

The Kitchen Prayer

Lord of all pots and pans and things,
since I've not time to be
A saint by doing lovely things
or watching late with Thee
Or dreaming in the dawn light
or storming Heaven's gates
Make me a saint by getting meals
and washing up the plates.
Although I must have Martha's hands,
I have a Mary mind
And when I black the boots and shoes,
Thy sandals, Lord, I find.
I think of how they trod the earth,
what time I scrub the floor
Accept this meditation Lord,
I haven't time for more.
Warm all the kitchen with Thy love,
and light it with Thy peace
Forgive me all my worrying
and make my grumbling cease.
Thou who didst love to give men food,
in room or by the sea
Accept this service that I do,
I do it unto Thee.

A Prayer Before Confession

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of forgiveness. Thank You for creating a means by which I can be reconciled to You, to my neighbor, and in my own soul. Help me to manage sinful thoughts and actions. Help me to learn from my mistakes. Lead me to reconciliation with You. Lead me to reconciliation with my neighbor. Help me learn how to forgive myself. Assure me that You still love me, even when I've done something wrong. Help me to trust in Your will that my sins should be forgiven when I come to You with a repentant heart. Lord, forgive me for whatever I have done. Help me to make a new start here and now! Amen.