

sacraments as Mysteries, as now and ever taught by the Catholic Church. I never pretended to set myself up a judge upon the different modes of interpreting the dogmas which agitate the Church of Jesus Christ; but I have always supported, and shall always support, should God grant me life, the decisions which the Ecclesiastical superiors, united with the Holy Catholic Church, have given or may give conformably to the discipline of the Church as followed since Jesus Christ. I pity with all my heart, our brethren who may be in error; but I presume not to judge them, nor do I love them less in Jesus Christ, agreeable to the instructions of Christian Charity. I pray God to pardon all my sins which I have endeavoured scrupulously to recollect; and I detest and humiliate myself in his presence. Deprived of the assistance of a Catholic Priest, I entreat of God to receive the confession, which I have made to him, and particularly my profound repentance of having signed my name, although strongly against my will, to instruments which may be contrary to the faith and discipline of the Catholic Church, to which I have in my heart continued sincerely attached. I pray God to receive my firm resolution, should he grant me life, to avail myself, as soon as I can, of the ministry of a Catholic Priest, to confess all my sins, and receive the sacrament of repentance.

I entreat all those whom I may have inadvertently offended, (for I know not of one wilful offence which I have committed against any one) or to those to whom I may have set a bad and improper example, to pardon the evil which they conceive I may have done them.

I entreat all those who have charity, to unite their prayers with mine to obtain a pardon of God for my sins.

I forgive from my heart, all those who became my enemies without cause, and I entreat God to pardon them, as well as those who, from false or misguided zeal, have done me much injury.

I recommend to God, my Wife and my Children, my Sister, my Aunts, my Brothers, and all those who are connected with me by the ties of blood, or otherwise. I moreover particularly implore God to cast an eye of mercy upon my Wife, my Children, and my Sister, who have so long suffered with me, to support them with his Grace; should I be destroyed, and as long as they remain in this perishable world.

I recommend my Children to my Wife. Her maternal tenderness in their behalf I never doubted; but I particularly desire her to make them good Christians and honest; not to suffer them to regard the grandeurs of this world, should they be condemned to experience them, only as dangerous and perishable possessions, and to turn their regard towards the only solid glory, and of eternal duration. I entreat my Sister to have the goodness to continue her kindness to my Children, and to fulfil the duties of their mother, should she be taken from them.

I entreat my Wife to forgive me all the evils she may suffer on my account, and the reasons of dissatisfaction I may have occasioned her during the course of our union; as she may be sure, that I retain no reproachful sentiments against her.

I recommend strongly to my Children, after the duty they owe to God, that must be fulfilled, in the first place, to remain always united amongst each other; to be submissive and obedient to their Mother, and gratefully sensible of all the care and trouble she has had on their account, and that they will do so in remembrance of me.