain so little when they might profit so much?

Judging by the millions of Catholics who come to mass Sunday after Sunday, we believe that the majority of our people have a deep, strong faith in the Real Presence of Jesus upon our altars, and they are anxious and eager to gain all they can from every Mass they attend. The difficulty many Catholics have is the feeling that the priest at the altar is in a holy place where the people down in the pews may not enter. As a result, some of these people feel as though they are merely Onlookers while the priest at the

altar is doing it all when he offers up the Holy Sacrifice. Such an idea is wrong. At the Last Supper, Christ for the first time changed bread and wine into His own Body and Blood, and on that blessed night He was Surrounded by His Twelve Apostles. When Christ died on the cross He offered Himself for us just as He does in every Mass, and on that Good Friday thousands of people surrounded the Savior. Those people not only witnessed the crucifixion, they were actually a PART of the memorable events of that day. In the early Church we find that same practice. In those days the altar was in the center of the church and the people were all around the altar. In fact the Church wanted the people to understand this so clearly that St. Peter told his converts: "You are a Royal Priesthood." By this he meant to impress on the minds of his people that they shared in what the priest was doing at the altar. It is true that the priest alone actually changes bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, but the people who are gathered around the altar also offer up their prayers and their sacrifices with the priest. In this way Jesus on the altar takes all the offerings of both the priest and the people and bears them to His Father in heaven, and in turn Jesus brings the graces and the blessings of God the Father down to the priest and to the people who are around the altar.

In this Mass Book we are attempting to bring back to our Catholic people that beautiful custom of the early Christians. We are trying to make our people feel that they are a part of the Mass, that they share with the priest the offering he is making at the altar, and that their

prayers and their sacrifices are the collective prayers and sacrifices they make with the priest. Therefore good Catholics, get rid of that notion that the priest alone is offering the Holy Sacrifice, and that you are just an onlooker in your pew stumbling along with your prayers as best you know how. You do take an active part in every Mass you attend, and in this book we are presenting to our Catholics a way by which they can actually say their prayers in union with the priest. When you do that you go home after Mass not merely with the feeling that you satisfied your Sunday obligation, but with the knowledge that you got your full share of the rich spiritual banquet that Christ gives us in every Mass.

In order to enjoy a good radio program, we must throw the switch, let the radio warm up and turn the dial accurately to the Station to which we listen. So it is in our spiritual life. When we go to mass we must warm up our hearts with love, and then tune in with the gentle Christ who will speak to us during the Holy Sacrifice. To help our people do this we ask all those who use our Mass Book to be in their pews FIVE minutes before the priest comes to the altar. During that brief time we shall all together say our morning prayers and sing a hymn. In this way our hearts will become warm and we will be tuned in with Jesus when the mass begins.



MORNING PRAYERS

OUR FATHER—HAIL MARY

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Glory to the Father, Who created me;* glory to the Son, Who redeemed me;* glory to the Holy Ghost, Who sanctifieth me.

Almighty and eternal God, I adore Thee, * and I thank Thee for all the benefits *which Thou, in Thy infinite goodness and mercy, hast conferred upon me. *I thank Thee especially for having preserved and protected me this night.

O my God, I believe in Thee, because Thou art Truth itself, *and I firmly believe all the sacred truths which the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, *because Thou hast revealed them.

O my God, I hope in Thee, because Thou art omnipotent, most merciful, and faithful to Thy promises; *I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, *the grace to live a holy life, to die a happy death, *and to obtain life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Angel of God, my guardian dear,*

To whom His love commits me here,*
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.

Amen.

O my God, Who art all-good and all-merciful, *I sincerely hope to be saved, and I want to do all that is necessary for my salvation according to Thy holy will.

I have committed serious sins in my life, *but now I turn from them, and hate them. I am sorry, truly sorry for all of them, because I have offended Thee, my God, *Who art all-good, all-perfect, all-holy, all-merciful and kind, *and Who died on the Cross for me. I love Thee, O my God, with all my heart. *I ask Thy pardon, and promise Thee, by the help of Thy grace, never again to commit serious sin.

My God, have Mercy on Me a Sinner.

I offer Thee Almighty and Eternal God *all my prayers, works and sufferings this day in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in Holy Mass, *in Thanksgiving for Thy favors, in reparation for our offenses, *and for the petitions of all the members of our parish.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary! *that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, *implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. *Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother! *To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. *O Mother of the Word incarnate! *despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul. *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, grant that I may die in peace in your company. Amen.

We shall now sing a HYMN

These HYMNS are in the rear of this book and we shall announce which number we shall sing.

During the chorus of this Hymn the Priest comes to the altar and be ready to start the Mass when the chorus is finished.

THE MASS BEGINS

O my Savior, I humbly kneel before Thy holy altar to assist at this Divine Sacrifice. *I adore Thee as my Lord and my God, *and I firmly believe that this mass is the Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Jesus my Savior. *I beg of Thee, sweet Jesus, *to prepare my soul that I may drink deeply from the fountain of grace that flows from every mass. *Fill my heart with a hatred for my sins, *wash them all away in Thy Precious Blood and give me the strength that I may sin no more. *Lend me your aid that I may assist at this mass with the same reverence, love and devotion I would have had, *if I had stood with Mary beneath the Cross of Calvary, *witnessing the Bloody Sacrifice of her beloved Son.*

I wish to offer up this Holy Mass in union with Thee dear Jesus, *making Your intentions my intentions, *praying for those for whom You wish me to pray, *and especially for those who are dear to me, both living and dead. *May our Blessed Mother in heaven, and may all the angels and saints who are so near to God pray for me during this Mass, *may they

help me obtain mercy and pardon from Jesus, *and may they bring peace into my heart and peace into my home.*

My God it saddens me to know that on this very day there are millions of men and women who hate You, *curse You and blaspheme Your Holy Name. *On the other hand it brings joy to my heart to realize that all those who are attending this Holy Mass love You, *honor and praise You as much as You deserve.* 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.

At the Kyrie—With King David of old we cry out to Thee, *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.* Lord have mercy on us. *Christ have mercy on us. *Lord have mercy on us.*

At the Gloria

On the Sundays of Advent and Lent this Gloria is not said.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.*

Peace to those who possess the love and grace of God. *Peace to those who fight manfully against their passions and gain the mastery over their evil inclinations.*

Peace to those who forgive their enemies, who love their fellow-men and are kind to them in thought, word, and deed.

My God! I desire to glorify Thee by the purest intention in all my actions. *I resolve to do all things to Thy greater glory. *Keep me in Thy love and Thy grace. *Grant that I may glorify Thee on earth by doing Thy will, by my devotedness to all my duties, so that I may one day see Thee face to face, and hear those blessed words: **“Enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord, and have everlasting peace.”*

At the Collects

To collect means to gather together, and in these prayers the priest gathers all the prayers of the faithful, unites them to his own and offers them to God.

My God, I thank Thee from the depths of my heart that You have made me a child of Your Holy Church. *There are countless millions of souls who may be better than I am, *and yet You have denied them the great gift of the true Faith, while You have made me a member of Your Fold. *Just because, dear Jesus, You have given me this priceless treasure of faith, *You have the right to expect more from me than from those who do not know You as I do. *Therefore Savior of

my soul, grant me pardon for all my past sins, *and give me Thy grace that I may not offend Thee so often in the future.

I beseech Thee also to give me health of mind and body, *to increase my love for God and to have more charity for my neighbor. *Grant me patience in suffering and courage to bear my daily crosses.* Above all help me to do everything that leads to Thy greater glory and my own salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Epistle — Jesus dear, I thank Thee for all Thou hast done to make me happy here on earth. *I thank Thee for coming into this world to teach me the way that leads to heaven, *and especially do I thank Thee for suffering so much for me during Thy passion and Thy death on the cross. *I thank Thee for having proved so conclusively that You were God by rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. *I thank Thee for having gone to heaven on Ascension Day to prepare a place for me. *I thank Thee a thousand times for making me a Catholic, *so that I might have the sweet Gift of Thyself in the Blessed Sacrament to be the precious Food of my

soul in Holy Communion. *Help me my Jesus, to show my gratitude by faithfully following in Thy foot-steps, *and leading the life You taught me to lead as revealed in the gospels and the epistles.

Create a clean heart in me, O God, *and grant that I may listen to Thy Holy Gospel with reverence and respect, and bless Thy name forever.

At the Gospel — In those days when Christ was on earth, *He saw the mad struggle of the people everlastingly seeking happiness just as we seek it today, *and many of them failing to find happiness even as we fail today. *Then Jesus going up into the mountain gathered His followers all around Him, *and He taught them just as He teaches us how to find real peace and how to be happy. *Listen to Jesus speak those blessed words straight to your heart:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land. *Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. *Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill. *Blessed are the

merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. *Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you,* and speak all that is evil against you, untruly for My sake: *be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in Heaven.”*

Prayer to the Holy Ghost before the sermon — O Holy Spirit of God, take me as Thy disciple: guide me, illuminate me, sanctify me. *Bind my hands, that they may do no evil; *cover my eyes, that they may see it no more; *sanctify my heart, that evil may not dwell within me. *Be Thou my God; be Thou my guide. *Whithersoever Thou leadest me I will go; *whatsoever Thou forbiddest me I will renounce; *and whatsoever Thou commandest me in Thy strength I will do. *Lead me, then, unto the fullness of Thy truth. Amen.

At the Creed we shall sing a hymn.

The Offertory—My God I believe that

this Host the Priest is offering to Thee will soon be changed into the Body of Thy Only Son Jesus Christ, Our Lord. *I believe the wine in the chalice will also be changed into His Precious Blood. *I offer them both to Thee with the Priest, *and with them, I give Thee my body, my soul and everything I am or hope to be.

My God, I pray for the thousands of people who are to die today. *Have pity on them, and save them from hell. *“Heart of Jesus once in agony, have mercy on the dying!”

While the priest offers the host and the chalice to God, we shall offer or consecrate our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, *look down upon us, humbly prostrate before Thy altar. *We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; *but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself to-day to Thy most sacred Heart. *Many, indeed, have never known Thee; *many, too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. *Have mercy on them all, most merciful

Jesus, and draw them to Thy sacred Heart. *Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, *but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee; *grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.* Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, *call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd. *Be Thou King also of all those who sit in the ancient superstition of the Gentiles, *and refuse not Thou to deliver them out of darkness into the light and kingdom of God. *Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; *give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry; *Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor forever. Amen.

The Preface—Indeed, it is but right and just, that we make such offerings to God, *and that we praise and glorify His name, *for He is the only God, He is the Holy

One who deserves all praise and glory.*
And as we are but poor wretched sinners,
*who can never praise such a God as we
should do, *let us unite ourselves with all
the Angels and Saints, who humbly adore
Him; let us join our voices with them and
cry out from the bottom of our heart:*

Holy, holy, holy, art Thou, my Lord
and God. *Heaven and earth are full of
Thy glory. *Blessed is He who will soon
come down upon this altar.

The Canon

**Which means a fixed rule, and it is so called because
this part of mass is seldom changed.**

O Jesus, dying on the Cross for love of
poor sinners, *through Thy Sacred Head,
crowned with thorns, *I beg Thee to have
mercy on the Pope, *all Bishops, Priests,
especially our own Priests, all religious
orders, and all the members of our Par-
ish.

Through the Wound in Thy right Hand
I recommend to Thee my father, mother,
brothers, sisters, relations, friends, and
benefactors.

Through the Wound in Thy left Hand I
recommend to Thee all my enemies, all
poor sinners, and those who have never

been baptized. *Help Thy servants who are trying to convert them.

Through the Wound in Thy right Foot *I pray for the poor, the sick and the dying, *and for all who are in any kind of pain, temptation, or trouble.

Through the Wound in Thy left Foot *I beg of Thee mercifully to grant eternal rest to the souls of the faithful departed.

Through Thy Sacred Heart, O Jesus, *I offer myself to do and suffer all things for Thy love. *Give me all graces I need* and especially hear my prayers in granting me the favor I hope to obtain by attending this Holy Mass.

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification; *Body of Christ, be my salvation; *Blood of Christ, fill all my veins; *Water from Christ's side, wash out my stains; *Passion of Christ, my comfort be, *O good Jesus, listen to me. *In Thy Wounds I fain would hide, *never to be parted from Thy side. *Guard me when the foe assails me; *Guide me when my feet shall fail me; *Bid me come to Thee above, *With Thy saints to sing Thy love, forever and ever. Amen.

CONSECRATION

These words are so sacred that the Church wants you to say them in the quiet stillness to yourself. Say them secretly.

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

For This Is My Body

When the priest raises the Sacred Host bow your head and say aloud:

“My Lord and my God. *O Jesus I believe in Thee. *Jesus I hope in Thee.* Jesus I love Thee with my whole heart and soul.”

At the consecration of the Chalice again read silently these words:

In like manner, after He had supped, taking also this excellent Chalice into His holy and venerable hands, and giving thanks to Thee, He blessed and gave to His disciples, saying: Take and drink ye all of this,

**For this is the Chalice of My Blood,
of the New and Eternal Testament:
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 bow your head and say aloud:

“My Lord and my God. *Jesus for Thee I live; *Jesus for Thee I die; *Jesus I am Thine in life and in death.*”

STOP. Our Lord and our God is now really present on our altar. Pause a few moments and let your heart speak to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tell Him all about your needs for your body and your soul, tell Him about your hopes and ambitions, your joys and your sorrows, your struggles and temptations, tell Him all that is near to your heart and He will understand and help you.

Now aloud: Jesus, my God, I adore Thy Sacred Body and Thy Precious Blood. *I thank Thee with all my heart for having come down from heaven to be my special Guest here upon this altar. *May your Precious Blood wash away the stains of sin from my soul, *and may your Sacred Body give me grace and strength that I may never be separated from Thee again. *Spare O Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.

Prayer for the Dead: Have mercy, O my God, on the poor suffering souls in Purgatory. *They cannot help them-

selves; let me help them by this sacrifice for them. **“Eternal rest give unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”* *I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. *I offer Thee the Sacred Heart of Jesus Himself to pay their debt.*

Have pity on the souls of my own loved ones as well as on all the poor suffering souls, *and let them soon see Thy face in heaven.*

And to us sinners, O Lord, also show mercy, *not considering what we deserve, but forgiving us all our sins, admit us to the happy company of the saints. *We ask this favor of Thee, through Christ, Our Lord. *It is through Him that Thou givest us every blessing. *And through Him, and with Him and in Him be to Thee, God the Father Almighty, *in unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, O Lord from all evils, past, present, and to come; *and by the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and Andrew, and of all the saints, *mercifully grant peace in our days, that

with Thy help we may be always free from harm. *Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, *who with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God. World without end. Amen.

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

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

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

Before Holy Communion—Lord Jesus Christ! Who didst say to Thy Apostles, **“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you,”* *look not upon my sins but upon the faith of Thy Church and give her that peace which Thou didst love to see among her children: *Who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Who by the Will of Thy Father, and by the power of the Holy Ghost, *hast by Thy death given life to the world, deliver me by this Thy most Sacred Body and Blood from all my sins and evils, *and make me always follow Thy commandments, and never let me be

separated from Thee, *Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

May this Holy Communion which I am to receive, O Lord, keep my soul and body free from evil; *Thou Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

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

Say it three times.

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

If you cannot receive our Lord, make this Spiritual Communion silently:

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art really and truly present in the Sacrament of the altar. *I adore Thee; I love Thee.* Come into my heart now and remain forever! *May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting!

While the people are receiving why not say the indulgenced prayers or a Litany on page 24.

After Communion all together: My God! I thank Thee for all Thou hast done for me. *In return for all Thy mercies I wish never more to displease Thee. *Make me wholly Thine, and let me always love Thee more and more.

Once more, O my God, does the priest pray for those for whom he has offered up this holy Sacrifice. *I unite my prayers with his, recommending to You again all my wants and needs, *as well as the necessities of all, for whom I am bound to pray. *Graciously hear our prayers, and grant us whatever is salutary for soul and body, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are about to leave the Church and we go back to our homes with the Blessings of Jesus and the Blessing of the Priest. Let us also leave with a song in our hearts.

HYMN

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 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, our refuge and our strength, look down in mercy on Thy people who cry to Thee; and by the intercession of the glorious and Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of St. Joseph, her spouse, of Thy Blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints, in mercy and goodness hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners, and for the liberty and exaltation of our Holy Mother the Church. Through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust into hell, Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Have mercy on us.

INDULGENCED PRAYERS

Eternal Father! I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus in satisfaction for my sins and for the wants of the Church.

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

Forever, Amen.

My Jesus, mercy!

Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things.

My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge, but my Saviour.

O sweetest Heart of Jesus, I implore that I may love Thee ever more and more.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation!

Blessed be the holy and immaculate conception of the Most Vigin Mary.

In thy conception, O Virgin Mary! thou wast immaculate, pray for us to the Father whose Son, Jesus, conceived in thy womb by the Holy Ghost, thou didst bring forth.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph! I give you my heart, my soul and my life.

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

Jesus, Mary and Joseph! grant that I may die in peace in your company. Amen.

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.

May the most just, most high and most amiable will of God be done in all things, be praised and magnified forever.

Grant me grace, O merciful God, to desire ardently all that is pleasing to Thee, to examine it prudently, to acknowledge it truthfully, and to accomplish it perfectly, for the praise and glory of Thy name. Amen.

We adore Thee, O most blessed Lord Jesus Christ, and we bless Thee.

Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

My loving Jesus, I give Thee my heart; I consecrate myself wholly to Thee out of the grateful love I bear Thee, and as a reparation for all my unfaithfulness; and I purpose with Thy aid, never to sin again.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere!

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

May the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection, at every moment in the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

My Queen! My Mother! remember I am thine own. Keep me, guard me, as thy property and possession.

To thee, O Virgin Mother, never touched by the stain of sin, actual or venial, I recommend and confide the purity of my heart.

O Mary, who didst come into this world free from stain, obtain of God for me that I may leave it without sin!

O Mary! conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee.

Mary, Mother of God, and Mother of Mercy, pray for me and for the departed.

Help us, St. Joseph, in our earthly strife
E'er to lead a pure and blameless life.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom come.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Our Lady of Loudres, pray for us.

Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying, deliver the holy souls from purgatory.

Master

When I am dying,
How glad I shall be
That the lamp of my life
Has been burned out for Thee.

That sorrow has darkened
The pathway I trod,
That thorns—not roses
Were strewn o'er its sod.

That anguish of spirit,
Full often was mine,
Since anguish of spirit,
So often was Thine.

My Cherished Master
How glad I shall be,
To die with the hope
Of a welcome from Thee.

Add the OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY and
an act of CONTRITION to the above and also
use them as your NIGHT PRAYERS.



Litany of the 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 inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

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,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate to heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of peace.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

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

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

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

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord God, we beseech Thee, that we Thy servants may rejoice in continual health of mind and body; and through the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, be freed from present sorrow and enjoy eternal gladness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart 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,

Have mercy on me.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God, the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the
womb of the Virgin Mother,

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word
of God,

Heart of Jesus, of Infinite Majesty,

Heart of Jesus, Sacred Temple of God,

Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High,

Heart of Jesus, House of God and gate of
Heaven,

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
 Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all hearts,
 Heart of Jesus, in Which are all the treasures of
 wisdom and knowledge,
 Heart of Jesus, in Which dwells the fulness of
 divinity,
 Heart of Jesus, in which the Father was well
 pleased,
 Heart of Jesus, of whose fulness we have all re-
 ceived,
 Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,
 Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,
 Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke Thee,
 Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,
 Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,
 Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,
 Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offences,
 Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,
 Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
 Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
 Heart of Jesus, our life and our resurrection,
 Heart of Jesus, our peace and our reconciliation,
 Heart of Jesus, victim for sins,
 Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in
 Thee,
 Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee,
 Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the
 world, Spare us, O Lord!
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the
 world, Graciously hear us, O Lord!
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the
 world, Have mercy on us, O Lord!

V. Jesus meek and humble of heart,

R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, look upon the heart of Thy dearly beloved Son, and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee in the name of sinners and for those who seek Thy mercy; be Thou appeased and grant us pardon in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father in heaven, relying on Thy goodness and mercy, I come to Thee with childlike confidence to confess my sins and to implore Thy forgiveness. Thou wilt not despise a contrite and humble heart. Bless me and receive me again into Thy favor; I acknowledge that I have been most ungrateful to Thee, but I sincerely repent and detest the wrong I have done, and I desire henceforth to walk in the way of perfection in accordance with Thy holy will.

O Jesus, my Saviour, my good Shepherd, I have strayed far from the path that Thou hast marked out for me; I did not follow in Thy footsteps; I wandered into forbidden places. Repentant and sorrowful, I beg to be admitted again into the fold of Thy faithful followers. I want to confess my sins with the same sin-

cerity as I wish to do at the moment of my death. My Jesus, I look to Thee with confidence for the grace to examine my conscience well.

O Holy Spirit, come in Thy mercy; enlighten my mind and strengthen my will that I may know my sins, humbly confess them, and sincerely amend my life.

Mary, my Mother, immaculate spouse of the Holy Ghost, refuge of sinners, assist me by thy intercession.

Holy angels and saints of God, pray for me. Amen.

Examine your CONSCIENCE with the following questions and tell the priest how many times you committed each sin. How long since your last confession? Did you make a bad confession by wilfully concealing a mortal sin?

Did you neglect your morning, evening and meal prayers? Did you doubt in matters of faith, or deny your religion?

Did you curse and blaspheme or swear a false oath?

Did you wilfully miss mass on Sundays or Holydays or do unnecessary work?

Did you disobey your parents, or bring grief and sorrow to them?

Parents did you give any bad example to your children? Did you neglect their religious education? Did you fail to watch what they read or what company they keep?

Did you strike others or injure yourself by eating or drinking too much? Did you hate others

and refuse to forgive them? Did you lead others into sin? What sin?

Did you take pleasure in impure thoughts? Did you commit impure acts? Alone or with others? With married people, or with one with whom you keep company? Did you sin against nature in marriage?

Did you steal or cheat or neglect to pay your debts? To what amount?

Did you tell lies? Did you through envy or hatred injure your neighbor's good name? Are you suspicious and do you judge others rashly without knowing the facts?

Did you make your Easter duty? Eat meat on Fridays and forbidden days? Join secret Societies? Did you marry contrary to the laws of the Church? Do you support your Church according to your ability? This last question should jar the conscience of many Catholics. If you have a car, or if you spend dollars every week for pleasure and give your church a miserly quarter on Sunday, your conscience needs waking up, you are not giving ACCORDING to your means and some day you will have to settle that account with the Lord.

After you fully realize how many of the above commandments of God and of the Church you have broken, make an act of sorrow that really means something. You can make promises and pretend that you mean them and fool the priest, but you CANNOT BLUFF GOD. God KNOWS if you really mean business, and if you do not intend to avoid that person or that place

that led you into sin, what good is your confession? Therefore, from the bottom of your heart say this act of sorrow and MEAN every word of it:

O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, and detest them above all things, because they deserve Thy dreadful punishments, because they have crucified my loving Saviour Jesus Christ, and most of all, because they offend Thine infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the help of Thy grace, never to offend Thee again, and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin.

Now enter the confessional and simply say: Bless me Father for I have sinned.

My last confession was —— how long ago? Tell all your sins in a manly way and when finished say: That is all Father. When the priest gives you your penance say: Thank you Father, so the priest will know you understood.

While the priest gives you absolution do not say the act of contrition in a slow, long, drawn-out way and keep others waiting.

Return to your pew and thank God He gave you the grace to make this good confession, and if you have time, say your penance or say it as soon as you can later.

Prayers After Confession

O ye holy Angels and Saints, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my dear, heavenly Mother Mary. My sins are forgiven. God has pardoned all of them. I am his child again. O my God,

mayest Thou be praised for ever and ever. May Thy mercy and goodness be exalted for all eternity.

To show my thanks to Thee, O my God, I consecrate myself entirely to Thy service, and make a firm resolution, to love Thee above all things, and never to offend Thee again. Add to the graces, which Thou hast already given me, this one; that I may keep the holy promises, which I have made.

O Mary, my holy mother, help me to do so. St. Joseph, my holy Angel, and all ye Saints, pray for me. Amen.

Before Holy Communion

O my Jesus, I firmly believe all that Thou hast revealed and teachest by Thy holy Catholic Church; especially that in this blessed Sacrament Thou art present really and indeed; I believe that here is Thy body and blood, Thy soul and Thy divinity.

O my Jesus, I adore Thee in this most holy Sacrament, as my Lord and my God, as my Redeemer and Saviour.

O my Jesus, I hope in Thee, I hope to receive from Thee, in virtue of this most holy Sacrament, eternal happiness and all things necessary for obtaining it, because, Thou almighty and all merciful God, hast promised it. Thou hast declared: "He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

O my Jesus, I love Thee with my whole heart

and above all things, because Thou art most deserving of all love. My Savior and Redeemer! I would that I could love Thee with the burning love of Thy most holy Mother and of all the Angels and Saints!

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

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

After Holy Communion

Act of Faith—O Jesus, I believe that I have received Thy Flesh to eat and Thy Blood to drink, because Thou hast said it, and Thy word is true.

Act of Adoration—O Jesus, my God, my Creator, I adore Thee, because from Thy Hands I came and with Thee I am to be happy for ever.

Act of Humility—O Jesus, I am but dust and ashes, and yet Thou hast come to me, and my poor heart may speak to Thee.

Act of Love—Sweet Jesus, I love Thee; I love Thee with all my heart. Thou knowest that I love Thee, and wish to love Thee daily more and more.

Act of Thanksgiving—My good Jesus, I thank Thee with all my heart. How good, how kind Thou art to me, sweet Jesus. Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Act of Offering—O Jesus, receive my poor of-

fering. Jesus, Thou hast given Thyself to me, and now let me give myself to Thee:

I give Thee my body, that it may be chaste and pure.

I give Thee my soul, that it may be free from sin.

I give Thee my heart, that it may always love Thee.

I give Thee every breath that I shall breathe, and especially my last; I give Thee myself in life and in death, that I may be Thine for ever and ever.

O Jesus, wash away my sins with Thy precious Blood.

O Jesus, the struggle against temptation is not yet finished. My Jesus, when temptation comes near me, make me strong against it. In the moment of temptation may I always say: "Jesus, mercy! Mary, help!"

O Jesus, may I lead a good life; may I die a happy death. May I receive Thee before I die. May I say when I am dying: "Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul."

O Jesus, have mercy on Thy Holy Church; take care of it.

O Jesus, have pity on poor sinners, and save them from hell.

O Jesus, bless my father, my mother, my brothers and sisters, and all I ought to pray for, as Thy Heart knows how to bless them.

O Jesus, have pity on the poor souls in Purgatory, and give them eternal rest.

Sweet Jesus, I am going away for a time, but

I trust not without Thee. Thou art with me by Thy grace. I will never leave Thee by mortal sin. I do not fear to do so, though I am so weak because I have such hope in Thee. Give me grace to persevere. Amen.

To Our Blessed Mother

Mother, upon my lips to-day,
Christ's precious Blood was laid;
That Blood which centuries ago,
Was for my ransom paid.
And half in love, and half in fear
I seek for aid from thee,
Lest what I worship wrapt in awe,
Should be profaned by me.
Wilt thou vouchsafe, as Portress dear,
To guard those lips to-day?
Lessen my words of idle worth
And govern all I say;
Keep back the sharp, and quick retort,
That rise so easily;
Soften my speech, with gentle art,
To sweetest charity.
Check thou the laugh or careless jest,
That others harsh may find;
Teach me the thoughtful words of love,
That soothe the anxious mind.
Put far from me all proud replies,
And each deceitful tone,
So that my words at length may be,
Faint echoes of thine own.
O Mother, thou art mine to-day,
By more than double right;

A soul where Christ reposed must be
Most precious in thy sight.
And thou canst hardly think of me
From thy dear Son apart;
Then give me from myself and sin,
A refuge in thy heart.

Little White Guest

You have come to my heart, dearest Jesus,
I am holding You close to my breast;
I'm telling You over and over
You are welcome, O Little White Guest.

I love You, I love You, my Jesus,
O please do not think I am bold;
Of course, You must know that I love You,
But I'm sure that You like to be told.

And now that You've come, dearest Jesus,
To nestle so close to my breast,
I whisper, "I love You, my Jesus,"
You are welcome, O Little White Guest.

I'll whisper, "I love You, my Jesus,"
And ask that we never may part;
I love You O kind, loving Jesus,
And press You still nearer my heart.

And when I shall meet You in Heaven,
My soul then will lean on Your breast,
And You will recall our fond meetings,
When You were my Little White Guest.

HYMNS

ST. BASIL'S HYMNAL

36th Edition

1. In this Sacrament, sweet Jesus,
Thou dost give Thy Flesh and Blood,
With Thy Soul and God head also,
As our most precious food.

Yes, dear Jesus, I believe it,
And Thy presence I adore,
And with all my heart I love Thee,
May I love Thee more and more.

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2. Jesus, the very thought of Thee,
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than Jesus' Name,
The Savior of mankind.

3. O Sacred Heart, O love Divine,
Do keep us near to Thee,
And make our love so like to Thine,
That we may holy be.

Heart of Jesus hear,
O Heart of love Divine,
Listen to our prayer,
And make us always Thine.

O wounded Heart, O Font of tears
O Throne of grief and pain,
Whereon for the eternal years,
Thy love for man does reign.

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4. To Jesus' Heart all burning,
With fervent love for men,
My heart with fondest yearning,
Shall raise the joyful strain.

While ages course along,
Blest be with loudest song,
The Sacred Heart of Jesus,
By every heart and tongue.

O Heart for me on fire,
With love no man can speak,
My yet untold desire,
God gives me for Thy sake.

5. What happiness can equal mine,
I've found the object of my love,
My Savior dear, my King Divine,
Is come to me from heaven above.

He makes my heart His own abode,
His Flesh becomes my daily bread,
He pours on me His healing Blood,
And in His life my soul is fed.

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6. Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,
How can I love Thee as I ought,
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope and thought,

Sweet Sacrament!

We Thee adore, O make us love Thee
more and more—repeat.

Had I but Mary's sinless heart,
To love Thee my dearest King,
O with what bursts of fervent praise,
Thy goodness Jesus, would I sing.

7. O Lord, I am not worthy,
That Thou shouldst come to me,
But speak the word of comfort,
My spirit healed shall be.

O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment Thine.

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8. Jesus, Thou art coming,
Holy as Thou art,
Thou the God who made me,
To my sinful heart.
Jesus, I believe it,
On Thy only word,
Kneeling I adore Thee,
As my King and Lord.

Put Thy kind arms 'round me,
Feeble as I am,
Thou art my Good Shepherd,
I Thy little lamb;
Since Thou comest, Jesus,
Now to be my Guest,
I can trust Thee always,
Lord for all the rest.

9. O what could my Jesus do more,
Or what greater blessing impart,
O silence my soul and adore,
And press still nearer thy heart.
Tis here from my labor I'll rest,
Since He makes my poor heart His
abode,
To Him all my cares I'll address,
And speak to the heart of my God.

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10. Happy we, who thus united,
Join in cheerful melody,
Praising Jesus, Mary, Joseph,
In the Holy Family,
Jesus, Mary, Joseph help us,
That we ever true may be
To the promises that bind us,
To the Holy family.
Jesus, whose almighty bidding,
All created things fulfill,
Lives on earth in meek subjection,
To His earthly Parents' will.

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11. I need Thee, precious Jesus,
I need a friend like Thee,
A friend to sooth and sympathize,
A friend to care for me.
I need Thy Heart, sweet Jesus,
To feel each anxious care,
I long to tell my every want,
And all my sorrow share.

I need Thee, sweetest Jesus,
In Thy Sacrament of Love,
To nourish this poor soul of mine,
With the treasures of Thy love.
I'll need Thee, sweetest Jesus,
When death's dread hour draws nigh,
To hide me in Thy Sacred Heart,
Till wafted safe on high.

12. Jesus, Thou art coming,
 Holy as Thou art,
Thou the God who made me,
 To my sinful heart.
Jesus, I believe it,
 On Thy only word,
Kneeling, I adore Thee,
 As my King and Lord.

Who am I, my Jesus,
 That Thou com'st to me,
I have sinned against Thee,
 Often grievously,
I am very sorry,
 I have caused Thee pain ;
I will never, never,
 Wound Thy heart again.

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13. Jesus, Jesus, come to me,
 All my longing is for Thee,
Of all friends the best Thou art,
 Make of me Thy counterpart.

Jesus, I live for Thee,
 Jesus, I die for Thee,
I belong to Thee,
 Forever in life and death.

14. God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity down on me;
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy,
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

See our Savior, bleeding, dying,
On the Cross of Calvary;
To that Cross my sins have nailed Him,
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.



