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Manasseh king of Judah had snubbed the Lord's entreaties to righteousness while embracing and promoting polytheism. The Lord had responded by sending him into exile. During this dark time, Manasseh came to accept the evil of his ways. He bowed himself before the Lord and prayed for forgiveness:

O Lord Almighty, God of our ancestors, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you made heaven and earth and placed everything in its proper order. You are fearsome, powerful, and glorious. Yet your mercy is immeasurable, beyond human understanding. By your grace, O Lord, you offer even me the opportunity to turn from my sins and find salvation.

My sins are more numerous than the grains of sand on the seashore. I am an evil man. I'm not worthy of you, O Lord. I deserve the troubles I'm experiencing. For I have turned away from you and have worshiped false gods. I have even desecrated your Temple with idols.

And now I kneel before you, my heart kneels before you, begging for your kindness. I acknowledge my sins. Forgive me, Lord, forgive me. You, O Lord, are the God of those who repent. Unworthy as I am, I earnestly implore your forgiveness. Save me according to your great mercy, and I will praise you all the days of my life.

All the powers of heaven sing your praises, and yours is the glory forever and ever.

Amen