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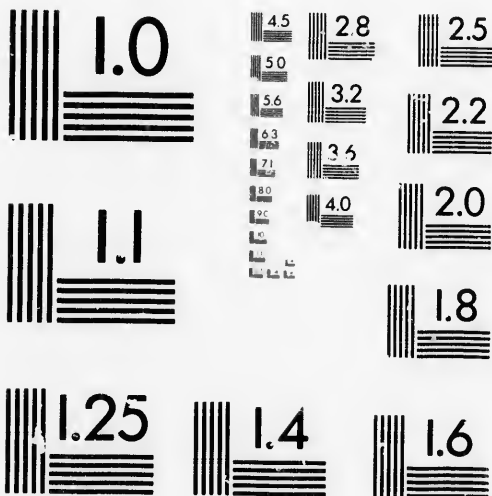
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A Morning and an Evening

PRAYER.

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Lord will say where is
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Catechism

THE
CHURCH CATECHISM,

AND SOME
PRAYERS,

ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN.

QUESTION.

WHAT is your Name?

Answer. N. or M.

Q. Who gave you this Name?

A. My Godfathers and Godmothers in my Baptism, wherein I was made a Member of Christ, the Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Q. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

A. They did promise and vow three things in my Name. *First*, that I should renounce the Devil

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and all his Works ; the Pomps and Vanity of this wicked World ; and all the sinful Lusts of the Flesh. *Secondly*, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. And, *Thirdly*, that I should keep God's Holy Will and Commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my Life.

Q. Do you not think, that you are bound to *believe* and to *do* as they have promised for you ?

A. Yes, verily ; and by God's Help, so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly father, that he hath called me to this State of Salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my Life's end. •

CATECHIST.

Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

ANSWER.

I. **I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth,

II. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

III. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary.

IV. Suffered under Pontius Pilate. Was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Hell.

V. The third Day he rose again from the Dead.

VI. He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty.

VII. From thence he shall

come to judge the Quick and the Dead.

VIII. I believe in the Holy Ghost.

IX. The Holy Catholic Church.
The Communion of Saints.

X. The Forgiveness of Sins.

XI. The Resurrection of the Body.

XII. And the Life Everlasting.
Amen.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?

A. First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the World.

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all Mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy

Ghost, who sanctifieth *me*, and all the elect of God.

Q. You said, that your God-fathers and Godmothers did promise for you, that you should keep God's Commandments.—Tell me how many there be.

A. Ten.

Q. Which be they ?

ANSWER.

THE same which God spake in the Twentieth Chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

Q. Which is the First Commandment ?

A. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.

Q. Which is the Second commandment ?

A. Thou shalt not make to thyself any Graven Image, nor the Likeness of any Thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth: Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the Sins of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me, and shew Mercy unto Thousands in them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

Rehearse the Third Commandment.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

Q. Which is the Fourth Commandment?

A. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day: Six Days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do: but the seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no Manner of Work, thou, and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy Man-servant, and thy Maid-servant, thy Cattle, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh Day, and hallowed it.

Q. Which is the Fifth Commandment.

A. Honour thy Father and thy

Mother, that thy Days may be long in the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Q. Which is the Sixth Commandment?

A. Thou shalt do no Murder.

Q. Which is the Seventh Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

Q. Which is the Eighth Commandment.

A. Thou shalt not Steal.

Q. Which is the Ninth Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour.

Q. Which is the Tenth Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife,

nor his Servant, nor his Maid,
nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor a-
ny Thing that is his.

Q. What do you chiefly learn
by these Commandments?

A. I learn Two things: My
Duty towards God, and my Du-
ty towards my Neighbour.

Q. What is your Duty towards
God?

A. My Duty towards God is
to believe in him, to fear him,
and to love him, with all my
Heart, with all my Mind, with
all my Soul, and with all my
Strength; to worship him, to
give him Thanks, to put my
whole Trust in him, to call upon
him, to honour his Holy Name
and his Word; and to serve him
truly all the days of my Life.

Q. What is your Duty towards your Neighbour?

A. My Duty towards my Neighbour is to love him as myself, and to do to all Men as I would they should do unto me. To love, honour, and succour my Father and Mother; to honour and obey the King, and all that are put in Authority under him. To submit myself to all my Governours, Teachers, Spiritual Pastors, and Masters. To order myself lowly and reverently to all my Betters. To hurt no Body by Word or Deed. To be true and just in all my Dealings. To bear no Malice or Hatred in my heart. To keep my hands from picking and stealing; and my Tongue from Evil-speaking, Lying, and Slander-

ing. To keep my Body in Temperance, Soberness, and Chastity. Not to covet nor desire other Men's Goods ; but to learn and labour truly to get mine own Living, and to do my Duty in that State of Life unto which it shall please God to call me.

CATECHIST.

My good Child, know this, that you are not able to do these Things of yourself, nor to walk in the Commandments of God and to serve him, without his special Grace, which you must learn at all Times to call for by diligent Prayer : Let me hear therefore if you can say the Lord's Prayer.

ANSWER.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven,

I. Hallowed be thy Name :

II. Thy Kingdom come :

III. Thy Will be done in Earth,
as it is in Heaven.

IV. Give us this Day our dai-
ly Bread :

V. And forgive us our Tres-
passes, as we forgive them that
trespass against us ;

VI. And lead us not into Temp-
tation, but deliver us from Evil :

For thine is the Kingdom, and
the Power, and the Glory, for
ever and ever. *Amen.*

Q. What do you *desire* of God
in this Prayer ?

A. I desire my Lord God our
Heavenly Father, who is the
Giver of all Goodness, to send

his Grace unto me, and to all People, that we may worship him, serve him, and obey him as we ought to do : And I pray unto God that he will send us all Things that be needful both for our Souls and Bodies ; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our Sins ; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all Dangers ghostly and bodily ; and that he will keep us from all Sin and Wickedness, and from our ghostly Enemy, and from everlasting Death. And this I trust he will do of his Mercy and Goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore I say *Amen* ; So be it.

QUESTION.

HOW many Sacraments hath

Christ ordained in his Church ?

A. Two only as generally necessary to Salvation ; that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

Q. What do you mean by this Word Sacrament ?

A. I mean an outward and visible Sign of an inward and spiritual Grace, given unto us, ordained by Christ himself, as a Means whereby we receive the same, and a Pledge to assure us thereof.

Q. How many Parts are there in a Sacrament ?

A. Two ; the outward visible Sign, and the inward spiritual Grace.

Q. What is the outward visible Sign or Form in Baptism ?

A. Water ; wherein the Per-

son is Baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Q. What is the inward spiritual Grace?

A. A Death unto Sin, and a new Birth unto Righteousness : for being by Nature born in Sin, and the Children of Wrath, we are hereby made the Children of Grace.

Q. What is required of Persons to be baptized?

A. Repentance, whereby they forsake Sin ; and Faith, whereby they steadfastly believe the Promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Q. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender Age they cannot perform them?

A. Because they promise them *both* by their Sureties : which Promise, when they come to Age, *themselves* are bound to perform.

Q. Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained ?

A. For the continual Remembrance of the Sacrifice of the Death of Christ, and the benefits which we receive thereby.

Q. What is the outward Part or Sign of the Lord's Supper ?

A. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Q. What is the inward part or Thing signified ?

A. The Body and Blood of Christ, which are *verily* and *indeed* taken and received by the Faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Q. What are the Benefits

whereof we are Partakers thereby ?

A. The strengthening and refreshing of our Souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our Bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Q. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper ?

A. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former Sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new Life, have a lively Faith in God's Mercy through Christ, with a thankful Remembrance of his Death ; and be in Charity with all Men.

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A Morning Prayer to be used daily by every Child at Home.

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord, who hast preserved me from the Perils of the Night past, who has refreshed me with Sleep, and raised me up again to *praise* thy holy name.

I humbly worship Thee, O God my heavenly Father, thro' Jesus Christ my Redeemer; and I again devote myself to Thee, desiring to serve Thee faithfully this, and all the Days of my Life.

I was made thy Child, and the Disciple of thy Son Jesus Christ by Baptism, and then received the Promise of the Holy Spirit. Let that good Spirit thoroughly cleanse me from all the Corruption of my Nature.

Help me to remember thee;
my Creator, in the Days of my
Youth.

Preserve me from those Er-
rors and Follies to which, by the
Frailty of my tender Age, I am
most exposed, and keep me from
every *great* Offence.

Deliver me from the Vanity of
mine own Heart, and from the
Temptations of Evil Company.

Incline my Heart to all which
is good, that I may be Modest
and Humble, True and Just,
Temperate and Diligent, Res-
pectful and Obedient to my Su-
periors; that I may fear and love
Thee above all; that I may love
my Neighbour as myself; and
do to every one as I would they
should do unto me.

Let my good Providence de-

send me this Day from all Evil ;
Let the Grace of thy Holy Spirit continually prevent and assist me.

Bless me, I pray Thee, in my Learning ; and help me daily to increase in Knowledge, and Wisdom, and all Virtue.

I humbly beg thy Blessing upon all our spiritual Pastors and Masters, all my Relations and Friends, (particularly * *my Father and Mother, my Brother and Sisters, and every one in this House.*) Grant to them whatsoever may be good for them in this Life, and guide them to Life everlasting.

I humbly commit myself to

* Here let every one mention his or her particular Relations.

thee O Lord, in the Name of Je-
sus Christ my Saviour, and in
the Words which He himself
hath taught us ;

Our Father, &c.



*An Evening Prayer to be used
Daily by every Child at Home.*

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord,
who hast preserved me the Day
past ; who has defended me from
all the Evils to which I am con-
stantly exposed in this uncertain
Life ; who hast continued my
Health ; who hast bestowed up-
on me all things necessary for Life
and Godliness.

I humbly beseech Thee, Hea-

venly Father, to pardon whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in me this Day, in my Thoughts, Words, or Actions, (*particularly.**)

Make me, O Lord, thoroughly sensible of the great Wickedness and Corruption of my Nature, and the many errors of my Life.

Assist me, I pray Thee, in making it my constant Endeavour to resist and conquer every evil inclination within me, and every Temptation from without.

Help me daily to increase in the

* Here let the Child be instructed to confess and bewail *in particular* every Sin which may have been committed by him or her in the Day past; whether *Lying, taking God's Name in vain, Stealing, Quarrelling, Stubbornness, or any other Sin.*

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Knowledge and Love of Thee,
my God, and of my Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ.

Shew me the way in which I
should walk, whilst I am young,
and grant that I may never de-
part from it.

Bless to me; I pray, whatso-
ever good Instructions have been
given me this Day; help me
carefully to remember them, and
duly to improve them, that I
may be ever growing in Knowl-
edge, Wisdom, and Goodness.

I humbly beg thy Blessing up-
on all our spiritual Pastors and
Masters, all my Relations and
Friends, (particularly * *my Fa-
ther and Mother, my Brothers and*

* Here let the Child mention his or her
particular Relations.

Sisters, and every one in this House.) Let it please Thee to guide us all in this present Life, and to conduct us to thy Heavenly Kingdom.

I humbly commit my Soul and Body to thy Care this Night, begging thy gracious Protection and Blessing, through Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour; in whose Words I conclude my Prayers.

Our Father, &c.



A short Prayer for Children when they first come into their Seat at Church.

LORD, I am now in thy House; Accept, I beseech Thee, Me, and my Services. Let thy

Holy Spirit help my Infirmities,
disposing my Heart to Serious-
ness, Attention, and Devotion,
to the Honour of thy Holy Name,
and the Benefit of my own Soul,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



*Before they leave their Seat at
Church.*

BLESSED be thy Name O
Lord, for this Opportunity of at-
tending Thee in thy House and
Service. Make me I pray Thee,
a Doer of thy Word, not a Hear-
er only. Accept both me and my
Services, through Jesus Christ
our Mediator and Advocate.

A Grace Before Meat.

BLESS, O Lord, these thy good Creatures to our Use, and by *them* fit us for thy Service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*A Grace After Meat.*

ACCEPT our *Thanks*, O Lord, for these, and all thy other Mercies; and may we shew our Gratitude by our Lives, through Jesus Christ.

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