

APOSTLES' CREED

Penny Catechism, 1971 – modified

I believe in God / the Father Almighty / essential to heaven and earth / and in Jesus Christ / His only Son / our Lord / who was conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost / born of the Virgin Mary / suffered under Pontius Pilate / was crucified / died / and was buried. / He descended into hell / the third day He rose from the dead / He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God / from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Ghost / the Holy Catholic Church / the Communion of Saints / the forgiveness of sin / the resurrection of the body / and life everlasting. Amen.

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mk. 16:19; Heb. 1:3, 10:12)

"If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I". (Jn. 14:28)

Jesus said to her, "tell them, 'I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" (Jn. 20:17)

To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Tim. 1:17)
"No one has ever seen God." (1 Jn. 4:12)

NICENE CREED

Proposed – Preferred

I believe in One God. / I believe in the Almighty Father / essential to heaven and earth / of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in our Lord / Jesus Christ / the natural Son of God. / True Lord / with His / and our True God; Eternal Being / not created / dependant upon the Father / yet universally existing with Him. / Because of Jesus all things were created. / He became our Teacher / so that we might be saved:

(BOW: kneel) He became Incarnate / when Conceived in the Virgin Mary / by the Power of the Holy Ghost. / Our Lord was man. / He grew in her / and was Born.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; / He suffered / died / and was buried. / On the third day / He rose in fulfillment of the Scriptures; / He ascended into heaven / and sits at the right hand of God. / From there He will come / to Judge the living and the dead / and His Kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost / the Lord / the Giver of life / Who is Eternally Dependant upon both the Father / and the Son / for existence. / With the Father and the Son He is Worshiped and Glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. / I believe in one / holy / catholic / and apostolic Church. / I acknowledge one baptism / for the forgiveness of the original sin generated by Adam. / I look for the resurrection of the dead / and life everlasting. Amen.

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Alternative – Fuller Creed

I believe in Three Persons in One God / the Holy Trinity. (*term God used collectively*)

I believe in the primacy of the Almighty Father / referred to by all as God / since He is Essential to heaven / and earth / to all that is seen / and unseen.

(*term God applied to one person of the holy Trinity*)

I believe in the Divinity of the only Son of God / our Lord / Jesus Christ. / True Lord / with His / and our true God; / eternal being / not created / dependant upon the Father / yet universally existing with Him. / Because of Jesus all things were created. / He became our Teacher / so that we might be saved:

(BOW: kneel) He became Incarnate / when conceived in the Virgin Mary / by the power of the Holy Ghost. / Our Lord was man. / He grew in her / and was born.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; / He suffered / died / and was buried. / On the third day / He rose in fulfillment of the Scriptures; / He ascended into heaven / and sits at the right hand of God. / From there He will come / to judge the living and the dead / and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Divine Ghost of God the Father / and His Son. / He is our Paraclete / the Giver of life / eternally dependant upon both the Father / and the Son / for existence. / With the Father and the Son He is Worshiped and Glorified. / He has spoken through the prophets. / I believe in one / holy / catholic / and apostolic Church. / I acknowledge one baptism / for the forgiveness of the original sin generated by Adam / that closed Heaven. / I look for the resurrection of the dead / and life everlasting. Amen.

An Act of Faith

O MY God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; I believe that Thy Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

An Act of Hope

O MY God, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

An Act of Love

O MY God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.

The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother! To you I come; before you I am; sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer at end of Rosary

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for use the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries

of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray

POUR forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Offering

MOST Holy and Adorable Trinity, one God in three Persons, I firmly believe that You are here present; I adore You with the most profound humility; I praise You and give You thanks with all my heart for the favors You have bestowed on me. Your Goodness has brought me safely to the beginning of this day. Behold, O Lord, I offer You my whole being and in particular all my thoughts, words and actions, together with such crosses and contradictions as I may meet with in the course of this day. Give them, O Lord, Your blessing; may Your divine Love animate them and may they tend to the greater honor and glory of Your Sovereign Majesty. R. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Ghost

COME, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. V. Send forth Your powers, and the fires shall be created. R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray O God, Who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost, grant that, by the gift of the same Ghost, we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Evening Prayers

O ALMIGHTY and Eternal God! Subservient to Your Divine Majesty, I adore You with all possible reverence. I believe and hold for certain all You have revealed to Your holy Church. I hope in Your infinite goodness and mercy, and I love You with all my heart.

O Great and Almighty God! I kneel before You to thank You with my whole heart for all the favors which You have bestowed upon me this day; for my food and drink, my health and all my powers of body and soul. I thank You for all Your holy lights and inspirations, for Your care and protection, and for all those other mercies which I do not now recall, or which I do not know how to value as I ought. I thank You for them all, O heavenly Father. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Your servants departed full remission of all their sins, that, through our devout prayers, they may obtain the pardon, which they have always desired. Who live and reigns forever and ever.

V. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord. R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. May they rest in peace. R. Amen.