

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.

A PRAYER TO BE SAID BEFORE MASS.

LET US PRAY.

O MERCIFUL Father, who didst so love the world, as to give up for our redemption thy beloved Son, who in obedience to thee, and for us sinners, humbled himself even unto the death of the cross; and continues to offer himself daily, by the ministry of his priests, for the living and the dead; we humbly beseech thee, that, penetrated with a lively faith, we may always assist with the utmost devotion and reverence, at the oblation of his most precious body and blood, which is made at Mass, and thereby be made partakers of the Sacrifice, which he consummated on Calvary.

In union with thy holy Church and its minister, and invoking the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the Angels and Saints, we now offer the adorable Sacrifice of the Mass to thy honour and glory, to acknowledge thy infinite perfections, thy supreme dominion over all thy creatures, our entire subjection to thee, and total dependence on thy gracious Providence, and in thanksgiving for all thy benefits and for the remission of our sins.

We offer it for the propagation of the Catholic faith, for our most holy Father the Pope, for our Archbishop, (or Bishop,) and for all the Pastors and Clergy of thy Holy Church, that they may direct the faithful in the way of salvation for the King (or the Queen), and all who are in high stations—that we may lead a quiet and holy life; for peace and good will among all states and people; for the necessities of mankind, and particularly for the congregation here present, to obtain all blessings we stand in need of in this life, everlasting happiness in the next, and eternal rest to the faithful departed.