

Gloria Dei vivens homo; vita hominis visio Dei.

The glory of God is the human being fully alive; the life of the human being is the vision of God. (A.H. IV 20, 7)

Gloria hominis, Deus; operatio vero Dei, et omnis sapientiæ eius, et virtutem receptaculum, homo.

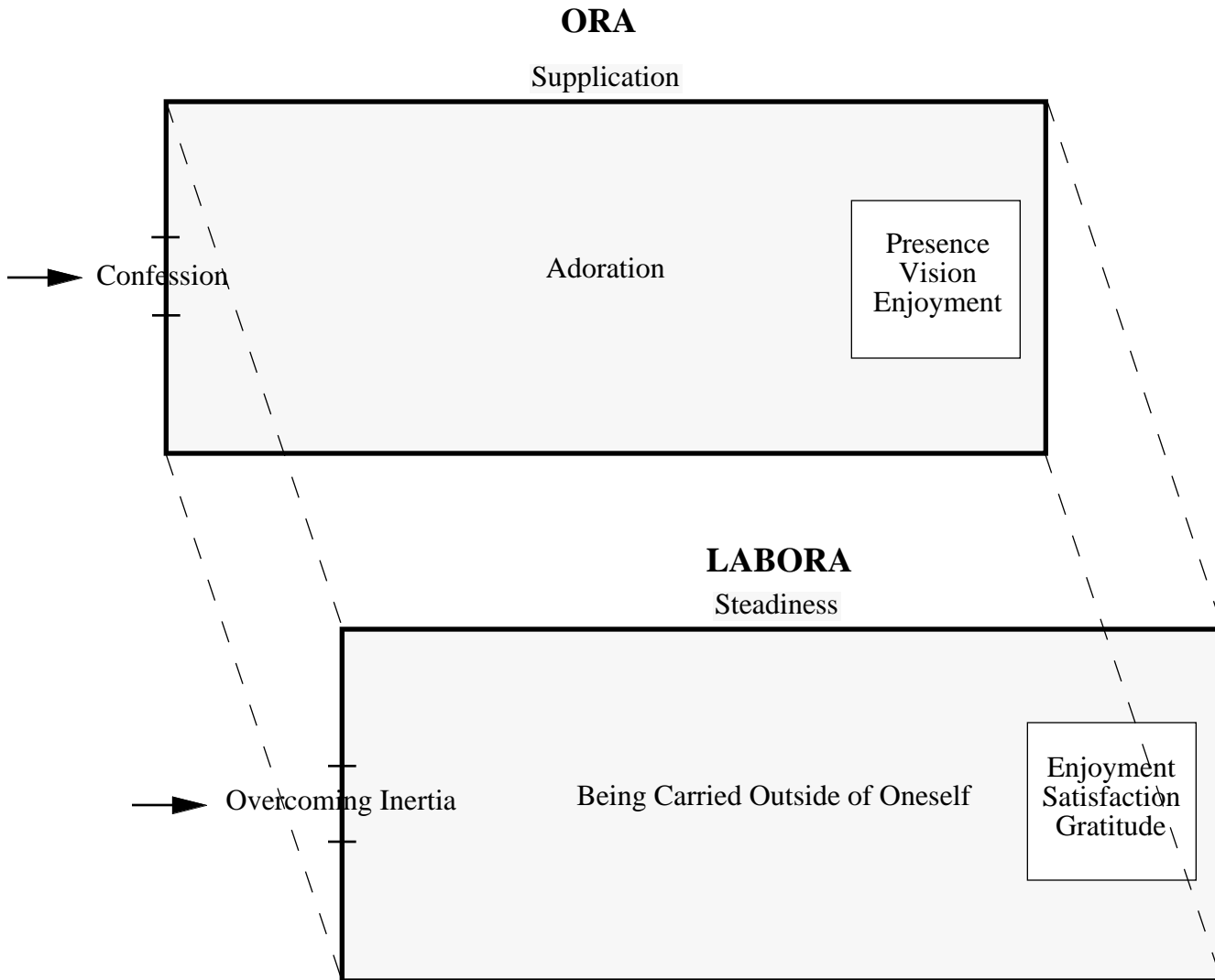
The glory of the human being is God;

the work of God—and the receptacle of all God’s wisdom and power—is the human being. (A.H. III 20, 2)

St. Irenæus † 200

Prayer and Work as Holy Places

What do prayer and work accomplish? As kinds of efficient causality, we use them to carry the world forward and to let it go into the hands of the God who saves.



In prayer God shows Himself to us and gets us ready to show us to ourselves by helping us become a self.
In work God shows His creating and creation to us and helps us give ourselves as generously to each other.