Responsive Prayer for Catechesis

L. Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C. have mercy and hear us.

1. The Ten Commandments Preach Repentance

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."

2. The Apostles' Creed Preaches the Faith

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.

3. The Lord's Prayer Preaches the Holy Life

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.



Psalm 143:1-2, 5-12

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my <u>sup-pli-ca-tions!</u> In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteous-ness.

2 Do not enter into judgment with Your ser-vant,

For in Your sight no one liv-ing is right-eous.

5 I remember the days of old; I medi-tate on all Your works;

I muse on the work of Your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to You;

My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.

7 Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails!

Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be

like those who go down in-to the pit.

8 Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morn-ing,

For in You do I trust;

Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,

For I lift <u>up my</u> soul to <u>You</u>.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my ene-mies;

In You I take shel-ter.

10 Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God;

Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the <u>land of</u> upright-<u>ness</u>.

11 Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake!

For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trou-ble.

12 In Your mercy cut off my enemies,

And destroy all those who af-flict my soul;

For I am Your ser-vant.

Glory be to the <u>Fa-ther</u> and to the <u>Son</u>,

And to the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

L. The Lord be with you.

C. And with your spirit.

L. Let us pray.

Various petitions based on the reading just expounded.

- --Confession of our sins and sinfulness.
- --Requests for things that we now know we need.
- --Praise and Thanksgiving for who God is and what He has done.
- --The final petition

O most loving Father, who will us to give thanks for all things, and to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care upon thee who cares for us. Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties; and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou have manifested unto us in thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. [TLH 102. For Faith, p.129 by William Bright, Ancient Collects, p.234]

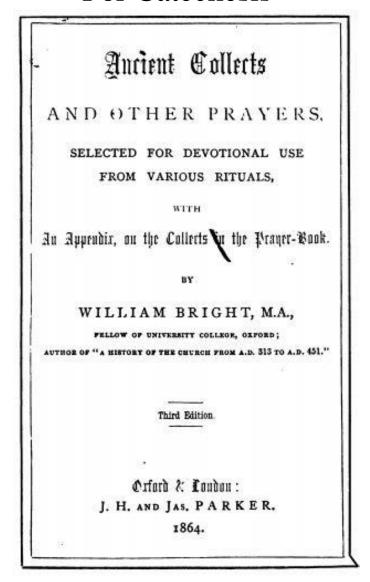
L. Let us bless the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

L. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C. Amen.

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William Bright, D.D. (1824 – 1901) was an English Church historian and Anglican priest. He edited, "Ancient Collects, Selected from Various Rituals, first edition in 1857. Several of these prayers are included in The Lutheran Hymnal.