

A CHRISTMAS Prayer on Faith and Good Works

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of GOD;

⁹ it is not from works, so no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are his handiwork, created in CHRIST JESUS for the good works that GOD has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. ¹

As we celebrate this CHRISTMAS, let us remember this Divine Gift of our salvation in The Birth of JESUS CHRIST, that He has redeemed us by His Grace through our Faith. In thanksgiving and humility, we receive also the gifts of The SPIRIT: wisdom; knowledge; faith; healing; mighty deeds; prophecy; discernment of spirits; varieties of tongues; interpretation of tongues. ² We seek to use these gifts in lifting them up back to Heaven as humble offerings of thanksgiving.

For we are His servants, created to walk in Faith and bring forth the Good Works of Mercy He sets before us. We pray to use His gifts to carry out our daily calling as He places before us: “To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty; To clothe the naked; To harbour the harbourless; To visit the sick; To ransom the captive; To bury the dead. To instruct the ignorant; To counsel the doubtful; To admonish sinners; To bear wrongs patiently; To forgive offences willingly; To comfort the afflicted; To pray for the living and the dead.” ³

May we daily celebrate the birth of our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST as good and profitable servants. Our precious salvation being the most Perfect Divine Gift, let our faithful Works of Mercy - both spiritual and physical - be daily offerings placed before The Heavenly Throne of our Father, sanctified by His Grace, that we may glorify His Name, walking always joyfully in His SPIRIT! AMEN.

¹ NAB, EPHESIANS 2:8-10.

² NAB, I CORINTHIANS 12:8-10.

³ New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia, “Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.” Kevin Knight. 2017. Retrieved 5/01/2018. <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10198d.htm>.