

Prayer for Forgiveness

As Thou hast said by the hand of Moses, Thou forgives my transgression, iniquity, and sin, and pardons my rebellion and unfaithfulness. For the bases of the mountains shall melt and fire shall consume the deep places of Hell, but Thou wilt deliver me and all those that are corrected by Thy judgements, that they may serve Thee faithfully.

Thou wilt keep Thine oath and wilt pardon my transgression; Thou wilt cast away all my sins. Thou wilt cause them to inherit all the glory of Adam and abundance of days. I give Thee thanks because of the spirit within me which Thou hast given. I will bring forth a reply of the tongue to recount Thy righteous deeds, and the works of Thy mighty right hand, and the pardon of the sins of my forefathers. I will bow down and implore Thy mercy on my sins and wicked deeds, and on the perversity of my heart, for I have wallowed in uncleanness, and have turned aside from the counsel of Thy truth and I have not labored for Thee.

What am I that is born of woman in the midst of all Thy terrible works? I am but an edifice of dust, and a thing kneaded with water, whose beginning is sinful iniquity and shameful nakedness, an object of horror to all flesh. By Thy goodness alone! is man righteous, and with Thy many mercies Thou hast strengthened me.

Thou wilt adorn me with Thy splendor and wilt cause me to reign amid many delights with everlasting peace and length of days. For Thou hast spoken, and Thou wilt not take back Thy word. And I, Thy servant, I know by the spirit which Thou has given to me that Thy words are truth, and that all Thy works are righteousness, and that Thou wilt not take back Thy word. Blessed art Thou, O Lord who has given understanding to the heart of Thy servant that I may understand all these things and resist the works of wickedness and bless justly all those who choose Thy will, and that he may love all that Thou loves and loathe all that Thou hates. Thou shalt instruct Thy servant through Thy Holy Spirit so the closer I approach, the more am I filled with zeal against all the workers of iniquity and the men of deceit.

For none of those who approach Thee rebels against Thy command, nor do any of those who know Thee alter Thy words; for Thou art righteous, and all Thine elect are truth. Thou wilt blot out all injustice and wickedness for ever, and Thy righteousness shall be revealed before the eyes of all Thy creatures. I know through Thy great goodness; and with an oath I have undertaken never to sin against Thee, nor to do anything evil in Thine eyes. And thus do I bring into community all the men of my Council. I will cause each man to draw near in accordance with his understanding, and according to the greatness of his inheritance, so will I love him. I will not honor an evil man, nor consider the bribes of shame; I will not barter Thy truth for riches, nor one of Thy precepts for bribes. But I will love each man according to his words and none of those who have turned from Thy Covenant will I bring into the Council of Thy truth.

I thank and praise Thee, O Lord, as befits the greatness of Thy power and the multitude of Thy marvels for ever and ever. Thou art a merciful God and rich in favors, pardoning those who repent of their sin and visiting the iniquity of the wicked.

Thou delights in the free-will offering of the righteous but iniquity Thou hates always. Thou hast favored me, Thy servant, with a spirit of knowledge, that I may choose truth and goodness and loathe all the ways of iniquity. And I have loved Thee freely and with all my heart and soul; contemplating the mysteries of Thy wisdom I have sought Thee. For this is from Thy hand and nothing is done without Thy will.

Let me not be separated from any of Thy laws or turn aside from any of Thy commands. I know through the understanding which comes from Thee that righteousness is not in a hand of flesh, that man is not master of his way and that it is not in mortals to direct their step. I know that the inclination of every spirit is in Thy hand; Thou didst establish all my ways before I was created so how can any man change Thy words?

Thou alone did create the just and establish him from the womb for a time such as now, that he might hearken to Thy Covenant and walk in all Thy ways, and that Thou might show Thyself great to him in the multitude of Thy mercies, and enlarge his straitened soul to eternal salvation, to perpetual and unfailing peace. Thou will raise up his glory from among flesh. But the wicked Thou did create for the time of Thy wrath, Thou did vow them from the womb to the Day of Massacre, for they walk in the way which is not good. They have despised Thy Covenant and their souls have loathed Thy truth; they have taken no delight in all Thy commandments and have chosen that which Thou hates.

For according to the mysteries of Thy wisdom, Thou hast ordained them for great chastisements before the eyes of all Thy creatures, that for all eternity they may serve as a sign and a wonder, and that all men may know Thy glory and Thy tremendous power.

I implore Thee by the spirit which Thou has given me to perfect Thy favors to Thy servant for ever, purifying me by Thy Holy Spirit, and drawing me near to Thee by Thy grace according to the abundance of Thy mercies. Grant me the place of Thy loving-kindness which Thou hast chosen for them that love Thee and keep Thy commandments, that I may stand in Thy presence for ever.

AMEN

Prayer of Encouragement

I thank Thee, O Lord, for Thou has placed my soul in the bundle of the living, and has hedged me about against all the snares of the pit. Violent men have sought after my life because I have clung to Thy Covenant. For they, an assembly of deceit, and a horde of Belial, know not that my stand is maintained by Thee, and that in Thy mercy Thou will save my soul since my steps proceed from Thee.

From Thee it is that they assail my life, that Thou may be glorified by the judgement of the wicked, and manifest Thy might through me in the presence of the sons of men; for it is by Thy

mercy that I stand. And I said, mighty men have pitched their camps against me, and have encompassed me with all their weapons of war.

They have let fly arrows against which there is no cure, and the flame of their javelins is like a consuming fire among trees. The clamor of their shouting is like the bellowing of many waters, like a storm of destruction devouring a multitude of men; as their waves rear up. Naught and vanity spout upward to the stars. But although my heart melted like water, my soul held fast to Thy Covenant, and the net which they spread for me has taken their own foot; they have themselves fallen into the snares which they laid for my life. But my foot remains upon level ground; apart from their assembly I will bless Thy Name.

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