



Repenting & Believing with the Nicene Creed

A litany for the church, presented by ScripturePrayers.com.

This exercise is offered as a way to engage with these ancient words of our faith whose meaning can sometimes be lost in repetition. As many of us recite the Nicene Creed weekly in worship there's a danger that the words will become more just sounds and muscle memory than an exercise of the heart and faith. This litany was written for use in worship and as a personal devotion, with the intent to focus us on the meaning and impact of the words in daily life, both for repentance and renewal.

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CELEBRANT & PEOPLE ALL TOGETHER:

*In faith that something bigger and better
than the mess of our anger, fear and shame
can be realized when we turn to the God who is Love...*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

*Recognizing that the image of our loving God
is stamped upon all the people of this world,
we embrace our neighbors and commit to loving them as...*

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

*In the hope that God will never abandon us in our failure,
even though we so often choose hate over love and anger over peace;
after all we've gotten wrong, we hold to the Good News that...*

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

*And so that we would never doubt that Love truly wins,
that the path of loving God and loving our neighbor
is the foundation, the way and the destination of our life...*

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

*Recognizing our need for God to guide us and enliven us,
we are sincerely sorry for our failing to love as we are loved,
and we beg for God to inhabit our hearts and minds as today...*

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

*And finally, we renew our commitment to one another in God's family,
finding our strength in the promise that this family will have no end,
and that in this sharing God will bring down every division between us, for...*

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

*And the church says it again and again: **Amen, amen and amen!***

Citations:

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