## ONLY SON

© 1995 James H. Kurt The wind blows...
Who knows whence it comes or whither it goes?

Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Is He who knows.

I'm dying. Yes, I'm dying. We are all dying. The world is dying. It is passing away.

What hope have we left? What is there for us as the world passes away, as our bodies return to dust...? Only to be washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. Only to be made new by his cleansing shower. Only to become as the only Son, in whom there is no death.

Even now as the world disappears, as the Spirit alone becomes known – even now Jesus is coming to us, washing us in the water from his side. Only this will save us. Only this will make us whole. Only this will bring us to the kingdom of heaven, and life eternal. For only Jesus is the Son of God. Only Jesus has the words of life. Only Jesus has the blessing of the Father. Only He holds our salvation in his hands. For he is indeed the only Son of the Father. He is indeed the Word made flesh. He indeed is the only way to God.

And only those chosen by God will know his mercy. Only those drawn by God can come to Him. Only those whom God in his justice should shine upon, will know the extent of his love. And it is only through his Son that we come to him.

For his only Son is the only way to heaven. His only Son is the flesh in which our blood flows, in which we grow. It is his only Son that is the Light that draws us to the Father. It is the only Son that carries his justice, that brings his love. And only the body of the Son contains his kingdom. Only in the Son is salvation known. And only as part of the body of the only Son will we become privy to the kingdom of heaven.

The only Son holds all power and glory. The only Son possesses all life. No one else is alive to God but those in the fold of the only Son. No one else may approach him but he who is of him. All else is merely mortal. Only the immortal Son of God lives in the LORD God's pure light.

There are prophets and there are wise men. And the Lord has made all of these. But none of these is comparable to the immortal Son of God. None has the power over sin and death. None can bring anyone to the throne of God.

There shall be an end to prophecies, there shall be an end to wisdom. But there shall never be an end to the Word of God. There shall never be an end to his only Son, the Word made flesh. His words shall endure forever; no darkness shall overcome this light. The flesh of Christ is made eternal by the breath of God.

The words on this page will someday disappear, and be no more. But the Spirit of Christ shall live on forever.

Lift us up to your kingdom, O Lord. Let us live in your true light. Let us dwell as one with your only Son, let us be drawn thus into communion with you. (With Jesus, we die to sin and death. With Jesus, we rise to new life.)

Yes, the end is coming soon... and Jesus is returning soon. The time is nigh, it is upon us. There is no denying the signs of the times; there is no question as to the fate of our earth. The death of this life is long begun, it has been accomplished in the death of Christ. And now we have only to wait for new life. For here is no life... the only life is with Jesus in heaven

And those with eyes opened may see it coming. Those with hearts afire shall be ready on that day. And what can we do but pray to our LORD that his grace will be with us, that we will be accepted into his kingdom. (Only this and nothing more should occupy the lion's portion of our days.)

And how might we be accepted into the kingdom? How do we get ready? How else but to love with the love of the Lord. How else but to live as Jesus lived. How else but to follow in his footsteps to the place where he is. For this is the path that leads to heaven. All others come unto destruction.

Yes, we must live as Jesus lived, become one with the only Son, if we hope to find the kingdom of the Father. For it is the Father who holds our lives in his hands, and only his children will be led into the gates of heaven. Only those who are as his only Son, can know the caress of the Father.

For the Father speaks his Word, and it goes forth, returning not to Him until it has watered the earth. And so the Spirit even now showers this earth with the love of the Son, that all men might be drawn to the Father. And who is it that shall be washed clean for the day of judgment?...

I see the end is coming soon. It is revealed to his holy prophets – the end of the world is nigh. Though impossible to say the day and time (for the day and time are here), the word of the Lord assures us – it is readiness which he seeks.

One day is as a thousand years to the LORD, and a thousand years as one day. Remember this. Tomorrow may come in a hundred years, and after that hundred years it will still be today. Know only this – the end is upon us. It is here, now.

Those who breathe as one with the Holy Spirit taste it in their mouths, they feel it to their bones. The end has come with the death of the Son, and new life he does bring us.

Time has been suspended since the Lord's ascension. Since then we have awaited his triumphant return. Since then time has stood still – a new time has come. There was the time before Christ (his life, death, resurrection, and ascension), and there is now... the time beyond his conquering of sin and death, the time of impending new life (a life we do even now glean).

And so now he watches over us, sending his Spirit forth, allowing his angels to work... preparing us for his coming – for the magnitude of that day shall be overwhelming for the unprepared soul.

Yes, the Lord smiles upon his children even now. He blesses them with new life, with a new spirit. In the fullness of time He has come, and those who seek his face know of his presence amongst us. But it shall only be at the end of time that we shall dwell in the Lord's undying presence – only then will we be eternally with Him. (Though now indeed we know his breath and flesh is with us.)

Lead us there, O Lord. Lead us to thy kingdom. Where there shall be no night. Where we shall live eternally with thee. Where thy Name shall be written on our hearts, and all doubt and fear shall have vanished.

The blessing of the only Son is whole. The blessing of the only Son is total, it is complete. For the Son is wholly of the Father, and therefore carries the full favor of the LORD of all. Nothing is lacking in He who is, who was, and who is to come. All is present to the only Son of God.

All power and glory are given to Him. All knowledge, all wisdom, is carried by the only Son of God. And as we are of Him, we share in the gifts he has, we receive also the blessing of the Father.

So put God first in all your life. Seek his blessings in all you do. Never turn away from the light that comes through his Son, and you shall find the life that springs eternal.

Commit yourself to Christ. Offer to Him your mind. Let him take your life. For he alone is worthy. He alone brings grace. He alone can save your immortal soul.

I pray the Lord take my life. I offer my will up to Him. I know that only in him will I be sanctified. Only in him will I be made whole. Only through the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father and Savior of mankind, shall any of us come to know and dwell in the eternal light of God.

For he alone is worthy. He alone is worthy of our praise, of our lives. He alone brings life to a world forsaken, a world brought low by the pains of sin. He alone is worthy of the sacrifice of our lives. To him alone should we offer ourselves. For in him alone will glory be discovered. Through him alone redemption comes to man.

And so to you I offer my life, Lord. To you I pray, come. Rule my days and nights, O Jesus. Send your angels to watch me lest I fall. Ordain and direct my days in your direction. Let my steps fall along the path to you.

I pray the Spirit of Truth come and fill me. Let me know the right and wrong of what I do. Let thy law be written on my heart, Lord. Let me glory in the performance of thy will. (For in this true freedom is known.)

I wish only to serve you. I long only to see thy will done. I seek the confidence that comes in knowing you. I wait for your blessings upon my life.

Only Son of the Father, be with us. Blessed child of God, to us make yourself known. Be close to those who call upon you. Bless our hearts that they may ever seek your face. To us make known your holy Name. We wish to be one with you. We long to dwell in the Father's house. We seek to be welcomed back into His presence. We want only to be one with you.

Let our hearts never turn away from the truth that comes only in your presence. Let us seek nowhere else the redemption of our lives. Let us know that you alone are holy, you alone are the Son of God. And in only you will we thus be made worthy. Only in you will we be sanctified for Life. Only in you comes life eternal. Only in the fullness of your being may we live with God.

Jesus, know this: that we love you. We seek your face in all we do. Make us truly your blessed body here on earth. Anoint us as the Father has anointed you... that we may be one.

One in heart with you may we ever be. One in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. One as the temple of God's love, pouring His redemption forth. Setting this world on fire with the power of your word, drawing together the four corners of the earth. To the corners of the world the Spirit will reach, and sanctify all nations by God's grace. All will be made one under the kingship of Jesus. All will be washed in his blood.

Nothing more will anyone need in that time. Living in God's time Jesus is present to everyone. His sacrifice is manifest in all things. The very air we breathe and water we drink is permeated by the breath and blood of Jesus; nothing is except through him. For the kingdom of God is brought about by him. The reign of the Father is accomplished in the Son. And all those who live there are brought together as one, in the heart of Jesus Christ.

May we be blessed as his body. May we be one with him, and with one another. May we indeed be one with him as he is one with the Father. May we know his will being done through us. May we know we live in his flesh. May he accomplish his will in us. May we see the Spirit go forth throughout the earth. (Only in this do we know we are blessed, that the Lord does his mighty work in the world through us his Church militant.)

The reign of God come ever closer to you, be ever upon you. May you know the fullness of His holy presence. May the Spirit breathe upon you and bring you from this world of turmoil and confusion into the light of His pure day. May you ever live there.

The Son accomplishes his work in his people, in those he blesses from above. "For greater things than these shall you achieve, for I am going to my Father in heaven." So the work of God is for us to complete, in the power of the Holy Spirit. And united in Christ we may see it done, and we may see the kingdom come.

As the kingdom comes. As the light of the Lord falls down upon this earth. As the presence of the Lord becomes known to our senses... As this world passes away and the newness of the kingdom reigns in our hearts and in our souls – we come to know the righteous glory intended for us all from the beginning of time, and before.

The world was meant to be as it will be one day. It will be as it is in God's eyes. For only purity exists in the eyes of God; only love is known by this pure vision. And though we may be blinded now, though we may feign indifference to the light that comes from God, yet it exists, and will exist in totality on the appointed day of the Lord. (Upon the death of this life, will be born the new life in Christ.)

Then the faithful shall come forth, and in the light that is the only Son of God shall receive their blessings from the LORD on high... Then will we dwell eternally as the complete and holy body of Christ in the place that was prepared for us since before the beginning of time. Then no darkness shall enter in, no doubt shall be known – only the love of the Lord Jesus Christ will be present to the senses of our bodies glorified.

In that holy day, on that holy night, what joy shall fill our souls as we bask forever in the Lord's true light, as no more shall we return to the darkness that was the world. For the world having passed away shall exist no more. The Light having come, it will dispel all darkness. The new life being fully known, no place shall remain for the sin that has been known in this life, that has fallen so short of the glory of God.

O may the kingdom come, and with haste let us be ready.

Let us only make ourselves ready for the new life that comes with

Christ in the passing of this world. United in body, as one with the
only Son, no longer shall we be separated from our God. There shall
be no crying anymore. No mourning shall be known. For alone in the
Light of Christ, we shall indeed be one with the Father of us all.

O the blessing of the only Son, the salvation He brings. For where would we be without the Son to lead us to the Father. How would the Father be made known except through his holy Son. So many years we searched blindly. So long we sought in vain. Until the Son came we were lost upon the earth. But now the Son leads us to the Father. Now we are united to Him through the Son. For all exists to the Father, and all exists through the Son.

As one we come unto the kingdom of heaven. As one we enter upon the reign of God. United in Christ there is indeed no separation. The world is one place in the eyes of God. (Wondrous is the vision provided by the Light of the holy Christ.)

Unto Mount Zion we come. Into Jerusalem we step. In the kingdom where everything is new. In the place set aside before the ages. The ages of man having passed away, time having run its course... the world now as a wisp of smoke which passes, and is gone... we shall dwell forever in the Lord's true light, in the perfect kingdom of our God.

Beyond time, beyond space as we know it, is the kingdom of our LORD. For gathered beneath His wings we find shelter, a shelter where no evil enters in. Sin and death having been utterly conquered, no taint existing in our lives made pure by the blood and coming of Christ our Lord, we know the eternal house of the Father, and dwell within its many rooms.

Seeing Him as He is we become as He is. Knowing Him clearly we become one with God. Seeing the face of God, gazing upon His kingly presence, we are united with Him – becoming as one with His only Son. Nothing can distract us then. Indeed no darkness can enter in. Once in His eternal presence, basking in the light of his countenance, nothing can distract us from knowing his love, and the life only He brings.

The glory of that day is beyond measure, beyond the limits of our human minds. Only glimpses do we catch as we call upon the name of Jesus and are blessed by his Holy Spirit. But the full measure of the presence of God, the full sense of being one with Christ, is reserved for the eternal day in which only God, only good, dwells. When there we shall know, we shall see with both eyes, we shall live in fullness and life the blessed grace of God's holy kingdom.

Until then we search for God's kindness. Until then we find solace in the only Son. Until then he sends the Spirit to comfort us, and direct us to his heavenly home. Until then we take the blessings given us by the only Lord... For He leaves us not alone upon this earth. He forsakes us not in this land of sin, He forgets not His holy children, whenever they call upon His name.

So see that you continue in prayer to the heavenly Father.

Continue to call upon the only Son. For through the Spirit Jesus guides us to our dwelling place, in the heavenly light of the LORD our God.

Pray. Yes, pray. In the quiet of your heart, in the stillness of your soul, peace lives... the kingdom of God reigns. Only through prayer may we attain to the heights that Jesus has set for us.

Prayer is the means to the discovery of the kingdom of heaven. In prayer we commune with Jesus. In prayer we become one with the only Son. As we kneel before his Blessed Sacrament, as we breathe as one with him. As we become filled with his presence, surrounding us like light... the kingdom of heaven is upon us, is all around us – is all that truly is.

Fill us, O Lord, with the blessing of your body among us.

Flesh of your flesh make us. For you are the only Son of God. You are the blessed light. You are He that can save our souls; you are all that is to each of us.

Kneel before the Lord. Stand before his throne. Do not walk away from him. Spend time in prayer to God. Contemplate his only Son.

Call upon the angels to surround you. Call upon the Lord to make his presence known. Accept the graces that come only from his Spirit. Let the Holy Spirit bless and fill your life.

Then there will be no doubt in your hearts. Then no being will distract you. Nothing can disturb the heart firmly set on Christ.

Let the blessing of the Lord cleanse your soul. Receive him in your heart and in your soul. Accept the Eucharist into your being. Know that Jesus lives and breathes in there.

The shower of the Lord is upon us. His graces from heaven are being poured forth. He will sanctify us for heaven. In us his holy word will be known.

So, let the Lord shower his light of love upon you. Allow him into the recesses of your soul. Do not turn your face away from him, and he will redeem your mortal soul...

As we set our hearts upon the living Christ. As we come to know his holy face. As we see the light descend upon us, the Lord draws us closer to his throne... And there we shall stand in freedom forever. There darkness will no longer be known. There all unhappiness will be taken from us. There this world of sin will be no more.

O, only Son. Flesh of the living God, Savior of our mortal being. Taking us from the carnality in which we dwell and sanctifying us with your blessed presence in this unholy world...

Praise you for your sacrifice, O God! Praise you, LORD, for sending us your Son! Thank you, God, for granting us the means to redemption. Accept from us our wounded and sinful hearts. (By your power, you make them whole.)

There is no other way to return to the Father. There indeed is no other path home. We must accept the calling of our Savior. We must indeed be cleansed in his pure light.

Our souls awash in the pure light of God, our bodies as one with his only Son... our lives in communion with the Lord, our God – we grasp the power of the kingdom's song.

We are all one in the body of Christ – we are all as the body of Christ. With Jesus as our head, all are united under him. All the saints who have gone before, the Blessed Mother, and all the apostles and disciples... and us. And we all join with the angels in their thunderous song to the Lord, that all that is, in the heavens and on earth, might be united in Him who is all and through whom all is. (The song of the kingdom resounds through all life, and joins all life together.)

And at the heart of the song, as thunderous as it is, rolling like many waters as it does, is the silence of our prayer. For what unites all in the body of Christ but the prayer we share as one. All prayer at the heart of our souls is united – all meets in Christ.

Our prayers are as fragrant offerings to the LORD, our God; all come unto him as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and of supplication. In our prayers we adore our LORD, we call upon His holy Name. We join as one with the Word of God when we pray in sincerity to Him.

And His Word fills us; it carries us away, carries us to his throne... where we might join with the angels who chant eternally the song of praise, buoyed by the holiness of the prayers of the saints and the holiness of Him whom they serve.

And it is so that we must pray – to join in the unending hymn of praise, to become one with the blessed Body and Spirit of Christ, to raise our hearts and souls to the holy throne of our LORD and God.

We are all one in Christ, for Jesus is unity. He provides the unity that makes us one. So, let us be one in Christ our Lord, and share with one another the glory he brings. May we all share at His table the heavenly food.

You and I are united as parts of the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ. And with Jesus as our head, all is indeed made one. All washed in his blood is become inseparable. And should my brother hurt, I feel it. And should my brother be blessed, I share in his joy.

For we are the body of Christ, and the determining quality of that body is its unity, its universal oneness. Though all have roles to play, all have duties to perform which may vary according to the various gifts the Spirit brings, yet all work together as one. And not only as pieces of a puzzle fit together are we one, but intrinsically and undeniably are we wholly formed as one man. As blood courses throughout the body, so the blood of Christ flows in each of us, and we are formed by his flesh.

There is only one Son, only one man. Jesus is all that is. And in Him all are born, In Him all have life. As flesh of his flesh only do we live. As blood of his blood only do we have life. There is no other life. There is no other light in this world. Only the flesh of Christ is brought to the life that is the Father.

"Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty Father, forever and ever." Even as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, are we one. For we are joined to the Son, through whom all comes to be, and so we share in the sacred creation, in the sacred life of God. The Holy Spirit unites

us even now to one another, to Jesus, and to the Father of all. And so all the world rejoices, all the world celebrates its sharing in the holy life of God.

Amen, Lord. Yes, amen. May we indeed share in the blessed life of God. May we know how blessed we are. May our eyes and ears be open to see and hear how we are indeed the body of Christ on earth, sharing even now in the glory of God, the Father, made one in the Holy Spirit. May our partaking in the presence of God be clear to us even now, as we live and breathe.

Praise God! As knowledge of the Spirit, as blessing in the blood of Christ, as the presence of the Father we receive in our hearts, they are filled to bursting, and we can but shout, "Abba, Father, we love you!" That you enable us to share in the gift of life. That you allow us to be one with your majesty. That your grace is so great that it reaches down to us and sweeps us up to your throne. Praise you, God!

To share in the heavenly food with Jesus Christ our Lord – this is our calling in life, this is our calling into the life of Christ. And as all are fed from the same earth, as only from it are fruits taken... so all are fed also only by the flesh of Christ – from no other source do we find our daily bread for living. For He it is who sustains us. He it is who brings us joy. Through Him only do we find life. Only in the Son is the Father known.

Only Son of God, bless our lives. Bless each of our days and all of our nights. Reign o'er our hearts. Dwell within our souls. Bring light to our minds and fill our bodies with the strength of truth that comes only from you. May we be reflections of you in our lives. May you become known through us. May we merit the name of your children. May strife cease to be here on earth.

Glory and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Glory and honor and praise to the Most High, to the Lamb of God, who lays down his life for his people. Only Son of the one Father, may all be one in you. May the angels ascend and descend upon you. May heaven and earth be joined in their song of praise to you, only Son of God. For in you all comes together. In you the universe unites. Through you all shall be delivered from sorrow, and know the joy of their God.

Only Jesus protects our mortal souls. Only he saves us from the inclination to sin, to separate ourselves from God, his Father. It is only he who forgives us when we do sin, and returns us to the fold of heaven. It is only he who restores us to the dignity God intends for us all. He saves us from death and unites us with the Author of Life.

For Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end of all things, the beginning and end of our own lives. In him all things breathe and move and have their being. In him all has indeed come to be. He was present at the beginning of creation, and before creation — through him God made manifest his creation. And he will be present at the end of creation — he will be all that remains of God's created world.

And now he is with us; he has walked among us. His Spirit he has left for us, to find our way back to the origin of life, and the end of all life. To find our way to Him who is Life. For only if we find our place in the body of Christ, as part of Him who is all life... only then shall we live the new life; only then will we be resurrected on the last day and stand with him in glory.

Body of Christ, be upon us. Spirit of Christ, dwell with us. Make us one with the Father and one with each other. Bring us into union with the Life of our God. May we indeed partake of the heavenly food.

When that day comes, when the Son of God is revealed; when we become as sons of God, united with the only Son; when the eternal kingdom of God becomes present to us... when the Lord who is always knocking at the door, who is even now (and now) living in his heavenly realm and waiting for us to enter in – when that day indeed comes, we will know how blind we have been, and we will truly see the eternal kingdom of God and live in his splendor.

It waits for us even now. Yes, in the present moment the kingdom of heaven lives. Even as we live and breathe in space and time, the kingdom that transcends space and time, the eternal home of the Father is alive. And it is not far from us. From there Jesus calls to us. From there Jesus sends his Spirit to us. From there the angels come to us.

And in those moments when we open our eyes and see. At those times our blindness becomes known to us by the blessing of the Lord, when the Lord allows us to glimpse into the place where he is... all the words of God become real, and we know the kingdom that is coming.

Let us live in the only Son of God. Soon He will come. Soon we shall stand with the angels and the saints in the eternal realm of heaven. Soon we shall converse on justice and truth, in love before our God. Soon nothing shall be upon our tongues but the praise of the Almighty One.

Heavenly Lord, come. O Jesus, lift us up from this world of sin, where peace is so constrained, where sin pursues the righteous, threatening him with death. Take our sin, O God. O Lord, save us from its temptations. Direct us along the path of righteousness, where we may serenely dwell with you. Come and deliver us from this place; prepare for us a room in heaven.

Reserve for me a place there, Lord. There are many rooms in your Father's house – may I know I am destined to live there, that it shall not be long... that even now my soul does dwell in the heavenly places. For the blindness of my eyes I cannot bear. The sin upon my hands I need washed clean. Life with your saints is my one desire. Open your arms to me, LORD.

Your kingdom is not far from us – let it not be far from us. Let it be as close as our arms, as near as our breath. Let the Spirit be so close to us that we know it as intimately as our own selves... let it be a part of us. Let thy Holy Spirit rule our lives; let us be one with thy Holy Spirit. (May the truth of the Spirit be known to us in every breath we take. May we hear the voice of the Spirit speak to us in all sounds.)

Surround us, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of the Father may be known to us even while here on this earth. Bring us gradually into the presence of the Father; draw us ever closer to you, his Son. For in union with you we come to know the Father, for to you the Father makes himself known. United with Jesus, the only Son of God, we become as sons of the Living God, dwelling in his mansion. And it is the Spirit that now does lead us there, into communion with the Son of God.

Spirit, breathe upon us. Breathe down your light from heaven's gates. May the kingdom that is there, the life that thrives in its confines, become known to us even now through the grace of your blessing, by the power entrusted to you by the Father through the only Son of God. Come to us, Holy Spirit. Bring the Light of Christ into this world, into our lives... unto the ends of the earth.

The door to heaven becomes known to us through the light of the Spirit. The Spirit breathes upon us and lights our way to Christ. And Christ it is who leads us to the Father, who leads us to the Life everlasting. The Lord holds the keys in his hands. He has the power over life and death. And the Lord would place these keys in our own hands, enable us to conquer death as he has done, through the power of his Holy Spirit. He would grace us with eternal Life by obedience to the Spirit of truth. (Truth illumines the road to life; the Spirit is our guide along the road.)

As our hearts beat, the Lord calls to us. From where he is, he draws us forth. He longs for us to be where he is, to be gathered into his joy. For the kingdom that surrounds us and is within us is certainly not far from us. And should we but open our eyes we would see its gates before us, and step into its eternal bliss. (Forever we shall praise him, and no time shall pass...)

Glory to you, O Lord. Glory and praise and thanksgiving.

Draw us out of the darkness that surrounds us and invades us.

Cleanse us from the sin within, that the truth may become known, and so set us free.

His kingdom awaits us. Knock at the doors of heaven, and the LORD shall be quick to open the gates to you.

Direct my steps to you, O Lord. Direct my steps to you. Let me live in your light, let me dwell in your presence forevermore. Form me into thy image. Create me in your Spirit. Let me be more like you, O Lord. Let me be more like you.

Forgive me my sins that keep me from you. Clear them from my path. Give me the strength to conquer the evil that persists in drawing me down. To you I wish to fly. In your arms I pray to be. Forever with you I hope to live, in your eternal kingdom. So clear the path before me. Remove the obstacles from my way. Lead me in earnest into your presence. Let it be so today.

And so shall I be one with the only Son. So shall I become as his son. So shall I be freed from any bonds, and drawn into his pure light. The Lord would guide me into knowledge of Him. The Lord would bless me with the sense of His glory. The Lord would make me as His chosen disciple; He would sanctify me in His Spirit.

And when as one we become with Him. When in purity we are led into His presence. When nothing of this life remains with us, and we are become whole in his Name. Then the glory of the Lord will be all that we'll know. The presence of the Son will be all that we'll see. The eternal kingdom will be where we shall dwell, the kingdom of the Son.

Nothing short of perfection will enter His gates. No dross of sin shall be permitted in. No sense of the darkness, no lie of this world, will be known in the majesty of his kingdom. Only goodness and truth shall prevail there. Only light is able to shine. The Light of the Lord shall consume everything that is not of Him.

And so I pray that the Lord guide my steps. And so I pray the Lord be with me. And so I ask the Lord to watch over me and keep me from sin, sin of which I may be ignorant. For I as a mortal am so weak and so blind, that I need the Lord to tend to me, I need his angels to guard my steps. And so I seek the wisdom that comes only from our LORD.

WORD of God made flesh, guide me. Only Son of God, be here. Watch over us and bless us, keep us from straying like sheep. Good Shepherd, please be there to guide me. I call upon you now and give you care of my life. That the errors of blindness not hinder me; may they never come into my life.

Only by you shall we be free men. Only through you does salvation come. So give us the grace of your holy presence, to strengthen the weak parts of our lives. (The wisdom I offer, you must accept, says the LORD. The peace I bring, you must seek in your heart. My light shineth like a candle, untouched by the winds of this world.)

The way of the Lord is pure. It is complete. It is untouched, undefiled by human hands. The ways of the world cannot effect it. Though the heavens and earth collapse, it stands firm. Though all men turn their minds toward darkness, it remains shining brighter than the sun.

And so must we be pure to find it. So we must become as newborn babes. So only those adherent to his love will know it; only those living as He will hear its call.

So, pray the Lord keep you from deafness. Pray the Lord set his will like a peg in your heart. Pray the Lord not leave you to your own wiles. Pray the Lord keep you from pride. O Lord, allow no excuses within us. Make us clear as your heavenly call. That we might hear and heed you, that we might be as you are.

In the path of the only Son of the LORD God. In the light of his beatific face. In the presence of the Lord and Master of our lives... there is but one way to go, there is but one thing to do, there is but one word to say – only that which is given us by Christ, only that which is righteous. For no other way is there when drawn by the light of our Lord, no other possibilities exist but what occurs in Him.

Unequivocally, Jesus comes to us. Unequivocally, Jesus is with us. Without doubt, He lives with us. So cast out all doubt, cast out all fear, cast out all question, and accept the direction of the Lord. Know He is leading you. Believe He is guiding you. For if you believe what you seek, it shall be yours; and if you call upon the Lord, he shall answer you. So call for his guidance and know that he gives it. Jesus is deaf to no prayer of ours. (And so you shall know of his holy kingdom, which even now is in the midst of us.)

The angel of the Lord shall come to visit you. His holy messenger shall be your guide. Keep your eyes open for his coming. Keep your ears clear for his call.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, be with us. Bless us and fill us with your love. Cleanse us in your holy blood. Make us pure as you.

Joyful and triumphant, the sacred heart of the only Son waits for us, calls to us from the Lord's place on the throne of eternal life. The Lord longs for us to enter into his presence and be glad. His trumpets continually blare out his message of salvation. For Jesus has died on the cross for us for this purpose: that we might be saved from our sins and have life everlasting with Him in his heavenly home.

And even now the heavenly presence of Jesus is amongst us, even now the trumpets of salvation call to us. Even now his saints and angels celebrate the triumph of His sacred heart over sin and death. Even now those in heaven long to leap for joy over the finding of another lost sheep. For none shall be missing to Him. All shall join in the celebration. And once in the presence of Christ, nothing shall ever again harm us.

O, Sacred Heart. O Lord of all kindness and majesty. May we dwell in your splendor forever. May we heed thy holy call to us. May we be washed in the blood of your heart. May we be cleansed by the flesh of your body. May we accept the gift of forgiveness you offer us, and step into your heavenly abode.

The Lord bleeds for us. He sheds holy blood for our salvation. To show us His love. To show us the love of the Father. To reveal to us the power of love over hate, the power of light over darkness, the

power of life over death. The LORD is able to forgive any sin. The Lord is able to cleanse any man. For the power of sin and death is but a passing shadow, but the strength of the Son lasts eternally.

The Lord says, feel the wounds of my hands. Touch the wound of my side. See that it is me that stands before you. And be washed in the blood of my sacrifice. The sacred heart has bled for you, and now it calls to you, beckoning as a father calls his son – come enter the house of salvation, put on the robes of the Lord.

No darkness shall ever overcome the Light that shines now. No sin can take away its beams. For where Jesus is no sin can enter, no darkness any longer exists. So turn to Him and enter his kingdom. Leap for joy that he always calls you. Have no fear in your heart now. The Lord has died to take that fear away.

With open arms Jesus welcomes us into his kingdom. With a smile upon his face he awaits our coming into his presence. He is there. He is waiting. He is calling to us. The joy of heaven is spilling over into this world; heaven's gates shall not long be able to contain the celebration of life everlasting. Soon only heaven will exist. Soon only his kingdom will be known. Jesus wants for you to be there. He wishes your presence at his table.

The generosity of his sacred heart is second to none. He is the only Son. He is our brother. He is our friend. He is our Lord and savior. He wishes us to be like Him, to be blessed sons of the Father, dwelling in peace, living in harmony. So it is for this he gave his life, for this he laid down his body and bared his soul, to shepherd us along the way of God.

And so we must accept the blood of his sacred heart. We must live according to its purity and truth. We must take up the cross the sacred heart offers and become one with the Son. We must also lay down our lives. We must also grant forgiveness to all. We must also suffer for others and bring them the light of salvation. We must be as he was if we are to be where he is.

Of this I am certain: that your heart must burn within you – you must bleed inside. The nails of his crucifixion must touch your hands and touch your feet, you must sense the spear in your side. You must know what it is to sacrifice your life. You must be willing to give up your life for your brothers and sisters. For only if you die with him will you live with him forever. Only if you leave all behind will you know the blessing of his absolute peace. Only if you unite yourself to his sacred heart will you dwell in heaven.

"Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus loved us unto death. We must do the same. His sacred heart bled for the cleansing of our sins. We must also bleed for others.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, come to us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, be with us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, bleed within us your blessed purity. May we be one with you. May we be united to your holy sacrifice. May we come to dwell eternally with thee in the Father's heavenly places.

The compassion of Christ extends to all on the face of the earth; it knows no bounds. It reaches out to all, for all exist in Him, and he exists in everyone.

All live with Christ and in Christ. There is none that is separate from Him. All his children are of his body. The world of light is his domain. No one comes to the Father except through him – He is the only Son. And his light is the light of love, his way is the way of compassion. He cares for us all unto death.

Who believes in the Son comes to the Father. Who accepts the word of the Christ is redeemed in grace. Who loves his neighbor, who loves all men is like unto the Son, and so is the offspring of the Father. For the Father is all loving. The Father is all kind and full of mercy. The Father is the Father of all. And the Son is the reflection of the love of the Father. The Son is willing to sacrifice for his brothers, for all the children of the Father.

All are one in the only Son. All are joined by his holy truth. His righteousness rains upon the Father's children and makes them as one body in Him. And as all men are Jesus' brothers, as all souls are part of his family, so he loves us all as he loves himself, and holds us all in the palm of his hand.

The comfort he brings is unlike any known to man. His peace passeth all understanding. Not as the world gives does Christ give to us, for Jesus gives without seeking return. (Only love does the Son know; only the compassion of a blessed kinsman.)

He lays down his life for his friends. He opens his arms on the cross. To his breast would he gather all mankind. The Love eternal would he spread to the world. Beneath his wings he would gather us. In the shade of his arm he would keep us from harm. As a hen gathers its offspring to itself, so would Jesus gather his flock.

The Good Shepherd is here in the power of the Father. The Righteous One is alive and in the midst of us. He has come to make all men one. He has come to draw us to His loving arms. The blood of his sacrifice would wash over us and make us one – will we regard his call?

If there was anyone else, who would he be? If another was to come, could he do more? Could there be another who has so great a love? Could there be another who would so freely shed his blood? Is it possible someone else could have such compassion upon mankind, that he would forgive them as they crucify him for no wrong done, that he would accept their indignation to save them from harm, that he would die for no reason other than to save others' souls?

There is no greater sacrifice than that which Jesus has made.

There is no greater love than what the Lord has displayed. No greater compassion exists for sinful man than that embodied by the lamb of God. None can be. None can even be imagined. For Jesus is the one and the only Son of God, he alone gives life to a dying world.

Make no mistake – the world is dying, it is passing away. It suffers all the impurities man can cast upon it, it grieves for the sins of man. The darkness man has brought to bear upon the face of the earth is destroying the home God has made for us. And yet, though the earth is shrouded in darkness; though it is perched on the edge of

destruction and despair; though man continues and multiplies his ignorance in wreaking havoc with the natural law; yet Jesus is here to save us, he is present to redeem us – His light shines clearly in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

As a light that warms the heart of a cold and ruthless world is Jesus. Though the anguished and embittered faces taunt him endlessly, he returns not evil for evil but eternally invites the soft voice at the heart of their souls to be released and flourish in truth. He opens his arms and invites them in, though they come bearing hammers. Till the day the world is ended, until the day we die, Jesus calls us to repentance, he offers us a new way of life. For he sees that to this day, "They know not what they do."

Yes, the compassion of Christ reaches to all – it indeed knows no bounds. It calls all men brothers; it treats all as kin. And so, tap into the kindness and mercy which Jesus brings, avail yourself of his grace. Let the light of understanding brighten your heart, and see with the eyes of the Lord. For each man that lives upon the face of the earth, all that dwell here on this plane – everyone is a child of God, everyone may be taken to His home.

It is not the Father's will that even the least of His children should suffer. The Lord is never pleased with the pain endured by his wayward sons. He longs not to see them, nor those who sacrifice themselves for the sins of others, cry out in travail. Disease and death are not in the will of the Father.

But the Father can only allow His children to wander if they will; He cannot force them to stay upon His paths. And the pain we sometimes inflict upon ourselves can only make him grieve, can only make him long for the day when our actions shall fully conform to his holy and blessed plan. And though the day may not be long when the Lord will no longer be able to bear with our misfortune, with our distracting from the truth – until that day he can only weep in pity as we suffer the consequences of our sin and undergo the just punishment that is all that will return us to his fold.

Jesus weeps over us as he wept over Jerusalem. With whips and cords he scattered the money-changers, to warn them of the doom they were bringing upon themselves, to open their eyes to their sin. He hoped to save them from themselves, to save them from the well of sin into which they had fallen. But what is there that we will listen to? Are we moved by tears? Do we react to punishment? Can anything penetrate the wall of darkness round about us?

The Lord wants no one to suffer. He cannot stand to see any man cry in pain. For we are his creation; we are the love of his life, his favored ones. He would see us nourished. He would have us flourish upon the earth. He would bless us with every blessing, if goodness is what we desired.

But man turns his face from these blessings. He turns his back on goodness. He chooses death over life, and thus seals his fate in this world... The child is free to pursue his path. In youth he wanders from the path his father sets for him. If in maturity he returns not to the father's ways, what hope is there for him?

The Son of Man shall be held up. All men shall look upon him whom they have pierced. Then will they recognize their sin? Then will they turn from evil? It will be clear to us what we have done. There will be no doubt about our sin. And when we choose it will be forever. When we choose there will be no second chance. (As Jesus hung upon the cross one thief derided him. As Jesus hung upon the cross one thief sought his pardon. It is up to us to find contrition, for the Lord's arms are ever open.)

Even now if we turn from our sin we may be placed on the path to glory, we may conquer the death and the darkness that surround us. Even now if we looked toward Jesus and saw the suffering servant bleeding for our sins, our hearts might be changed. We might call upon the Father's love and find ourselves consoled within his arms. Even now if it was our desire to banish sickness, the power of the Lord would be with us.

The Lord would touch us all with his healing hands, he would salve our wounds. His stripes and bruises would serve as ointments of love whose fragrance would dispel any sickness, if we but came to him. The wholeness he brings is pure as the driven snow, pure as a field of budding flowers, pure as the light of dawn. And we may know the innocence and truth of his sacred presence, and so be cleansed of any lingering darkness, if we but turn to him.

With faith in our hearts and trust in our souls we must come to Jesus. With the love of a child we must climb upon the knee of the only Son. And so we shall find peace of mind. And so we shall find purity of soul. And so we shall find health in our body, holiness in our lives; so we shall be able to stand in God's Light. (The Father is true to all who love Him, all who embrace his Son.)

Before time, Jesus existed. Before darkness came, Light was. And the darkness shall never overcome the Light. Death shall never destroy Life. The power over life and death is in the LORD's hands. And we only need to turn to Him to find the peace he brings, to ease the pain we feel. This is the Father's will. This is the desire of his heart.

Out of death springs life. Out of the darkness comes the holy light of the Lord. After the winter, new life begins.

Death comes to all – it comes to you, it comes to me. But after death, after the end... newness is wrought by the hand of God. For unless a grain of wheat dies and falls to the earth, new growth cannot occur.

Out of their graves the saints shall be called. Up from their resting places they shall awaken. For the deeds they sowed in this life have produced the fruit of salvation. The lives they led and gave for God have born the grace of Him. Just as Jesus was broken upon the cross and so rose to glory, so shall those who live in him find redemption by the crosses they bore, and soon discover heaven.

Jesus had harsh words for those who would have kept his body from the cross, for those who would have kept him in this world, in this life. For he knew what it took to find the life eternal, he knew the necessity of laying down his life in this world to find the life of heaven – and he knew this was the only way to lead people there. He knew he had to die in order to live again.

Ultimately, the things of this world mean little. Though hard to see by mortal eyes, this world itself is useless – only the Spirit gives life and maintains it. All is in the hand of God. All is guided by His purposes. Nothing is left to chance in the will of the LORD. All is provided by Him. And the world itself is but a tool, but a lifeless substance, which is controlled and implemented by the Word of God. (The Word alone gives life.)

To convince us of this Jesus needed to die on the cross: we would not believe it any other way. Though he may have told us a hundred times, still we would never have listened. God sent the prophets to speak to the people, but their words were not heeded – they fell upon deaf ears, or ears that would listen awhile but so soon forget. And so Jesus died for us, to show us the power of God over all things. For in his rising from the grave, so the new life of the Spirit begins.

And we will rise with Jesus. If we die with Him, we shall surely live with Him. Even now the Spirit brings us a foretaste of the Life that awaits us. Even now the new life in the Spirit has begun. Even now as we die to the world we live in Christ. Even now the eternal spring has sprung.

We may not know what we shall be in that day... but we know that we will be like Him. For, St. Paul assures us, we shall see him as he is. But now we have the Spirit, to guide our days and brighten our nights. Now we have the assurance of the prophets, of the life which awaits us. Now we hear the voice of our Lord, speaking to us in our inmost thoughts. And so we need not fear death. So we need not fear the end of this life. As the end of the world moves upon us we have the hope of heaven to fill our hearts. And with expectant eyes we look for the coming of Christ.

When he comes again, on the day he returns to us... what joy shall fill our souls – a joy we have never known. All sorrow shall turn to rejoicing, all weeping shall be banished from us – for all our hopes and longings shall be fulfilled in the unity and love that is He. Only smiles shall be upon all the children's faces; all tears will be washed away. Only goodness and light shall be upon us. He will put an end to night.

Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever should believe shall not die but have life everlasting. And never do we die if we live with Jesus. The Spirit that lives in us by the power of the Lord can never be overtaken. That Spirit he has given never dies, for it is Life. And through belief in the only Son the Spirit of Life is given to us; the Holy Spirit dwells in us as we call upon the name of Jesus.

The heavens and the earth shall pass away, but the Word of God shall never die. And those joined to the only Son shall know life eternal, shall dwell forever in the grace and mercy of his light. So let this world pass away; let it go. Hold not onto the passing things of this life – concern yourself not with them. For once they've passed, we shall come to life. Once they've passed, truth shall live. Once the world has gone, Jesus will come, and his reign shall have no end.

Even now the children of God can feel the new birth of spring flowering in their bones, budding in their souls. Even as the winter is upon us and the darkness surrounds us and the cold threatens to freeze the life from us, we know of the warmth to come – we feel it in our blood. So let the power of darkness have its hour upon the face of the earth, for its hour shall quickly pass, as never it was, and soon only light will shine.

Soon the Redeemer shall come, and the death of even the least of his saints shall nurture the new life of heaven. So allow the LORD to plant you as seeds in his field, seeds of hope and coming glory. And listen for his words in your ear: "Awaken, O sleeper. Come forth."

## endwords

We live in an age of science. It is an age in which man believes all things can be grasped and determined by his mind alone. And, though it is well to seek knowledge, to desire wisdom and understanding of things as they are, it is disastrous to make this knowledge an ultimate goal and a supreme reality. Thus we live in the final age.

We live in the final age because it is in this age man constructs the unholy presence – a god devised entirely of his own will. And though in this age the Spirit of Divine wisdom will pour forth and lead the righteous to the new city of Jerusalem, to the heaven of God, it is in this age that man's wickedness will have its freest reign, and so cause the destruction of the world as it is known.

The mind of man alone, his brain, his will, cannot create salvation for itself; salvation comes through Christ alone. Only by faith in Jesus, the only Son of God, the only truth upon the face of the earth, may we find redemption, may we know that for which we all seek. And only if man turns from the darkness of following his own will and surrenders his will absolutely to God through his Son, Jesus Christ, will he find the light his mind seeks.

The mind of man finds itself resolutely fixed upon death: dead rocks, empty space, vain notions. Puffed up by the illusion of its own discoveries and the tempting possibilities of its own powers, it brings to fruition the first sin – the death of the world ensues. And though anxiety reigns in the hearts of those entrapped by their own devices, and though fear and trembling will come upon them as the sky begins to fall – the heart set on the Lord knows no panic, the soul enlightened by God remains in peace.

So, as this world does pass away, as the evil intent of men's hearts becomes garishly apparent... fear not, for your hope is in the Lord, your treasure is in heaven. The confidence the Spirit brings will be greater than any delusion of grandeur, will easily overcome any phantom of darkness. In that day your joy will be nigh, for the goodness of God, the return of His Son, will be at hand.

And all things will be subject to Jesus. All things will be placed beneath his feet. The evil one shall be trampled underfoot, no more to sow his seeds of hate. Then we as the body Christ has wrought, shall stand tall as He – for one with Him shall we be.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, and take us home.

Come, Lord Jesus, and with us eternally be. Come, Lord Jesus, and set us free from the sin we are in. Come, Lord Jesus, let us sing to thee.