O Lord our God, Go before us, Lord, and count us worthy of your heavenly kingdom. Direct our path aright, of your perfect lovingkindness. We may see all heaven before our eyes, and we may glorify your holy name.

May the eternal God bless and keep us, our bodies, save our souls, and bring us safe to the heavenly country.

Jacob Boehme, 1575–1624

Christina Rossetti, 1830–94

Liturgy of St James

Gregorian Sacramentary

Devotional Services for Public Worship

Liturgy of St James

Gregorian Sacramentary

John Hunter, 1728–88

J. W. G. Masterton, 1970

Sarum Breviary

Sarum Missal

The Book of Common Order

Prayers of preparation for divine worship

I will go up to the altar of God, even to the God of my joy and gladness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, and in the Holy Spirit, who is alive and reigns with you, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever, and in whom to turn is to rise.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, even to the God of my joy and gladness.

The eternal God bless and keep us, our bodies, save our souls, and bring us safe to the heavenly country.

Almighty and heavenly Father, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of the passion of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of his body and blood, that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of his redemption; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Almighty and adorable God, who has shown us the beauty of eternal peace and the duty of inseparable love, grant that we may ever think humbly of ourselves, abounding in gentleness and pity towards all, that following the example of your humility and imitating you in all things, we may live in you and never depart from you. Amen.

Mozarabic Liturgy

Attributed to St Thomas Aquinas, 1225–74

Attributed to St John of the Cross, 1542–91

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