

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader An Act of faith.

Right Side Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man, of one substance, majesty, and power with the Father, we profess our firm faith in your Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Left Side You are God, and God is truth. You said of yourself: "I am the truth." You also said: "This is my Body." Truth has spoken! We may not be able to understand how you can be present under the appearances of bread, but you said you are present and that is enough for us.

All On your word, we believe. Our presence here tonight is the practical expression of that belief, and *our* answer to your presence. It is our commitment of faith in your presence. Confirm and strengthen that faith.

Leader An act of hope.

All Lord Jesus Christ, you are our hope. Without you, nothing of the things that really matter would be within our grasp: grace, the sacraments, eternal salvation. We even have you in the Holy Eucharist as our victim, our food, our brother. With you, the author of all grace, we have everything we ever need to reach heaven. Confirm and strengthen our hope.

**Leader** An act of love.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus Christ, we feel rather hesitant about professing our love for you. Not because you might misunderstand us, but rather because we might be deceiving ourselves. The world has distorted and profaned the true meaning of love. As we express our love for you, we wish to reassure ourselves, and you, that we want to love you not as the world loves, but as you love.

**Left Side** You loved us by living and dying for us. We want to love you by living for you. Being human, we may not always live that love, but deep down, that is the way we want to live.

**Right Side** All things, our lives, our families, our homes, our business, our interests, we have and hold in you, with you, and for you.

**Left Side** Your love for us reached its peak at the Last Supper. There, with Gethsemane and Calvary only a few hours away, you instituted the Sacrament of your sacrificial presence. Nothing in that dramatic moment shows even a trace of the sentimentality of worldly love. And yet *there*, in action, was the greatest love the world has ever known.

**All** We would wish our love for you to be like that! Confirm and strengthen our love.

**Leader** An act of adoration.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus Christ, because we be-

lieve your words, we know that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. We have here not only a symbol, not only a figure, not only a sign, even so sacred a sign as a sacrament, but a living Person, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Word of God made man, consubstantial with the Father, revealed to us in the Scriptures.

**Left Side** We have you revealing yourself to us in the Liturgy of the Word, present in the daily renewal, on the altar, of the Paschal Mystery, when, by dying you overcame our death, and by rising again you restored our life. We adore you.

**Right Side** Lord Jesus Christ, you are God, you are Lord, Creator, Emmanuel, you are the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega, you are judge, master, king. You are all-powerful, all-wise, omnipotent, eternal.

**All** We recognize and proclaim your Divinity here present. We praise you. We promise allegiance to you. We adore you.

**Left Side** Lord Jesus Christ, you are man. "You were of divine condition, yet you did not greedily cling to equality of status with God, but emptied yourself, taking the condition of a slave through being born in the likeness of men." You were born of the Virgin Mary. You suffered, died, and rose again from the dead, that by dying to ourselves we might, with you, rise to a new life.

Right Side You are our brother, a man like us.  
As Saint Paul says, you stooped down to our level. We appreciate the infinite condescension that made you do that for love of us. We realize that you took on our condition so that we might not greedily cling to our status of man, but might rather, with you, rise to the level of the children of God.

Left Side By humbling ourselves in adoration of your person, we "empty ourselves" of ourselves, so that you may fill us with your life, and lead us from the slavery of sin to the freedom of the sons of God.

All Lord Jesus, we recognize and proclaim Your humanity here present. We adore. We promise allegiance.

Leader Lord Jesus, Word of the Eternal Father,  
All Lead us to the Father.

Leader Jesus, son of Mary,  
All We, too, are her children!

Leader O Lord, our Master,  
All Teach us.

Leader Christ, Prince of Peace,  
All Give us true peace.

Leader Christ, our Refuge,  
All Shelter us from the enemies of our soul.

Leader Jesus, our Good Shepherd,  
All Feed our souls with heavenly bread.

Leader Jesus, model of patience,

All Teach us to be patient.  
Leader Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
All Help us to become like you.  
Leader Christ our Redeemer, and our King,  
All Save us, rule and govern us,  
Leader Sanctifier of our soul,  
All Sanctify us, and lead us to heaven.  
Leader Fountain of all goodness,  
All Continue your goodness to us.  
Leader Victim of our sacrifice,  
All We offer you to the Father.  
Leader Dispenser of the word of truth,  
All Teach us all truth.  
Leader Living bread from heaven,  
All Nourish our souls.  
Leader Our God and our all,  
All Make us yours forever.  
Leader Jesus, the true way,  
All Guide and direct us to the Father.  
Leader Eternal Truth,  
All Teach us by your word to model our life  
on yours.  
Leader Our Support,  
All Strengthen us against the evils of our day.  
Leader Jesus, our Mediator with the Father,  
All Be our reconciliation with Him.  
Leader Christ, physician of our soul,

All Cure us of our human frailties.

Leader Christ, you will one day be our judge.

All Be merciful to us sinners.

Leader Father to prodigals,

All In repentance, we come to you.

Leader Our only true Joy,

All Be our happiness now and forever.

Leader Object of our love,

All Draw us to yourself, and in you to the  
Father.

Leader Jesus, our Protector,

All Defend us in the battles of life.

Leader Jesus, our Hope,

All Sustain us as we struggle in this life.

Leader Jesus, Fountain of life,

All Give us ever new life through your great  
Sacraments.

Leader Jesus, you are the glory of mankind.

All Glorify us in our resurrection. Amen.