That I may confess Thy name.

The multitude of my transgressions is like the deep waters of the sea, and I drown in my iniquities.

Give me Thy hand, O God my Saviour:

save me as Thou hast saved Peter, and have mercy on me.
(9) Reader: The righteous shall wait patiently for me

Until Thou shalt reward me.

Because of all my wicked thoughts and deeds

I stand condemned: Put into my heart, O God my Saviour,

the thought of turning back to Thee, that I may cry:

Save me, loving Benefactor, and have mercy on me.
(8) Reader: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

O Lord hear my voice.

Another world awaits thee, O my soul, and the Judge will there reveal all thy secret sins. Tarry not among the things of this life, but run quickly to the Judge and cry before it is too late: God be merciful to me and save me.
Reader: Let thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplication.

Reject me not, my Saviour, though I am held fast by the slothfulness of sin. But rouse my thoughts to repentance, and make me a tried laborer in Thy vineyard; grant me the reward of the eleventh hour, and show me Thy great mercy.


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