

thou, who art the infallible truth, hast revealed it; I explicitly believe that in Thee, One only God, there are three divine persons, really distinct; the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I believe that the second person, the Son of God, became man; that he was conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered and died on a cross to redeem and save us; that he arose the third day from the dead; that he ascended into heaven; and will come at the end of the world to judge all mankind according to their works; that he will reward the just with eternal glory, and punish the wicked with everlasting pains. In this faith I am firmly resolved, by thy holy grace, to live and die.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O my God! because thou art all-powerful, infinitely merciful, and infinitely good, I hope through the merits of Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son, to obtain pardon of all my sins—grace in this life, and eternal glory in the next, which thou hast promised to all those who do the good works that thou hast commanded, and which with thy divine assistance I now purpose to perform.

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

O my God! I love thee above all things, with my whole heart, and my whole soul, and my whole strength, and my whole mind; 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,