

CASSIAN'S NINTH CONFERENCE ON PRAYER: COMPUNCTION

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We stand struck by compunction
An abundance of sorrow
As we pour out desire
To the one Who's adored.
Our bones pierced by the prayer
Of unutterable tones in the Spirit alone.

The mere moment of our lives
That we hear in the song—it's gone.
Fear for the time that begins to unfold.
We turn close to our cries
In our words untold
As tears flow from our eyes
Up to heaven for home.

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