

Dear everlasting and almighty God, Ruler of the universe, It is you who made this world and me, your creature upon it. You are in every place seeing the evil and the good, you are seeing me at this time and knows all my thoughts. I know and feel that you are well aware of my innermost thoughts, and you know the reason why I'm before you at this time. I pray to you Lord, the seeker of hearts, to the best of my knowledge, it is not an earthly desire that has brought me before you now. Though my 'heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked,' and I can't pretend to trust it; but you know that I have a desire to dedicate myself to you now and eternity. I would come before you as a sinner, lost and ruined by the fall, and by my actual transgressions, not only, but as the ugliest of all your creatures. When I look back on my past life, it fills me with shame and confusion. I am rude and ignorant, and in your sight a cruel person. Dear Lord, you made Adam holy and happy, and gave him the ability to maintain his state. The penalty of his disobedience was death, but he disobeyed your holy law and got that penalty, and I, as a descendant from him, have inherited this depravity and this penalty. I acknowledge the justness of your sentence, Dear Lord, and would bow in submission before you. "How canst Thou, O Lord, condescend to look on me, a vile creature? For it is infinite condescension to notice me. But truly, Thy loving kindness is infinite and from everlasting. You sent your Son O Lord, in our image, with a body such as mine and a reasonable soul. In Him were united all the perfections of the Godhead with the humility of our sinful nature. He is the Mediator of the New Covenant, and through Him we all have access unto Thee by the same Spirit. Through Jesus, the only Mediator, I would come to you dear Lord, and trusting in His merits and mediation, I can boldly approach your throne of grace. I feel my own insignificance, dear Lord, but please do strengthen me by your Spirit. I would now approach you in order to covenant with you for life everlasting. In your Word, you told us that it is your Will that all who believe in your Son might have everlasting life and you will raise him up at the last day. You have given us a New Covenant and has sealed it in your blood, Dear Lord Jesus, on the cross. "I now declare before you and before my conscience and bear witness, Oh heavens, and all that inhabits it, and the earth, which my God has made, that I accept the conditions of this covenant and close with its terms. These are that I believe on Jesus and accept salvation through Him, my Prophet, Priest, and King, as made unto me of God wisdom and righteousness and sanctification, redemption and complete salvation. Dear Lord, you have made me willing to come to you. You have subdued my rebellious heart by Thy love. So now take it and use it for your glory. Whatever rebellious thoughts may arise within, do overcome them and bring into subjection everything that opposes itself to your authority. I commit myself to you as one alive from the dead, now and eternity. Take me and use me entirely for your glory. "Ratify it now in Heaven, dear Father, this covenant. Remember it, dear Lord, when you bring me to the Jordan. Remember it, O Lord, in that day when you shall come with all the angels and saints to judge the world, and may I be at Thy right hand then and in heaven with you forever. Write down in heaven that I have become yours, yours only, and yours forever. Remember me, dear Lord, in the hour of temptation, and let me never depart from this covenant. I feel, dear Lord, my own weakness and do not make this in my own strength, else I would surely fail. But in Thy strength, captain of my salvation, I shall be strong and more than a conqueror through Him who loved me. "I have now, dear Lord, as you have said in your Word, covenanted with you, not for worldly honors or fame but for everlasting life, and I know that you are true and will never break your holy Word. Give to me now all the blessings of the New Covenant and especially the Holy Spirit in great abundance, which is the earnest of my inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession. May a double portion of your Spirit rest upon me, and then I will go and proclaim to sinners your ways and your laws. Sanctify me wholly and make me fit for heaven. Give me all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. "I am now a soldier of the cross and a

follower of the Lamb, and my motto from henceforth is 'I have one King, even Jesus.' Support and strengthen me my Captain, and be mine forever. "Place me in what circumstances you desire; but if it be your holy will, I desire that you 'give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient, lest I be poor and steal, or lest I be rich and say, who is the Lord?' But your will be done. Now give me your Spirit and your protection in my heart at all times, and then I shall drink of the rivers of salvation, lie down by still waters, and be infinitely happy in the favor of my God.

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