

# THE PRAYER OF MANASSEH

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<sup>1</sup> O Lord Almighty, that art in heaven,  
Thou God of our fathers,  
Of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob,  
And of their righteous seed;  
<sup>2</sup> Who hast made heaven and earth,  
With all the ornament thereof;  
<sup>3</sup> 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;  
<sup>4</sup> Whom all things fear,  
Yea, tremble before thy power;  
<sup>5</sup> For the majesty of thy glory cannot be borne,  
And the anger of thy threatening toward sinners  
is importable:  
<sup>6</sup> Thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and  
unsearchable;  
<sup>7</sup> For thou art the Lord Most High,  
Of great compassion, long-suffering and abun-  
dant in mercy,  
And repentest of bringing evils upon men.  
<sup>8</sup> 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, who have not sinned against thee;

But thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner:

<sup>9</sup> For 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.

<sup>10</sup> I am bowed down with many iron bands,  
That I cannot lift up my 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.

<sup>11</sup> Now therefore I bow the knee of my heart,  
Beseeching thee of grace.

<sup>12</sup> I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,  
And I acknowledge mine iniquities:

<sup>13</sup> But, I humbly beseech thee,

Forgive me, O Lord, forgive me,

And destroy me not with mine iniquities.

Be not angry with me forever, 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;

<sup>14</sup> And in me thou wilt show all thy goodness:

For thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy.

<sup>15</sup> And I will praise thee forever all the days of my life:

For all the host of heaven doth sing thy praise,

And thine is the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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