

Statement of Faith
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I believe in God the Father, Creator of the Universe and everything in it. I believe that He is my heavenly Father and as such He will always protect, defend, shield, comfort, nourish, strengthen, bless, hold, discipline, love, and give me the best, whether I like it or not.

I believe that He created for mankind a beautiful paradise, to live in and have dominion over. If this were not more than enough, He also gave us a gift that shows His Infinite love: Free Will.

However in an act of complete disobedience, this gift was abused—therefore making us fall short of the glory of God.

I believe that God gave us a bridge over the Abyss of Sin to His Amazing redemption: His only Son Jesus Christ. I believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

I believe that for the redemption of me and of all mankind, that he suffered unimaginable agony by torture, and then death on a Cross. Yet even during the worst he forgave his persecutors.

I believe that this was not the end, but that He victoriously descended into Hell. And that after three days He rose from the dead both in spirit and in body.

I believe that, after forty days more with us, He ascended back into Heaven and sits even now at the right hand of the Father.

I believe that, shortly after Christ's Ascension, the Holy Spirit came to be with us. I believe He lives in the hearts and minds of all true believers. And I believe that He is calling me to accept this faith.

I believe in the Holy Christian Church, God's gathering of believers both here on Earth and in Heaven. I believe the Church is the communion of Holy Saints, both famous and unheard of.

I believe that I am God's Daughter, through the Blood and the Grace of His Son Jesus Christ, and through the Waters of Holy Baptism. And I believe that I, and all true believers, will one day join Him in Heaven.