

PRAYER OF MANASSEH

¹ Lord God Almighty of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their just seed,

² which madest heaven and earth, with all the adorning of those [*or them*],

³ which hast marked the sea by the word of thy commandment, which hast enclosed altogether the depth, or the deepness, of waters, and hast marked *them* to thy fearedful and praiseable name,

⁴ which all men dread, and tremble of the cheer of thy virtue,

⁵ and the wrath of thy menacing [*or thy threatening*] on sinners is unsuffer-able, *either may not be sustained*.

⁶ Soothly the mercy of thy promise is full-great and unsearchable, *either may not be comprehended by man's wit*;

⁷ for thou art the Lord most high over all earth; *thou art* patient, or long-abiding, and much merciful, and doing penance, or repenting, on the malices of men. Truly, Lord, by thy goodness thou hast promised penance of forgiveness of sins, *that is, forgiving sins for repenting of men*;

⁸ and thou, *Lord, that art* God of just men, hast not set penance to just men, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to them that sinned not against thee.

⁹ *But (thou settest penance unto me, that am a sinner)*, for I have sinned more than the number is of the gravel of the sea;

¹⁰ my wickednesses be multiplied. I am bowed with much bond of iron, and no breathing is to me; for I have stirred thy wrathfulness, and I have done evil before thee, and I have set abominations, and I have multiplied offenses.

¹¹ And now, I bow the knees of mine heart, and beseech goodness of thee, Lord.

¹² I have sinned, Lord; I have sinned, and I acknowledge my wicked-ness.

¹³ I ask, and I pray thee, Lord; forgive thou to me, forgive thou to me; lose thou me not altogether with my wickednesses, neither reserve thou evils to me without end.

¹⁴ For, Lord, by thy great mercy thou shalt save me, *most unworthy wretch*, and I shall praise thee ever in all the days of my life; for all the virtue, *that is, all those orders of angels*, of heavens praiseth thee, and to thee is glory into worlds of worlds. Amen.

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