

Pray the Primary Texts of the Christian Faith

The most important texts every Christian needs to learn, know, believe, pray, and use.

The Ten Commandments Preach Repentance

The Ten Commandments show us our sin and how much we need a Savior.

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

**He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,
punishing the children for the sin of the fathers
to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,
but showing love to a thousand generations
of those who love Me and keep My commandments."**

[Ex. 20:3, 7, 8, 12-17]

The Apostles' Creed Preaches the Faith That Saves Us from Our Sin

The Creed shows us that God loves us and has done everything to save us from sin through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer Preaches the Holy Life

The Lord's Prayer shows us that our lives are made holy by God's Word that is received and believed. We cry out to Him because we believe in what He has promised us. The Lord's Prayer directs us sinners where to find our help. This is the holy life of faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. [Mt. 6:4-13]

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Regenerates Sinners and Makes Us Christians

Baptism unites us with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and bestows upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit and faith in Christ.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [Mt. 28:19]

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,
but whoever does not believe will be condemned. [Mk. 16:16]

Confession and Absolution Return Us to the Promises of Our Baptism Daily

Absolution strengthens our faith in Christ and gives us comfort and help against sin and temptation.

The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven,
if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." [Jn. 20:22-23]

The Sacrament of the Altar Gives Us the Body and Blood of Christ for Salvation

The Lord's Supper gives us Christ's body and blood as medicine against our sinful flesh, the sin and trouble of this world, and the temptations of the devil. This sacrament is given so that we might learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for our sin, and also learn from Him to love God and our neighbor.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread,
and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
"Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you.
This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper,
and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying,
"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." [Mt./Mk./Lk./1Cor. 11:23-25]