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Dr. Taylor Marshall's Apologetics Bible Sheet (printout and place in Bible)

ABORTION IS EVIL

Life begins at conception

Job 31:15 God made you in the womb...formed us in our mothers

Ps 22:9-10 "from my mother's womb you have been my God"

Ps 139:13-16 "you knit me together in my mother's womb...your eyes saw my unformed body"

Is 44:2; Is 49:5 the Lord formed you in the womb

Is 46:3-4 "I have upheld you since you were conceived"

Jer 1:4-5 "before you were born I set you apart"

Lk 1:41 "the baby leapt in her womb"

We should be involved in pro-life causes

Ex 20:13 Thou shalt not murder

Ps 82:3-4 defend the weak and fatherless

Prov 24:11-12 rescue those being led away to death

Pharmaceutical abortion condemned

Gal 5:20; Rev 9:2; Rev 21:8

These three passages condemn "sorcery". However, the Greek word used is *pharmakeia*, a word denoting harmful pharmaceutical contraceptives and abortifacients.

ALCOHOL

God permits drinking alcohol

Gen 27:25 - Isaac drinks wine

Deut 14:23-26 - God tells Israelites to buy wine and strong drink

Ecc 9:7 drink your wine with a merry heart, God approves of it

Isa 25:6 - God provides choice wine

Lk 7:33-34 - Jesus drinks wine

Jn 2:2-10 - Jesus turns water into wine

1 Tim 5:23 - Paul tells Timothy to drink wine

Drunkenness is a sin

Prov 20:1 - wine is a mocker

Isa 5:11 - Woe to those addicted to alcohol

Isa 5:22 - Woe to "heroes of drinking wine"

Eph 5:18 - do not get drunk

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Acts 2:38-39 - "Repent and be baptized... this promise is for you and your children."

Acts 16:15, 16:33, 18:8; 1 Cor 1:16 - household baptisms suggest baptism of children

Jn 3:5; Rom 6:4 - necessity of baptism

Col 2:11-12 - OT circumcision replaced by NT baptism as sign of the covenant (OT circumcision was performed on infants, see Gen 17:12)

BAPTISMAL REGENERATION (BORN AGAIN)

Jn 3:5 - born of water and spirit

Acts 2:37-38 - be baptized and receive Holy Spirit

Acts 22:16 - be baptized and wash away your sins

Rom 6:4-46 - baptized into death, live in newness of life

1 Cor 6:11 - you were washed, sanctified, justified

Titus 3:5 - the "washing of regeneration"

1 Pet 3:21 - baptism now saves you

Heb 10:22 - heart sprinkled, bodies washed in water

CELIBACY

Jer 16:1-4 - God commands Jeremiah to be celibate

Mt 19:12 - celibacy commended by Christ

1 Cor 7:7-9 - Paul was celibate

1 Cor 7:32-33 - celibacy commended by Paul

1 Tim 5:9-12 - pledge of celibacy taken by widows

CHURCH AUTHORITY

Acts 2:42 - doctrine, community, sacred rite (bread)

Eph 5:25-26 - Christ loves the Church

1 Tim 3:15 - church is "the pillar and foundation of the truth."

Mt 16:18; 20:20 - Christ protects Church

Heb 13:17 - "obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls"

Mt 18:17-18 - church as final authority

Mt 23:2 - Pharisees succeeded Moses (seat of Moses)

1 Cor 5:5; 1 Tim 1:20 - Church has power of excommunication

CHURCH UNITY

Jn 10:16 - one sheepfold and one shepherd

Jn 17:17-23 - Jesus prays that his disciples might be one as He and the Father are one

Rom 12:4-5 - though many, we are one body in Christ

Rom 16:17 - avoid those who cause schism

1 Cor 1:10 - there should be no divisions among you

Eph 4:3-6 - one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, on faith, one baptism, one God & Father

Col 3:15 - called in one body

CONFESSION

Jn 20:22-23 - "if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven."

Mt 18:18 - binding on earth and heaven

2 Cor 5:18 - the Apostles possess the "ministry of reconciliation."

Jas 5:14-16 - speaks about the forgiveness of sins, anointing of the sick, confession

CONTRACEPTION IS EVIL

Human fertility is a blessing

Gen 1:27-28 - be fruitful and multiply

Ex 23:25-26; Deut 7:13-14 - fertility declared a covenantal blessing

Ps 127:3-5 - children are a gift from God... blessed is a quiver full

Hos 9:10-17 - Israel punished with childlessness

1 Tim 2:11-15 - women saved through childbearing

Lev 21:20 - crushed testicles called defect/blemish

Deut 23:1 - castrated men banned from OT worship



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Withholding self and seed is unnatural and sinful

Gen 38:9-10 – Onan killed by God for spilling his semen on the ground

Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias/Saphira slain for withholding part of their gift

The OT punishes sterile sex with death

Lev 20:13 – death sentence for man with man (sterile sex)

Lev 20:15 – death sentence for man with animal (sterile sex)

Lev 20:16 – death sentence for woman with animals (sterile sex)

Artificial means of contraception condemned

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DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS ARE SCRIPTURAL

The seven books are: Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach (aka Ecclesiasticus), Baruch, and 1 and 2 Maccabees. The Council of Rome in AD 382 formally canonized these seven “deuterocanonical” books along with the rest of the OT and NT as we know it.

In the 1500s, Martin Luther removed these seven books from the OT because first century Rabbinical Jews had previously rejected them. Protestants call them the “Apocrypha” meaning “hidden” books. First century Jews who denied that Jesus was the Messiah rejected these seven books because of their emphasis on the Messiah and the resurrection.

However, the New Testament actually refers to the seven “extra” deuterocanonical books, which means that the NT authors approved of these seven books. For example:

- o Heb 11:35 refers to 2 Mac 6:18-7:42
- o 1 Pet 1:6-7 refers to Wisdom 3:5-6
- o Rom 1:18-32 refers to Wisdom 13:1-9

The Greek version of the OT called the “Septuagint” contained the deuterocanonicals and the Septuagint is frequently quoted by the NT authors: Is 7:14 – Mt 1:23; Is 40:3 – Mt 3:3; Joel 2:30-31 – Acts 2:19-29; Ps 95:7-9 – Heb 3:7-9.

EUCCHARIST & REAL PRESENCE

Mt 26:26-27; Mk 14:22,24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 10:24-25 – “This is my Body... This is my Blood.”

1 Cor 5:7 – “Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast” (i.e. the Eucharist)

1 Cor 10:16 – eating Eucharist is participation or communion with the Body and Blood of Christ.

1 Cor 11:26-30 – unworthy eating is sinning against the Body and Blood of Christ

Jn 6:52-58 – you must eat the Body and Blood of Jesus

[52] The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

don’t make[53] So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you;

[54] he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

[55] For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

[56] He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

[57] As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me.

[58] This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever.”

Ps 27:1-2; Is 9:18-20; Is 49:26; Mic 3:3; Rev 17:6,16 – shows that symbolic interpretation of Jn 6 inappropriate

Gen 14:18; Ps 110:4; Heb 7:1-17 – Christ is a priest like Melchizedek, offering bread and wine

Acts 2:42 – “breaking of bread” refers to Eucharist

FAITH & WORKS

James 2:24 – not justified by faith alone

James 2:26 – faith without works is dead

Gal 5:6 – we must have “faith working in love”

Phil 2:12; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 2:6-10, 13, 3:31; Mt 25:32-46; Gal 6:6-10; Rev 20:12 – works have merit

Jn 14:15 – if you love me, keep my commandments

1 Jn 2:3-4; 1 Jn 3:24; 1 Jn 5:3 – keep commandments

FASTING

Mt 6:16-18 – Jesus gives directions for how to fast

Mt 9:15 – Christ’s disciples will fast when he is gone

Mk 7:19 – all foods are called clean

1 Tim 4:4-5 – all foods are good

HELL EXISTS

Is 33:11-14 everlasting flames

Mt 25:41 depart, you accursed, into the eternal fire

Mt 25:46 these will go off to eternal punishment

Lk 3:16-17 the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire

2 Thes 1:6-9 these will pay the penalty of eternal ruin

HOMOSEXUALITY

Gen 1:27 – God made them male and female

Gen 19 – the homosexuals of Sodom destroyed

Lev 18:22 – homosexuality called “abomination”

Lev 20:13 – death penalty for homosexuality

Rom 1:27 – called unnatural, shameful, and a perversity

1 Cor 6:9 – active homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God

1 Tim 1:9-10 – homosexuals called “sinners”



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JUSTIFICATION NOT MERELY FORENSIC OR IMPUTED

1 Jn 1:7, 2 Pet 1:9 - purified from sins
 Jn 1:29, Heb 9:26-28 - takes away sin
 Ps 50:3, Ps 102:12, Is 43:25 - blot out, clear away sin
 Rom 2:13, Rom 3:20 - future justification
 Heb 11:8-Gen 12:1-4; Rom 4:2-3-Gen 15:6; Jas 2:21-23-Gen 22:1-18 - justifications of Abraham
 Jas 2:24 "You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone."
 2 Pet 1:4 - become partakers of the divine nature

MARY

Lk 1:42-48 - "blessed are you among women."
 Jn 2:1-5 - Mary's intercession
 Lk 1:43 - Mary is "Mother of God"

Immaculate Conception of Mary

The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that Mary was conceived without original sin by the "pre-applied" grace of Christ's death on the cross

Gen 3:15 with Rev 12:1-17 Mary is the New Eve and enemy of the Serpent
 Lk 1:28 - "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." The Greek word for "full of grace" is *kecharitomene*, denoting a plenitude of grace. Wherever grace is full, sin is absent.

Mary Ever-Virgin

John 19:26-27 - Jesus gives care of Mary to John, not one of his "brothers"
 2 Sam 6:23; Gen 8:7, Dt 34:6 - passages demonstrating that "until" (Mt 1:25) does not denote consummation
 Rev 11:19-12:3 - Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant and it would be unfitting for her sacred womb to be violated

The so-called "Brothers" of Jesus

In Jewish antiquity, "brother" does not mean "blood brother" but simply "kinsman"

Gen 14:14 - Lot, Abraham's nephew (Gen 11:26-28), described as Abraham's brother (KJV)
 Gen 29:15 - Laban, Jacob's uncle, calls Jacob his "brother" (KJV)

The "brothers" of Jesus number are actually the children of Mary the wife of Cleophas

Mary wife of Cleophas and "sister" of the Virgin Mary (Jn 19:25) is the mother of James and Joseph (Mk 15:47; Mt 27:56) who are called the "brothers of Jesus" (Mk 6:3).

The number of the "brothers" of Jesus equals about 95 men!!!

Acts 1:12-15 says that there were 120 at Pentecost consisting of apostles (12 people), Mary (1 person), "some women" (about 12 people) and Jesus' "brothers"—this means that the "brothers

of Jesus numbered at about 95 people!!! Obviously "brothers" does not mean blood brothers.

Assumption & Coronation of Mary

Gen 5:24; Heb 11:5; 2 Kings 2:1-13 - Enoch and Elijah were assumed bodily into heaven
 2 Tim 4:8, Jas 1:12, 1 Pet 5:4, Rev 2:10 - coronation awaits saints

ORIGINAL SIN

Gen 2:16-17 - the day you eat...you shall die (spiritual death)
 Gen 3:11-19 - God's punishment for eating of tree
 Ps 51:5 - in sin my mother conceived me
 Rom 5:12-19 - many became sinners through one man's sin
 1 Cor 15:21-23 - by man came death; in Adam all die

PETER & PAPACY

Peter, the first Pope, is named 195 times in the New Testament - more than all the other Apostles combined.

Mt 16:18 - on this rock (Peter) I will build my Church
 Mt 16:19 - I will give you the keys of the kingdom... whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven
 Lk 22:32 - Peter's faith will strengthen his brethren
 Lk 24:34 - Peter is first apostle to see resurrected Christ
 Jn 21:17 - Peter is Christ's chief shepherd who "feeds the sheep"
 Mk 16:7 - angel sent to announce resurrection to Peter
 Acts 1:13-26 - Peter oversees election of Matthias
 Acts 2:14 - Peter preaches first apostolic sermon
 Acts 3:6-7 - Peter performs first apostolic miracle
 Acts 8:21 - Peter excommunicates first heretic
 Acts 10:44-46 - Peter baptizes first Gentile
 Acts 15:7 - Peter presides over first apostolic council
 Acts 15:19 - Peter pronounces first apostolic dogma
 Gal 1:18 - Paul visits Peter after his conversion

PRIESTHOOD

The English word "priest" comes from the Greek word "presbyter" meaning "elder".

Rom 15:16 Paul calls himself "a minister of Christ Jesus with the **priestly duty** of proclaiming the gospel of God"
 Acts 1:15-26; 2 Tim 2:2; Tit 1:5 - unbroken Apostolic Succession of laying on of hands
 Acts 15:6,23; 1 Tim 4:14, 5:22; 1 Tim 5:17; Jas 5:13-15 - presbyters/elders (priests) were ordained to preach and administer the sacraments.
 Lk 16:24; Rom 4; 1 Cor 4:14-15; Acts 7:2; 1 Thes 2:11; 1 Jn 2:13-14 - ministers called "father"
 Gen 14:18; Ps 110:4; Heb 7:1-17 - priest forever according to order of Melchizedek, offering bread and wine.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

2 Mac 12:43-46 - sacrifice for the dead



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2 Tim 1:15-18 - Paul prays for the now deceased Onesiphorus for "that Day"

PURGATORY

Purgatory is the state where the Holy Spirit purifies people who are saved but who still need to repent of their particular sins. Christ remits eternal guilt at justification, but completes personal sanctification, if necessary, in purgatory.

1 Cor 3:15 - "he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames."

Lk 12:59; 1 Pet 1:7; Mt 5:25-26 - examples of temporal punishment

Heb 12:6-11 - God's painful discipline

Mt 12:32 - no forgiveness... nor in the age to come.

Rev 21:27 - nothing unclean shall enter heaven

Heb 12:23 - souls in heaven "having been made perfect."

Col 1:24 - "extra" suffering

RELICS

2 Kgs 13:20-21 - Elisha's bones give life to a dead man (1st class relic)

Mt 9:20-22 - Jesus' garment cures a woman (2nd class relic)

Acts 19:11,12 - handkerchiefs and aprons touch to Paul's body heal the sick (3rd class relic)

Acts 5:15-16 - Peter's shadow thought to heal the sick

SAINTS

Mk 12:26-27 - "not God of the dead, but of the living."

Jn 15:1-8 - vine and its branches

1 Cor 12:25-27; Rom 12:4-5 - body of Christ.

Eph 6:18; Rom 15:30; Col 4:3; 1 Thess 1:11 - intercessory prayer.

Jos 5:14; Dan 8:17; Tob 12:16 - veneration of angels united with God (Mt 18:10)

1 Cor 13:12; 1 John 3:2 - saints also united with God

Lk 20:34-38 - those who died are like angels

2 Mac 15:11-16 - deceased Onias and Jeremiah interceded for Jews

Rev 5:8; Rev 8:3-4 - saints in heaven presenting to the Lamb the prayers of those on earth

SALVATION ("Have you been saved?")

Past Event ("I have been saved")

Rom 8:24 - in you hope you were saved

Eph 2:5-8 - by grace you have been saved

2 Tim 1:9 - he saved us, he called us

Titus 3:5 - he saved us though the washing of regeneration

Present Event ("I am being saved")

Phil 2:12 - work out your salvation with fear and trembling

1 Pet 1:9 - as you attain the goal of your faith, salvation

Future Event ("I will be saved")

Mt 10:22 - he who endures to the end will be saved

Mt 24:13 - he who perseveres to the end will be saved

Mk 8:35 - he who loses his life for my sake will save it

Acts 15:11 - we shall be saved through the grace of Jesus

Rom 5:9-10 - since we are justified, we shall be saved

Rom 13:11 - salvation is nearer now than when we first believed

1 Cor 3:15 - he will be saved, but only through fire

Heb 9:28 - Jesus will appear again to bring salvation

"Once saved always saved" denied by Scripture

Mt 7:21 - Not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" will be saved

Mt 24:13 - he who perseveres to the end will be saved

Rom 11:21-22 - spare branches, continue or be cut off.

1 Cor 9:27 - "I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."

1 Cor 10:12 - "So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"

Gal 5:4 - "You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace."

Gal 5:4 - "you have fallen from grace"

Phil 2:12 - "work out salvation with fear and trembling."

Heb 4:1 - "the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it."

Heb 6:4-6 - describes "enlightened" Christians who have fallen away from Christ

Heb 10:26-29 - "worse punishment ... for the man who has spurned the Son of God, and profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and outraged the Spirit of grace"

Jas 5:19-20 - Christians can "wander from the truth," which leads to "death"

2 Pet 2:1 - "even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction."

2 Pet 2:20 - some have come to knowledge of Christ but they have returned to sin and their end is worse than their beginnings

1 Jn 5:16-17 - some sins are mortal, some not

SCRIPTURE & TRADITION

Jn 21:25 - not everything is in the Bible

2 Thess 2:15; 2 Tim 2:2; 1 Cor 11:2; 1 Thess 2:13 - Paul speaks of oral tradition

Acts 2:42 - early Christians followed apostolic tradition

2 Pet 3:16 - Bible hard to understand, meaning easily distorted

2 Jn 1:12; 3 Jn 1:13-14 - more oral tradition

2 Pet 1:20-21 - against personal interpretation of Bible

Acts 8:31; Heb 5:12 - guidance needed to interpret scriptures

SEVEN SACRAMENTS INSTITUTED BY CHRIST

1. Baptism - Mt 28:19

2. Confirmation - Acts 8:14-17; Heb 6:2

3. Eucharist - Mt 26:26-29

4. Penance - John 20:21-23

5. Anointing of Sick - Mk 6:13, James 5:14-15



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6. Holy Orders - Acts 6:3-6; 1 Tim. 3:1; 1 Tim. 3:8-9; 1 Tim. 4:14-16; 1 Tim. 5:17-19-22
7. Matrimony - Mt 19:10-11; Eph 5:31-32

STATUES & ICONS

Ex 25:18-22, 26:1, 31; Num 21:8-9 - God commands sacred images to be made

1 Kgs 6:23-29, 35, 7:29 - Solomon's Temple contained both statues and images

TRINITY (one Substance, three divine Persons)

Mt 28:19 - Baptism is Trinitarian "I baptize you in the name (singular) of the Father, and of Son, and of Holy Spirit."

Jesus is a Divine Person

Jn 1:1 the Word was with God and the Word was God

Jn 8:58-59 - Before Abraham was, I AM

Jn 10:30 - Jesus "I and the Father are one."

Jn 20:28 - Jesus accepts Thomas' words "My Lord and my God!"

Col 2:9 - in [Jesus] dwells bodily the whole fullness of God

Holy Spirit is a Divine Person

Jn 14:26 - the Holy Spirit will teach you all things

Acts 5:3-4 - lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God

Acts 13:2 - "Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me...'"

WORSHIP

Rev 4:8 - heavenly hosts repeat set prayers

1 Kg 8:54; 2 Chr 6:13; Ezra 9:5; Mt 17:14; Lk 5:8 - kneeling as a position of prayer and worship

Rev 5:8; 8:3-4 - incense used in New Testament

1 Cor 12 - different roles of members of body

Heb 13:10; Rev 8:3 - Christian worship involves an altar

Rev 4:4 - elders/presbyters (priests) wearing vestments in worship

Heresies Checklist

- o Docetism teaches that Jesus only appeared to be human. On the contrary, the Catholic Church teaches that Christ is fully God and fully man.
- o Arianism teaches that Jesus not fully God. On the contrary, the Catholic Church teaches that Christ is fully God and fully man.
- o Nestorianism teaches that Jesus is two "persons" - Jesus the human son of Mary and Jesus the divine Son of God. On the contrary, the Catholic Church teaches that Christ is one person with two natures: divine nature and human nature.
- o Monophysitism teaches that Jesus is fully God but not fully man. The Catholic Church teaches that Christ has two natures: divine nature and human nature.
- o Monothelitism teaches that Jesus has only one will. The Catholic Church teaches that Christ has two wills: a divine will and a human will belonging to His human soul.
- o Iconoclasm teaches that images are idolatrous. On the contrary, the Catholic Church defends the use of Christian (not pagan) images since Christ became visible through the incarnation.
- o Pelagianism denies original sin and teaches that grace is not necessary for salvation. The Catholic Church teaches that we are born in original sin and saved by grace through faith and works.

The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus is:

- o Second Person of the Trinity
- o One divine person with two natures (divine & human)
- o 100% divine (Son of God)
- o 100% human (Son of Mary)
- o Christ or Messiah (Son of David)
- o Rose from the dead and is seated at Father's right hand

Precious Blood prayer based on true letter of Our Saviour Jesus Christ

From Mark

Author: As revealed to St Bridget



Treasury of Prayers

Do these prayers daily in honor of the Precious Blood of Our Lord.

This devotion is based on a

True letter of Our Saviour Jesus Christ

A copy of this was found in the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, preserved in a silver box by His Holiness.

Consecrating the Drops of Blood which Our Lord Jesus lost on His way to Calvary

Copy of a letter of the Oration found in the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, preserved in a silver box by His Holiness and by the Empress and Empresses of the Christian Faith.

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary, with St. Matilda and St. Bridget, wishing to know something of the Passion of Jesus Christ, offered fervent and special prayers, upon which there appeared to them Our Lord Jesus Christ who spoke to them in the following manner:

I descended from Heaven to the Earth in order to convert you. In olden times, people were religious, and their harvests were abundant; at present, on the contrary, they are scanty.

If you want to reap an abundant harvest you must not work on Sunday, for Sunday you must go to Church and pray to God to forgive your sins. He gave you six days in which to work and one for rest and devotion and to tender your help to the poor and assist the Church.

Those people who brawl against My Religion and cast slurs on this Sacred Letter will be forsaken by Me.

On the contrary, those people who shall carry a copy of this letter with them shall be free from death by drowning and from sudden death. They shall be free from all contagious diseases and lightning; they shall not die without confession, and shall be free from their enemies and from the hand of wrongful authority, and from all their slanderers and false witnesses.

Women in peril at childbirth will, by keeping this Oration about them, immediately overcome the difficulty. In the houses where this Oration is kept, no evil thing will ever happen: and forty days before the death of a person who has this Oration about him or her, the Blessed Virgin will appear to him or her. So said St. Gregorious.

To all those faithful who shall recite for three years, **each day, 2 Paters, Glorias, and Aves**, in honor of the drops of blood I lost, I will concede the following five graces:

- 1st The plenary indulgence and remission of your sins.
- 2nd You will be free from the pains of Purgatory.
- 3rd If you should die before completing the said 3 years, for you it will be the same as if you had completed them.
- 4th It will be upon your death the same as if you had shed all your blood for the Holy Faith.
- 5th I will descend from Heaven to take your soul and that of your relatives, until the fourth generation.

Be it known that the number of armed soldiers were 150; those who trailed me while I was bound were 23. The number of executioners of justice were 83; the blows received on my head were 150; those on my stomach, 108; kicks on my shoulders, 80. I was led, bound with cords by the hair, 24 times; spits in the face were 180; I was beaten on

the body 6666 times; beaten on the head, 110 times. I was roughly pushed, and at 12 o'clock was lifted up by the hair; pricked with thorns and pulled by the beard 23 times; received 20 wounds on the head; thorns of marine junks, 72; pricks of thorns in the head, 110; mortal thorns in the forehead, 3. I was afterwards flogged and dressed as a mocked king; wounds in the body, 1000. The soldiers who led me to the Calvary were 608; those who watched me were 3, and those who mocked me were 1008; **the drops of blood which I lost were 28,430.**

Benedetta DA S.S.; Pope Leo XIII, in Roma 5 April 1890
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St. Gertrude the Great prayer for souls in Purgatory

(Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it was said. The prayer was later extended to include living sinners.)

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen”.

From Mark