

O Lord God,

You have commanded us to believe in Jesus; and we would flee to no other refuge, wash in no other fountain, build on no other foundation, receive from no other fullness, rest in no other relief.

His water and blood were not severed in their flow at the cross, may they never be separated in our creed and experiences; May we be equally convinced of the guilt and pollution of sin, feel our need of a prince and savior, implore of him repentance as well as forgiveness, love holiness, and be pure in heart, have the mind of Jesus and tread in his steps.

Let us not be at our own disposal but rejoice that we are under the care of one who is too wise to err, too kind to injure, and too tender to crush.

May we scandalize none by our temper and conduct, but recommend and endear Christ to all around, bestow good on everyone as circumstances permit, and decline no opportunity of usefulness.

Grant that we may value our substance, not as the medium of pride and luxury, but as the means of our support and stewardship.

Help us to guide our affections with discretion, to owe no man anything, to be able to give to him that needs, to feel it our duty and pleasure to be merciful and forgiving, to show the world the likeness of Jesus.

Amen.

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