



Jesu, Save Us, We Pray.

O Thou who while we sleep, as while we vigil keep,
 Dost shield us from all harm and hold us nigh
 To Thine own bosom — to Thy Sacred Heart. O Love
 Unutterable ! haste unto us from above
 In sorrow's hour, lest fiends our feeble strength defy.
 Jesu, Shepherd, Friend, aye, Brother, save us, Thy sheep !

Created for Thyself, in Thee alone we rest,
 Our love is Thine, our hopes repose in Thee ;
 Yet Earth doth draw us down. Made as we are of clay,
 Our hearts seek idols here, our thoughts are far away
 From Thee, our God, our End for all eternity.
 Raise us, save us, merciful Redeemer, Jesu Blest !

Avert our eyes from vanity and tempters' wiles,
 Let creatures ne'er Thy claim to us dispute,
 Nor us exchange the purest gold for basest dross,
 Or barter away our crown, purchased by Thy Cross.
 Enriched with grace, may we "bring forth good fruit,"
 And shun with all our strength whate'er the soul defiles.

And when the hour is come to leave this world of sin,
 Be Thou, Jesu — our Spouse — at our right hand
 To aid us, to defend us 'gainst the enemy
 Who seek to weaken us, to wrest our souls from Thee.
 The struggle o'er, O Master, guide us to that land
 Where none but Thy beloved ones may enter in !

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