

THE PRAYER OF MANASSEH

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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 command-
ment;
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 im-
portable:
⁶ Thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearch-
able;
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,

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To Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, who have not sinned
against thee;

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

⁹ For I have sinned above the number of the sands of the
sea.

My transgressions are multiplied, O Lord: my transgres-
sions are multiplied,

And I am not worthy to behold and see the height of
heaven

For the multitude of mine iniquities.

¹⁰ 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 de-
testable things.

¹¹ Now therefore I bow the knee of my heart,

Beseeking thee of grace.

¹² I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,

And I acknowledge mine iniquities:

¹³ 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;

¹⁴ And in me thou wilt show all thy goodness:

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

¹⁵ And I will praise thee forever all the days of my life:

For all the host of heaven doth sing thy praise,

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And thine is the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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