



BOOK TWO

Accumulated Prayers



“My only objective is to paint a Christ so moving that those who see him will be converted.”

Georges Rouault
Head of Christ

Obedient to the Truth

You have been obedient to the truth and purified your souls until you can love like brothers, in sincerity; let your love for each other be real and from the heart - your new birth was not from any mortal seed but from the everlasting word of the living and eternal God. All flesh is grass and its glory like the wild flower's. The grass withers, the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains for ever. What is this word? It is the Good News that has been brought to you.

Be sure, then, you are never spiteful, or deceitful, or hypocritical, or envious and critical of each other. You are new born, and, like babies, you should be hungry for nothing but milk — the spiritual honesty which will help you to grow up to salvation — now that you have tasted the goodness of the Lord.

Nourishment

O God, you told us to listen to your beloved Son.

Nourish us by planting your word within us;

give us spiritual clear-sightedness

to see and enjoy the vision of your glory.

Our Creator and Our Guide

Let us be very careful not to be among those of whom it was written that *many are called but few are chosen*.

Come to the aid of your servants, O Lord; be good to those who pray to you. We glory in having you as our creator and guide: renew whatever is good in us, and make it last for our eternal salvation.

OUTNESS

For outness is but the feeling of otherness (alterity) rendered intuitive, or alterity visually represented. --Coleridge.

NOON PRAYER

You our God are good and true, slow to anger,
And governing all with mercy.
To know you well is complete justice,
And to know your might is the root of immortality

Lord our God, you are tender and compassionate.
You are patient, most merciful, and true to your word.

Father, your's is the vineyard:
You assign the task and pay a wage that is just.
Help us to meet this day's responsibilities,
And let nothing separate us from your love.
Grant this through Christ our Lord

Amen

Advent, December 23rd

Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your
liberation is near at hand.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my savior.

Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your
liberation is near at hand.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your
liberation is near at hand.

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant.

Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your
liberation is near at hand.

Peace in our day

Almighty and ever-living God, you rule
both heaven and earth.

In your kindness listen to the prayers
of your people and grant us your
peace in our day.

Perfection of Revelation

To see Jesus is to see the Father.

For this reason Jesus perfected revelation by
fulfilling it through the work of making himself
present and manifesting himself.

He did this through his words and deeds, his
signs and miracles, but especially through his
death and glorious resurrection from the dead
and through his final sending of the Spirit of

Truth. Jesus I trust in you.

Reading

St Augustine's sermon On Pastors

Do what they say, not what they do

Well then, shepherds, hear the word of the Lord!” What must you shepherds hear? Thus says the Lord God: behold, I am above the shepherds and I will call them to account for the sheep in their hands.

Listen, sheep of God, listen and learn: God will call the bad shepherds to account for his sheep and for their deaths. As he says elsewhere in Ezekiel: Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man, “Wicked wretch, you are to die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin but you yourself will have saved your life.

You see, brethren? Do you see how dangerous it is to keep quiet? If you remain silent, you die; and rightly. You die for your impiety and sin – it is your negligence that kills you. He who has said, As I live, says the Lord might have found a living shepherd – but since the shepherd was negligent, not warning those he had been given authority over, those whose sentry he was, he will die justly and the sentry will be justly condemned. But if – the Lord continues – you say “you are to die” with one I have threatened with the sword, and he does not avoid the sword and it comes and kills him, he will die in his sin but you will have set your soul free. That is why we must not keep silent – and you, even if we did keep silent, must listen to the words of the true Shepherd in holy Scripture.

Since I raised the question, let us see if he takes the sheep from the dead shepherds and gives them to good ones. I certainly see him taking the sheep from the bad shepherds: I am above the

shepherds, and I shall take my flock back from them and I shall not allow them to feed my flock. In this way the shepherds will stop feeding themselves. *For when I say to them, "Feed my sheep," they feed themselves and not my sheep.* I shall not allow them to feed my flock.

How does he stop them from looking after his sheep? Do whatever they say, but do not do what they do. It is as if he were saying, "Their words are my words but their actions are their own." When you avoid what the bad shepherds do, they are not in charge of you any more: when you follow what they say, it is my words you are following and it is I who am tending you.

Take Your Rest in the Lord

Take your rest in the Lord, and hope in him: do not envy the one who thrives in his own way, the man who weaves plots. Abstain from wrath, abandon anger: do not envy him who turns to evil, for those who do evil will be destroyed, but those on the side of the Lord will inherit the earth.

Proclaim What We Revere

If the sacrament of the Lord's passion is to work its effect in us, we must imitate what we receive and proclaim to mankind what we revere.

The cry of the Lord finds a hiding place in us if our lips fail to speak of this, though our hearts believe in it. So that his cry may not lie concealed in us it remains for us all, each in his own measure, to make known to those around us the mystery of our life in Christ.

Running Steadily

We should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful ness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.

Perseverance

Perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tells us: *Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved.*

Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you, but let your behavior change, modeled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

As Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said, 'Happy the womb that bore you and the breasts you sucked!' But he replied, 'Still happier those who hear the word of God and keep it!

Luke 11:27-28

Many are Called but Few are Chosen

Woe betide those who are wise in their own eyes and knowledgeable in their own sight. Let us be men of the Spirit, let us be a temple consecrated to God. As far as we can, let us devote ourselves to living in the fear of God, and let us strive to keep his commandments so that his ordinances become our delight. When the Lord judges the world he will have no favorites: each will receive according to his deeds. If he is good then his

righteousness will lead him forward; if he is evil then the reward of iniquity will be in front of him. Let us never complacently think of ourselves as 'called', let us never doze in our sinfulness, or the Prince of Evil may gain power over us and thrust us out from the Kingdom of the Lord. And consider this also, my brethren, you see what great signs and wonders were wrought in Israel and yet in the end they were finally abandoned – let us be very careful not to be among those of whom it was written
that *many are called but few are chosen.*

Morning Offering

*O my God, I offer you all my thoughts,
works, joys and sufferings of this day.
And ask you to grant me your grace that
I may not offend you this day; but may
faithfully serve you and do your holy will
in all things. Amen.*

Glory be...

*May the Lord bless us and keep us from
evil, and bring us to everlasting life.*

Amen.

The Word

The word is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart: the word, that is, of the faith we proclaim. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved.

The three
things that last

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Boy With Epilepsy

(Mark: 9)

...”but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us.”

‘If you can?’ retorted Jesus.
‘Everything is possible for anyone who has faith.’

Immediately the father of the boy cried out, “I do have faith. Help the little faith I have!”

Teach Each Other

You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom.

With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and

inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Amen

Serve God

Serve God in fear and sincerity. Leave aside empty vanities and vulgar error, believing in him who raised up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him glory and a throne on his right hand, to whom are subject all things in heaven and earth, whom everything that has breath serves, who is coming as the judge of the living and of the dead.

Take pity on me Lord

Take pity on me, Lord, in your mercy;
in your abundance of mercy wipe out my
guilt.

Wash me ever more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know how guilty I am:
my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone have I sinned,
and I have done evil in your sight.

Know this, so that you may give just sentence
and an unbiased judgement.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

*where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life. Amen*

Let All Your Creatures
Serve You

Let all your creatures serve you,
for you spoke and they were made,
you sent forth your spirit, and they were
created:

there is no-one who can resist your
command.

Attentive to Wisdom

My child, if you accept my words
and treasure up my commandments
within you,
making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
if you indeed cry out for insight,
and raise your voice for understanding;
if you seek it like silver,
and search for it as for hidden treasures
then you will understand the fear of the
Lord

*Prayer of
St. Peter Eymard*

Of us God demands purity of heart, that purity which is the life of the soul. He wants besides, since we possess no virtues worthy of Him, a deep respect and true humility.

Let us say to Him:

“Lord I am not worthy to receive Thee.
Depart from me, for I am a miserable
sinner!”

This conviction makes up for our shortcomings. Our Lord is content with it and, when he comes to us, He will give us all that we lack. Let us simply be faithful, humble, and confident. He will do the rest.

**A Catechetical Instruction by St Cyril of Jerusalem
The Creed**

In learning and professing the faith, you must accept and retain only the Church's present tradition, confirmed as it is by the Scriptures. Although not everyone is able to read the Scriptures, some because they have never learned to read, others because their daily activities keep them from such study, still so that their souls will not be lost through ignorance, we have

gathered together the whole of the faith in a few concise articles.

Now I order you to retain this creed for your nourishment throughout life and never to accept any alternative, not even if I myself were to change and say something contrary to what I am now teaching, not even if some angel of contradiction, changed into an angel of light, tried to lead you astray. For *even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which you have now received, let him be accursed in your sight.*

So for the present be content to listen to the simple words of the creed and to memorize them; at some suitable time you can find the proof of each article in the Scriptures. This summary of the faith was not composed at man's whim, the most important sections were chosen from the whole Scripture to constitute and complete a comprehensive statement of the faith. Just as the mustard seed contains in a small grain many branches, so this brief statement of the faith keeps in its heart, as it were, all the religious truth to be found in Old and New Testament alike. That is why, my brothers, you must consider and preserve the traditions you are now receiving. Inscribe them across your heart.

Observe them scrupulously, so that no enemy may rob any of you in an idle and heedless moment; let no heretic deprive you of what has been given to you. Faith is rather like depositing in a bank the money entrusted to you, and God will surely demand an account of what you have deposited. In the words of the Apostle: *I charge you before the God who gives life to all things, and before Christ who bore witness under Pontius Pilate in a splendid declaration,*

to keep unblemished this faith you have received, until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You have now been given life's great treasure; when he comes the Lord will ask for what he has entrusted to you. *At the appointed time he will reveal himself, for he is the blessed and sole Ruler, King of kings, Lord of lords. He alone is immortal, dwelling in unapproachable light. No man has seen or ever can see him.* To him be glory, honor and power for ever and ever. Amen.

The True Light

Almighty and ever-living God, we pray to you in your
majesty - morning, noon and night:
erase from our hearts the shadow of sin,
and fill them with the true light, which is Christ.

Psalm 68 (69)

I am consumed with zeal for your house.

I am exhausted with crying, but still I put my hope in my God.

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

I am stuck in bottomless mud; I am adrift in deep waters and the flood is sweeping me away.

I am exhausted with crying out, my throat is parched, my eyes are failing as I look out for my God.

Those who hate me for no reason are more than the hairs of my head.

They are strong, my persecutors, my lying enemies: they make me give back things I never took. God, you know my weakness: my crimes are not hidden from you.

Let my fate not put to shame those who trust in you, Lord, Lord of hosts.

Let them not be dismayed on my account, those who seek you, God of Israel.

For it is for your sake that I am taunted and covered in confusion:

I have become a stranger to my own brothers, a wanderer in the eyes of my mother's children – because zeal for your house is consuming me, and the taunts of those who hate you fall upon my head.

I have humbled my soul with fasting and they reproach me for it.

I have made sackcloth my clothing and they make me a byword.

The idlers at the gates speak against me; or drinkers of wine, I am the butt of their songs.

No Evil Talk

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Amen

A Share

O God, we see your almighty power most clearly in your forgiveness and compassion.

Pour out your Spirit upon us unceasingly: make us hasten to receive your promises, and give us a share in the joys of heaven.

COME TO YOUR SENSES

You say: *Let us eat and drink today; tomorrow we shall be dead.* You must stop being led astray: 'Bad friends ruin the noblest people.' Come to

your senses, behave properly, and leave sin alone.

There are some of you who seem not to know God at all; you should be ashamed.

Lord, in your kindness accept our prayers: as our faith looks up to your Son, risen from the dead, so may we receive a more solid hope of the future resurrection of your servants.

Canticle: June 4 Benedictus

Through the bottomless mercy of our God, one born on high will visit us to give light to those who walk in darkness, who live in the shadow of death; to lead our feet in the path of peace.

From the commentary on the penitential psalms (1555) by St John Fisher, bishop and martyr.

If anyone should sin, we have an advocate before the Father
Christ Jesu is our bishop, his most precious body is our sacrifice, which he offered upon a cross for the redemption of all the world. The blood shed for our redemption was not the blood of goats or calves as in the old law, it was the very blood most innocent of our savior Jesus Christ. The temple wherein our bishop did sacrifice was not made by man's hand but only by the power of God, he shed his precious blood for our redemption in the face of all the world, which is the temple made only by the hand of God. This temple has two divers parts, one is the earth whereon we inhabit, the other is not yet known to us mortal creatures. First he did sacrifice in the earth when he suffered his passion. After, in a new clothing or garment, the vesture of immortality, and with his own precious blood he entered into sanctum sanctorum [the Holy of Holies] that is to say into heaven when he showed his said most precious blood before the throne of his father which he shed for all sinners 7 times. By this holy sacrifice almighty God must needs have pity and execute his mercy to all true penitents and this sacrifice shall continue not only year by year as the manner was of Jews, but also it is daily offered for our comfort, and every hour and moment for our most strong succor, wherefore saint Paul says Having obtained eternal redemption. By it we are redeemed for ever. Every contrite and true penitent person

not willing to fall again but with a full purpose to continue in virtuous living is partaker of this holy sacrifice. As saint John shows in his first epistle: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOD BECAME MAN

ST. Augustine, December 24; The Hours

Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.

Truth has arisen from the earth: because the Word was made flesh. And justice looked down from heaven: because every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

Ask if this were merited; ask for its reason, for its justification, and see whether you will find any other answer but sheer grace.

Saint Catherine of Bologna (1413-1463)

In the one written work of St. Catherine of Bologna titled the "Treatise on the Seven Spiritual Weapons", Catherine teaches that to combat evil it is necessary: "

(1) To be careful always only to do good;

(2) To believe that we can never achieve anything truly good by ourselves;

(3) To trust in God and, for His love, never to fear the battle against evil, either in the world or in ourselves;

(4) To meditate frequently on the events and words of Jesus' life, especially His passion and death;

(5) To remember that we must die;

(6) To keep the benefits of heaven firmly in our minds,

(7) To be familiar with Holy Scripture, keeping it in our hearts to guide all our thoughts and actions".

Evil Whispers

Evil whispers to the sinner in the depths of his heart: the fear of God does not stand before his eyes.

The nearer you go to God, the nearer he will come to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up.

LEAD US IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS

Grant that today we may journey forward in your love: may all that happens be for our good and the good of others. - Lord, lead us in your footsteps.

Day By Day

Day by day we bless you, Lord: we praise you for ever and for ever.

Of your goodness, Lord, keep us without sin for today.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.

Let your pity, Lord, be upon us, as much as we trust in you.

In you, Lord, I trust: let me never be put to shame.

God Has Saved Us

God has saved us and called us to be holy, not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time.

Free and Open Ground

You saw when my soul was in need: you did not leave me locked in the grip of the enemy, but set my feet on free and open ground.

Love virtue

Love virtue, you who are
judges on earth, let honesty
prompt your thinking about
the Lord, seek him in
simplicity of heart; since
he is to be found by those
who do not put him to the
test, he shows himself to
those who do not distrust
him.

LORD GOD OF TRUTH

Into your hands I commend my spirit: you have
redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

You disdain those who run after vain nothings;
Help me put my trust in you.

I will rejoice and be glad in your kindness,
for you have looked on me, lowly as I am.

You saw when my soul was in need: you did not leave me
locked in the grip of the enemy, but set my feet on free
and open ground.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Turn your ear to me, Lord, and rescue me.

Christ, king of glory.

Let us give thanks to our Savior who came down into this world as God in our midst. Let us cry out to him:

- Christ, king of glory, be our light and our joy!

Christ our Lord, you are the light dawning from on high, the first-fruits of the resurrection that is to come may we not remain in shadow but follow you and walk in the light of true life.

- Christ, king of glory, be our light and our joy!

Make us perceive your goodness in every created thing, so that we see your glory wherever we look.

- Christ, king of glory, be our light and our joy!

Lord, do not let evil defeat us today, but may we, armed with goodness, defeat evil ourselves.

- Christ, king of glory, be our light and our joy!

You were baptized in Jordan and anointed with the Holy Spirit: make us give thanks to that same Spirit today.

- Christ, king of glory, be our light and our joy!

I taught my prophets

My son, says the Lord, listen to my words, the most delightful of all words, surpassing all the knowledge of the philosophers and wise men of this world. My words are spirit and they are life and cannot be comprehended by human senses alone.

They are not to be interpreted according to the vain pleasure of the listener, but they must be listened to in silence and received with all humility and great affection.

And I said: Blessed is the man whom you teach, Lord, and whom you instruct in your law; for him you soften the blow of the evil day, and you do not desert him on the earth.

The Lord says, I have instructed my prophets from the beginning. Even to the present time I have not stopped speaking to all men, but many are deaf and obstinate in response.

Many hear the world more easily than they hear God; they follow the desires of the flesh more readily than the pleasure of God. The world promises rewards that are

temporal and insignificant, and these are pursued with great longing; I promise rewards that are eternal and unsurpassable, yet the hearts of mortals respond sluggishly.

Who serves and obeys me in all matters with as much care as the world and its princes are served?

Blush, then, you lazy, complaining servant, for men are better prepared for the works of death than you are for the works of life. They take more joy in vanity than you in truth.

Yet they are often deceived in their hope, while my promise deceives no one, and leaves empty-handed no one who confides in me. What I have promised I shall give; what I have said I will fulfill for any man who remains faithful in my love unto the very end. I am the rewarder of all good men, the one who rigorously tests the devoted.

Write my words in your heart and study them diligently, for they will be absolutely necessary in the time of temptation. Whatever you fail to understand in reading my words will become clear to you on the day of your visitation.

I visit my elect in a double fashion, that is, with temptation and with consolation. And I read to them two lessons each day: one to rebuke them for their faults; the other to exhort them to increase their virtue.

He who possesses my words yet spurns them earns his own judgement on the last day.

First paragraph of Hume's *The Principles of Morals*

Disputes with men, pertinaciously obstinate in their principles, are, of all others, the most irksome; except, perhaps, those with persons, entirely disingenuous, who really do not believe the opinions they defend, but engage in the controversy, from affectation, from a spirit of opposition, or from a desire of showing wit and ingenuity, superior to the rest of mankind. The same blind adherence to their own arguments is to be expected in both; the same contempt of their antagonists; and the same passionate vehemence, in enforcing sophistry and falsehood. And as reasoning is not the source, whence either disputant derives his tenets; it is in vain to expect, that any logic, which speaks not to the affections, will ever engage him to embrace sounder principles.

I Will Hear Him

*Because he clung to me, I shall free him:
I shall lift him up because he knows my name.
He will call upon me and for my part, I will hear
him:*

*I am with him in his time of trouble.
I shall rescue him and lead him to glory.
I shall fill him with length of days
and show him my salvation.*

Holding Fast

O God, your light guides those who have strayed and helps them back to the right path. Grant to all who are called Christians that they may reject whatever contradicts that name but hold fast to whatever is right for it.

Ephesians 2:19-22

You are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the

saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit.

Fight the Good Fight of the Faith

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses.

Warn those who are rich in this world's goods that they are not to look down on other people; and not to set their hopes on money, which is untrustworthy, but on God who, out of his riches, gives us all that we need for our happiness. Tell them that they are to do

good, and be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share – this is the way they can save up a good capital sum for the future if they want to make sure of the only life that is real.

Faithful Wills

Lord, inspire the wills of your faithful.

May they be more eager to do good works
and so receive more of your healing
kindness.

Blindness

Jesus said:

‘It is for judgement
that I have come into this world,
so that those without sight may see
and those with sight turn blind.’

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?'

Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were,

you would not be guilty,

but since you say, "We see,"

your guilt remains.

Entrust

**Entrust your journey to the Lord
and he will act**

In the Name of the Lord

Never say or do anything except in

the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

giving thanks to God the Father
through him.

God's Correction

Happy indeed the man whom God corrects! So do not refuse this lesson from the Omnipotent: for he who wounds is he who soothes the sore, and the hand that hurts is the hand that heals.

I Am Who I Am

I am God unrivaled
God who has no like.
From the beginning I foretold the future,
and predicted beforehand what is to be.

Forget Not!

Understand this, you who forget God;
lest I tear you apart, with no-one there to
save you.

Whoever offers up a sacrifice of praise
gives me true honor;
whoever follows a sinless path in life will
be shown the salvation of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realize that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the

ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

What are the just to do!

When the foundations are being overthrown,
what are the just to do?"

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven.

His eyes look down on the poor, he examines the children of men.

The Lord scrutinizes the just and the unjust, and his heart cries for those who do evil.

At once a fire was kindled in my heart. I was taken over by the love felt by the prophets and by those who are Christ's friends.