

A Prayer of Radical Repentance

We press into Your heart this day, glorious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **We celebrate all that Your precious Son is** - who He is to us and for us, over us and within us, through us and before us and upon us.

Before all heaven we proclaim:

Christ is supreme! He is sovereign, sufficient, and totally satisfying!

Christ is our hope! He is the summation of all Your promises, the source of all Your riches, more and more and more, for now and forever!

Christ is our glory! He is Alpha and Omega, the consummation of all Your purposes, for all creation, for all the ages to come! In Him our life is hidden with You, until the hour He returns in the final triumphs of grace and truth.

Christ is among us! He is accessible to us, in all of His fullness, here and now. He stands with us, willing and able and ready to act for us, and in us, and through us!

SELAH: Pause for silent reflection

Therefore, we REPENT - individually and on behalf of all of Your people:

We repent... for how we have diminished Christ, regarding Him as our mascot rather than our Monarch.

We repent... for how we have manipulated Christ, coming to Him to use Him, as far as we think we need Him, that far and no more.

We repent... for how we have hoarded Christ, seeking His blessings for ourselves, with little thought about bringing those blessings to others. We've assumed that He was there only for us. We've forgotten that He is Lord of neighbors and nations.

We repent... for how we have avoided Christ, withholding our affections from Him because we were afraid of what it would cost us. By our lifestyles, we've denied that He's truly supreme and sufficient. In His place we've substituted creeds, and programs, and organizations, and causes - as well as our own feeble attempts to look spiritual. In doing so, we've abandoned the consuming passion for Him He deserves, as the Center of everything.

SELAH: Pause for silent reflection

Forgive us! Cleanse us! **Purify us!** Resurrect us! **Reconvert us!**
Restore us! **Refill us!** Recommission us! **By the blood. Through**
Your mercy. O Lamb of God! O Lamb of God!

We are ready- Ready... to revolutionize mind and action. **Ready...**
to embrace the full extent of Christ's supremacy. **Ready...** to walk
with Him for all He really is. **Ready...** to wrap our lives around Him
and the mighty advances of His kingdom. **Ready...** for this and for
nothing less.

So together, in brokenness and hope, here and now - O God of
our salvation- we cry out for all to hear: *"Lord Jesus, Come and*
conquer us! Lord Jesus, Come and conquer us! Lord Jesus, Come and
conquer us!

SELAH: Pause for silent reflection

Wonderful Father: Standing at this crossroads moment, we pledge to
Your Son the words of Saint Augustine:

You called, You cried, You shattered my deafness.
You sparkled, You burned, You drove away my blindness.
You shed your fragrance, and I drew in my breath.
Therefore, from now on, I will pant for YOU alone.

To that end, Father, visit afresh with Your spirit every one of us. May
He turn this prayer of radical repentance into a radical way of life, for
all your people, everywhere. **Hallelujah! AMEN! Let is be done!**