

concede, ut hæc sancta prælibatio cõrporis et sãnguini tui, quam ego indignus sũmere intendo, sit peccatorũ meõrum remissio, sit delictõrum perfectã purgatio, sit tũrpiũ cogitatorũ effugatio ac bonõrum sensuum regeneratio, operũque tibi placentium salũbris efficacã, animã quoque et cõrporis contra inimicõrum meõrum insidias firmissima tuõtio. Amen.

Oratio S. Thomæ Aquinatis

Omnipotens sempiternẽ Deus, ecce accedo ad sacramentum unigeniti Filii tui, Dõmini nostri, Jesu Christi; accedo tamquam infirmus ad medicum vitæ, immundus ad fontem misericordiæ, cæcus ad lumen claritatis æternæ, pauper et egenuus ad Dõminum cœli et terræ. Rogo ergo immensæ largitatis tuæ abundantiam, quatenus meam curare digneris infirmitatem, lavare foeditatem, illuminare cæcitatẽ, ditare paupertatem, vestire nuditatẽ; ut panem Angelõrum, Regem regum et Dõminum dominantium, tanta suscipiam reverentia et humilitate, tanta contritione et devotione, tanta puritate et fide, tali proposito et intentione, sicut expedit salutĩ animæ meæ. Da mihi, quæso, Domõnici cõrporis et sãnguini non solum suscipere sacramentum, sed etiam rem et virtutẽ sacramenti. O mitissime Deus, da mihi corpus unigeniti Filii tui, Dõmini nostri, Jesu Christi, quod traxit de Virgine Mariã, sic suscipere, ut cõrpori suo mystico merear incorporari, et inter ejus membra connumerari. O amantissime Pater, concede mihi dilectum Filium tuum, quem nunc velatum in via suscipere propõno, revelata tandem facie perpõtuo contemplari: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spõritus Sancti Deus, per õmnia sæcula sæculõrum. Amen.

body, I may worthily partake of the holy of holies; and grant that this holy oblation of Thy Body and Blood, of which though unworthy I purpose to partake, may be to me the remission of my sins, the perfect cleansing of my offences, the means of driving away all evil thoughts and of renewing all holy desires, the accomplishment of works pleasing to Thee, as well as the strongest defence for soul and body against the snares of my enemies. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Almighty and eternal God, behold, I approach the Sacrament of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I approach as one who is sick to the physician of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the light of eternal brightness, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore I beseech Thee, of Thine infinite goodness, to heal my sickness, to wash away my filth, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of angels, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords with such reverence and humility, with such contrition and devotion, with such purity and faith, with such purpose and intention, as may conduce to the salvation of my soul. Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord, but also the fruit and virtue of this Sacrament. O most indulgent God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be found worthy to be incorporated with His mystical body and numbered among His members. O most loving Father, grant that I may one day contemplate for ever, face to face, Thy beloved Son, whom now on my pilgrimage I am about to receive under the sacramental veils; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.