

PRAYER OF THE ETHIOPIANS

IN GLORIFICATION OF THE LORD

Our Father God! We thank You, and glorify You for the prayer which Your Son Jesus Christ taught us to say, *“Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one. For, Yours is The Kingdom, and The Power, and The Glory, forever. Amen.”* and, through His atonement, for the answer You gave us to our supplication in that prayer.

You provided us with everything that pertains to our spiritual and material needs for the body as well as for the soul. Your generosity for us is bountiful; Your mercy, complete; Your love, perfect, and Your grace, overflowing.

Through the salvation of Your Son, born of the Holy Virgin Mary, the Grace of the Holy Spirit descended over and filled the whole world. Thus, today You reside not only in Heavens, but on Earth as well. Your Name is hallowed also on Earth. Your will that is done in Heavens is done also on Earth. Your Kingdom has come and is revealed on Earth.

By Your endowment of Nature, We recognized that You have arranged for our daily bread and for the entire life-long provisions of our bodily needs.

You gave us, on daily basis, the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Your Son as nourishment for our Soul, and as an assurance for our salvation and eternal life. Through the same Sacrament, You exonerated us completely from our sins and iniquities once for all, and empowered us to forgive the debts of our debtors.

For us to be Your Children, You granted us the exaltation of the spiritual birth of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Grace of Penance. You led us out of every temptation, delivered us from evil, and overthrew the powers of the Devil and Death that dominated our lives. Finally, You ordained for us the honour and the privilege to live in the Rapture of Your Resurrection.

O Lord! We are always grateful to You for Your inexpressible generosity, mercy, love and grace, as well as for all our needs that You provided us before we even ask You.

We wait for the time You promised us to come, when Your Kingdom of Truth, in which we are now blessed to live, under the Kingship of Jesus Christ, *“The Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah”*, will prevail and destroy Evil, Sin and Death completely. Yes, we wait for the day when It actually reveals Itself to the material world and universally reigns over the whole realms of Creation.

Power, Glory and Kingdom are Yours, today as ever and forever, world without end. Amen.