## **Prayer for Enlightenment**

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This is a prayer for enlightenment that I composed. But first a warning, the Church in Rome, which we call the Vatican II Church, is not the true Catholic Church. It is an apostate Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, and the mediation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I beg of thee to show me the way and the truth that leads to everlasting life. If I am not now on that path, please, O please, show me what I must do to enter that path and be saved.

Lord, thy servants teach that "There is a way that seemeth to a man right, but the ends thereof lead to death..." (Prv. 16:25) and "I am not conscious to myself of any thing, yet I am not hereby justified." (1 Cor. 4:4) Please, Lord, help me to truly examine my conscience; expose any sins that I may be hiding from myself. Do not let me make excuses for my sins. "Who can understand sins? From my secret ones cleanse me, O Lord. Let not my heart turn aside to wicked deeds to make excuses for sins." (Ps. 18:13; 140:4) Reveal my sins to me in spite of my stubbornness. I know that none of my sins can be forgiven unless I am inside the Catholic Church because "Outside the Catholic Church there is no salvation or remission of sins." If I am outside the Catholic Church for mortal sins of apostasy, heresy, or schism, show me these sins. Do not let me make excuses for them. Tell me what I must do to enter the Catholic Church in order that my sins can be forgiven so that I may have a hope to be saved. If I am guilty of sins against the moral commandments, show them to me so that I can confess them with perfect contrition and will sin no more.

Lord, thou hast promised that all who wholeheartedly seek thee shall find thee. Thy Son hast said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened." (Mk. 7:7-8) Behold, I ask, I seek, and I knock.

I know that only those who obey all of thy words are blessed. "Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it." (Lk. 11:28) Please, O please, I beg of thee, Lord God, have mercy on me and show me the way to everlasting life and give me whatever I need to follow that way by obedience to all of thy words and commandments.

For I know, Lord, that "our sufficiency is from God." (2 Cor. 3:5) For thy Son hast said that "without me you can do nothing." (Jn. 15:5) Hence I cannot do anything good with a good motive without thy grace and other helps. "For it is God who worketh in (me), both to will and to accomplish, according to his good will." Phili. 2:13) Please, O please, Lord, give me all the grace and other helps I need to save my soul, and I pray that I may cooperate with those graces and other helps in order to be saved.

Lord, I have confidence that thou wilt answer my prayer provided I offer it with my whole heart, for thou never refuseth any good thing to those who truly desire it and are willing to love and obey thee. May it not be said of me "You ask and receive not, because you ask amiss." (Ja. 4:3) If I have offered this prayer with a double heart or some other impure motive so as not to be heard by thee, then please reveal this also to me so that I may pray it again with a pure heart and deserve to be heard by thee. O God, this I ask of thee through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, the author and finisher of faith, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. (RJMI)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Heb. 12:2.