

PRAYER FOR THE MIND OF CHRIST

Dear brothers and sisters,
Let us pray for the mind of Christ!

Let us remember Jesus:

Who, though he was rich,
yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us.

Who was content to be subject to his parents,
the child of a poor couple's home.

Who lived for thirty years the common life,
earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble
tasks.

Whom the people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.

May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us remember Jesus:

Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and the disordered,
using for others the power he would not invoke for himself.

Who refused to force people's allegiance.

Who was Master and Lord to his disciples,

yet was among them as their companion and as one who served.

Whose desire was to do the will of God who sent him.

May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us remember Jesus:

Who loved people, yet retired from them to pray,
rose a great while before day, watched through the night,
stayed in wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought a garden.

Who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him,
and for the perfecting of those who received him.

Who observed the traditions,

but defied convention that did not serve the purposes of God.
Who hated the sins of pride and selfishness, of cruelty
and impurity.

May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us remember Jesus:

Who through all disappointment never lost heart.

Who disregarded his own comfort and convenience,
and thought first of others' needs,

and, though he suffered long, was always kind.

Who, when he was reviled, uttered no harsh word in return,
and when he suffered, did not threaten retaliation.

Who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of
death, even death on the cross,

wherefore God has highly exalted him.

May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

Let us unite in prayer that Christ may dwell in our hearts.

O Christ, our Savior,

so come to dwell in us that we may go forth

with the light of your hope in our eyes,

and with your faith and love in our hearts. Amen.

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