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Thou art Jesus, the Son of the Father, Yea, Amen.
Thou art He who commandeth the Cherubim and the Seraphim, Yea, Amen.
Thou hast existed with the Father in truth always, Yea. Amen.
Thou rulest the Angels, Yea, Amen.
Thou art the power of the Heavens, Yea, Amen.
Thou art the crown of the Martyrs, Yea, Amen.
Thou art the deep counsel of the Saints, Yea, Amen.
Thou art He in whom the deep counsel of the Father is hidden, Yea, Amen.
Thou art the mouth of the Prophets, Yea, Amen.
Thou art the tongue of the Angels, Yea, Amen.
Thou art Jesus my Life, Yea, Amen.
Thou art Jesus the object and boast of the world, Yea, Amen.

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St. Athanasius, born of a noble Christian family in Alexandria, you received a classical education and excelled in all your studies. You were mentored under the Bishop of Alexandria and succeeded him upon his death. At the time of your election, Christianity was infected with the heresy of Arianism. You vigorously defended the faith and earned the title 'Father of Orthodoxy'. As bishop you were bitterly persecuted for your staunch faith and exiled eleven times from your diocese. You used your exile to write, and your work also led you to become a Doctor of the Church. You were a participant in the council of Nicaea and contributed greatly to the formulation of the Nicene Creed.

St. Athanasius, you stayed with St. Anthony of Egypt for a time and wrote a biography of his life, which helped form Western monasticism. Pray for all our religious today, that they would continue their life of prayer and sacrifice for the sake of serving our Lord. St. Athanasius, you defended our faith though you were heavily opposed by most bishops and secular leaders. Pray for our pope, bishops, and clergy to uphold the Church against the relativism, indifference, and confusion that reigns today. St. Athanasius, you held that Jesus was the Son of God, second Person in the Trinity, consubstan-

tial to the Father; pray to the Trinity on our behalf for the petitions we put before you today (name them). Amen.

Prayer of St. Athanasius of Alexandria to Mother Mary

It becomes you to be mindful of us, as you stand near Him who granted you all graces, for you are the Mother of God and our Queen. Help us for the sake of the King, the Lord God and Master who was born of you. For this reason, you are called full of grace. Remember us, most holy Virgin, and bestow on us gifts from the riches of your graces, Virgin full of graces. Amen.