

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

*Prayer.* O LORD God, of infinite bounty and mercy, grant us, we beseech thee, the grace to be always directed and comforted by thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECT, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy divine assistance, that every prayer, instruction, and other work of ours may begin always from thee, and by thee be happily ended, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER AFTER CATECHISM.

We fly to thy Patronage O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

ACTS OF CONTRITION, FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE ACTS.

O Almighty and eternal God! grant unto us an increase of faith, hope and charity; and that we may obtain what thou hast promised, grant us to love and practise, what thou commandest, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O my God! I am heartily sorry, that I ever offended thee by transgressing thy divine commandments; and I detest those transgressions from my heart, because they are displeasing to Thee, who art infinitely good and merciful; and I now firmly purpose, with the assistance of thy grace, never more to offend thee, to do all that I can to satisfy for my sins, and to amend my life.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O my God! I most firmly believe, whatever the Holy Catholic Church proposes to my belief, because