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Prayers of William Penn

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FOR FAITH (1679)

I do fervently beseech Almighty God,
the giver of all saving faith,
mercifully to vouchsafe more and more

To beget a serious inquiry in us:
What that faith is which we have?
Who is the Author of it?
And *what fruits* it hath brought forth?

That so we may not profane the name of God by a vain profession of it, nor abuse ourselves unto eternal perdition.

But that we may endeavor, by God's assistance, to approve ourselves such believers, as sincerely fear God, love righteousness, and hate every evil way, as becomes the redeemed of God by the precious blood of his Son.

Since, therefore, we are not our own, but the Lord's, who has bought us with that great price, let us glorify him in our bodies, in our souls, and in our spirits, which are his.

Then we shall be children of Abraham, indeed, heirs of the promise, partakers of that resurrection and life, that immortality and glory, which God the righteous Judge will, one day, plentifully distribute to them that abide in this precious faith unto the end.

"Address to Protestants," III:81.

BENEDICTIONS

Grace, mercy and peace, yea His peace, which the world can neither give you, nor take from you, be plentifully multiplied amongst you from day to day; that an holy, harmless, and faithful people you may be; yielding to the Lord the fruits of his goodness, by a circumspect and self-denying conversation to the end. Epistle on his return to Penna., 1699, I:103.

His grace, mercy and peace be with you all, and the blessings of his Life and Presence forever rest upon you. Amen.

I:174 (1682).

Volume and page references are to Penn's *Works*, 4th edn., London, 1825.

Into his blessed care and protection, with myself, do I commit you all; and the Lord of heaven and earth preserve us all in his holy fear, love, and patience to the end. Amen.

III:174 (1675).

BRIEF EJACULATIONS

Oh blessed be the name of our God forever, who is a God glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, working wonders for them that commit their cause to him.

III:171 (1675).

To him that was, and is, and is to come [Rev. 1:4] — the eternal, holy, blessed, righteous, powerful, and faithful One — be glory, honor, and praise, dominion and a Kingdom, forever and ever. Amen.

II:502 (1677).

LOOK WITHIN!

To God's Spirit in your conscience, do I recommend you — that leads out of all evil, and quickens you to God, as you obey it; and makes you a child of God, and an heir of glory.

I:42 (1675).

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So come dear Lord Jesus, that was dead and is alive, and liveth forever. Amen.

II:489 (1677).

The eternal God reach unto you by his powerful Spirit, break your peace in the broad way, touch you deeply with a sense of your disobedience to him, give you true contrition and repentance, and "create in you a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within you" [Psalm 51:10]. . . . make you holy, make you zealous, and make you charitable. That you may *do*, as well as *say*, and not only profess but possess the Truth of the living God in your inward parts — that pearl of great price, that hidden and eternal treasure.

So shall you know that the times of refreshing are come from the Presence of the Lord, and that the Kingdom is again restored to Israel! Israel, the Prince of eternal peace, who hath prevailed with God for man; whose sceptre is "a sceptre of righteousness, and of whose dominion there shall be no end" [Psalm 45:6].

So come Lord Jesus.

Come quickly. Amen.

III:292 (1692).