

Psalm 50 [51]

Have mercy on me, O God, in the greatness of your compassion;
according to the multitude of your mercies blot out my offence.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my iniquity,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you alone have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
That you may be justified when you speak
and win when you judge.
Behold, in wickedness I was conceived,
and in sin my mother bore me.
For see, you have loved truth;
you have shown me the hidden and secret things of your wisdom.
Sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean.
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow;
Make me hear joy and gladness;
the bones that were crushed shall rejoice.
Turn your face from my sins,
and blot out all my lawlessness.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit.
Give me again the joy of your salvation,
and sustain me with your sovereign Spirit.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall ring out your justice.
Lord, you will open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
For if you wanted sacrifice, I would have given it,
you will not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit,
a humbled and contrite heart God will not spurn.
Deal favourably, O Lord, with Sion in your good pleasure
and let the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt.
Then you will be well pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness,
oblations and whole burnt offerings;
then they will lay calves upon your altar.

Symbol of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father.

Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfilment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Penitential Prayer

O God, remit, remove and forgive our sins, committed willfully or through neglect, by word or deed, knowingly or in ignorance, in mind or thought, during the day or during the night; forgive all our sins, for you are good, and you love humankind.

Prayers to the Most Holy Mother of God

Rejoice, Mother of God, Virgin Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb; for you have borne Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of our souls.

It is truly right to bless you, O God-bearing One, as the ever-blessed and immaculate Mother of our God. More honourable than the cherubim and by far more glorious than the seraphim; ever a virgin, you gave birth to God the Word, O true Mother of God, we magnify you.

We flee to the shelter of your mercy, O Virgin Mother of God. Do not reject our prayers of anguish, but free us from tribulations, O only pure and blessed one.

Most glorious ever-virgin Mother of God receive our prayers and bring them to your Son and our God, that because of you, he may save our souls.