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EXODUS 20:1-17 - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1: And GOD spake all These Words, saying,

2: I am The LORD thy GOD, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3: Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

4: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I The LORD thy GOD am a jealous GOD, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;

6: And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My Commandments.

7: Thou shalt not take The Name of The LORD thy GOD in vain; for The LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

8: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9: Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10: But the seventh day is the sabbath of The LORD thy GOD: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11: For in six days The LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore The LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which The LORD thy GOD giveth thee.

13: Thou shalt not... (murder) [from NJKV].

14: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15: Thou shalt not steal.

16: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. [KJV]

MATTHEW 6:9-13 - THE OUR FATHER

9 Our Father Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
10 Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is The Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
[KJV]

PSALM 23:1-6 - THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

1: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
3: He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. 4: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
5: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in The House of The LORD for ever. [KJV]

MATTHEW 22:36-40 - THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

36: Master, which is The Great Commandment in The Law?
37: JESUS said unto him, Thou shalt love The Lord thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
38: This is The First and Great Commandment. 39: And The Second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
40: On These two Commandments hang all The Law and the prophets.
[KJV]

MATTHEW 5:2-12 - THE BEATITUDES

- 3: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven.
4: Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5: Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6: Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7: Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see GOD.
9: Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of GOD.
10: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven.
11: Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.
12: Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. [KJV]

MICAH 6:6-8 - WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?

- 6: Wherewith shall I come before The LORD, and bow myself before The High GOD? shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?
7: Will The LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
8: He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth The LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy GOD! [KJV]

MATTHEW 28:18-20 - THE GREAT COMMISSION

- 18: And JESUS came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth.
19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in The Name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Ghost:
20: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. [KJV]

JOHN 3:14-18 - REDEMPTION OF MEN & THE WORLD IN CHRIST

14: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must The Son of Man be lifted up:

15: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16: For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17: For GOD sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

18: He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in The Name of The only begotten Son of GOD. [KJV]

PSALM 100:1-5 - PRAISE YE THE LORD!

1: Make a joyful noise unto The LORD, all ye lands.

2: Serve The LORD with gladness: come before His Presence with singing.

3: Know ye that The LORD He is GOD: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

4: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name.

5: For The LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. [KJV]

EPHESIANS 2:8-10 - FAITH AND GOOD WORKS

8: For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of GOD: 9: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10: For we are his workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS unto good works, which GOD hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

[KJV]

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of GOD The Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in The HOLY SPIRIT; The holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

<http://www.spurgeon.org/~phil/creeds/apostles.htm>

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one GOD, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord JESUS CHRIST, The only-begotten Son of GOD, begotten of The Father before all worlds, GOD of GOD, Light of Light, Very GOD of Very GOD, begotten, not made, being of one substance with The Father by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by The HOLY SPIRIT of The Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to The Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of The Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in The HOLY SPIRIT, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from The Father and The Son, Who with The Father and The Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<http://www.creeds.net/ancient/nicene.htm>

THE SERENITY PRAYER

GOD, give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.

Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as JESUS did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,

Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen.

http://skdesigns.com/internet/articles/prose/niebuhr/serenity_prayer/

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

<http://www.shrinesf.org/franciscan-prayer.html>

THE GLORIA

Glory to GOD in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord GOD Heavenly King,
almighty GOD and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord JESUS CHRIST, only Son of The Father,
Lord GOD, Lamb of GOD,
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of The Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are The Holy One,
You alone are The Lord,
You alone are The Most High,
JESUS CHRIST,
with The HOLY SPIRIT,
in the glory of GOD The Father.
Amen.

<http://www.ecatholic2000.com/pray/prayer27.shtml>

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
GOD of power, GOD of might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in The Name of The Lord
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest!

<http://www.preces-latinae.org/thesaurus/Trinitas/Sanctus.html>

PRAYER FOR PEACE - POPE JOHN PAUL II

Lord JESUS CHRIST,
Who are called The Prince of Peace,
Who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation,
Who so often said, "Peace to you,"
grant us peace.
Make all men and women
witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers
that they may guarantee and defend
the great gift of peace.
May all peoples on the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.
In The Name of GOD
The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

<http://www.scborromeo.org/prayers/peace.pdf>

RULE FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING - JOHN WESLEY

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

<http://www.dailycelebrations.com/06280a.htm>

TE DEUM

We praise Thee, O GOD: we acknowledge Thee to be The Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee and The Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels: to Thee the heavens and all the powers therein.
To Thee the cherubim and seraphim cry with unceasing voice:

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord GOD of Hosts.
The heavens and the earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
Thee the glorious choir of the Apostles.
Thee the admirable company of the prophets.
Thee the white-robed army of martyrs praise.

Thee The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge.
The Father of infinite majesty.
Thine adorable, true and only Son
Also The HOLY GHOST, The Paraclete.

Thou art The King of Glory, O CHRIST.
Thou art The everlasting Son of The Father.
Thou having taken upon Thee to deliver man, didst not abhor The Virgin's
womb.
Thou having overcome the sting of death, didst open to believers The
Kingdom of Heaven.
Thou sittest at the right hand of GOD in The Glory of The Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We beseech Thee, therefore, help Thy servants, whom Thou has redeemed
with Thy precious Blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in Glory Everlasting.
Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Govern them and lift them up forever.

Day by day we bless Thee.
And we praise Thy Name forever, and world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day to keep us without sin.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I hoped. let me never be confounded.

[http://www.smithcreekmusic.com/Hymnology/Latin.Hymnody/Te.Deum.ht
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