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O Supreme Physician

O Supreme Physician!
O unspeakable Love of my soul!
I have recourse to Thee.
O infinite and eternal Trinity,
I, though unworthy, ardently
sigh for Thee!

I turn to Thee in the
mystical body of Thy holy
Church, so that Thou mayest
wash away with Thy grace all
stains of my soul.

I beseech Thee through the
merits of St. Peter, to whom
Thou hast committed the care of
Thy Bark, to delay no longer to
help Thy Spouse, who hopes in
the fire of Thy charity and in the
abyss of Thy admirable wisdom.
Despise not the desires of Thy
servants, but do Thou Thyself
guide Thy holy Bark.

O Thou, the Author of
peace, draw unto Thyself all the
faithful; dispel the darkness of
the storm, so that the dawn of
Thy light may shine upon the

Head of Thy Church, and pour
down upon him zeal for the
salvation of souls.

O eternal and merciful
Father, Thou hast given us the
means of restraining the arms of
Thy justice in the humble prayer
and ardent desires of Thy
devoted servants, whom Thou
hast promised to hear when they
ask Thee to have mercy upon the
world.

O powerful and eternal
God, I thank Thee for the peace
which Thou wilt grant to Thy
Spouse! I will enter into Thy
gardens, and there I will remain
until I see the fulfilment of Thy
promises, which never fail.

Wash away our sins, O
Lord, and purify our souls in the
blood which Thy only-begotten
Son shed for us, so that with
joyful countenances and pure
hearts we may return love for
love, and, dying to ourselves,
live for Him alone. Amen.

Constant Prayer

Precious Blood,
ocean of divine mercy:
Flow upon us!
Precious Blood,
most pure offering:
Procure us every grace!
Precious Blood,
hope and refuge of sinners:
Atone for us!
Precious Blood,
delight of holy souls:
Draw us! Amen

A Prayer for Fleeing of Self-Love

O omnipotent Father,
God of truth, God of love,
permit me to enter into the cell
of self-knowledge. I admit that
of myself I am nothing, but that
all being and goodness in me
comes solely from You.
Show me my faults, that I may
detest my malice, and thus I shall
flee from self-love and find myself
clothed again in the nuptial robe
of divine charity, which I must
have in order to be admitted
to the nuptials of life eternal.

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, come into my heart;
draw it to Thee by Thy power,
O my God, and grant me charity
with filial fear.
Preserve me, O beautiful love,
from every evil thought;
warm me, inflame me
with Thy dear love, and
every pain will seem light to me.
My Father, my sweet Lord,
help me in all my actions.
Jesus, love, Jesus, love. Amen.

Love Undefined

Eternal God, eternal Trinity,
You have made the Blood of Christ
so precious through His sharing
in Your Divine nature. You are
a mystery as deep as the sea;
the more I search, the more I find,
and the more I find the more I
search for You. But I can never be
satisfied; what I receive will ever
leave me desiring more.
When You fill my soul I have an
ever-greater hunger, and I grow
more famished for Your light.
I desire above all to see You, the
true light, as you really are. Amen.

“My Nature is Fire”

In your nature, eternal Godhead,
I shall come to know my nature.
And what is my nature, boundless
love? It is fire, because you are
nothing but a fire of love.
And you have given humankind
a share in this nature, for by the
fire of love you created us. And so
with all other people and every
created thing; you made them out
of love. O ungrateful people!
What nature has your God given
you? His very own nature! Are
you not ashamed to cut yourself
off from such a noble thing
through the guilt of deadly sin?
O eternal Trinity, my sweet love!
You, light, give us light.
You, wisdom, give us wisdom.
You, supreme strength, strengthen
us. Today, eternal God, let our
cloud be dissipated so that we
may perfectly know and follow
your Truth in truth, with a free
and simple heart.
God, come to our assistance!
Lord, make haste to help us!