

Call to Worship

Pastor: Wealth is a funny thing. Strange as it may seem, it is the best way to poverty.

People: Are you saying we ought to feel sinful if we have money in the bank?

Pastor: No, but be careful how much value you give to what you own. True worth is not determined by what you own, but by who owns you.

People: Life is our most prized possession and we want God to be in control of it.

Prayer Of Confession :

Father, we come weighed down with the problems of a wealthy society, and yet we complain about what we do not have.

Our bank accounts have become our Bibles.

Interest and dividends are the blessings we seek.

But we are poor.

Forgive us for our warped sense of value, distorted by our greed.

Forgive us for our anxiety over wealth, while at the same time we have little concern for our spiritual welfare.

Make us rich with the gifts of your Spirit which inflation, or a depression, or even death cannot take from us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead,
and buried;

the third day he rose
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.