

**THE
PRAYER OF MANASSES
KING OF JUDAH,
WHEN HE WAS HOLDEN CAPTIVE IN
BABYLON.**

¹ O LORD Almighty, that art in heaven, thou God of our fathers, of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; ² who hast made heaven and earth, with all the * ornament thereof; ³ who hast bound the sea by the word of thy commandment; who hast shut up the deep, and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious name; ⁴ whom all things fear, yea, tremble before thy power; ⁵ for the majesty of thy glory cannot be borne, and the anger of thy threatening toward sinners is importable: ⁶ thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable; ⁷ for thou art the Lord Most High, of great compassion, long-suffering and abundant in mercy, and repentest † of bringing evils upon men. ⁸ ‡Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness hast promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against thee: and of thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved. Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the just, hast not appointed repentance to the just, to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against thee; but thou hast

* **1:2** Or, order Or, array Gen. ii. 1 (Sept.). † **1:7** Gr. of the evils of men. ‡ **1:8** The Alex. MS. omits Thou... saved.

appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner: ⁹for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea. My transgressions are multiplied, § O Lord: my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven for the multitude of mine iniquities. ¹⁰I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head ^{**}by reason of my sins, neither have I any respite: for I have provoked thy wrath, and done that which is evil before thee: ††I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandments: I have set up abominations, and have multiplied ††detestable things. ¹¹Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. ¹²I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: ¹³but, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. For thou, §§ O Lord, art the God of them that repent; ¹⁴and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness: for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. ¹⁵And I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the host of heaven doth sing thy praise, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

§ **1:9** The Alex. MS. omits O Lord... multiplied. ^{**} **1:10** Some authorities omit by reason of my sins. †† **1:10** The Alex. MS. omits I did... commandments. †† **1:10** Or, stumbling-blocks §§ **1:13** Another reading is, O God.

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