



WCF Prayer:

Chapter 8 - Of Christ The Mediator

O Lord Almighty, we pray in awe that in your eternal counsel it pleased you to set apart your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between yourself and all humanity. You determined that he would be the perfect Prophet, Priest, and King. What incomprehensible wisdom that He should be the Head and Saviour of His Church, the Heir of all creation, and the final Judge of the world!

By the sovereign grace of your eternal choice, you also decreed a people to be His own inheritance. Lord God, in your own perfect time, you redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified this people through the person of Jesus Christ, the Mediator.

We confess that only the Son of God, the second Person of the Trinity could suffice for this great office. We declare this truth because He alone is co-equal and co-eternal with you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, sharing the same divine substance.

Though this truth strains the limits of our minds, we rejoice to worship you as we are led to grasp that the eternal Son, at the fullness of time, took to Himself a human nature. We know this nature to be fully human, embracing all the essential properties and frailties of humanity —yet entirely free from our sin.

What a divine enigma that at your chosen moment, He was conceived by the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. What amazing power and grace that He was not only God, but also one in substance with the very humanity of Mary.

This is mystery piled upon mystery: that from His conception, two perfect, distinct natures—the divine and the human were now inseparably, the one Person, Jesus Christ.

We humbly accept this truth, that although one Person, these two natures shall forever remain distinct. We know Lord God that the divine nature did not lessen or simply become human, nor were the two natures ever mingled or confused. They remained distinct so that He could perfectly execute the acts of each nature. In this marvellous reality, we worship Jesus, whose two natures abide without conversion, composition, or confusion.

We confess Jesus Christ to be very God and very man, and therefore, the only rightful Mediator between the Creator and the creature.

Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that your Word testifies to you being sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond measure. We praise you, Holy Spirit, that by your dwelling upon Jesus the Mediator, you were to Him the inexhaustible treasure house of wisdom and knowledge and that it pleased the Father that all your fullness should reside in Christ.

Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we worship you in the assurance that our Mediator, Jesus Christ —holy, blameless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth—was perfectly equipped to discharge the office of Mediator and become the unfailing certainty of our salvation.

We know, Lord Jesus that this servant role was not grasped by your own hand, but you were commissioned to it by God the Father. Saviour, He entrusted all power and judgment into your authority and commanded you to execute this might and justice.

Lord Jesus, we worship you because you embraced this mission willingly and executed that duty in flawless accord with the Law of God. We know that in this perfect obedience, you willingly bore terrible anguish in your soul and the most excruciating suffering in your body.

We are humbled by the knowledge that in completing your calling, you gave yourself to be crucified to death, were laid in the tomb dead and allowed yourself to be held under the power of death.

Yet, praise to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for that dead body of Jesus knew no corruption and on the third day was raised from the dead!

Lord Jesus, you reveal that you ascended from the grave with the same body in which you suffered. And, you reveal further that with that resurrected body you ascended into the heavens where you now sit in majesty at the right hand of the Father.

As Mediator in that ascended state, you unceasingly intercede for your people and will one day return in glory to judge all creation, both men and angels.

Thank you, Father that the Lord Jesus, through the eternal Spirit, offered up His perfect obedience and sacrifice to you. We pray in confidence that He needed to do this only once and in that single, ultimate sacrifice, He fully satisfied your perfect justice, securing not only reconciliation for all you have given Him but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for them.

We acknowledge that though Christ did not effect the work of redemption until after His Incarnation, the vitality and power of it—the benefits of that redemption—were nonetheless communicated to the elect in all ages, flowing forth from the world's very beginning.

We recognize this redemption was made known before Jesus through the prophecies, foreshadowings and sacrifices in which He was revealed as the Seed of the woman. We praise you that our Mediator, Jesus Christ, was the one who would crush the serpent's head as the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world—Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Lord Jesus, we know that while you brought salvation through your two distinct natures, your Word attributes that entire work of redemption to the one Person, Jesus Christ. Lord, you are and will always be one Person with two natures.

What firm certainty and bedrock assurance you grant to those for whom you purchased redemption!

We are sure that this redemption you have won you will powerfully apply and communicate to all your people. And we praise you that even now you continually intercede for your redeemed and reveal presently the mysteries of salvation through your Holy Word.

We praise You, Lord Almighty, that your Holy Spirit effectually draws and persuades your people to believe and obey the Gospel. Thank you, living God that you rule the hearts of your people by your Spirit acting through your Word. We praise you that as you do this, you enable us to conquer all the enemies of your Son by your almighty power and wisdom in a way that perfectly accords with your wonderful and unsearchable will.