

of the Virgin Mary; suffered and died on a cross to redeem and save us; arose the third day from the dead, and ascended into heaven; will come at the end of the world to judge mankind, and will reward the good with eternal happiness, and condemn the wicked to the everlasting pains of hell. I believe these and all other articles which the holy Roman Catholic Church proposes to our belief, because thou, my God, the infallible Truth, hast revealed them; and thou hast commanded us to *hear the Church which is the pillar and the ground of Truth.* In this faith I am firmly resolved, by thy holy grace, to live and die. *Matt. xviii. 17, and 1 Tim. iii. 15.*

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O my God! who hast graciously promised every blessing, even heaven itself, through Jesus Christ, to those who keep thy commandments; relying on thy infinite power, goodness, and mercy, and on thy sacred promises, to which thou art always faithful, I confidently hope to obtain pardon of all my sins, grace to serve thee faithfully in this life, by doing the good works thou hast commanded, and which, with thy assistance, I will perform; and eternal happiness in the next, through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

Or of the Love of God and of our Neighbours.

O my God! I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and above all things: because thou art infinitely good and perfect, and most worthy of all my love; and for thy sake, I love my neighbour as myself. Mercifully grant, O my God! that having loved thee on earth, I may love and enjoy thee for ever in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER TO BE SAID BEFORE MASS.

Let us Pray.

O MERCIFUL Father, who didst so love the world, as