



The Creed In Our Life In The
Church

We Confess Our Faith In God

Following the Great Entrance, when the priestly celebrant has completed the silent prayer in which he asks God the Father to accept the gifts that we have brought to God's Throne, he turns around from the altar table and invokes a blessing upon the gathered faith community and prays:

"Let us love one another, so that with one mind, we may profess."

Two things are important as we profess our faith. First, the priest asks us to love each other. We cannot truly love God and offer gifts to Him if we hate our brother. As Jesus Himself tells us:

"So, if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" Matthew 5: 23, 24.

Secondly, we must really believe in God in the same way, as if we were of one mind. St. Paul describes the Church as being

together as one people of God. He says: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all" Ephesians 4: 4 - 6.

Now we can honestly answer the priest saying that we confess God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the Holy Trinity. Then we proclaim our precious faith by chanting the Creed, the Symbol of Faith, just as we did ourselves or through our godparents on the day we were baptized.

It is most important for us to understand and make our own the important words that make up the Creed. We cannot take it for granted. Read through the Creed carefully and in two or three key words, summarize each article in your own words. Then speak to your parents and church school teacher about what you have written. In all this, be certain you have a correct understanding of what we believe.

1. I *believe* in one God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

2. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, the only-begotten,

3. born of the Father before all ages.

4. Light of light, true God of true God, begotten, not made,

5. of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

6. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and Mary the Virgin, and became man.

7. He was also crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. And He rose again on the third day, according to the scriptures.

8. And He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father.

9. And He will come again with glory, to judge the living and the dead, and of His Kingdom there will be no end.

10. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

11. In one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I profess one baptism for the remission of sins.

12. I expect the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Look, Find and Learn

Find the Lord's Prayer in your Bibles (Matthew 6:9-13). Now read the following passages from the rest of chapters 6 and 7, and see if you can tell what parts of the Lord's Prayer they might be explaining. Put the numbers of the sentences in the lines by the passages:

Matthew 6:15 _____

Matthew 6:25, 34 _____

Matthew 6:33 _____

Matthew 7:21 _____