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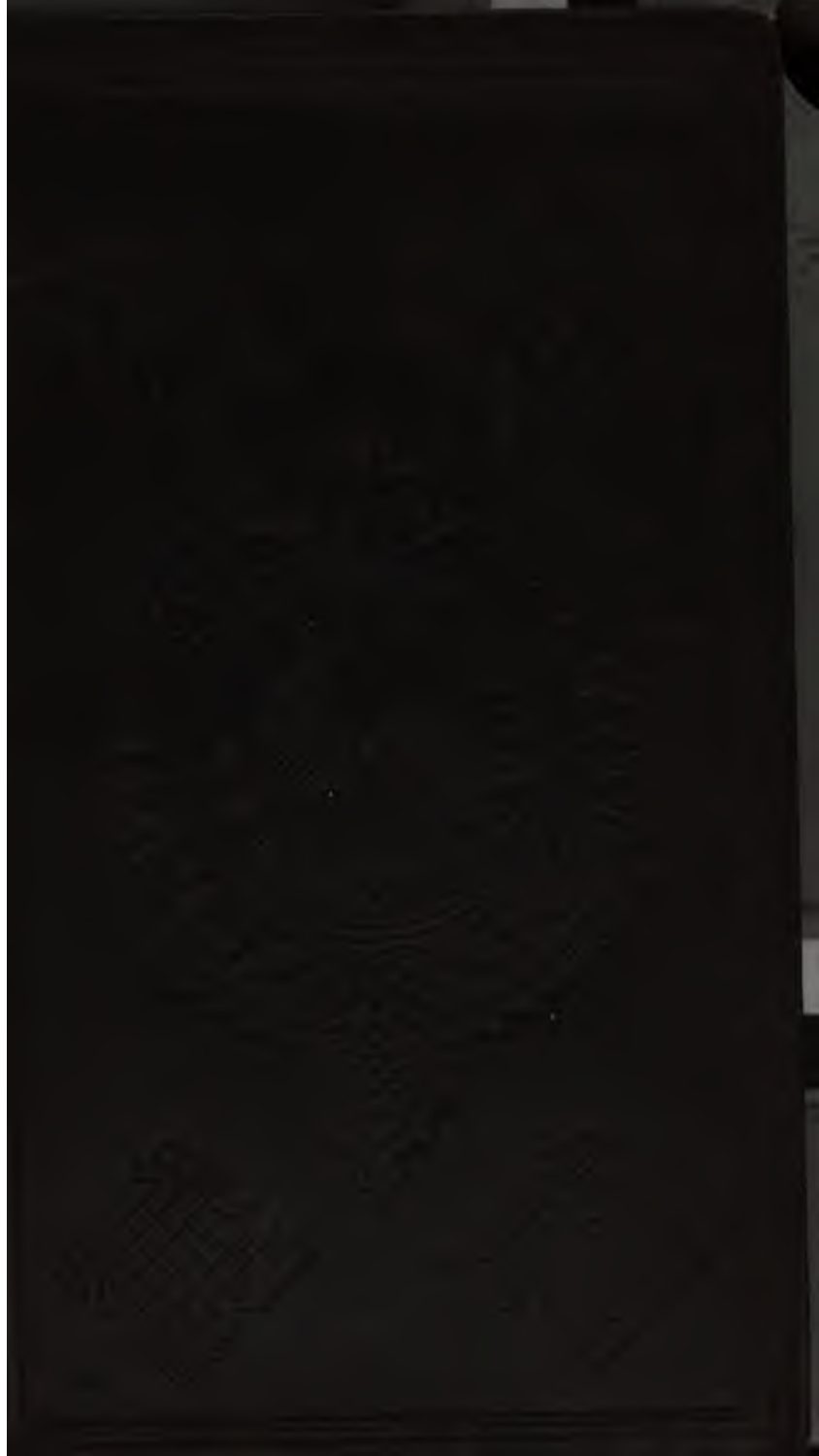
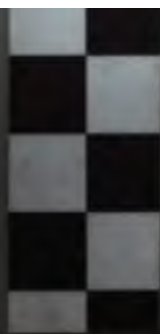
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P R E F A C E .

It has been the object of the compiler of this volume, to comprise in a small compass valuable portions of the devotional writings recognised as standard in the Church; to select the passages most fervent in spirit, chaste in language, and scriptural in sentiment; and thence to furnish a Manual adapted to the wants of the Christian community. In a great measure the selections for the Closet are from the works of BISHOPS ANDREWES, LAUD, TAYLOR, WILSON, and DEAN STANHOPE. Jenks' Devotions and the New Manual have supplied considerable portions. And although the necessity has been felt of abridging, and sometimes transposing them, the character of the original forms is not changed.

The *Offices for the Family*, are compiled principally from Cotterill's Prayers, from THE LITURGY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, and from the Prayers of Mr. Jenks, Rector of Harley, England. The CALENDAR is arranged on the plan of that in

“the Book of Common Prayer.” The passages of Scripture, prefixed to each Family Prayer, are sufficiently ample to furnish a satisfactory reference to scriptural authority upon most of the Christian doctrines and relative duties. These, however, are not designed to prevent a systematic resort to the CAL-
ENDAR, but to facilitate, under all circumstances, the reading a portion of “the Word” with other exercises of social worship. Some of the Offices for Families may be deemed too long for particular occasions. But it was judged expedient to provide ample and comprehensive forms, leaving it to the discretion of the Reader, *by the omission of one or more of the paragraphs enclosed in brackets*, to adapt the office to existing circumstances.

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MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap	Verse.	Book.	Chap	Verse.
1	Psalm.	90		2 Peter.	3	
2	Genesis.	1		Luke.	2	to 41
3		3		Matthew.	2	
4		4	3 to 16		3	
5		6			4	
6		7			5	to 31
7		8			5	fr. 33
8		11	to 10		6	to 19
9		12			6	fr. 19
10		15	to 19		7	
11		21	to 22		8	
12		22	to 20		9	
13		24			10	to 24
14		27			10	fr. 24
15		28			11	
16		31	to 35		12	to 24
17		32			12	fr. 24
18		37			13	to 31
19		40			13	fr. 31
20		41			14	to 22
21		42			14	fr. 22
22		43			15	fr. 21
23		45			16	
24		49			17	
25		50			18	to 21
26	Exodus.	1	to 15		18	fr. 21
27		2			19	fr. 13
28		3			20	
29		4	to 18		21	to 23
30		5			21	fr. 23
31		6	to 14		22	to 23

FEBRUARY.						
MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Exodus.	7		Matthew.	22	fr. 23
2		8			23	
3		9			24	to 29
4		10			24	fr. 29
5		11			25	to 31
6		12	fr. 21		25	fr. 31
7		14	fr. 5		26	to 36
8		15			26	fr. 36 to 57.
9		16			26	fr. 57
10		17			27	to 32
11		18			27	fr. 32
12		19	fr. 16		28	
13		20	to 22	Acts.	1	
14		23	fr. 20		2	
15		32			3	
16		34	to 15		5	
17		40			6	
18	Leviticus.	9			7	to 37
19		10	to 12		7	fr. 37
20	Numbers.	3	to 17		8	
21		11	to 24		9	
22		11	fr. 24		10	to 34
23		12			10	fr. 34
24		14	to 26		12	
25		14	fr. 26		13	to 14
26		16	to 36		13	fr. 14
27		16	fr. 36		14	
28		17			15	
29		18			16	

MARCH.						
MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Numbers.	20		Acts.	17	
2		21			18	
3		22			19	
4		23			20	
5		24			21	
6		27			22	
7		32	to 34		23	
8		35			24	
9		36			25	
10	Deuteron.	1	to 19		26	
11		1	fr. 19		27	
12		2	to 26		28	
13		2	fr. 26	Romans.	1	to 26
14		3			2	
15		4	to 25		3	
16		4	fr. 25 to 43.		4	
17		5	to 22		5	
18		5	fr. 22		6	
19		6			7	
20		7			8	
21		8			9	
22		9			10	
23		10			11	
24		11			12	
25		12			13	
26		13			14	
27		15			15	
28		16			16	fr. 17
29		17		St. Mark.	1	
30		18			2	
31		26			3	

APRIL.						
MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Deuteron.	30		St. Mark.	4	
2		32	to 30		5	
3		32	fr. 30		6	to 31
4		33			6	fr. 31
5		34			7	
6	Joshua.	1			8	
7		2			9	to 30
8		3			9	fr. 30
9		4			10	to 32
10		6			10	fr. 32
11		7			11	
12		9			12	to 28
13		14			12	fr. 28
14		24			13	
15	Judges.	2	fr. 11		14	to 32
16		3			14	fr. 32
17		4			15	to 33
18		5			15	fr. 33
19		6	to 25		16	
20		6	fr. 25	1st Cor.	1	
21		7			2	
22		11	to 29		3	
23		11	fr. 29		4	
24		13			5	
25		14			6	
26		15			8	
27		16			9	
28	Ruth.	1			10	
29		2			11	fr. 17
30		3			12	

MAY.						
MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Ruth.	4		1st Cor.	13	
2	1st Sam.	1			14	to 20
3		2	to 22		14	fr. 20
4		2	fr. 27		15	to 29
5		3			15	fr. 29
6		4	to 19		16	
7		5		2d Cor.	1	
8		6			2	
9		8			3	
10		9			4	
11		10			5	
12		12			6	
13		13			7	
14		14	to 24		8	
15		14	fr. 24 to 47		9	
16		15			10	
17		16			11	
18		17	to 30		12	
19		17	fr. 30		13	
20		19		Gal.	1	
21		20	to 24		2	
22		20	fr. 24		3	
23		24			4	
24		28			5	
25		31			6	
26	2d Sam.	1		Eph.	1	
27		2			2	
28		6			3	
29		7			4	
30		12	to 24		5	
31		15			6	

JUNE.						
MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	2d Sam.	18		Phill.	1	
2		19	to 31		2	
3		22			3	
4		23	to 24		4	
5		24		Collos.	1	
6	1 Kings.	1	fr. 5		2	
7		2	to 26		3	
8		3	fr. 5		4	
9		5		St. Luke.	1	fr. 46
10		8	to 22		2	to 25
11		8	fr. 22 to 62		2	fr. 25
12		9			3	to 24
13		10			4	to 33
14		11	fr. 6		4	fr. 33
15		12			5	to 27
16		14			5	fr. 27
17		17			6	to 27
18		18	fr. 17		6	fr. 27
19		21			7	to 24
20	2 Kings.	2			7	fr. 24
21		4			8	to 37
22		5			8	fr. 37
23		6			9	to 37
24		7			9	fr. 37
25		8	to 16		10	to 21
26		19	fr. 5		10	fr. 21
27	1 Chron.	16			11	to 29
28	2 Chron.	1			11	fr. 29
29	Ezra.	1			12	to 41
30		3			12	fr. 41

JULY.						
MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap	Verse.	Book.	Chap	Verse.
1	Ezra.	4		St. Luke.	13	to 18
2		6			13	fr. 18
3		7			14	
4	Nehem.	1			15	
5		2			16	to 18
6		4			16	fr. 19
7		6			17	to 20
8		8			17	fr. 20
9		13			18	to 18
10	Esther.	1			18	fr. 18
11		2			19	to 28
12		3			19	fr. 28
13		4			20	to 27
14		5			21	
15		6			22	to 35
16		7			22	fr. 35
17	Job.	1			23	to 33
18		2			23	fr. 33
19		4			24	to 28
20		5			24	fr. 28
21		8		1st Thes.	1	
22		11			2	
23		14			3	
24		18			4	
25		21			5	
26		22		2d Thes.	1	
27		25-6			2	
28		33			3	
29		38		1 Tim.	1	
30		40			2	
31		42			3	

CALENDAR.

AUGUST.

MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Psalms.	8		1 Tim.	4	
2		15		5	5	
3		18	to 32	6	6	
4		19		1	1	
5		23		2	2	
6		24		3	3	
7		27		4	4	
8		32		1	1	
9		34		2	2	
10		40		3	3	
11		46				
12		51		Phil	1	
13		63		Heb.	2	
14		72			3	
15		77			4	
16		90			5	
17		91			6	
18		103			7	
19		104			8	
20		130			9	
21		139			10	to 19
22		144			10	fr. 19
23		145			11	to 17
24		147			11	fr. 17
25	Proverbs	2			12	
26		6	to 24	St. James	13	
27		10			1	
28		11			2	
29		12			3	
30		15			4	
31		22			5	

SEPTEMBER.						
MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Proverbs	28		1 Peter.	1	
2		29			2	
3	Eccles.	2			3	
4		5			4	
5		6			5	
6		7		2 Peter.	1	
7		8			2	
8		11			3	
9		12		Gos. John.	1	to 29
10	Isaiah.	1	to 21		2	
11		2			3	
12		5	to 25		4	to 31
13		9			4	fr. 31
14		11			5	to 24
15		14	to 24		5	fr. 24
16		17			6	to 41
17		24			6	fr. 41
18		25			7	to 31
19		26	to 17		7	fr. 31
20		28	to 23		8	to 31
21		29			8	fr. 31
22		30	to 22		9	
23		32			10	
24		33			11	to 47
25		35			11	fr. 47
26		36			12	to 20
27		37	to 15		12	fr. 20
28		37	fr. 14		13	
29		38			14	
30		39			15	

OCTOBER.

MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Isaiah.	40		Gos. John	16	to 17
2		41			16	fr. 17
3		42			17	
4		43			18	to 19
5		44			18	fr. 19
6		45			19	to 23
7		48			19	fr. 23
8		49			20	
9		50			21	
10		51		1 John.	1	
11		52			2	
12		53			3	
13		54			4	
14		55			5	
15		57		2 John.	—	
16		58		3 John.	—	
17		59		Acts.	1	
18		60			2	to 22
19		61			2	fr. 22
20		62			3	
21		63			4	
22		64			5	to 17
23		65			5	fr. 17
24		66	to 17		6	
25	Jeremiah	1			7	to 30
26		2	to 31		7	fr. 29
27		5			8	to 26
28		7			8	fr. 26
29		9			9	to 23
30		10			9	fr. 23
31		14			10	to 24

NOVEMBER.

MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Jeremiah	17		Acts.	10	fr. 24
2		18			11	
3		22	to 20		12	
4		23	to 33		13	to 14
5		25	to 15		13	fr. 14
6		30	fr. 10		14	
7		33			15	to 13
8		35			15	fr. 13
9		36			16	to 16
10		37			16	fr. 16
11		38			17	to 16
12		39			17	fr. 16
13		42			18	
14		44			19	to 21
15		52	to 18		19	fr. 21
16	Lamen.	1	to 17		20	to 17
17		3	fr. 22 to 51		20	fr. 17
18	Ezekiel.	6			21	to 27
19		13			21	fr. 27
20		14			22	
21		33	to 21		23	
22		34			24	
23	Daniel.	1			25	
24		2			26	
25		3			27	
26		4			28	
27		5		St. Jude.	—	
28		6		Rev.	1	
29		9			2	
30		12			3	

DECEMBER.						
MORNING.				EVENING.		
Day.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.	Book.	Chap.	Verse.
1	Hosea.	7		Rev.	4	
2		10			5	
3		11			6	
4		13	to 16		7	fr. 9
5		14			8	
6	Joel.	1			9	
7		2	to 20		10	
8		2	fr. 21		11	
9	Amos.	4			12	
10		8	fr. 4		13	
11		9			14	
12	Obadiah.	—	to 19		15	
13	Jonah.	1			16	
14		2			17	
15		3 & 4			18	
16	Micah.	4			19	
17		5			20	
18		6			21	
19		7			22	
20	Nahum.	1		Prov.	3	
21	Habak.	1			5	
22		3			8	
23	Zephan.	3			13	
24	Haggai.	1			16	
25		2			17	
26	Zechar.	8			19	
27		13			21	
28	Malachi.	1			22	
29		2			27	
30		3			30	
31		4			31	



ADDRESS

TO THE

HEADS OF FAMILIES.

OUR Saviour's words, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," both contain an explicit and gracious promise, and disclose a principle which governs many of the divine proceedings towards us. It appears that there is a peculiar manner in which the Incomprehensible, Illimitable, Soul of the universe, is present in certain places. And as we may conceive that in his boundless dominion, there is a presence chamber, where rays of his glory and majesty are disclosed, to the adoration of the heavenly hierarchy; as in the temple of Solomon there was behind the veil, a most holy sanctuary, where his presence was signally manifested; as he was revealed to Moses in a lambent flame out of a bush, and to the Israelites in the wilderness in the pillar of a cloud; so, for similar purposes of condescending mercy, does the Saviour

still promise to be, in a peculiar sense, present with his people upon the earth. In all those cases before named, the visible disclosure of his majesty to the senses, was not the most important part of the divine arrangement. There was a gracious design thus indicated. And in the benefit of such a design we now participate. The faith of a martyr, and the rapt devotion of a seraph, when only breathed out in the privacy of one's own closet, can exert no direct hallowing influence upon society, nor contribute to extend and exalt Jehovah's moral dominion. While then with infinite tenderness and condescension, he meets with us in our lonely walks, and communes with us in a secret chamber, and acknowledges his presence with the devout spirit every where, by a still, small voice in the conscience, he has proclaimed that public homage, united acts of worship, offerings placed upon an altar, are not only peculiarly acceptable to him, but are entitled to the utmost assurance of a gracious recompense. "If two of you," said the Redeemer, "shall agree on earth touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." To obtain this privilege, however, we must minister in his name; having boldness of access to mercy-seat only through his atonement; expecting grace and bounty only through his intercession; feeling in every approach to the throne of our Father, even with an offering of praise, the

his office and mediation alone which can procure for creatures so guilty an answer of peace. However small and obscure the number of worshippers may be, who, with this reliance upon Christ as their mediator, unitedly acknowledge his sovereignty, they possess as solemn an assurance of his presence in the midst of them, and of all the privileges to be derived from it, as if they were mingling in the great assembly before his altar. Such is the foundation which a single promise affords for the exercises whose nature and importance I am about to recommend. By social worship God is most honored. And therefore to social worship he has made peculiar promises.

Religion is the living, practical power of a knowledge of God, exerted upon the heart and conduct. But by Family Religion is commonly intended, all the devout means usually employed in a household, to disseminate and cherish that power. Among these, the careful and judicious exhibition of Christian principles, by the parent and master, in the government of his own conduct, is of great moment. For though the young and ignorant may fail to discover the wisdom of some sound maxims, and the beauty of some pure principles, they never fail to detect and feel the absence of consistency in their elders and superiors. They may yield to authority, and admire the attainments of age, and love the hand and the office which provides for them : but *they conform themselves to the*

examples that surround them. The fixed and uniform habit of pointing out the moral bearing of passing events, however trivial; the discussion of Christian truths at proper seasons: and the familiar, inartificial allusion to them whenever occasion arises, or may be created, as to matters always prominent and interesting—this is another—most important branch of Family Religion. Nothing is more indefensible than the position that the sanctity of religion is impaired by familiar discussion of its truths. Every where it is our highest duty and interest. Every where we are guilty, perishing creatures. Every where God is present and scrutinizing the heart for judgment. And although there are times and seasons peculiarly appropriate, or otherwise, for every purpose, yet whatever engagements, or society, would render conversation on religious topics a desecration of them, implies something criminal in the engagement. A scrupulous observance in the household of the sanctity of the Lord's day, and a quiet devotion of the evening of it to closet and family worship; with the firm and conscientious exertion of all the authority which our various relationships impart, to maintain in every bosom a sense of accountability to God; these belong also inseparably to the duty before us. But the obligations upon which I would particularly insist at this time, are those stated and formal exercises, morning and evening prayer in a family, accompanied whenever at all practicable, by the

reading of the Scripture; the invocation of a blessing upon our meals, with a thankful acknowledgment after them of God's good providence; the instruction of children in the Catechism; and, where circumstances will permit, the instruction of servants in the principles of Christianity; to these the promise of the Saviour literally applies. And although they are quiet, unobtrusive duties, attended in general with but little excitement, the satisfaction which they do afford is pure, and the benefit inestimable and lasting. And where they fail, or seem for a season to have failed—as I frankly acknowledge that the utmost diligence and conscientiousness, through singular obstacles, sometimes will—they leave us, notwithstanding, the most powerful mitigation of the trial, a conscience void of self-reproach. Exercises so comprehensive, and which are to accompany us through every period of life, from infancy to the grave, must be attended with singular advantages. This point is worthy of candid and devout attention.

Our performance of such a duty could not be impaired without its effect being felt on the moral condition of society. May not the neglect of family religion, solve the problem, often proposed as a perplexing one, to reconcile a recent great augmentation of knowledge, and zeal, and instruments, in behalf of morals, with as obvious an increase in this country, of vice, insubordination, and practical infidelity? In that early period of the world, the

purest and happiest, when there was no magistrate, no legislator, no collegiate chair, no priest, the whole weight and exercise of every species of office and authority concentrated in the venerable patriarchs of our race. Now such a period of primitive simplicity and peace, God gives, or would virtually give, to each individual among us, at an age when the character is as pure and unsophisticated as were mankind in the infancy of the world. But it is a season of tremendous risk and peril. For it is obvious, that if the individual, thus clothed at the same moment, with every sacred responsibility, should prove slothful, incompetent, or treacherous to his offspring, the detriment to the little domestic community must be wide and lasting. I cannot doubt that a mistaken, or unfaithful discharge of the religious duties of the parent, is the most prolific source of vice and wretchedness upon the earth. Who will dispute, that if the foundation be dispensed with, or carelessly laid, the moral superstructure must be liable to be insecure and perishable? Who will dispute, that if the distorted sapling be not trained and pruned by a careful hand, its defects must, after a few summers, be irremediable? Who will deny, that if the human heart, at any period of life, be not supplied with principles and renewed impulses, which God in his love and wisdom has designed and revealed for us, the world, the flesh, and the devil, will take a possession, and exert a transforming sway, which

every holy agency may afterwards fail, or find it difficult, to displace? And yet, plain as such truths are, there are multitudes of good people, who, night after night, will throng the various places of Christian resort, while the little children, at an age sacred in its simplicity and tenderness, are left to be sometimes corrupted by servants; trained—yes, trained and instructed—in superstition and fanaticism by nurses; or, at the best, left without that intellectual and moral development, which naught so well as a parent's instinctive love and wisdom can supply. It may be an easy and a pleasant thing to lounge through an evening in an assembly, where some topic of popular charity, some vast and dazzling enterprise for the amelioration of the nations of the globe, or some appeal to the devout sensibilities of our own hearts, has derived a new exciting power, from the brilliancy of the scene. But on returning to the dull and monotonous duties of home, (for so contrast will be liable to make them appear,) it may be well calmly to inquire whether all that entertainment necessarily partakes of the character of religion; and whether the risk to the morals of children, to the faithfulness and integrity of domestics, to the quiet enjoyments of the parlor, and, as a consequence of such results, whether the peril to the future prosperity of the household, is well repaid by the indolent gratification of listening to the itinerant harangues, which the spirit and countless enterprises of the age, are

perpetually calling forth. We may hear sacred lectures and appeals, until we forget that such is not the work of salvation. We may hear lectures and expositions of Scripture, until the ceaseless stream of arguments, and metaphors, seems to have carried away all the good soil from the heart, leaving no depository for the seed of divine truth, but a barren sand, which can return no fruit to the husbandman. "Be ye doers of the word," said our Lord, "and not hearers only, deceiving your own souls."

There may be those present with whose previous views of this particular point such observations coincide; and who may suppose that they have, herein, a warrant and confirmation of hostility to all such means of recommending and sustaining Christian charities, and Christian worship. But let it be remembered, that the objection urged, is not generally against the objects and schemes to be patronized, but to the *abuse* of the means of their support: that if there be some alloy mingled with the good effects of these Christian associations, the purpose is still a holy one, and, to a portion of the community, the gratification often worthy and appropriate. And, on the other hand, the amusements of the worldling, while *they* involve all the sacrifice of domestic duties, which absorbing devotion to religious and charitable associations could occasion, are counterbalanced by none of its happy influences upon the cause of virtue and benevolence.

Let the worldling remember, that if the sacred claims of home, if the privileges and affections of the Christian parlor and nursery, are too precious to be made an offering upon the altar of an imposing philanthropy, much less may they be immolated to the demons, which under the guise of amusements and games, insidiously frustrate the purposes of God, and the purest enjoyments of man.

There are, however, some considerations which, if duly weighed, would seem irresistible in urging regard to family religion. It is an acceptable homage to God. Other, more public, social acts of devotion are also tributes to the glory of God; but they are subject to vicissitudes, to intermissions of days, and sometimes weeks; and the little child, and the aged man bowed down with infirmities and years, are alike excluded from the sacred privilege. But family worship is like the perpetual incense which Aaron burnt upon the altar overlaid with gold before the veil of the temple. For the Lord had said, "Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning, and when he lighteth the lamps at even, and it shall be a perpetual incense before the Lord, and I will meet with thee there."* Where can we find language to describe the moral beauty of the spectacle, if a whole people, or a thronged metropolis, or even some secluded hamlet, were, from *every* dwelling, morning or evening, to

* Exodus xxx. 7, 8.

send up the voice of prayer and praise? In looking down upon a world so checkered with sorrows, and changes, and disasters, and crimes, with what delight would the angels of God fix their gaze upon such a town, or hamlet, reposing in peace and hope beneath the outspread wings of a special providence; defended from many of the calamities into which blind unbelief, or prodigal pleasure and ambition, are sure to run; and exhibiting upon the earth an humble, but still animating illustration of the ceaseless worship of the heavenly courts! Which of you can be indifferent to the pleasure of contributing to such a spectacle? Is not praise the most ennobling as well as delightful of our occupations while absent from heaven? Is not prayer the key to all the priceless blessings in the treasury of Jehovah? Could the fountain of devout gratitude be opened day by day in the hearts of a whole household, without purifying and exalting them in the scale of the intelligent creation, and adding sensibly to the declarative glory of their Author?

But if there be any unmoved by the influence of family religion upon the glory of God, its great power to advance the best interests of society must be acknowledged by all. It is a source of substantial confidence and satisfaction to the followers of Christ, that they may uniformly appeal to the experience of mankind at large, and to the honest convictions and judgment of the most intelligent

men, for the wisdom of the principles and provisions of the Gospel. Now are there any present who are willing to see the institutions of religion extirpated from society, or esteemed merely as instruments of human policy? Are there any who would have faith in Christ, and regard to a future state of rewards and punishment, discarded from the motives of all classes and ages; and the rules of conduct which we have in the Gospel, with its guide to the affections, and its consolation in sorrow and in death, all renounced, as a system of delusion and fanaticism, while the whole mass of society was left to the unrestrained development and guidance of their natural passions? I appeal to the individual, whoever he may be, who feels that he is at this time farthest from entering upon the devout exercises that I am recommending, and who would blush to be found upon his knees, with his children around him, and Christ—according to his sure promise—in the midst, are you prepared to take the consequences for a single twelvemonth, of abolishing Sabbaths, rooting out the knowledge of the Bible, and banishing worship and religion from the public mind? Should we not speedily return to a condition worse than that of barbarians? Now family religion is the basis of national morals and religion. As the properties of the stateliest tree, which, through the storms of a century, has overshadowed the other children of the forest, were notwithstanding once all shut up in the minute

acorn, and then developed to the microscopic eye in a tender germ, so all government, and all fear, and all love, and all the means of nurturing, and strengthening, and ripening us for immortality, are comprehended in the discipline and exercises of a Christian household. Here the originally impetuous character must be taught to distrust its own first convictions; to subject its will to the law of another; to secure its most important interests by the compromise which takes care of the interests of others; to recognize grades and stations in the world; and to cherish that spirit of subordination which is essential to the peace and security of communities and nations. This is the training which is indispensable, under most circumstances, to make a *good citizen*. And if religion be *thus* necessary, it is obligatory upon *all*. As justly might one man require, or expect it of his neighbors, to pay his taxes for him, or to render for him any other duty which he owes to the protection and support of government, as to require that they should be careful in rearing their young in principles of subordination and true patriotism, while *he* may allow his own household to grow up pests and scourges in society. There is no resting place for a consistent rational man, who would not have the knowledge and worship of Almighty God banished from the land, short of setting up, under his own roof, an altar, and a daily sacrifice there. And there can be no positive difficulty in the discharge of the

duty, for almost every street in every town can supply volumes of devotion and instruction in ample variety.

But, lastly, if there be any one equally devoid of concern for the glory of God, and for the well-being of society, can there be any dead to the appeal which the dependence of his own children, and their unformed character, and their whole future destiny yet in his hands, make to him, thus to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord! Your own experience must long since have taught you, that after all that can be purchased by toil and ambition, true happiness depends not upon professional success, however brilliant; is not to be found abroad in intercourse with a world, selfish, heartless, and ostentatious; nor in the more attractive amusements, which, changing with changing seasons, that world can afford; but must be looked for, and attained, if at all, in the society, and uniform habits, and amiable tempers, of a well ordered Christian family. And can there be any means more mighty, to bind together the affections of brethren and sisters, of parents and children, and to fill every heart in the sacred circle with a never dying love of each other, and of home, than this daily renewal at the footstool of Jehovah, of their united vows and prayers? Must not the act of social worship impose, throughout the household, a restraint upon evil tempers and habits, which solitary devotion might fail to produce?

Must not your sympathy in their work of salvation, animate and fortify them? Can there be any thing more calculated to transmit to the succeeding generation principles of virtue, which may thus secure to your children's children the rewards of faith?

Let not the gentleness of childhood combine with parental tenderness to deceive you, in regard to the necessity of such means. There is no circle so secluded that the enemy of God and man may not enter in; no young heart so pure that it may not be contaminated; no natural principles so sound that they may not be warped by the example, and vicissitudes, and trials of the world. And looking upon your offspring in all the freshness, and purity, and gladness, of infancy, ask yourself, where is the wretchedness, and guilt, so dark, and desperate, and abandoned, that they may not sink into it, unless they are made the adopted children of God, and early trained in his love, and faith, and fear? What know you of the vicissitudes and trials of principles which may attend their future path? Mark, as a wholesome study and admonition, the characters and habits of such young persons as appear to you threatened with dishonor and ruin. Imagine for a moment such to be eventually the description of your own offspring. See them vain, idle, dishonest, profligate, or victims of the diabolical arts of the gaming table. What could compensate you for such a calamity? Should you

once realize the existence of such sorrows, where is the estate so vast, what are the personal privileges so valuable, that you would not gladly sacrifice them all for the redemption of your child from threatened ruin? Out of the abodes of eternal despair, can there be any anguish so insupportable, as a parent's secret conviction that the ruin of his child was the result of his own negligence, impiety, and sloth? What can you do, most effectually, to defend at the same time, your own soul from this unavailing bitterness, and your children from the destructive snares of their own hearts and of the world? Bestow upon them the privileges and the consolations of Family Religion. You have the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ himself, that if you bring them together in his name, he will be in the midst of them. Day by day does the Son of God solemnly propose to meet your assembled household; night after night to sprinkle their consciences, stained perhaps by the sinful vanities and passions of the world, with his atoning blood; morning after morning to renew their virtuous principles, to guide their fallible judgments, to ripen them more and more for his glory. And will you, Oh rash parent! Oh, soul, heedless of all the appeals of a fast coming eternity, will you assume the awful responsibility of denying your children this stated daily meeting, with their God and Saviour? Will you send them abroad into the world, to encounter perils, to employ talents, to

contend with lusts, and foes, and sorrows, and spirits accursed, without the seal on their foreheads, the hallowing love in their hearts, the guide for their steps, the helmet for their heads, which Christ would bestow upon them? They can pray, you may reply, without your aid, and in their own chamber. But, if not encouraged by your example, have you reason to believe that they will? If sanctioned by your real or apparent neglect, is it not almost certain that they will not? They owe to you the life *which may prove an everlasting curse*. Shall they not owe to you, also, the knowledge of a crucified Saviour, acquaintance with the words of eternal life, the nursing and training for immortality? Oh, Christian reader, they should be powerful arguments, mighty obstacles, to tempt you to discard all the benefits which would flow to your offspring from the exercises of Family Religion. But if I have failed to prevail with your understanding or conscience; if notwithstanding all that can be urged, that duty is to be neglected, strive to provide yourself now with some plea or refuge for the hour of retribution, which may not be far off. Imagine *now* what that plea will be. "It costs too much time, and trouble, and feeling," some reply, "to persevere in such a duty." And can a few minutes, morning and evening, be too great a price, at which to invite Christ into your little assembly, when you are *proud* to invite the *world* there, the heartless, deriding, thankless, though flattering

world; to invite them at the expense of ease, and gold, and many precious hours? At what a price do you procure for them all the vain accomplishments of the world? And is the cost of time and care only too great when it would engage for them all the benefits which Infinite Love could bestow? Can the cost be too much, that you may be enabled to say, by and by, as their characters are developing, I thank God for my children—I thank God for what they are, in their reverential tenderness for me; and for what they are in society and to their fellow-men! Can it cost too much to be warranted now in saying, I thank God for what I have reason to believe they will be under the changeless doom of the tribunal of Jesus Christ! Reader, should any one of the little flock perish, through your reluctance to consume some time, and incur some trouble in their behalf, count the cost of your consternation and despair, when you shall meet that impenitent child at the bar of God, an everlasting outcast from his love—about to be branded with his sentence of exterminating wrath.

Take care so to live with them, and so to pray for them, that gathering together once more in that fearful hour, from the East and from the West, wherever their destinies have carried them, you may find Christ, your Saviour, still in the midst of you, although then disclosed in all the majesty of his throne. Then might you almost forget for a



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moment, the ecstasy of your own redemption, in hearing HIM say to each one of them, from that throne, "well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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INTRODUCTORY PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most holy God, before whom the heavens which thou hast stretched out are not clean, and who dost humble thyself to accept the offering of all the blessed spirits which continually worship there, what can I bring into thy most awful presence? Thou knowest not only my wants, but my unworthiness and guilt; and the backwardness of my spirit to engage in these offices of prayer and praise is not hidden from thee. There is no life for my soul, unless it be united to Christ, to whom I cannot come except thou draw me: but thy promise is, whosoever cometh, I will in no wise cast out. O draw me then, most gracious Father, though I am far off, by the powerful influences of thy Holy Spirit; and unworthy as I am, accept me who would cast myself at the foot of thy mercy-seat. Give me such apprehensions of thy presence and observation, thy goodness and greatness, that my wandering thoughts may be fixed, my cold affections inflamed, my faith and hope invigorated, when I approach thee with the tribute of thanksgiving and praise. When I pray for temporal blessings and deliverances, may it be with an humble and submissive temper: and when for spiritual graces, I am wrestling with the angel of the covenant, may it be the language of my faith, I will not let thee go except thou bless me. Inspire me now with a deep veneration of thy majesty, of thine infinite perfections, of thy wonderful dispensations of old, and chasten my fear with an humble trust in thy promises. And while on earth I bow down in thy holy worship, do thou, O Lamb of God, seated at the right hand of the Father, by thy mighty intercession, through thy precious blood shedding, obtain for me an answer of mercy, the supply of my wants, and the life of my soul, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Ed.



COLLECTS

WHICH MAY BE ADDED TO EITHER OF THE PRAYERS FOR NOON
IF THE READER SHOULD PREFER TO USE IT AS A MORNING
OR EVENING PRAYER.

FOR THE MORNING.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast brought us safely to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same by thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR THIS :

O LORD, we humbly commend ourselves, and all that we love, or care for, to thy divine protection and blessing. Let thy gracious providence go with us, and defend us in all the transactions of the day, and let thy Holy Spirit guide, console, strengthen, and sanctify us; that our thoughts, words, and actions, may be acceptable in thy sight, through the merits and mediation of thy Son.

FOR THE EVENING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day, by thy great mercy defend us, from all perils and dangers of this night, and refresh our bodies with sleep, and our souls with the graces and consolations of thy Holy Spirit, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OR THIS :

WE beseech thee, O heavenly Father, to whom we owe all our past comforts and privileges, to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and calamities, and from the fear of them; and grant that we may enjoy such healthful and refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day, and for the renewed enjoyment of thy mercies, through the merits of thy Son.





FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

PSALM xxv. 10.—All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him, and he will show them his covenant.

EPH. i. 3.—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love.

PSALM lxxxiv. 4.—Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord is a sun and a shield: he will give grace and glory: and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

ISAIAH lvi. 7.—Them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for my house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

ISAIAH lii. 7.—How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth. Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice, with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

PSALM xcii. 13.—Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

PSALM xcv. 6. O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker: For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

GLORY be unto thee, O Father Almighty, through whose mercy the day-spring from on high hath again visited us, and the light of another Sabbath hath dawned upon our souls. What thanks and praise are due unto thee for calling off our thoughts and pursuits from this vain world, and for setting before us a happier and a better! Our song shall be always of thy loving-kindness, O Lord, and with our mouth we will daily show forth thy praise. We adore thy wisdom and power in the things thou hast made, and we acknowledge our dependence upon thee, and thy great goodness and bounty to us, and to all the world. We bless thee that thou didst so love the world, as to send thy Son Jesus Christ to redeem it. And we humbly thank thee for the graces and consolations of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. All thanks, and praise, and worship, be given to God the Father who

created us, to Jesus Christ who redeemed us, and to the Holy Ghost who sanctifieth us.

We look up unto thee, O Lord, from whom all good things do come; for thy blessing on this day, which thou hast hallowed for thyself. Grant that it may be a season of refreshing from thy presence; a day of merciful visitation to our souls. Shut out from our minds all worldly cares and thoughts; and fill us with all holy desires and meditations. Bless us, O Lord, with all spiritual blessings in Jesus Christ: bless us, we pray thee, in turning away every one of us from our iniquities. Wash us in the fountain of that blood which cleanseth from all sin. Clothe us with that robe of righteousness, which is, by faith of Jesus Christ, upon all them that believe.

Prepare us for the various duties which are now before us. Sanctify unto us thy appointed means of grace. Send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead us to thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacle. Thither may we go with joyful feet; waiting for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple; joining thy people in the praise that awaiteth thee there; praying unto thee in the Spirit; hearing and receiving thy word; and faithfully performing our vows. So may we give unto thee the honor that is due unto thy name, and worship before thee with holy worship. And wilt thou, O Lord, hear the voice of our humble petitions, when we cry unto thee, and lift up our hands towards thy mercy-seat.

Grant that we may improve not only the ordinances of thy temple, but every other advantage of this sacred day, to the purpose for which thou hast vouchsafed it. Help us carefully to examine our hearts and our ways, to search thy Scriptures, to meditate on thy glorious perfections, to talk of all thy wondrous works, and to prepare ourselves for thy everlasting kingdom.

[Here may be used a Collect for any Festival, or particular occasion, of a public or domestic nature.]

Shed abroad abundantly thy heavenly grace on all congregations of Christians; particularly on that which shall assemble with us in the same house of prayer. Awaken the careless; bind up the broken-hearted; strengthen the weak; and build up all thy servants in their most holy faith. And, since thou hast promised to be with thy ministering servants always, even unto the end of the world, we beseech thee plenteously to endue with heavenly gifts such as shall stand up in thy name this day; particularly *him* who is appointed to declare thy counsel unto us. May they preach with all earnestness, as those who stand between the living and the dead, and watch for souls, as they that must give account. Remember for good as many as through sickness, or other impediment, may be unable to attend the ordinances of thy house. Cause such as draw nigh unto thee with their lips, while their heart is far from thee, to feel that thou

regardest their prayers as an insult and provocation. Look in mercy upon all who have hitherto neglected thy Sabbaths. Teach them so to redeem the time which they have lost, that they may be numbered among thy true people. And grant that every return of this hallowed day may be the means of furthering thy glory, and the everlasting salvation of the souls of men, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Charles H. Lyle

Sunday Noon.

LUKE iv. 8.—Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

PSALM xxii. 27.—All the ends of the earth shall remember, and turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

PSALM lxxii. 8.—He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him. His name shall endure for ever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and all nations shall call him blessed.

PSALM cx. 3.—Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.

HEB. i. 6.—When he, (the Father,) bringeth in the first begotten into the world he saith, Let all the angels of God worship him. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever.

ISAIAH xlv. 21.—There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour. Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

PHIL. ii. 10.—At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

REV. vii. 9.—After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10.—And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

REV. v. 11.—And I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12.—Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

13.—And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY NOON, or any intermediate time of the day, when the family, or any two or three members of it, would engage in devotion.

O most blessed and gracious Lord our God, whose Almighty hand has brought us out of nothing, to what we are, to see the light, and enjoy the comforts of life; and whose free grace has called us

out of a state worse than nothing to the hope of thy glory;—we bless thy name, that thou hast conducted us safely through all the events and trials in our lives, to enjoy the privileges of this day; and that we have yet a day of grace wherein to see the things belonging to our peace. We bless thee that, consulting the good of our souls, as well as the glory of thy name, thou hast set apart this day for holy uses, to engage us to a solemn attendance upon the Lord. We bless thee that thou hast given us an understanding to know thee, and a heart to love thee; that we are capable of waiting upon thee in the duties of thy worship here, and of enjoying thy eternal glory and felicity hereafter. We bless thee for all opportunities and advantages which we have in working out our salvation; for thy word and sacraments; for the ministry of reconciliation; and for all other means of grace, and helps heaven-ward. But, above all, we bless Thee, we praise Thee, we worship Thee, for the gift of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, look down from heaven, the habitation of thy holiness, and behold with pity the remnant of thy heritage, who are yet upon our warfare and pilgrimage in this evil world. We are beset with many and mighty enemies of our souls, and groaning for deliverance from the bondage of corruption, that we may be brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God. How much higher might we have been in grace, and thy favor; how much

nearer to thee our God, and fitter for thy kingdom, had we faithfully improved those seasons and means of grace, which thou hast been pleased to afford us. But we have been cruel to our own souls, as well as rebellious against our Lord; many times frustrating the opportunities of appearing before thee; and shunning and neglecting the duties of thy holy service. And when we have consented to seek thy face, it has been with such coldness and distractions, that thou mightest justly reject our homage, and withhold the graces without which we must perish. O leave us not to the dulness and hardness, the vanity and deceitfulness of our depraved hearts: but show the power of thy grace, to bring and keep them in such a holy frame, that we may be fitter to attend upon thee, and may enjoy more of that heavenly communion, of which thou hast made us capable. O forgive our iniquities that separate between thee and our souls; and remember not the sins against us, which may justly provoke thee to hide thy face from us. But according to thy mercy, remember thou us, O Lord, and accept us, and our imperfect services, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Oh God, who searchest the heart, let us not serve thee of constraint, as if it were an irksome task; nor in formality and hypocrisy, to be esteemed righteous before men. Suffer us not to rest in any forms of godliness, denying the power thereof; nor take up with the name and profession of Chris-

tianity, but be swayed with its life, and power, and spirit: that the Gospel of our Lord, and the graces of the good Spirit of God, may shine forth in our lives, to the glory of our heavenly Father, and to the adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we occupy ourselves in exercises suited to the holy season, and not profane it to any vicious or vain purpose. But on the Lord's day, may we abound in the work of the Lord; and not do our own work, nor find our own pleasure, nor speak our own words; resting not only from all sinful ways, but also from our common labors; and so delighting ourselves in the Lord, that thou mayest give us the desires of our hearts.

[Here may be used a Collect for any Festival, or particular occasion, of a public or domestic nature.]

Bless us, our Father, and command a blessing upon all our pious designs and performances; and prosper the work of thy servants whom thou hast appointed to bless in thy name, and to break the bread of life; that they may speak thy word as they ought to speak, and give to every one his portion in due season. And grant, Lord, unto all the hearers of thy holy word, humble and teachable spirits, to receive thy truth in meekness, and in the love of it, so as to profit and grow by it. O do thou remove all the hindrances of our spiritual growth and improvement, that thy word may have free course, and be glorified among us. Make it

the power of God, to our conviction, edification, and comfort. O thou, that speakest to the heart and givest the increase, open our understandings to receive thy truth, both in the light, and in the love of it. May we so make it the rule of our life, that it may also be the ground of our hope, that we may have joy and peace in believing; we being not forgetful hearers, but faithful doers of thy word.

And let thy grace and blessing, thy love and fellowship, thy direction and assistance, O heavenly Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us, and with all for whom we ought to beg thy mercy in our prayers, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Sunday Evening.

JOHN v. 39.—Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

ROM. ix. 5.—Christ who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

REV. i. 8.—I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

REV. xxi. 6.—I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

1 TIM. iii. 16.—And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

ISAIAH ix. 6.—Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

MATT. i. 23.—And they shall call his name Emmanuel; which being interpreted, is, God with us.

TITUS i. 3.—According to the commandment of God our Saviour.—(ACTS xx. 23.) Feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

COL. i. 16.—By him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him.

HEB. iii. 4.—For every house is builded by some *man*; but he that built all things is God.

JOHN i. 1.—The Word was God.

COL. ii. 9.—For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

HEB. xiii. 8.—Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy, and to forgive, receive our humble petitions. Our sins are all naked and open unto thee; the sins of which our own hearts condemn us; and the sins which we may have forgotten, but which thou, who art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things, seest that we have committed against thee. We cannot deny or justify our transgressions, they are so many and so great; and we tremble through fear of them, and are afraid to lift up our eyes to

the throne of thy glory. Especially we entreat thy fatherly forgiveness of all which thou hast seen amiss in us this day. Pardon us, good Lord, that we have not worshipped thee, served thee, or obeyed thee, with suitable reverence and devotion. Forgive the wanderings of our minds, the coldness of our hearts, and the unprofitableness of our best services; and deal with us, not according to our merits, but according to thy rich mercy. Think on thy promises, and upon thy loving-kindnesses which have been ever of old. Through the blood of thy beloved Son grant unto us pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and may serve thee with a quiet mind.

Save us, merciful God, from the guilt of abusing our privileges. Cherish by thy Holy Spirit, and gracious Providence, every good desire, and holy resolution that may have been awakened in us this day. Suffer us not to forget the instructions of thy word, nor resist the strivings of thy grace; but may thy blessing so rest upon the seed sown in our hearts, that it may bring forth abundantly.

Teach us not to seek our happiness in the things of this vain world: but do thou, O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed, give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments; and, also, that, by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quiet-

ness. Be thou, O Lord, our portion and inheritance in the land of the living. Show us thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them that trust in thee. Show us the path of life; make plain thy way before our face; and bring us, at last, to thy presence, where there is fulness of joy, and to thy right hand, where there are pleasures for evermore.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to accept our thanks for all the bounties of thy providence and grace. We bless thee for casting our lot in a land where the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth, and also for the peace and protection which we enjoy in this favored land. We glorify thy name for nourishing us, and bringing us up in a Church which is built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone. We bless thee for the many advantages afforded us on the day which is past; for thy house of prayer; for thy appointed ministers; for thy holy word and sacraments; and for all other means of grace and salvation. We thank thee for food and raiment; for health and strength; for kind friends and benefactors; for peace and protection by day, and for rest and safety by night; and for all the comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we praise thee for the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the hope of salvation through his blood. And we entreat thee, Almighty God, to grant us perfectly to know him to be the

way, the truth, and the life ; that, under the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, we may steadfastly walk in the path that leadeth unto life eternal.

We further beseech thee, O Father Almighty, to open the ears of thy compassion to our supplications for others. Mercifully look upon the universal Church, which thou hast purchased to thyself with the precious blood of thy dear Son. We pray for all to whom thou hast committed the message of reconciliation. May those who are appointed to teach others be themselves taught of thee, Qualify them, in all things, for the work to which thou hast called them ; that they may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers, and to comfort and edify thy believing people. Look, with compassion, on such as have neglected thy ordinances, and profaned thy holy day. Lord, turn them from the error of their ways ; and give them repentance unto salvation. Grant that those who have waited on thee devoutly may renew their strength, and be prepared to run, with increased earnestness, the race that is set before them.


To thy gracious care and protection we commend ourselves and all who are dear unto us this night. Preserve us, both outwardly in our bodies, from temporal evils, and, inwardly in our souls, from our spiritual foes. Give unto us peaceful and refreshing sleep ; and grant that we may awake in the morning, strengthened both in body and soul

for the various duties of the week. And, when our eyes shall be closed in the darkness of the grave, may we rest in Jesus, and in the last day, be raised from the dead, to die no more, and be made like unto the angels, being thy children, O God, and the children of the resurrection.

O thou, who hearest and answerest prayer, hear us in these our humble petitions for ourselves and others ; and grant us an answer of peace, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Our Father, &c.



Monday Morning.

PSALM xci. 1.—He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord he is my refuge and my fortress ; my God, in him will I trust. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust : His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

PSALM cxxi. 1.—I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil ; he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM xxxvii. 3.—Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

MATT. vi. 26.—Behold the fowls of the air : for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns ; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they.

MATT. vi. 26.—I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink ; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment ? Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith ? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat ? or, What shall we drink ? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed ? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

O God, who hast added to the number of our days; and hast opened our eyes to behold the light of another morning, we beseech thee still to look upon us, and to bless us: show us the light of thy countenance, and be merciful unto us.

Our voice shalt thou hear, O Lord, every morning; for every morning thy mercies towards us are renewed: great is thy faithfulness and truth.

While many, during the past night, have slept the sleep of death, and shall awake no more till the resurrection in the last day, and many, like their Lord and Master, have not found where to lay their heads, Lord, what are we, that thou shouldst be so mindful of us, and so gracious unto us, in saving our life from destruction, and crowning us with loving-kindness and tender mercies! We confess that thou art the Lord by whom alone we have escaped death. And we beseech thee to grant, that, with our restored strength and capacities, we may give up ourselves afresh to thy service. Stir us up to self-examination and reflection, to watchfulness and prayer. Break through our habits of spiritual sloth and negligence; and teach us the due value of time, while yet we are able to improve it. And we earnestly pray thee, heavenly Father, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, to spare our lives, till the work is finished which thou hast given us to do.

As we enter again upon a world whose principles and fashions are enemies to godliness, grant,

Lord, that we may carry with us, through the influence of thy Gospel, holier desires, and firmer resolutions. With this new week (or *new year*,) help us to begin a new life. May the faith of our crucified Lord govern all our undertakings, and sanctify all our affections. Thus may we live above the world; and converse and act, in all the relations of life, with a heavenly mind. And while we live in thy holy fear, may we enjoy thy gracious protection. Cover us with the shadow of thy paternal wings: hold us in the hollow of thine Almighty hand, that no evil may come nigh to hurt our bodies or our souls. Keep us mindful of our past infirmities, and of those snares and temptations which have so often caused us to wound our conscience, and grieve thy Holy Spirit. And enable us more carefully to guard our eyes, our thoughts, and lips, lest we should displease thee. Root out of our hearts every unholy passion and propensity; and establish in us, more and more, the dominion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Using this world as not abusing it, and strengthening our hearts with thy holy ordinances, may we daily attain a greater conformity to the spirit of the Gospel, and come nearer to thy blessed kingdom. Enable us to fight manfully the fight of faith; and to endure hardness, as good soldiers of Christ Jesus. Clothe us with thy whole armor, O Lord our God.

[Here introduce any appropriate occasional Prayer.]

We beseech thee, Almighty Lord, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do, mercifully to grant, that, by thy power, we may be defended against all adversity. We look up unto thee for guidance, preservation, and strength. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy truth's sake. Keep us in the way in which we should go, and guide us with thine eye. Give unto us eternal life; and let us never perish; neither let any one pluck us out of thy hand. And while we are diligently employed in our several stations, deliver us from all sinful anxiety about the affairs of this present life. May we be careful for nothing; but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make our requests known unto thee. Let thy loving-kindness and mercy follow us all the days of our life. When we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, be thou still with us. Let thy rod and staff comfort and support us. And graciously receive us at the last into thy heavenly fold; there, with thy people and the sheep of thy pasture, to give thee thanks for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Monday Noon.

1 COR. xiii. 1.—Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth. And now abideth, faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

1 TIM. i. 5.—The end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

O LORD, the blessed God of our salvation, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, upon whom the eyes of all do wait; for thou givest unto all life, and breath, and all things; in thee we live, and move, and are; and upon thee we continually depend for all the good that ever we have, or hope for. We thank thee for the assurance of thy word, that if we commit our affairs to thee, and acknow-

ledge thee in all our ways, thou wilt establish our thoughts, and direct our path. And therefore we desire, O Lord, still to put ourselves under thy gracious conduct, and thy fatherly protection; we beg the guidance, and blessing, and assistance, of thy good Spirit; to choose our inheritance for us; and to dispose of us, and all that concerns us, to the glory of thy name.

O Lord, withdraw not thy mercies, nor the comforts of thy presence, nor the assistance of thy Spirit, through our great contempt and manifold abuses of such grace. Punish not our past sins, by giving us over to the love and power of them; but give us truly penitent hearts for all the evils committed by us, and thy merciful discharge from all the guilt that lies upon us. And grant us, O God, the comfortable sense and apprehension of thy gracious acceptance of us, and thy merciful intentions towards us in Jesus Christ.

O may we find the joy of the Lord to be our strength, to enable us against our sins, especially the sins to which we are most addicted, and whereof we are in greatest danger. May it make us also more ready to every good work, and better disposed for all the duties of piety, justice, charity, and sobriety, which we owe to thee, to our neighbor, and ourselves, that herein we may exercise ourselves, to have always a conscience void of offence towards God, and towards men. Help us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as

wise ; carefully redeeming the time we have lost and conscientiously improving all those seasons and means of grace, which thou art pleased to put into our hands. And while we are upon earth, O give us all things needful and convenient for our present pilgrimage ; and sanctify to us all the enjoyments, and duties, and providences, that now befall us ; till, through the merits of thy Son, and the multitude of thy mercies, we are conducted safely to be ever with the Lord. Amidst all our other affairs in this world, O let us never forget or neglect the one thing needful, but be in greatest care so to demean ourselves every day, as may forward our comfortable accounts in the great day of thy appearing and glory.

Gracious Father ! keep us, evermore we beseech thee, in thy fear and favor ; and help us to live to thy honor and glory. If thou guide us not we shall run into errors ; if thou preserve us not we shall fall into dangers. O let thy good providence be our defence and security ; and let thy Holy Spirit be our guide and counsellor in all our ways. And grant that we may take the ways and measures agreeably to thy will, and acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Monday Evening.

GAL. ii. 20.—I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ, liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

DEUT. xxxiii. 27.—The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.—Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency!

ROMANS viii. 35.—Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through him that loved us.

1 JOHN v. 18.—We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and the wicked one toucheth him not.

1 COR. x. 12.—Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.

13.—There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

PHIL. i. 6.—Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

2 PETER i. 10.—Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, it is meet and right that unto thee all mankind should repair. It is very meet, and right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God.

It is of thy mercies, O Lord, that we are not consumed, because thy compassions fail not, and because we have an all-prevailing Advocate, ever living to make intercession for us. Our misdeeds testify against us, and our trespass is grown unto the heavens, for we have grievously sinned against thee, in thought, and word, and deed. We acknowledge with shame the corruption of our nature, and we also lament those actual transgressions of our lives, whereby we have broken thy holy law, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against us. But thou, even thou, art he that blottest out our sins for thy covenant's sake, and for thy beloved Son's sake, rememberest them no more. Be merciful, therefore, unto us, O God, for our souls trust in thee. Pardon, and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through the merits of thy Son.

Enlighten our understanding, control our will, and sanctify our affections. So strengthen us, that neither the pleasures, nor the cares of this life, may turn away our thoughts from the life whic' is to come. But may we learn and labor daily

live above the world, and to follow all our occupations in it with a heavenly mind. May the spirit which was in Christ Jesus govern us in all the relations, and circumstances of life. Make us diligent and faithful, patient and benevolent, useful to men, and pure and devout in the eyes of the Holy God. And grant that nothing may ever separate between us and thee by causing us to grow weary of thy service. But may we keep thy covenant at all times, and think upon thy commandments to do them, regarding thy yoke as easy, and thy burden light; yea, accounting thy service perfect freedom, and the very joy of our hearts.

[Here may be introduced any appropriate occasional Prayer.]

Brought by thy hand so far to the conclusion of another day, we desire to praise thee for the many and undeserved blessings which we have received. We adore thee as the author of our life, and the source of all our enjoyments. How great is thy goodness which thou hast in store for them that love thee! We give thanks unto thee, O Lord, and praise thy name, O thou Most High. Help us to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. And that we may offer unto thee a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable through Jesus Christ, let not our praise proceed out of feigned lips, but from the ground of the heart. Grant that at the close of every day, thy love may be more abundantly shed abroad in us

by the Holy Ghost, and may constrain us to show forth thy praises, who hast called us out of darkness into marvellous Gospel light.

God of our fathers, trusting in thy tender mercies, and in thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old, we flee unto thee for rest and safety this night. As thou seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, take us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul.

Finally, we beseech thee, O Lord, to bless the whole race of mankind, with all things needful for life and godliness. To all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this nation and its rulers, and let thy glory still dwell in our land. Grant that the course of this world may be so ordered by thy governance, that the Gospel of thy Son may be every where truly received and truly followed, and that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness. Bless all our relations and friends, all who have done or wished us good, and reward them seven fold into their bosoms. Do good to those who have done or wished us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Comfort the sorrowing; heal the sick; shed abroad thy love in all our hearts; and fit us every d^y

more and more for thine everlasting kingdom. We ask all, through the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

ISAIAH xxviii. 16.—Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation. (1 **PETER** ii. 6.)—He that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

ISAIAH xlv. 22.—Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.

MARK ix. 23.—If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

JOHN i. 12.—As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

JOHN iii. 16.—God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

JER. xxxi. 33.—This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

MALACHI iii. 6.—For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

EPH. ii. 10.—We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them.

2 COR. iii. 5.—Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.

2 THESS. ii. 13.—We are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

ALMIGHTY God, whose eyes run to and fro throughout the earth, and whose providence is always engaged in behalf of those who fear thee, we adore and magnify thee, as the source of all our hopes and privileges.

Thou, O Lord, preservest to us our life and health, our food and raiment, our friends and benefactors. From thee proceed our private and public blessings, the means of grace, and the hope of glory. Not for our goodness dost thou continue to bless us from day to day, and permit us to come into thy presence, but because thou delightest in mercy; and because thou lookest upon the sacrifice of thy beloved Son, who gave himself a ransom for our souls. Grant that the multitude of thy mercies in Christ Jesus may ever triumph over the multitude of our sins; and that our supplications and praises, may, through his precious blood-shedding, daily enter with acceptance into thy ears.

In his all-prevailing name we beseech thee to look down upon us in compassion this morning. Let thy thoughts towards us be thoughts of peace, and not of evil. As thou hast kept us from the terror by night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, so may it please thee to save us from the arrow that flieth by day, and from the destruction that wasteth at noon. Especially save us from those who lie in wait for our souls: and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil, or man, worketh against us, may, by

thy good providence, be brought to nought, that we, thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee, and praise thy holy name.

Enable us to pass this day, and all our days, in thy faith and fear. Preserve us, that our minds be not overcharged with the cares, or with the pleasures of this life. Make us humble in prosperity; and patient and thankful in the time of adversity. Suffer us not to be occupied in ungodly works, with men that work wickedness. But give us grace to set our face as a rock against sin, and vanity, and every appearance of evil; and let not our hearts be inclined to any evil thing, but only to that which pleaseth thee.

As thou hast showed us, O Lord, what is good, and what thou requirest of us, help us to obey thy commandment, to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thee, our God. May we always remember thy presence, and live in fear of thy awful judgment. Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, continually to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, we may be preserved in body and soul.

[Here may be used any appropriate Collect.]

O thou Father of all, and Lord of heaven and earth, give thy blessing to all nations; especially

to that in which thou hast cast our lot. Be thou our God, and may we be thy people; that all the world may know that thou art our defender and Almighty benefactor. Defend thy Church universal. Bless the congregation to which we belong, and the families with whom we are more immediately connected. Deliver the helpless and oppressed, and sanctify the trials of all thy afflicted ones. We further pray thee to shed thy guidance and blessing upon this family. Increase our love to thee, and to each other: and make it our delight to meet before thy throne, to offer up our prayers and praises, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

ROMANS viii. 1.—There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2.—For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

EZEK. xxxvi. 26.—A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

PSALM li. 10.—Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

JOHN xiv. 16.—And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

2 COR. v. 17.—If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new; and all things are of God.

ROMANS viii. 14.—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

1 COR. iii. 16.—Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

EPH. iv. 30.—And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

GEN. vi. 3.—And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man.

2 COR. xiii. 14.—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

O LORD, thou art the God whose we are, and whom we ought to serve, with all the endowments and abilities wherewith thou hast blessed us. From thee, our God, comes all our help, and in thee is reposed all our hope. To thee we owe our humblest adoration, our warmest gratitude, and most faithful obedience. Day by day, we magnify thee; the Father, of an infinite majesty; thine adorable,

true, and only Son ; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. We worship thy name ever, world without end.

We desire, O Lord, to humble ourselves before thee, that our lives have been so full of provocations against thee ; that the dishonor which we have done thee, has exceeded all the service ; that we have lived to ourselves more than to thee ; and have served our own lusts and pleasures more than thy blessed will. By our sins we have spoiled and destroyed ourselves ; but it is not in us to recover and save ourselves. In thee alone is all our help. Yea, thou hast laid help upon one that is mighty, and able to save to the uttermost all that come to God through him : through whom thou hast encouraged us to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need. In him, therefore, we beg, Lord, that thou wilt be reconciled to us, and at peace with us ; as a Father of mercies, and a God of consolation.


For his sake, enable us also, we beseech thee, to demean ourselves as becomes the children of God, the redeemed of the Lord, and the members and followers of Jesus Christ. O put such principles of grace and holiness into our hearts, as may cause us to hate all iniquity, and every false way. Not only lay thy commands upon us, but be pleased, O Lord, to enable us for the performance of every duty. And so engage our hearts to thyself, that

we may make it our meat and drink to do thy will; and with enlarged hearts, run the way of thy commands. And as long as we are in this world, keep us, O Lord our God, from the evil of it, and from the snares and dangers to which thou knowest we are continually exposed. Make our passage safe and sure, through all the changes, troubles, and temptations, of this mortal life, to the unchangeable glories and felicities of life everlasting.

[Here introduce any appropriate Collect.]

Be merciful to us, good Lord, and bless us, and keep us by night and by day, in all our ways, and in all our lawful designs and undertakings; and may we take nothing in hand, but what is warranted in thy word. Let thy fear be ever before our eyes to restrain us from the things provoking to our God, and destructive to our souls. And let thy love abound in our hearts, and sweetly and powerfully constrain us to all faithful and cheerful obedience, acceptable in thy sight, through him that loved and redeemed us, even the Lord our righteousness; in whose blessed name alone, we offer our unworthy petitions. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Tuesday Evening.

ROM. viii. 11.—If the Spirit of him, that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

JOHN vi. 63.—It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

ROM. viii. 26.—Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

GAL. v. 22.—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

HEB. vi. 4.—For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

1 COR. vi. 11.—And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

O LORD, God of our salvation, day and night will we cry unto thee. Bow down thine ear and hear us. Let our prayer come up before thee as incense; and let the lifting up of our hands be an acceptable evening sacrifice.

We do not presume to draw nigh unto thee, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies in Christ Jesus. We are not worthy to implore the smallest blessing at thy hands. For though thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, yet have we sinned and rebelled against thee, our heavenly Father, from our youth up even until now. We have broken thy law, resisted thy spirit, and slighted all the claims of thy mercy. But, blessed be thy name, there is forgiveness with thee, and plenteous redemption in thy beloved Son. O look upon us in compassion through him, our only Mediator and Advocate. And thou, who art exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, obtain for us repentance and remission of sins. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. Through the power of thy covenant, may we go to our rest, delivered from the burden of guilt, and the bondage of corruption, and knowing that, by thy great mercy, we are translated into the glorious liberty of thy children.

Grant us grace, O God, day by day, to examine our hearts and lives, and so to search and try them, that we may know of what manner of spirit we are. Let not a deceived heart be the cause of our ruin; but give us an enlightened and a tender conscience. Suffer us not to grieve thy Spirit by trifling with sin, and resisting the convictions of our minds; lest we provoke thee to leave us to

ourselves, and to swear in thy wrath that we shall never enter into thy rest; but grant that all carnal affections may die in us; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. Help us to put off the old man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts; and to put on the new man, which, after thy image, is created in righteousness and true holiness. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by thy holy inspiration, and make them a habitation for thyself, the temples of the living God: and suffer us not to defile them by taking pleasure in unrighteousness.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our humble and hearty thanks for all thy mercies towards us. How great is the sum of them! If we would count them, they are more in number than the sand. We praise thee, for thy goodness, which endureth yet daily. We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. Oh, fill our hearts with such a sense of thy loving-kindness, and glorious perfections, that we may love thee above all things, and fear nothing so much as thy displeasure.

Rejoicing, O Lord, in the assurance of thy power, thy wisdom, and care, we commend ourselves, and all those whom we love, to thy gracious protection. Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of the night.

[Here may be used any appropriate Collect.]

Hear our prayers also in behalf of all mankind. Prosper the land in which we dwell, and thy Church in it to which we belong. Bless our rulers whom thy good providence hath set over us; and may we reverence and obey them, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded. Awaken the minds of all who are putting off their repentance from year to year, and cause them to see that now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation. Look with pity upon those who are lying on the bed of sickness; and sanctify the trials of all thy afflicted ones. Arise, O Lord God, lift up thy hand; forget not the oppressed and the poor. May it please thee also to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and to turn their hearts. All which we humbly beg for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

EZEKIEL xviii. 21.—If the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, shall not be mentioned unto him. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die ! saith the Lord God ; and not that he should return from his ways, and live ?

PSALM xxxiv. 18.—The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart ; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

MATT. xviii. 3.—Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

LUKE xiii. 3.—Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

ROMANS viii. 6.—For to be carnally minded is death ; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace : because the carnal mind is enmity against God : for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

ACTS iii. 19.—Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

PSALM li. 1.—Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness ; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions ; and my sin is ever before me. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it : thou delightest not in burnt-offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

ISAIAH i. 18.—Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

1 JOHN i. 7.—The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

HEB. x. 14.—By one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

JOHN i. 29.—The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant, that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight.

May we go forth to the discharge of our several duties with thy love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Enable us to feel its constraining influence in all our ways; and to show forth thy praises, who callest out of darkness into marvellous light. Teach us faithfully to improve our various talents, and continually to occupy with them till thou come. Preserve us from being led away with the error of the wicked. Keep us up that we fall not from our steadfastness, nor make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience. But may we be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and, in every temptation, hold fast our integrity. Dispose

us day by day, to give all diligence, to add to our faith virtue, and knowledge, and temperance, and brotherly kindness, and charity. Grant that these, and all other heavenly dispositions, may be in us, and abound; that so we may be neither idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Bless us in that state of life to which thy good providence hath called us. We are troubled, O Lord, about many things; and disquiet ourselves in vain. Give us faith to cast all our care upon thee, who carest for us; believing that thou, who hast not spared thy only Son, but hast delivered him up for us all, wilt with him also freely give us all things. Prepare us for the various changes of this mortal life; and lead us, in every visitation, to see thy hand, and submit to thy will. Teach us in whatever state we are, therewith to be content. May we know how to be abased and how to abound; and in all the ways of thy good providence, to laud and magnify the holy name.

[Here may be introduced any occasional Prayer.]

We desire to offer up our unfeigned thanksgivings for the good which thou mayest already have wrought in us; and for every privilege and mercy vouchsafed to our bodies and our souls. Day by day we give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name, O thou Most High. Add this to all thy other mercies, that we may never forget to be thankful.

Lastly, we beseech thee to give unto our relations and friends, and to all others for whom we wish more especially to pray, that godliness which is profitable unto all things; having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. These mercies for them, for us, and for all mankind, we humbly beg in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

ROMANS xii. 14.—Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves; but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 COR. xiii. 4.—Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things; believeth all things; hopeth all things; endureth all things.

MARK xi. 25.—When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.'

26.—But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

COL. iii. 12.—Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering.

13.—Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14.—And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

O LORD, our gracious God, our chief good, and most merciful Father in Jesus Christ; in whose great name, and prevailing mediation alone, we, who have multiplied our offences against thee, are permitted to present our persons, and our prayers before thee; deliver us, gracious Lord, from all our transgressions, for which our hearts condemn us: and from all, which we may have forgotten, but of which thou, that art greater than our hearts, knowest us to be guilty. And seal to us a full pardon, in his most precious blood, which speaks better things in our behalf, than we are able to do ourselves in all our prayers.

And may the time past of our lives suffice to

have lived to ourselves, and to have served our own lusts and pleasures. O put an end to all our presumptuous and treacherous dealings with thy all-seeing Majesty. Grant us new and clean, humble and contrite hearts, to tremble at thy word and presence, and to hate and abandon all our sinful misdoings. Wilt thou engage to thyself, blessed Lord, the most frequent thoughts of our minds, the choicest affections of our hearts, and the main tendency and activity of our souls. O let us experience such content and delight in serving thee, and in communion with thee, that the most alluring things of this world may not tempt us to love them immoderately. Grant, O God, that nothing that we now suffer, or hope, or fear, may hinder us in pursuing what our faith foresees, and what thy love has prepared for thy servants.

Hear us, O Lord, for ourselves, and let our supplications also ascend before thee in behalf of all men living. Send thy word, and the means of grace, to such as are yet destitute of them; and make them efficacious, and the savour of life, in those that do enjoy them. Convert the unconverted, and perfect thy good work where thou hast begun it. Give a check to all profaneness, vice, and ungodliness, that presumptuous sinners may be ashamed, and the devices of the wicked may come to an end. O make thy Church to increase and flourish, and thy servants to prevail and rejoice. Be gracious and favorable to this land, and to the

head and governors thereof. Oh do thou guide and counsel all our rulers, and order public affairs, to the glory of thy name, and to the welfare and happiness of the nation. Regard with compassion all the sons and daughters of affliction. Sanctify thy fatherly corrections to them, and support them under their several burdens. Be good to all our friends and neighbors, reward our benefactors, bless our relations with the best of thy blessings, making them near to thyself by grace, as they are to us by alliance. Preserve us from our enemies, and reconcile them both to us and to thyself. Grant that all the habitations of Christians may be houses of prayer, and be thou especially gracious to the several families where thy name is called upon. Let thy heavenly blessings, and thy saving grace, descend and rest upon us in this family. O guide us, and keep us; make us wise and faithful in our duty, and prosperous and blessed in the issue; root out unholy passions and propensities from our bosoms; and establish in us the dominion of the Lord Jesus Christ. May we daily grow in grace, attaining greater conformity to the spirit of the Gospel, and coming nearer to thy kingdom, O God. Unite our hearts to thee, and to each other. Bless our present estates to us, and fit us for whatsoever thou shalt be pleased to call us to. Teach us how to want and how to abound; and both in a prosperous and suffering condition, secure our hearts to thyself, and make us ever to approve ourselves faithful in thy service.

And now, O Lord, be pleased to accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, to thee the Father of mercies, for thy great goodness, that has followed us all the days of our life. Our lives have been filled with the expressions of thy love; and thou hast abounded towards us in a variety of blessings, pertaining to this world, and a better; passing by our innumerable sins, as if thou sawest them not, thou goest on still to oblige us with new favors. O Lord, imprint and preserve upon our hearts a grateful sense of all thy kindness unto us; that our souls may bless thee, and that all that is within us may praise thy holy name. We ask and offer all only in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

JER. xxxi. 33.—This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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2 THESS. ii. 13.—We are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

JOHN xvii. 11.—Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

ROMANS viii. 38.—I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PHIL. i. 6.—Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

ROMANS viii. 1.—There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

PHIL. ii. 12.—Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but hadst rather that he turn from his wickedness and live, we acknowledge our manifold offences whereby thou art justly displeased. Notwithstanding all thy love and mercy, and our obligations and vows, we have often offended thee, in pride, in impenitence, in hardness of heart, in neglect of thy word, and the means of grace, and in forgetfulness of the

sufferings of thy dear Son. But whereas we cannot, by our best services, make any satisfaction for the sin that is past, we flee unto thy cross, O Lamb of God, who made there, by one oblation of thyself, once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world. Pardon all our iniquities, and give unto us true repentance, and thy Holy Spirit; that those things may please thee which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter, being pure and holy, we may come to thy eternal joy.

And, as without holiness no man shall see thee in glory, and thy judgment draweth nigh, let us not be slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Be mercifully touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and remember whereof we are made. Carry on in our souls, from day to day, the work of faith with power. Fill us with the knowledge of thy will, in all wisdom, and spiritual understanding. Enable us to guard against every thing which might serve to weaken the ground of our confidence towards thee. May we never grieve thy Holy Spirit, nor wound our conscience, by doing what our hearts condemn. But grant that we may always, through thy help, both faithfully live and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come.

[Here introduce any appropriate occasional Prayer.]

These great mercies, which we ask for ourselves, be pleased, O God, to extend unto our fellow men. Grant that repentance and remission of sins may be preached unto all nations. Cause the wicked to forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto thee, that thou mayest have mercy upon him, and abundantly pardon him. Give thy blessing to the righteous; and with thy favorable kindness defend him, as with a shield. Have compassion upon those who have grown lukewarm in thy service. May they be zealous and repent, and do their first works. Give them the comfort of thy help again; and establish them with thy free Spirit.

We entreat thee, also, to accept our thanks for the manifold blessings which we have hitherto received, and for the means and hopes of salvation through the covenant of thy Son. We praise thee for the comforts and protection of the past day; for we are unable to defend ourselves, and unworthy to be defended by thee. We bless thee for providing for us a place of rest by night; for thy beloved Son, when he was upon earth, had not where to lay his head. Thou only art he who makest us to dwell in safety. We beseech thee, therefore, most mighty God, who art the Protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, to watch over us, and keep us, through the

hours of darkness. Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, from day to day ; that, thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things that are eternal, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Father, &c.



Thursday Morning.

1 JOHN iii. 2.—Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3.—And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

2 PETER iii. 13.—We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

JOHN xvii. 24.—Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me.

PSALM xvi. 11.—Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

REV. vii. 15.—They are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

2 TIM. iv. 8.—There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

1 PETER i. 3, 4, 5.—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible,

and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

HEBREWS iv. 9.—There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God.

O God, whose mercies are renewed to us day by day, we desire to offer the continual sacrifice of praise, in the name of that blessed Saviour, through whom alone sinners may approach thee even with the voice of thanksgiving. Accept our unfeigned thanks for thy preservation of us during the past night, for all our past comforts and privileges, and for adding another day to our lives, while so many of our fellow men have been cut off in an unprepared state.

Make us, O Lord, more and more sensible of thy condescension and grace, in regarding the services of so unworthy creatures, and in continuing thy mercies to the unthankful and the evil. Teach us to know and to feel our exceeding sinfulness in thy sight, that we may be filled with a due sense of all thy mercies. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather not our souls with the ungodly; but set us apart for thine own kingdom. May we strive to enter in at the strait gate. May we not be of the number of those who, seeking to enter in, shall not be able; but of those who believe to the saving of the soul. And, we pray thee, O Lord, to show forth thy great power, both in pardoning our sins, and in enabling us to bring forth the fruits of

righteousness, which are, by Jesus Christ, to thy praise and glory. As thou hast given him to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; give us grace thankfully to receive that his estimable benefit, and to endeavor daily to follow his blessed steps.

[Here introduce any appropriate occasional Collect.]

Our eyes are now directed unto thee, from whom cometh all our help. Guide us in all our actions, sanctify our conversation, and defend us from all dangers. Dispose us to enter upon the various duties of this day, with the spirit of those whom thy mercy hath spared, and thy grace hath quickened to newness of life. Deliver us from spiritual sloth and negligence. Make us active in the discharge of all that lieth before us. Help us to press forward in the way of life, and so to run, that we may obtain the prize of our high calling. Incline and enable us to abound in those good works which thou hast prepared for us to walk in; to watch and wait all the days of our appointed time, till our change come; and, by patient continuance in well-doing, to seek for glory, and honor, and immortality; that so, by thy mercy, we may, in the end, obtain eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

2 TIM. iii. 16.—All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17.—That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

ROMANS x. 17.—Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

REK. i. 3.—Blessed be he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.

HEB. iv. 12.—For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

ROMANS i. 16.—The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth.

JAMES i. 21.—Receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22.—But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

PSALM xix. 7.—The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

ISAIAH lv. 3.—Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will be an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not

thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

JAMES i. 21.—Wherefore lay apart all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

ROMANS i. 16.—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

2 TIM. iii. 15.—The holy scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

O LORD our God, infinitely great, and infinitely good, whose glory is above all our thoughts, and whose mercies are over all thy works, we adore, and bless, and praise thee, for that goodness which thou hast been pleased to vouchsafe unto us, who are the daily objects of thy bounty, and the living monuments of thy patience and forbearance. While thy glorious perfections would forbid our approaches, thy gracious covenant emboldens us to look upon thee, as a merciful and forgiving Father in Jesus Christ.

O Lord, who didst create us after thy own image, in a holy and happy estate, we have made ourselves vile and miserable, unlike that which came out of thy hands; averse to good, prone to evil, and full of daily provocations and rebellious against thee. It is through thy wonderful patience that thou hast not, long before this time, cut us off

in our sins, and shut us up in final despair of thy mercy. Praised be God, that, willing to be reconciled even to thine enemies, thou hast sent thy only Son into the world upon the great errand of our salvation; and that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. Lord, we believe, help thou our unbelief; and give us true repentance towards God, and right faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; that we may be of the number of those who indeed repent and believe, to the saving of the soul.

And save us, O good Lord, from our sinful frailty and corruption; from the love of this evil world; and from every wicked custom which we are tempted to follow. Make us a way to escape out of all the snares of temptation, wherewith we may be entangled. Make thy way plain before us, and so full of pleasantness, that, convinced of its excellence, we may cheerfully give up ourselves to follow it; that our own experience in the way of godliness may have more power to attach us to it, than all the allurements of the world to divert us from it. Establish, O Lord, and strengthen, and settle us; that going forth in thy strength, we may rejoice to do thy will, and continue in thy fear and love to our lives' end.

These things we beg not for ourselves alone, but for all whom we should remember in our prayers. O bring nigh unto thee all those that are yet afar off; that such as yet sit in darkness and

the shadow of death, may attain to the light of thy truth, and the joy of thy salvation. Grant that all who name the name of Christ may depart from iniquity, and so live up to their high and holy profession, that they may give no just occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme. Be gracious and favorable, O Lord, in an especial manner to thy Church, built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone. Plead thy own cause, and maintain thy true and holy religion, which thou hast so long and wonderfully owned. Let not the enemies of thy Church ever prevail; but let all that stand up for the defence of the truth, prosper in their designs; and still give us cause to say, the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servants.

Bless with thy sanctifying graces, the President of these United States, and all others in authority over us. O Lord, protect their persons, direct their counsels, and prosper all their endeavors for the public safety, peace, and welfare. Make ministers an example to the flock, in all sobriety, righteousness, and holiness of living. And establish us all a holy people to thyself; that with one heart, we may all agree in the same faith, and adorn it with a suitable and holy life.

Comfort all that want the comforts which we enjoy; and apply thy succors and consolations to the several necessities and calamities of all thy

afflicted ones. Remember, with the favor which thou bearest to thy people, all our friends, and relations, and benefactors. Make them, O Lord, such as thou wouldst have them to be, and such as, in Christ Jesus, thou wilt mercifully accept, here to thy favor, and hereafter to thy glorious kingdom. Forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts, and turn ours to forgive them. And direct all our ways to please thee, that thou mayest make even our enemies to be at peace with us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Evening.

PSALM xxxiv 7.—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

PSALM xci 11.—He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

MATT. xviii. 10.—Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

HEB. i. 14.—Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.

GEN. xxviii. 12.—Jacob dreamed, and behold a ladder set upon the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending upon it.

• **ACTS xii. 7.**—The angel of the Lord came upon him, and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. **ACTS v. 19.**

LUKE xvi. 22.—It came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom.

LUKE xv. 10.—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

COL. ii. 18.—Let no man beguile you of your reward, in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels.

PSALM xxvii. 1.—The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

ISAIAH xliii. 2.—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

O LORD, thou hast been our Refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the worlds were made, thou art God from everlasting. Upon thy mercy-seat in the heavens thou waitest to be gracious, while we, thy sinful creatures, draw nigh unto thee, who art reconciling the world unto thyself by Christ, not imputing their trespasses unto them.

When we call to remembrance the days that are gone, from our youth up even until now, and consider how many of them have been spent in forgetfulness of thee, we are afraid of thy judgments, O Lord. Seeing our sins are more in number than

the hairs of our head, our hearts might well fail because of them, did we not know that thy compassions fail not. But, we beseech thee, O Lord, deal not in thy just displeasure with thy servants. Blot out the hand-writing that is against us; and grant unto us redemption through the blood of thy beloved Son, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy grace. May we be washed, and sanctified, and justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by thy Spirit, O Lord God.

We adore and magnify thy name, Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, for having called us, not according to our works, but according to thy own purpose and grace, in Christ Jesus. O for a song of praise! for a psalm of everlasting thanksgiving unto thee, the God of our salvation! Worthy art thou that wast slain, to receive power, and riches, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Teach us, O Lord, to live, day by day, in humble dependence on thy promises, in cheerful obedience to thy laws, and in a sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality. Keep us, we beseech thee, with thy perpetual mercy: and because the frailty of man, without thee, cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. From all our enemies, temporal and spiritual, defend us, O Christ. In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good

Lord, deliver us—Grant that, being made thy own children by adoption, and being incorporated into thy holy Church, we may receive the fulness of thy grace, and finally, with the residue of thy people, may be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

[Here introduce any occasional Prayer.]

We now desire, O heavenly Father, humbly to commend ourselves, and all who belong to us, to the care of thy good providence. How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! Therefore do the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wing; and, therefore, do we, thy sinful and helpless creatures, implore thy protection through the hours of darkness. Watch over us with thy all-seeing eye; and vouchsafe unto us comfortable sleep. May we lie down in peace, and take our rest. May we dwell safely, and be quiet from fear of evil. But whereas we continually carry about us a body of death, give unto us all grace to consider our latter end. As often as we lie down on the bed of sleep, help us to look forward to that sleep in the dust of the earth, from which all shall awake at the last, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And may we be found meet, in that day, to join in the grateful and triumphant song, which thou hast prepared for those who wait devoutly for thy appearing.

Almighty God, mercifully hear and answer these our supplications. Shed abroad thy love and mercy upon all the creatures of thy hand. Sanctify the dispensations of thy providence, and prosper the means of grace. And grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Friday Morning.

EZEK. xxxiii. 11.—As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked: but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (**EZEK. xviii. 21.**)—But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. (**1 COR. xii. 7.**)—The manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN to profit withal. (**2 COR. xii. 9.**)—He said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. (**MAL. ii. 10.**)—Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? (**ACTS x. 34.**)—God is no respecter of persons; (**2 PETER iii. 9.**)—but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance. (**1 TIM. ii. 5.**)—For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for ALL. (**1 JOHN ii. 2.**)—He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of THE WHOLE WORLD. (**ROM. v. 18.**)—As by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon ALL MEN unto justification of life: (**ROM. xi. 32.**)—for God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out—(**HEB. ii. 9.**)—that he, by the grace of God, should taste death FOR EVERY MAN!

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, by whose kind providence the darkness of night is turned to the light of day, and who hast graciously devised a way of salvation for us miserable sinners, we praise thee for adding to the number of our days, and for giving us another opportunity of imploring thy fatherly forgiveness. O the depths of the riches of thy wisdom, thy knowledge, and thy love! Thou, O God, the merciful and gracious Lord, has so done thy marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance. Thou hast sent redemption unto thy people; thou hast commanded thy covenant for ever; holy and reverend is thy name. It is a good thing to give thanks unto thee, O Lord; and to sing praises unto thy name, O thou Most High; to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.


Teach us, O Lord, alway to consider this life as the only season of preparation for another. Suffer us not to waste it in unprofitableness and vanity; and graciously continue it to us, till the work is finished which thou hast given us to do. Take away from us the spirit of slumber; and quicken us to greater diligence and activity. Forasmuch as the night is far spent, and the day is at hand, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to put upon us the armor of light. Make us to count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord; and dispose us gladly to suffer the loss of all things,

that we may win Christ and be found in him. O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succor us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us.

[Here may be used any appropriate Collect.]

Defend us, O Lord, from day to day, with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until we come unto thy everlasting kingdom. Strengthen us in every conflict with the enemies of our souls; and comfort our hearts with the full assurance of faith that they shall not finally prevail against us. May we not trust to a form of godliness, and deny the power thereof; but be faithful and sincere in thy service, keeping our hearts with all diligence, and laboring to bring every thought and intent thereof in captivity to the obedience of Christ, that so, at the last, an entrance may be ministered unto us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer up our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Friday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

2 COR. xiii. 3.—Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? (HEB. xi. 1.)—Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (HEB. xi. 6.)—But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (ROMANS x. 9.)—If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. (2 PETER ii. 1.)—But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (EPH. ii. 8.)—For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; (ROM. iii. 22.)—the righteousness of God, which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all, and upon all them that believe. For there is no difference, for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. (ROMANS v. 10.)—For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son: much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (ROMANS v. 1.)—Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

O LORD, we humbly desire to seek thy face, and to wait upon thee in the duties of thy worship. Let our prayer be set before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as an acceptable sacrifice. To whom should we go but unto thee, the Father of mercies and the fountain of goodness, who art able to do abundantly for us, even above all that we can ask or think. There is in us no good thing to recommend us to thy favor and acceptance, but a proneness and inclination to what is displeasing in thy eyes, and destructive to our souls. Not only were we by nature the children of wrath, but we have been daily trespassing upon thee, and still adding to the heavy score of our offences. O see our sins punished in our Saviour, who was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. And as he who knew no sin, was made sin for us, so may we be saved through faith in his merits, where we could not be saved by any worth of our own.

Heavenly Father, we not only beg for pardoning mercy, but also for power against sin, and grace sufficient to renounce and triumph over it, that we may walk more perfectly before thee, in all the duties of piety and holiness. Suffer us not to be tempted above what we are able to bear: but make our temptations less, or thy grace in us, and our spiritual strength, greater than every trial, that no iniquities may prevail against us, nor any presumptuous sin have dominion over us. O make us

more conformable to the example and the precepts of our Saviour, and more transformed into his holy image and likeness. Suffer us not to profess the religion of Jesus Christ to the disparagement of it in the world; but let our light shine before men, to thy glory, O heavenly Father, and to the edification of those with whom we have our conversation.

And since the time of our abode in this world is so short and uncertain, and we have an everlasting estate to abide in after our departure hence, let us not here set up our rest, as if we were at home upon earth, nor expect a long or sure enjoyment of any of those things that perish in the using: but all the days of our appointed time, may we wait, till our change come; and not only live in expectation of it, but in the daily serious preparation for it; in the exercise of all those graces and good works that may make it unto us Christ to live, and gain to die; that in life and death we may be always thine, still safe in thy hands, and acceptable in thy sight.

And, together with our own, we commend to thy mercy, O God of the spirits of all flesh, the necessities and distresses of all our brethren throughout the world. Enlighten the ignorant, awaken the careless and the secure, reclaim the vicious, and establish the unsettled. Bring all to the knowledge and love of thy truth, to the participation of thy grace, and to the obedience of Christ. We pray, for all magistrates, and ministers of the Gospel;

for all our friends and relations; and all the afflicted every where, especially those for whose happiness and salvation thou knowest us to be chiefly concerned. O do thou for us, and for them, as thou knowest best, and most needful, for thy own mercy's sake.

As we pray to thee, O God, for what we want, so we desire to praise thee for all that we have received at thy hands. And blessed be thy name, O Lord, that we have any thing, yea, that we have so many things, for which to love, and bless, and praise thee. What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits! What can we give to thee our God, but the glory of thy own gifts and goodness! O Lord, let not our hearts be shut and straitened towards thee, whose hand is every day so open unto us; but do thou possess, and animate them with greater love and thankfulness, that we may serve thee with our whole heart, and glorify thy name, by a devout life and conversation, evermore. Show us the light of thy countenance, O Lord, and refresh us with the sense of thy love and favor in our Redeemer; to whom, with thy eternal self, and Holy Spirit, be all thanks and praise, and glory, ascribed by us, and by all thy Church, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Friday Evening.

JAMES i. 12.—Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

HEB. xii. 5.—My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees.

JAMES v. 7.—Be patient brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient: establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

1 PETER iv. 12.—Beloved, think it not strange, concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1 COR. x. 13.—There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2 COR. iv. 16.—For which cause we faint not ; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

17.—For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory.

1 **PETER v. 6.**—Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him ; for he careth for you. And the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee mercifully to behold this thy family of sinful creatures, for whom thy blessed Son was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross. Grant that drawing nigh unto thee in his name, and pleading before thee his most precious blood-shedding, we may be made partakers of all the benefits of his passion.

O Lord, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty ; provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings ; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us ; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past ; and grant

that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, heavenly Father, not only from the wrath to come, but also from all the evils of this present life. Under the shadow of thy wing may we find shelter, till every calamity be overpast. Grant, if it be agreeable to thy will, that the voice of joy and health may be heard in our habitation; and that no calamity may come nigh us, or our dwelling. Or shouldest thou think fit to correct us, may we find that it is good for us to be afflicted; and that thou, of very faithfulness, hast caused us to be in trouble. For thou, Lord, art good; a strong hold in the day of trouble: and thou knowest them that trust in thee.

Especially preserve us, this night, from the perils of darkness. Guard us from the assaults of ungodly men, from the approach of evil spirits, and from the wicked imaginations of our own hearts. Bless us in our lying down; and refresh our bodies with sleep. Bless us in our rising up; and prepare us for the duties of another day, if we are permitted to see one. May we lie down on our beds with a good hope, through grace, that if our eyes should be closed this night in the sleep of death, we may rest in Jesus, and awake, at last, to a joyful resurrection.

[Here introduce any appropriate occasional Prayer.]

Grant, O Lord, these and all other blessings unto our fellow men. Be merciful unto all the nations of the earth ; and especially unto our own land. Make them nations fearing thee, and working righteousness ; and pour down upon them the spirit of unity and concord. We beseech thee to cast thy bright beams upon thy Church ; that it, being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed word, may so walk in the truth, that it may at length attain to everlasting life. Preserve the rich and prosperous from forgetting thee ; and make them partakers of thy heavenly treasures. Grant that the poor of this world may be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee. Comfort, O Lord, the afflicted ; succor the tempted ; strengthen the weak ; and reclaim the wandering. Lastly, we beseech thee to give unto our relations, friends, and to all others for whom we wish more especially to pray, that godliness which is profitable unto all things ; having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. All which we humbly beg in the name, and through the mediation, of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c,

Saturday Morning.

ROMANS viii. 9.—Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of (with respect to) sin; but the Spirit is life because of (with respect to) righteousness.

HEB. xii. 14.—Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

COL. iii. 1.—If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

ROMANS vi. 21.—What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22.—But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23.—For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE eyes of all wait upon thee, O God, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. The day is thine, the night also is thine, for all things serve thee. Thou hast sent redemption unto thy people; thou hast given us an everlasting covenant of mercy; holy and reverend is thy name, O God. Our song shall be always of thy loving-kindness, and with our mouth we will daily show forth thy praise.

Heavenly Father, we bless thee for preserving us through the past night, and for refreshing us with sleep; and we acknowledge it to be of thy undeserved goodness that we are permitted to be here before thee this morning. We bless thee for every opportunity of meeting before the throne of grace; for every means of spiritual knowledge; for every victory over the enemies of our souls. We adore thee for all the promises of thy word; for all the wonderful instances of thy forbearance towards us; for all the motions of thy good Spirit in us; for all our past and present comforts, and for our prospects of future glory.

Take not from us thy Holy Spirit, and thy gracious providence, through our past folly and sin. Bestow upon us whatever thou mayest see necessary and convenient for the present life: but incline us to take heed of covetousness, and a too great minding of earthly things. Give us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh,

and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God.

[Here may be used any occasional Prayer.]

Let a sense of thy presence abide with us this day. May we set thee always before us, remembering that thou, O God, seest us: and since unto thee all hearts are open, all desires known, and from thee no secrets are hid, cleanse, we beseech thee, the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name. And while we acknowledge thee in all our ways, do thou in mercy direct our paths. Make thy way plain before us. Stand continually at our right hand that we may not be moved. Strengthen us with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever, for the sake of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

PSALM XXXVII. 16.—A little that a righteous man hath, is better than the riches of many wicked.

PROV. x. 22.—The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

PROV. xv. 16.—Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

ECCL. ii. 26.—God doth give to a man that is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God.

PSALM xxxii. 6.—For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters, they shall not come nigh unto thee. Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

PSALM xxxiv. 19.—Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

HEB. iii. 14.—For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.

PSALM xlii. 11.—Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM xxx. 5.—His anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

PSALM xlvi. 1.—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof roar, and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

HEB. x. 35.—Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

36.—For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37.—For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38.—Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

EVER blessed and most gracious God, who art the Lord and Giver of our lives and hopes, and of all our enjoyments and comforts, through thy good providence we have been spared and preserved, comforted, and provided for, throughout our whole lives, unto this present time. We acknowledge thy great and daily goodness, and our own unworthiness of the least of thy mercies. We desire, O Lord, to be penitent, and humbled for our sins; and we entreat thy gracious favor in Jesus Christ, for the pardon of them. Being justified by faith, may we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord, we pray that thou wilt be to us a Father of mercies, and a God of patience and consolation. Make us watchful followers of Christ; continually fearing to offend, and endeavoring to please thee; and keeping our hearts with all diligence, that they may not be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. We pray, good Lord, that thou wilt arm us with the whole armor of God, and uphold us with thy free Spirit, and watch over us for good evermore. Especially in the times of our sorest trials, may we experience the strongest aids of thy heavenly grace, that we may never fall a prey to those enemies that seek to devour us.

And teach us, O God, to know the day of grace, and the time of our visitation; to understand the things which belong to our peace; and duly to settle the great eternal affairs of our souls, in this

our day, before they be hid from our eyes. And while we have time, enable us to use and improve it, to those great ends for which it was given us, that we may make our short and uncertain stay in this world, a means of securing to ourselves an everlasting well-being, when we shall depart hence.

And since thou art pleased yet to hold our souls in life, and to make us find and feel, by every day's experience, how abundantly gracious thou art, add this, O Lord, to all thy other favors, that we may never forget to be thankful. O give us hearts more constrained by thy love, and more affected with thy mercy. Help us to show forth our gratitude, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by surrendering ourselves wholly to thy service, and by so ordering our conversation as becometh the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Redeeming the time, as we come nearer to our end, may we be made still fitter for the enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom; that every day may bring us still so much nearer to those everlasting joys and glories which thou hast prepared for them that love thee, through the merits and intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Evening.

ACTS xxiv. 16.—Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

2 COR. i. 12.—For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world.

ISAIAH lvii. 15.—Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

HEB. x. 22.—Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

TITUS i. 15.—Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure: but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

LUKE xiii. 24.—Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

1 TIM. iv. 2.—Having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

JER. xvii. 9.—The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, through whose merciful kindness we are preserved from day to

day, we approach thy throne of grace this evening, in the name of thy beloved Son.

We humble ourselves in thy sight for all our iniquities, and particularly for those which we have committed during the past week. We are sorry and ashamed that we have had thy glory so little before our eyes; that we have sinned against thee, our neighbor, and ourselves. By leaving undone what thou hast commanded, and by doing that which thou hast forbidden, we have broken thy law, in thought, and word, and deed. If thou, Lord, art extreme to mark what we have done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it! Lay not, we pray thee, our sins to our charge, but wash them away in the fountain which thou hast opened for sin and for uncleanness. And, O thou God of Holiness, give us grace and strength to subdue them. Renew us after thy likeness, in righteousness and true holiness. Make us holy as thou art holy, and pure as thou art pure. O God, make clean our hearts within us; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

[Here may be used any appropriate Collect.]

And since life is short and uncertain, and every week brings us nearer to the end of all things, enable us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us; looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Preserve ever in our minds a lively remembrance of that day, when the throne shall be set, and the books shall be opened; and every one of us shall give account of himself to thee.

We humbly beseech thee to receive the thank-offerings which we desire now to present on thy altar. Thou hast guarded us from numberless perils, and preserved us from desolating calamities. Thou hast given suitable success to our undertakings, and supplied us with means of comfort and peace. From thy hand we have been fed and clothed; in sorrow and temptation, thou hast sustained us by thy Spirit; in our guilt thou hast redeemed us by the blood of thine own Son; and it is only through thy forbearance and tender mercies, that we have been spared to the evening of this day. Thy ways towards us have been faithfulness and truth. Who can utter thy mighty acts, O Lord, or show forth all thy praise? Grant that, from the abundance of the heart, we may speak thy praise; and that, at the close of every week, we may be found growing in grace, in thankfulness, and in every fruit of the blessed Spirit.

Keep us, we beseech thee, O Lord, this night, under the protection of thy good providence, and prepare us, both in body and soul, for the holy duties of the approaching Sabbath. May no regard to the fashions or friendship of the world, cause us to profane it; nor any weariness of the world, tempt us to consume its sacred rest, in slothful indulgence,

in vain conversation, nor unhallowed pleasure. Suffer us not to form frivolous excuses for absenting ourselves from thy Sanctuary. But, if permitted in thy providence, may we go with the multitude to thy house of prayer, with the voice of joy and praise. There may we give thee the glory which is due unto thy name, and worship thee in the beauty of holiness. Grant that the Scriptures, which thou hast caused to be written for our learning, may be applied to our hearts in the demonstration of the Spirit, and of power. Grant that we may find our corruptions weakened, and the power of thy grace increased in our souls.

We pray thee, finally, O merciful Lord, to remember and to bless with thy choicest mercies, all our relations and friends. Keep them, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make them to have a perpetual fear and love of thy name. Let thy fatherly hand be ever over them: let thy Holy Spirit be ever with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that, in the end, they may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Another Prayer for Saturday Evening.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, who preservest us from week to week ; and continually renewest thy various mercies to us ; we humbly come before thee this evening, to express our gratitude and love to thee, who art the Author of our being and the source of all our happiness.

We thank thee, that while so many thousands are suffering in misery and want, we are provided with innumerable comforts ; and are passing day after day, in quietness and peace.

As we look back on our days which are passed, and consider our lot in life, make us more thankful for all that goodness which thou hast showered down upon us ; and more earnest to employ our opportunities and talents in fulfilling thy will, and in diminishing, as much as in us lies, both the wickedness and the misery which are in the world. We lament every neglect and abuse of thy providential gifts, of which we have been guilty in times past : confessing with shame and humiliation of soul, that our talents have not been used religiously and profitably, as they ought to have been.

Especially, we lament our mis-spent time, and all our other sins, during the past week. How many sinful thoughts have we indulged ! How many hasty and unbecoming words have we uttered ! And what coldness of heart was there in

our religious duties! Blessed with the knowledge of Christ crucified for us, we have been listless and lukewarm in thy worship; too much alienated from the life of God; and too much occupied with the cares of this world. Though living, O Lord, on thy continual bounty, kept by thy power, and indebted to thy pardoning grace, how little have we labored to fulfil thy holy will, and to walk blamelessly in all thy statutes and commandments! We freely confess these our sins, and implore thy forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ. O may we lie down this night, trusting in his all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross for us; and looking for thy mercy unto eternal life.

Thus prepared by repentance and deep humiliation of soul, may we go forth on the ensuing Sabbath filled with the spirit of prayer and supplication; to worship thee in the closet and the family; and to enjoy all the privileges of thy holy Church, with grateful and devout, teachable and docile minds. May we receive the seed sown into an honest and good heart. May the Gospel of our salvation be the chief desire of our minds, and the consolation of all our hearts. May we welcome the joyful sound; and bless that God, who not only bestows our temporal mercies, but also sets before us the hope of everlasting life.

Enable each of us, O Lord, who are here before thee, to set an example of pure and undefiled religion to all around us. Have compassion on the

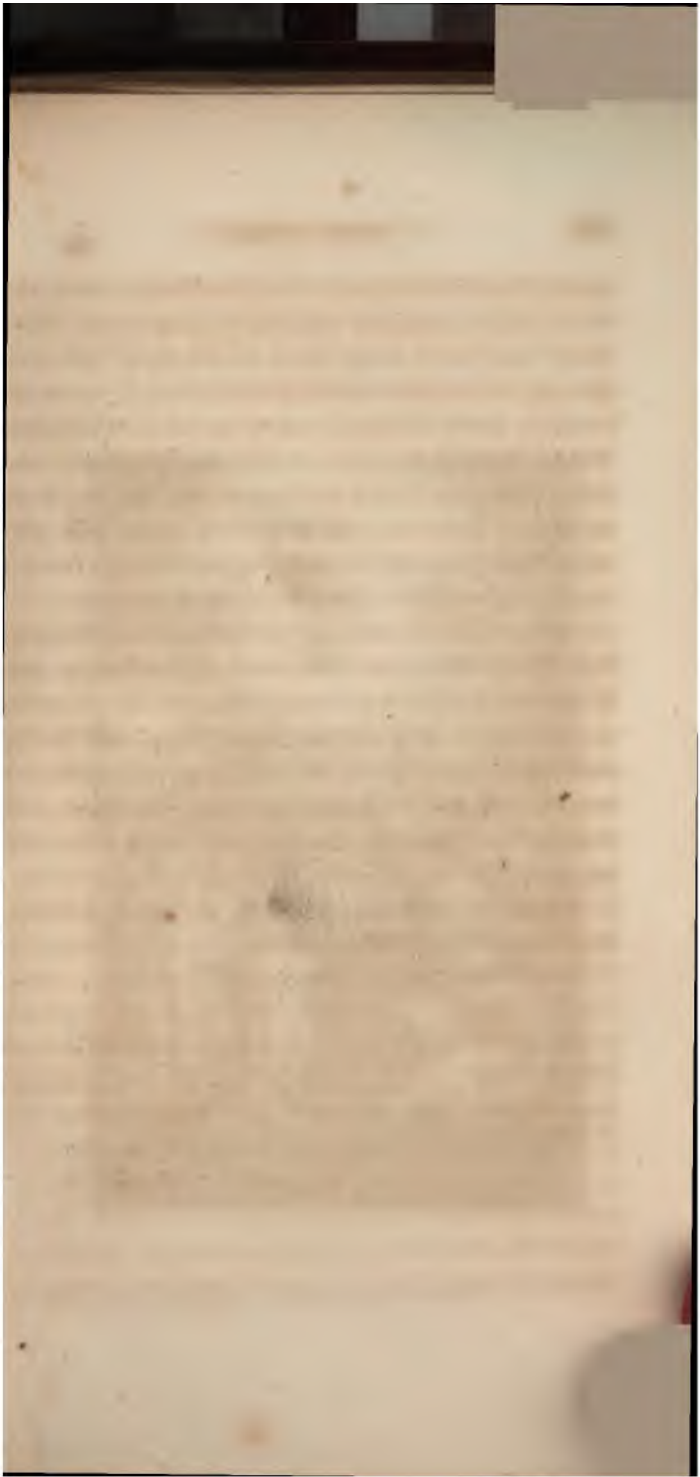
young and un instructed. Incline them to hear thy word with attention, that they may grow wiser every day; and teach them to lift their hearts in prayer, while they kneel before thee in worship. Confirm the wavering in the ways of true religion. Teach them that godliness has the promise of the life which now is, as well as of the life which is to come. Convince them of their sins; and give them that peace of conscience, which the Gospel brings only to the truly humble and penitent.

To thee do we now commit ourselves, beseeching thee to bless every member of this family, and to take care of us this night. May we lie down in the fear of God, in the faith of Christ, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit; and may we rise in the morning, rejoicing in our Christian privileges, and resolved to employ the Sabbath wholly in thy service, and to thy glory.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our supplications for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

[The spaces between brackets in these Offices, are designed to be filled Prayers suitable to any of the Festivals of the Church, to any National Celebration or to any Occurrences of the Family, which it is desirable to sanctify by Prayer. For these purposes, appropriate Collects will be found at the close of the Family Devotions.]







1

CONFIDENTIAL

FAMILY PRAYERS.

SECOND WEEK.

*Sunday Morning.**

1 Cor. xi. 23.—The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

JOHN vi. 53.—Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

* This Prayer may be used in a Family not able to attend Public Worship.

1 COR. x. 16.—The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17.—For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

1 COR. v. 7.—Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8.—Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who causeth the light to shine out of darkness, and renewest the face of the earth which thou hast made for man, day unto day proclaimeth thy glory and power; and night unto night teacheth the knowledge of thy wisdom and love. We worship, and fall down, and kneel before thee; for thou art the Lord our God, and we are the people of thy pasture, and the sheep of thy hand. Thou hast supplied us with numberless comforts and deliverances during our past lives; and hast brought us to meet together this morning, the living monuments of thy sparing mercy, and providential care. We praise thee, in particular, for every opportunity which has been afforded us of becoming wise unto salvation. We bless thee for casting our lot in a Christian land; and for nourishing us, and bringing us up in the true faith of thy Holy Church. We heartily thank thee, heavenly Father, for giving us thy blessed word and Spirit, thy sanctifying ordinances, thy

day of holy rest. Above all, we praise thee for the gift of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and for the hope of salvation through his merits. And we beseech thee, Almighty God, to grant us perfectly to know him to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, under the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, we may steadfastly walk in the path that leadeth unto life eternal.

May we enter upon the duties of this day as those who know not but that it may be our last; remembering that for this and every Sabbath we must render an account in the day of judgment; and, that of those to whom much has been given, will much be required. Keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou wouldst have done. Let thy Spirit meet with us, O God, in the closet, in the family, and in the sanctuary; and make us so joyful in thy worship, that wherever we are, we may feel that it is truly the house of God, and the gate of heaven. Help us to pray with the spirit, and with the understanding also. May we not be of the number of those who draw nigh unto thee with their mouths, and honor thee with their lips, while their heart is far from thee. But make us to remember that the eye of God is upon us. Assist us to worship thee in spirit and in truth; and thus prepare our minds for the good word of thy grace. Dispose us to receive it with

meekness, not as the word of man, but as thy engrafted word, which is able to save our souls. May it come with power into every conscience, and bring forth the fruits of the spirit in the souls of all that hear it.

[Here may be used any occasional Collect.]

We pray thee, also, to pour down upon all who are called Christians, the abundance of thy mercy. Bless especially such as shall assemble (with us) in the courts of thy sanctuary. Give unto them the spirit of fear, and of love, and of a sound mind. Endue plenteously, with thy heavenly gifts, all thy ministering servants who shall stand up in thy name this day; (particularly him whom thou hast appointed to watch for our souls.) Make them wise to win souls, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may both save themselves and those that hear them. Give repentance and remission of sins to all those who have hitherto neglected or abused their Christian privileges. Instruct the ignorant, strengthen the weak, comfort the afflicted; and extend to all people the knowledge of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honor, and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Sunday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

MATT. xxviii. 18.—Jesus came, and spake unto them, saying. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19.—Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ;

20.—Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you : and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

JOHN iii. 5.—Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh, is flesh ; and that which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

TITUS iii. 5.—Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost ; which he shed on us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour ; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

ACTS ii. 37.—Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do ? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Then they that gladly received his word, were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

ACTS viii. 36, 37.—And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water ; and the eunuch said, See, here is water ; what doth hinder me to be baptized ? And Philip

said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

ACTS x. 47, 48.—Peter said, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

ACTS ix. 17.—Ananias said, Brother Saul, the Lord, (even Jesus that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest,) hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. (22. 16.)—And now why tarriest thou; arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

18.—And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

1 COR. xii. 13.—For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.

Most blessed and glorious God, the Lord of Hosts, great in counsel and wonderful in operation, plentiful in goodness, and abundant in mercy, how excellent is thy name throughout all the world! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. Yea, thou hast set up thyself above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth: and thou art exalted far above all blessing and praise.

O God, who sendest out thy light and thy truth to make the way of salvation plain before us, we have line upon line, and precept upon precept; thy messengers early and late; and thy providence giving us calls and warnings, to sanctify and to save us. But, O heavenly Father, thy vineyard

hath brought forth wild grapes, and it is not seen in our lives how great thy mercies have been to our souls. O God, great is our guilt. Our very righteousness is blemished and imperfect; nor can we hope to be justified by any works or worth of our own; for, by our own conscience we are condemned, and should be left speechless in thy judgment, if thou, O Lord, shouldst account with us according to the merits of our best services. We desire to take refuge and sanctuary under the shadow of our crucified Saviour. We would be found in him, not having our own righteousness, but that which is by the faith of Jesus Christ; that the shame of our defects may be covered, and all our sinful deformities hidden from thine eyes; that thou mayest forgive us mercifully, and receive us graciously, and love us freely, in the Son of thy love.

Command a blessing, we pray thee, O Lord, upon all the means of grace that are used for the good of our souls. It is not of him that planteth, nor of him that watereth, but of thee, our God, who giveth the increase. O be thou pleased to accompany thy Gospel with the powerful influences of thy grace and Holy Spirit; that it may be the savor of life to our souls, and the power of God to our salvation. O let us so hide thy word in our hearts, that it may be as a treasure within us, to stand us in stead, in every hour of temptation, and in all the times and cases of our need. Enable us

to walk more humbly and closely with our God, and more conscientiously and circumspectly before thee; so obedient to thy holy precepts; that finally, we may enjoy thy glorious promises.

Supply the want of thy public ordinances, we beseech thee, by the immediate teachings of thy good Spirit, to all such as through any unavoidable impediments are kept from them. And continue to this land, O gracious Lord, the light of thy Gospel, and all the spiritual privileges, which we enjoy. Preserve us also, by thy grace, from the curse of barrenness, under all thy abundant mercies. That they may not hereafter rise up in judgment against us, O make them now efficacious to us. Write thy laws in our hearts, and cause them to accomplish there all the purposes of thy grace, and to shine forth with a convincing splendor in our lives.

And now we give thanks, as we are infinitely bound, O Lord God, for that great mercy that has followed us all the days of our lives. How wonderful is thy patience and long-suffering, that thou shouldst all day long stretch forth thy hands to a rebellious and gain-saying people! We bless thy name, that in so many respects thou hast made us to differ from multitudes in the world, who are destitute of those comforts and conveniences of this life, and those means and hopes of attaining a better, which through thy favor we enjoy. We acknowledge thee in all; and we desire to ascribe

unto thee the whole praise and glory of all. Blessed be thy name, most merciful Father, that thou hast delivered us out of so many troubles, under which we should have sunk and perished, if thou hadst not been nigh to us, and done great things for us. We bless thee for our health and plenty, peace and liberty; for the use of our reason, limbs, and senses; for the kindness of friends, and safety from our enemies; and for the success and prosperity of our affairs in the world. But above all, we thank thee for the mercies relating to the world to come; for sending eternal redemption to us by the hands of thy dear Son; for the light and direction of thy word; for the teachings and strivings, the aids and consolations of thy Spirit; for all thy grace wrought in us, and bestowed upon us; and for all the discoveries and hopes of eternal glory which thou hast given to us. O how infinitely indebted are we to the kindness and love of God our Saviour! Make us ever thankful as we ought to be. And with all that thou hast given us, blessed God, give us hearts filled with thy love, and lifted up in thy praise, and devoted to thy honor and service.

We can only acknowledge the vast debt that we are never able to pay. We cannot praise thee according to the riches of thy grace; but we desire to praise thee with all the capacities and affections wherewith thou hast blessed us. And help us, O Lord, our God, to glorify thy name in so entirely devoting ourselves to thy pleasure, that we may

be thine in faithfulness, and in the sincerity of our hearts, all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Sunday Evening.

DEUT. iv. 9.—Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

HEB. vi. 1, 2.—*Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of LAYING ON OF HANDS, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

ACTS viii. 14, 15, 16, 17.—When the apostles heard that Samaria had received (from Philip the deacon,) the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost: for as yet he had fallen upon none of them: *only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. THEN LAID THEY THEIR HANDS ON THEM, and they received the Holy Ghost.*

ACTS xv. 41.—And Paul went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

MATT. iii. 12.—Jesus answering, said unto him, thus it cometh us to fulfil all righteousness.

PSALM lxxvi. 11.—Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about it: bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

ECCLES. xii. 1.—Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

ISAIAH xl. 30, 31.—Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

JER. l. 5.—They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward; saying, Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant, that shall not be forgotten.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favor to behold this family, whom thy good providence hath preserved to the evening of this sacred day. We acknowledge before thee, with shame and sorrow, the many offences which, by thought, word, and deed, we have most grievously committed against thee, our neighbor, and ourselves. Remember them not, we beseech thee, O Lord, neither take thou vengeance of our sins: but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Especially, we implore thy fatherly forgiveness of all that thou hast seen amiss in us this day. Pardon us, that we have not hallowed the hours, nor guarded our conversation, nor been awed in the spirit, as becomes those who keep a festival to the Lord. Forgive the wanderings of our minds, the coldness of our hearts, and

the unprofitableness of our best services. And grant that our negligencies and sins may not withhold good things from us, nor cause the purposes of thy mercy towards us to fail.

Suffer not this Sabbath to pass without awakening in us more earnest desires after heavenly things. Too often have our former vows and resolutions been forgotten, passing away like the morning cloud and the early dew. Strengthen, now, therefore, O Lord, we beseech thee, our devout convictions and intentions; and let thy Eternal Spirit cherish the flame of divine love that may have been kindled in our hearts this day. Grant that the words which we have heard or read, may, through thy grace, be so inwardly engrafted in all our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living.

Give us, O Lord, a good understanding of the things which belong to our peace, before they be hidden from our eyes. Subdue the workings of our evil hearts. Preserve us from pride and envy, from malice and discontent, from idleness and dishonesty, and from all hurtful lusts that war against the soul. Pardon and correct whatever is sinful in us; strengthen what is weak; supply what is wanting; and make us thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work.

We beseech thee, good Lord, to hear our supplications for all mankind. Prosper the labors of thy servants who have this day published the glad

tidings of salvation, and give thy blessing to the seed which they have sown, that it may bring forth fruit abundantly. Grant that those who have waited on thee may renew their strength, and be enabled to run with increased faithfulness the race that is set before them. Hear and answer the prayers which have been offered up for all estates of men in thy holy Church; and grant us all to be joined together in unity of spirit and of doctrine. Mercifully regard those who have neglected thine ordinances, and profaned thy Sabbath. Show them their guilt and their danger; and give them repentance unto salvation. To our relations and friends, our benefactors and enemies, give thy heavenly grace. Extend to us all the protection of thy good providence this night; and grant us such quiet and healthful repose as may fit us for the duties of the day following. Finally, accept, we beseech thee, heavenly Father, our thanks for the many and precious blessings which we have so long enjoyed; for thy constant care, thy bountiful provision, for our civil privileges, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Above all, we bless thee for the source and fountain of all thy other mercies, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Day by day we will magnify thee, and every night proclaim thy faithfulness and truth. And be thou still our God and guide, our refuge and defence, and our everlasting portion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Monday Morning.

1 COR. xii. 27.—Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

EPH. v. 23.—Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

1 COR. xii. 28.—And God hath set in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

MATT. xvi. 18.—And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven.

MATT. xviii. 17.—But if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.

ACTS xx. 28.—Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

MATT. x. 14.—And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house, or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily, I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah, in the day of judgment, than for that city.

ACTS xiv. 23.—And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

ACTS ii. 47.—And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious God, who livest and abidest for ever, we adore thee, the sovereign of heaven and earth, the giver and preserver of all good things. We acknowledge our entire and continual dependence upon thy bountiful providence. Our wants are many and great, and we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. We desire thee, therefore, O Lord, our heavenly Father, who art the giver of all goodness, to send thy grace unto us, that we may worship thee, serve thee, and obey thee, as we ought to do. Give us all things that are needful both for our bodies and our souls. Be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins, and save and defend us in all dangers bodily and spiritual.

And since thou hast spared us, O God, through another night, and brought us together before thy footstool, dispose us to give up ourselves afresh to thee and to thy service, and to join ourselves to thee in a perpetual covenant. Enable us to go forth to our several employments remembering that thy vows are upon us, and determined, in thy strength, faithfully to perform the same. Grant that every morning may find our hearts more enlarged to run the way of thy commands. May it become more and more the desire of our souls, and the great business of our lives, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling; and do thou, Almighty God, continually work in us both to will and to do of thy good pleasure.

[Here may be introduced any occasional Prayer.]

Let our conversation be daily in heaven, and our whole behavior such as becometh the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Make us sober and temperate in our enjoyments; and give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions. Preserve us from being ensnared by the temptations of a world that lieth in wickedness. Save us from that fear of man which bringeth a snare, and from being ashamed of thee or of thy Gospel; but make us to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by it, may the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world. Grant that a sense of thine awful presence may abide with us through the day. May we set thee always before us, remembering that thou, O God, seest us. And cleanse, we beseech thee, the very thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy name. Preserve us this day, and all that are dear to us, by thy gracious providence, from evil accidents and disasters, from sickness and death; prosper our undertakings; and sanctify all thy dispensations to thy glory, and our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Monday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

JOHN xx. 21.—Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

MATT. xxviii. 19.—Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

HEB. v. 4.—And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

5.—So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest: but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to-day have I begotten thee.

2 COR. v. 18.—And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19.—To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20.—Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 TIM. iv. 1.—I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2.—Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

1 TIM. iii. 3.—Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous.

4.—One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity ;

5.—For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God ?

1 TIM. iv. 15.—Meditate upon these things ; give thyself wholly to them ; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16.—Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine ; continue in them : for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

ACTS xx. 26.—I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27.—For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

20.—I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house.

21.—Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 TIM. vi. 11.—Thou, O man of God, follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12.—Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life.

EZEK. ii. 6.—And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions ; be not afraid of their words nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

7.—And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, for they are most rebellious.

EZEK. xxxiii. 31.—They come unto thee as my people cometh, and they set before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them : for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32.—And lo thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument : for they hear thy words but they do them not.

O LORD GOD, that hearest prayer, and art nigh to all that call upon thee in truth, having thine ears open to a world of creatures, that continually depend upon thee, as we are moved by our own necessities, so are we encouraged by the daily experience of thy mercies, still to shelter ourselves under the shadow of thy wings, and to continue our supplications at the throne of grace. And we beg of thee, who fashioneth all the hearts of the sons of men, to prepare us to come into thy holy presence, and to call upon thy name, in an acceptable manner.

O God, be merciful to us miserable sinners, for his sake, whom thou hast exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to thy people, and forgiveness of their sins: be merciful to us, we pray thee, and heal our souls, that have greatly sinned against thee. O heal our backslidings, renew us to repentance, establish our hearts in thy true fear and love, and warn us effectually by our past experience; that we may go on conquering and to conquer all the enemies of our souls, and all the hindrances of our salvation, till Satan be bruised under our feet.

O thou God of all grace! bring such thoughts to our minds, and urge such considerations home powerfully upon our hearts, as shall most effectually prevail with us, to keep us from iniquity, and within the bounds of holy duty, till thou receive us into thy kingdom. In the meantime, sanctify to

us all thy dealings with us; and bless us in all our undertakings, conditions, and relations of life. Make us humble in an high estate, contented in a low, and still duly careful of our souls in all: following after the things now which will bring us true peace and comfort at the last. Make us always to remember that each day, as it passes over us, brings us so much nearer to death, judgment, and our eternal destiny. And, oh gracious Lord, grant that it may leave us more and more transformed into the likeness of thy Son, and better fitted for the bliss and glory of thy kingdom.

Accept, O God, through Jesus Christ, our intercessions for all mankind. Grant, if it seem good unto thee, peace and stability to our country; and perpetual safety, and increase of grace, to thy holy Church. Hear the cries of the oppressed, heal the sick, sustain the afflicted and dejected, bless and prosper all our relations and friends, and sanctify all by such means as thy wisdom knows best, giving a happy issue to all the dispensations of thy providence.

We commend ourselves, and all that are dear to us, to thy divine guidance and blessing. Be thou at our right hand that we may never be moved. Dispose of us, and of all that concerns us, to the glory of thy name. Keep us in all places and companies, from the evil of sin, and from all other evils, to which the greatness of our sins does make us liable. And take thou, O heavenly Father,

the gracious charge, and guidance, and government of us; and so lead us here, in all our ways, with thy counsel, that hereafter thou mayest receive us into thy glory, through thy tender mercies, and our Saviour's abundant merits: in whose words, we beg all things needful for ourselves and others, at thy hands, O Lord God. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Monday Evening.

1 COR. iv. 1.—Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

JOHN xiii. 20.—Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send, receiveth me: and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me.

1 THESS. iv. 8.—He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

HEB. xiii. 17.—Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief.

ROM. xv. 30.—I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God.

2 THESS. iii. 1.—That the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

2.—And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

MALACHI ii. 7.—The priest's lips should keep knowledge, and the people should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

1 COR. ix. 11.—If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

13.—Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14.—Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

1 THESS. v. 12.—And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13.—And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

HEB. xiii. 7.—Who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation:

8.—Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

9.—Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.

2 TIM. iv. 3.—For the time will come, when men will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4.—And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 COR. iv. 3.—But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4.—In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5.—For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6.—For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7.—But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; remember thine exceeding great and precious promise, that whosoever cometh to thee, shall, in no wise, be cast out. And grant that we, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved. We beseech thee, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that for our sins, we most justly have deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy; and evermore serve thee, in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory.

O thou, from whom all good things do come, grant that, by thy holy inspiration, we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same. Give us understanding, that we may discern thy law; yea, that we may keep it with our whole heart. O that our ways were made so direct, that we might keep thy statutes always! May we hear a word behind us, saying, "this is the way, walk ye in it," when we are inclined to turn aside, to the right hand, or to the left. Give us wisdom and grace to honor thee by uprightiness and fidelity in all our ways. Preserve us from unchristian tempers and pursuits; from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and

the pride of life. May we be jealous over our hearts, and daily keep them with all diligence, remembering that out of them are the issues of life.

Be pleased also, O God, to set a watch about our mouths, and to keep the door of our lips, that no communication may proceed out of them, but that which is good for the use of edifying. And may we always bear in mind, that of every idle, as well as every profane word which we shall speak, we must give account in the day of judgment. Dispose us to make a covenant with our eyes, and to turn them away from beholding vanity. Make us honest and faithful in our several callings; and prosper, if it please thee, the works of our hands. But preserve us from being overcharged with the cares of this life; and save us from a covetous and a worldly spirit.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our thanks for the innumerable benefits which, from time to time, thou hast bestowed upon us. We would raise a memorial of thy abundant kindness, and tell out thy works with gladness. We acknowledge, O Lord, that no righteousness of our own hath merited these blessings, neither hath our strength or foresight procured them. But as the heavens are higher than the earth, so great has been thy mercy towards us. Thy right hand and thy stretched-out arm have helped and delivered us. Day by day we will magnify thee, and every night proclaim thy faithfulness and truth.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to accept this our evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving. Receive us, and all for whom we would pray, to thy fatherly protection, this night. May we lie down, and not be afraid; and may our sleep be sweet unto us. And grant that, whether waking or sleeping, we may live together with thee; through the merits and intercessions of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Tuesday Morning.

MALACHI iii. 16.—Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another ; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it : and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

MATT. xii. 36.—But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

EXODUS xx. 7.—Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain : for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

JAMES v. 12.—Above all things, my brethren, swear not.

MATT. v. 33.—Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths : but I say unto you, Swear not at all : neither by heaven ; for it is God's throne : nor by the earth ; for it is his footstool : neither by any other oath : but let your yea, be yea ; and your nay, nay ; lest ye fall into condemnation.

EPH. ix. 29.—Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

JAMES iii. 5.—Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth ! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity ; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature ; and it is set on fire of hell.

PHILIP. i. 27.—Only let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ.

JAMES i. 26.—If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, our God, who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth : who hast delivered us from the terror by night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness : who hast unlocked our eyes from sleep, and our eye-lids from slumber : who makest the outgoings of the morning and of the evening, to praise thee. Blessed art thou, for that we laid us down and slept, and rose up again, because thou, Lord, didst make us to dwell in safety.

Thou, who art the strength of them that trust in thee, we implore thy special presence and protection through this day ; not knowing what a day may bring forth ; only that sufficient for each day is the evil thereof. Be with us in all that immediately lies before us. Watch over us for good ; and keep us as the apple of thine eye. Make us active in the discharge of present duties. Cleanse us from our most secret faults, and keep us from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over us. Save us from the corruptions of our own hearts ; from the wiles and assaults of the Prince of darkness ; and from the wicked practices of the world around us. Give us grace to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow Christ. Preserve us, at home and abroad, in public and in private, from every thing that might prove to us an occasion of falling. And since, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without

thee, grant us, continually, the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed. Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and, of thy great mercy, keep us in the same all the days of our life.

[Here may be used any occasional Prayer.]

Furthermore, we entreat thee, O Lord our God, to bless the whole race of mankind with all things needful for life and godliness. Prepare thy way before the face of all people, and visit them with thy salvation. Pour out thy Spirit abundantly upon thy Church, and upon this nation, and its rulers, and let thy glory still dwell in our land. To all thy people give thy grace, that they may learn to fear thee, and be subject to the higher powers, submitting themselves to every ordinance of man for thy sake. Give, and preserve to our use, the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them. Bless all our relations and friends, all who have done or wished us good, and reward them seven-fold into their bosoms. Do good to those who have done or wished us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Comfort and sanctify the afflicted in mind, body, or estate; and preserve the rich and prosperous from worldly pride; and the poor and needy from envying and discontent.

We ask these great blessings for ourselves, and for all mankind, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

GEN. iii. 19.—In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

PROV. vi. 6.—Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

PROV. xxiv. 30.—I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding, and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it and received instruction.

PROV. xxvi. 13.—The slothful man saith, there is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed. The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

PROV. xxi. 25.—The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labor. He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth, and spareth not.

PROV. xiii. 11.—Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished : but he that gathereth by labor shall increase.

PROV. xx. 13.—Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty ; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

ROM. xii. 11.—Not slothful in business ; fervent in spirit ; serving the Lord.

O LORD our God, whose name is most excellent in all the earth ; who hast set up thy glory above the heavens, and art worthy to be celebrated with everlasting praises of men and angels ; thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure it is that they are and were created.

But, O Lord our God ! we have not brought thee the glory of which thou hast made us capable. We have often disobeyed and dishonored thee, in the whole course of our lives ; forgetting the gracious Giver of all our good things, who art never unmindful of us ; and weary to do thee service, who art never weary to do us good. For these things we desire to pour out our hearts before thee ; entreating thee, for the sake of that mercy of thine in Jesus Christ, which has moved thee to spare us so long, and to do so much for us already, that thou wilt be pleased to give us repentance and pardon for all that is past. However we have transgressed, O humble us duly under the sense of it ; and, for thy dear Son's sake, absolve us thoroughly from the guilt of it.

And strengthen us, good Lord, with the Spirit in the inner man, to make us more watchful against

the corruption of our nature, the temptations of the devil, and the distractions and allurements of this sinful world. O destroy in us every vicious inclination, every evil habit, and rebellious notion, that exalts itself against the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ. And increase and confirm in us, still more and more, thy true knowledge, and faith, and fear, and love, and every grace of thy holy Spirit, which thou knowest to be most wanting in us, and necessary for us; such as may make our lives still more comfortable to ourselves, more profitable to others, and more to the glory of thy name. Cast us not away from thy presence; take not thy Holy Spirit from us; but direct all our ways to please thee, our God, that thou mayest crown us with blessing and good success. Help us to discover thy power, to own thy presence, to admire thy wisdom, and to love thy goodness in all thy creatures. And by all the comforts which we enjoy, draw thou our hearts still nearer to thyself, the blessed Creator of every comfort; make our meditations of God sweet as well as frequent; that delighting ourselves in the Lord, thou mayest give unto us the desires of our hearts. And whatever may be our condition and privileges in this present world, O may we still be found in the way of our duty, fearing God, and working righteousness; that we may secure our interest in the great Saviour of the world; so that when all here shall fail us, thou mayest take us up, and be the strength of our hearts, and our portion for evermore.

Such thy mercy and grace we beg for ourselves, and all ours, and thine, every where, in the name of our great Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

MATT. xii. 36.—But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

EPH. iv. 25.—Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

PROV. xii. 22.—Lying lips are abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are his delight.

PROV. xiii. 5.—A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

PROV. xxi. 6.—The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

ACTS v. 3.—Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words, fell down, and gave up the ghost.

PSALM lxiii. 11.—The mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

REV. xxxi. 1.—The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

JOHN ix. 4.—I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

1 THESS. iv. 11.—Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

2 THESS. iii. 11, 12.—We hear that there are some among you which walk disorderly, working not at all, but are busy bodies. Now them that are such, we command, and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work and eat their own bread.

Most merciful God and Father, who hast safely preserved us through another day, and loaded us with thy benefits, we are assembled together, to acknowledge thy overruling providence, which ordereth all things in heaven and earth; which appointeth the moon for certain seasons, and the sun to know his going down.

Accept our united and hearty thanks for still holding our souls in life, and for turning away from us this day those evils which we have most justly deserved. We confess, O God, that we have forfeited, by our manifold transgressions, every claim to thy fatherly protection in the present life, and have rendered ourselves unworthy of the blessings of the life to come. But we look up to thee through that Mediator, in whose all-prevailing merits we are invited to come into thy presence, and to ask for every thing necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Now, therefore, O Lord our God, hearken to the prayers of thy humble servants. Mercifully regard us, while we draw nigh by that new and living way which is consecrated for us through his

blood. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, for having so little profited by our many privileges and graces. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sin. Pardon our want of love to thee, and our undue love of this present world. Truly our souls cleave to the dust. Quicken thou us, O Lord, according to thy word; and let the love of thee only rule and direct our hearts. Forgive, also, our many offences against our neighbor, and against each other, as members of the same household; and help us in all things to do unto others as we would they should do unto us. As thou hast taught us that all our doings, without charity, are nothing worth, send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues; without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Let not the sun ever go down, or rise, upon our wrath; but give us more of that spirit which thinketh no evil, which beareth all things, believeth and hopeth all things, and disposeth us to cover a multitude of sins. Teach us to watch over our hearts, that no unhallowed thought or propensity may lodge there to offend the eye of the holy God. Take away iniquity utterly out of our dwelling, and from among us, and may we come before thee with clean hands and a pure heart; that no secret or open abominations may prevent our prayers from being accepted by thee.

[Here introduce any occasional Collect.]

And now, O Lord, before we lie down, and take our rest, suffer us to commend all others, with ourselves, to thy covenanted mercies in Christ Jesus. Send abroad thy Gospel, with all its graces and consolations, throughout the world. Look in compassion on the fallen race, and turn sinners from the error of their ways. Look, also, upon thy Church and people. Pardon and heal our many divisions; and teach Christians to love one another, even as they are loved of thee. Comfort all who mourn, particularly those who mourn for sin. Give unto them everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace. Shed abundantly thy blessings, spiritual and temporal, on those among whom we dwell, and with whom we are more nearly connected. Take them and us under thy fatherly protection; bless us, and keep us from all evil, both of soul and body, this night and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Wednesday Morning.

Prov. xxii. 6.—Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Prov. xiv. 11.—The house of the wicked shall be overthrown; but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

Job i. 5.—And it was so, when the days of their fasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

GENESIS xviii. 18.—Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation; and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him: for I know him, that he will command his children, and his household after him; and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment.

JOSHUA xxiv. 15.—And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Prov. xiii. 24.—He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Prov. xii. 15.—Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

EPH. vi. 4.—And ye, fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

1 TIM. v. 8.—But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

DEUT. vi. 6.—And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

O THOU, who formest the light, and bringest back the morning, causing thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good: lift graciously upon us the light of thy countenance, the light of thy Gospel here, and the light of glory hereafter.

We are sorry and ashamed, O Lord, that we have not been more diligent in seeking our heavenly inheritance, and have made no better progress in the ways of godliness. We look up unto thee this morning for thy pardoning mercy, and thy sanctifying grace. As thou hast raised our bodies from sleep, so raise our souls from their spiritual slumbers. Dispose us more earnestly to seek thy kingdom and righteousness. Stir us up to the great work that lieth before us, and quicken us daily in the way of thy commandments. Let not the pomps and vanities of this world draw us aside, and beguile us into lukewarmness of spirit. But make us sober and vigilant against all the enemies of our salvation. Steadfast in the faith, enable us to resist our great adversary, the devil, nor ever suffer him to get advantage over us. And so assist us, heavenly Father, by thy grace, that we may continue in the holy fellowship of thy Church, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; till, at length, being joined to the great assembly of the faithful, we shall behold thy face in righteousness.

[Here may be introduced any occasional Prayer.]

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Bless us, who are now before thee, in our social connexion and employments. Make us all of one mind; teach us to love one another with a pure heart fervently; to bear each others burdens; and so to fulfil the law of Christ. Give us grace to be faithful in our several occupations, and prosper us in that state of life to which it has pleased thee to call us. Make us upright in all our concerns; and deliver us from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue. Hold thou up our goings in thy paths that our footsteps slip not. And let the very words of our mouth, and the meditations of our heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and Redeemer.

While we implore these great blessings at thy hands, help us to love and praise thee, for those which we are continually receiving from thee. Many, O Lord God, are the wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts of mercy which are to us-ward. We cannot reckon them. If we would declare them, and speak of them, they are more than we are able to express. Praised be thy name daily; even thine, O God, who helpest us, and pourest thy benefits upon us.

More especially accept our hearty thanks for the protection and refreshment of the past night. Mercifully spare us to meet again in the evening, and to renew our praises, in the name of that Mediator, through whom alone we now offer them, in the words which he himself hath taught us. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

COL. iii. 20.—Children obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

EPH. vi. 2.—Honor thy father and mother, (which is the first commandment with promise,) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

PROV. i. 8.—My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

PROV. vi. 20.—My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother. Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou wakest, it shall talk with thee.

PROV. xvii. 25.—A wise son heareth his father's instruction; but a foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

PROV. xv. 32.—He that refuseth instruction, despiseth his own soul; but he that heareth reproof, getteth understanding.

1 TIM. v. 4.—Let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

O LORD GOD, who hast heaven for thy throne, and the earth for thy footstool, and every thing in both, continually in thy sight, and at thy disposal, we humbly bow down and worship before thee. The least of those mercies which we enjoy, is far above any thing that we have a right to expect, at the hands of that God whom we so greatly provoke. Justly mightest thou, O Lord, withdraw thy mercies

from us, and pour out thine indignation, making us to find and feel by woful experience, what an evil and bitter thing it is to fall into the hands of the living God.

But, O Lord, without whom we cannot come unto thee, we cannot so much as desire to come, unless thou draw us while we are yet far off, and meet us with thy heavenly grace, and sustain us with thy almighty arm. Let it be thy gracious pleasure, therefore, O blessed Lord, to set us free from every yoke of bondage, that lies heavy upon our souls, and unfits us to serve thee with that readiness, and gladness, which thou requirest of thy people. O help us so to see, and hate, and bewail, so to confess and forsake our sins, that we may have the well-grounded persuasion of thy forgiveness of them, and of thy acceptance of us in the Son of thy love.

For his sake, wilt thou grant us, O Lord, the increase of thy grace, and such aids of thy Holy Spirit, as may enable us to subdue our sins, and fit us for all the duties of thy service. As thou art not weary to do us good, but hast pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants, O make us to abound in thy work, and in thy love, and praise evermore. Fill up all that is wanting, and reform whatever is amiss in us, and perfect that which concerns us; making us such in our hearts, and in our lives, towards thee, our God, that we may obtain thy peace here, and thy glory hereafter. O speak

peace to our consciences, that we may look upon thee, our God, as a reconciled Father in Jesus Christ.

In his great name, and prevailing mediation, we enlarge our petitions, in behalf of the whole race of mankind. Be gracious, O God, in thy good pleasure to Zion; build thou the walls of thy Church, that we may see the good of it all the days of our life. Continue thy mercies to this sinful land, whereof we are sinful members. Teach us to improve by all thy dealings with us. Turn all our hearts to thee, as the heart of one man; and reform all our lives, according to thy precepts, that thou mayest cause thy anger towards us to cease. Bless abundantly, all in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Grant unto the ministers of thy Gospel continual supplies of all needful gifts and graces for the effectual discharge of their several duties. Be thou a friend to all our friends, a father to the fatherless, a refuge to the oppressed and friendless, a God of consolation to the sorrowful, whatever be their trials and afflictions. Bless to us all, whatever thou art pleased to allot, or permit to befall us. Make all work for our good, to build us up in thy grace, and to help us on to thy glory.

And as thy goodness has been extended to us throughout our whole lives, for which we desire, O Lord, humbly and thankfully to admire thy love,

and to bless thy name, so we beg that we may experience the continuance of thy fatherly care over us. O defend, and bless, and keep us, that no evil may befall us, or ours, nor any calamity come nigh our dwellings. And prepare us, O Lord, for rest in our beds when we have done thy will, and for our last sleep, in death, and for those great accounts that we must give before the judgment-seat of Jesus Christ. O instruct and assist us in what we must do to be justified and saved; that we may, in this only time of preparation, finish the great work which thou hast given us to do, before the night of death overtakes us, wherein we cannot work. And whenever thou shalt be pleased to give us the summons of death, may we find nothing to do but cheerfully to resign our spirits into thy gracious hands, who gavest them to us, through the riches of thy grace, and the worthiness of thy Son; in whose merits alone we trust. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

COL. iii. 19.—Husbands love your wives, and be not bitter against them:—(EPH. v. 25,) even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be

holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives, as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

1 PETER iii. 7.—Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

1 PETER iii. 1.—Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives: while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel: but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

EPH. v. 23.—For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

O MERCIFUL LORD, our God, who loadest us daily with thy benefits, and givest us richly all things to enjoy, we bow down and worship before thee. We praise thee for continuing to us our life with all its comforts; for blessing us in our families, in

our persons, and in our friends. Help us to see thy hand, and to own thy providence, in all our concerns; and, with all thankfulness of heart, to trace up every earthly comfort to the fountain of eternal love. But chiefly we bless thee, for Jesus Christ, through whom all thy mercies are vouchsafed. We adore thee for having delivered him up for us all, that with him also thou mightest freely give us all things. Truly thy ways are not as our ways, nor thy thoughts as our thoughts.

And since thou hast promised, O Lord, that all things shall be ours, if we are Christ's, mercifully grant that we may be made partakers of his great salvation. Cleanse us from all our sins, and justify us freely through the redemption that is in him. Though sin hath abounded in us, let thy grace abound much more. From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation, good Lord, deliver us. Grant that the power of the love of Christ may be manifest in our hearts, filling us with the hope of glory; and that having this blessed hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure. Show unto us all things, in our hearts and lives, which are displeasing in thy sight, that we may abstain from every practice, and mortify every desire, which would cause thee to withdraw thy presence from us. Make us holy in thought, and word, and deed; abhorring that which is evil, and cleaving to that which is good.

May we be daily more and more established in grace ; and find joy in the Lord to be our strength, enabling us to resist temptation.

Heavenly Father, may thy good providence vouchsafe unto us rest and protection this night. Thou, Lord, art our refuge, our fortress, and our merciful God, in whom we trust. May we, and ours, abide safely under thy almighty shadow. Let thy truth and faithfulness be our shield and buckler. May no evil befall us ; nor the terror of any come nigh our dwelling. And grant, we pray thee, Almighty Father, that thy goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life. Be thou our constant ruler and guide ; and teach us so to pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men ; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them ; thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Universal Church ; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, may it please thee, to stand at the right hand of the poor, and afflicted, and oppressed, and be unto them a tower of strength under all their trials.

Grant, O Lord, these our petitions, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Morning.

COL. iv. 1.—Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

JAMES v. 4.—Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

JAMES ii. 5.—Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

MATT. vii. 12.—All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

1 TIM. vi. 1.—Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. Not answering again; not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

COL. vi. 5.—Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men; knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

1 PETER ii. 19.—This is thank-worthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

COL. iii. 12.—Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

COL. iii. 25.—But he that doeth wrong, shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

EPH. vi. 9.—And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven.

1 JOHN iv. 7.—Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who turnest the shadow of death into morning, and causest thy sun daily to rise on the evil and on the good, we humbly approach thee with the offering of our thanksgivings for thy goodness and loving-kindness which have followed us all our days; and particularly for thy preservation of us during the night-season.

O Lord, we commit ourselves afresh this morning to that goodness of thine, which has ever been extended towards us. Give us this day our daily bread, both temporal and spiritual, and prosper

thou the work of our hands in our several callings. And while many are inquiring, who will show them any earthly good, Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Show unto us more of the vanity of the world; of the worth of our souls; and of the excellency of Christ. Teach us that one thing is needful, and that one thing enable us to do; giving all diligence to make our calling and election sure, growing in grace and humility, and increasing in the knowledge of thy holy ways.

Keep us, this day, with thy mighty power, and grant unto us, O Lord, all needful strength for the duties of it. Out of the fulness which is in Christ Jesus, supply every want; and with thy mighty hand and out-stretched arm, save and protect us from all evil. Show us thy ways, and teach us thy paths; and may they be to us ways of pleasantness, and paths of peace. Take away the carnal mind, which is enmity against thee; and give us the mind which was in Christ Jesus. Strengthen us, by thy Holy Spirit, to mortify the deeds of the body, and to preserve our minds and conscience undefiled. May we never forget that we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth, as all our fathers were; that life is uncertain, as well as short; and that in the midst thereof, we are in the shadow of death. Give us grace to watch and pray, since we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh.

[Here may be used any appropriate Prayer.]

Finally, may it please thee, O most merciful Father, to bestow upon us, and upon all ours, all covenanted privileges, that by thy great goodness we may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.

TITUS iii. 1.—Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.

ROM. xiii. 5.—Ye must needs be subject not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due: custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

1 PETER ii. 13.—Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

1 TIM. ii. 1.—I exhort therefore, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

1 PETER ii. 9.—The Lord knoweth how to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: but chiefly

them that despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed; they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.

MATT. xxii. 21.—Render, therefore, unto Cesar, the things which are Cesar's; and unto God, the things that are God's.

Most blessed Lord God, we humbly present ourselves before thy glorious Majesty, to pay unto thee that homage and service, which thy greatness and goodness, and many mercies, demand at our hands. We are not worthy that thou shouldst, in any way of mercy, notice, or be entreated by us; but worthy is the Lamb of God, slain to take away the sins of the world. O gracious Father, regard not what we have done against thee, but what our blessed Saviour has done for us; not what we have made ourselves, but what he is made of thee, our life and peace. Grant that Christ may be to our souls, what he is to all thy faithful people, wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that his precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that thy Holy Spirit may wholly subdue our temptations, and mortify our lusts, and renew and sanctify our souls; and quicken, and enable us for the performance of all the duties of thy holy service. Let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we

should obey it in the lust thereof. May there be no sin in us but what is detected and understood, bewailed and resisted by us; and enable us to approve our hearts to thee, the searcher of them, and make all our ways pleasing in thy sight.

Teach us to know thee, our God, and enable us to do thy will as we ought to do. Give us grace to fear thee, and to love thee; to trust and rejoice in thee; and to adhere and cleave in faithfulness unto thee. Suffer no temptations to draw us, nor any tribulations to drive us from thee; but grant that all thy dealings with us, may be the messengers of thy love to our souls, to bring us still nearer to thy blessed self, and to make us fitter for thy heavenly kingdom. Quicken us, O Lord, in our dulness; that we may not serve thee in a heartless and listless manner; but may abound in thy work, and be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Make us also faithful in all the offices of intercourse with our neighbors, that we may be ready to do good, and bear evil, and forbear revenge; and be merciful and patient, temperate and self-denying, active and useful in the world: that so glorifying thee here upon earth, we may at our departure hence, enter into the joy of our Lord.

O thou that hast kept us alive to this hour, and hast been good and kind to us through our whole lives, we beseech thee to continue thy mercy to us; and as thou makest the outgoings of the morning

and evening to rejoice, so lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and make us glad with the tokens of thy love. And thou that art ever present with us, O make us ever conscious of thy presence, that we may wisely and piously demean ourselves as the followers of a crucified Master. Be with us, at our going out, and our coming in; and let thy grace follow us in all the circumstances of our life. Be thou our guide unto death, in death our comfort, and after death our portion and happiness everlasting; for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Evening.

2 SAM. xxiii. 3.—He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

ISAIAH x. 1, 2.—Wo unto them that decree unrighteous decrees to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless.

ISAIAH v. 22.—Wo to them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink; they have erred through wine, and through strong drink are they out of the way. They shall be trodden under foot.

PROV. xxviii. 15.—As a roaring lion, and a raging bear, so is a wicked ruler over poor people. The prince that wanteth understanding is a great oppressor. When the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

PROV. xxiv. 19.—God accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor. He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

PROV. xxi. 3.—To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

EXODUS xviii. 21.—Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such to be rulers.

JER. xxii. 3, 4.—Thus saith the Lord, Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hands of the oppressor, and do no wrong: do no violence to the stranger, to the fatherless, nor to the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place.

DEUT. i. 12.—Take you wise men, and men of understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you. The king shall write him a copy of this law in a book. He shall read therein all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, and to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.

O LORD our Governor, who hast set thy glory above the heavens, how excellent is thy name throughout all the earth! Thy dominion is an everlasting dominion; and thy kingdom endureth from generation to generation. We adore thy name, that our sins have not withholden from us the blessings of the past day; but that we are brought to the conclusion of it in safety and peace. We desire now to offer our unfeigned thanksgivings for the good which thou hast already wrought in us; and for every mercy vouchsafed us: and, when this life is ended, may we join the countless multitude before thy throne, who rest not, day and night,

proclaiming the praises of him who loved them, and washed them from their sins in his own blood.

And, before we retire to the rest which thou hast provided for our bodies, make us, we beseech thee, partakers of that spiritual rest, which thou hast promised to our souls. Thou knowest, O Lord, the folly and rebellion of our hearts; and our own consciences also testify against us, that we are verily guilty before thee, and altogether without excuse. Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burthen of our sins. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; and so renew us day by day with thy mighty grace, that our work may be done before the coming of our Lord to judgment.

Teach us to search and examine our consciences, (and that, not lightly, and after the manner of dissemblers with thee;) yea, do thou, O Lord, who triest the reins of the children of men, so prove and try us, that we may see whether there be any secret idolatry, any indulged wickedness in us, and may be led in the narrow way that leadeth unto life. We are wavering and unstable, and we acknowledge our proneness to turn aside continually from the path of righteousness. Do thou, therefore, place underneath us, thy everlasting arms, that in thy strength we may prevail over all the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Let thy Holy Spirit, in all things, direct and rule our hearts.

Grant that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; and above all the objects of our desire, heavenly Father, may we love thee, our merciful judge, our pardoning God, our satisfying portion.

{Here may be used any occasional Collect.}

We beseech thee, also, O Lord, to give unto our fellow men, a controlling sense of thy holy presence. May the ungodly remember that thou knowest their manifold transgressions; and that there is no darkness, or artifice, in which the workers of iniquity may hide their heads. Let thy continual pity cleanse and defend all conditions of men in thy holy Church: and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness. Comfort, support, and sanctify the afflicted and oppressed every where; and be a refuge to them in all their troubles. Establish thy power in the hearts of all who are near and dear to us; make them a holy temple, the habitation of thy blessed Spirit; and may they find and feel, in the abundance of thy mercies, that thou art the Lord their God. Guard their dwellings, and our own, this night, from fire, storm, and every evil accident; and grant that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day; which things we beg for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Friday Morning.

MATT. xv. 18.—This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. **MATT. xxvi. 41.**—Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God; for God is in heaven and thou upon earth, therefore let thy words be few. **MATT. vii. 11.**—If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? **ECCLES. v. 2.**—Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. **2 CHRON. vii. 14.**—If my people shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land. **JOHN xv. 7.**—If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. **MATT. vii. 7.**—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. **PROV. xv. 29.**—The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. **1 JOHN v. 14.**—And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us. **1 JOHN iii. 22.**—And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. **JOHN xvi. 23.**—Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he shall give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. **1 TIM. iv. 4.**—Every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God, and prayer. **MATT. xviii. 19.**—Again

I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. **MATT. xviii. 20.**—For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. **ROM. viii. 26.**—Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **PSALM xv. 17.**—Evening and morning, and at noon, will I cry aloud, and he shall hear my voice. **PSALM lxxv. 2.**—O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

O God, Maker of the world, and of all that is therein, worthy art thou to receive glory, and honor, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. In thy hand is our life; and thine are all our ways; we are thine by creation and redemption: not our own, but bought with a price, and joined to thee in an everlasting covenant. We praise thee for thy goodness, in having brought us safely to the beginning of another day; for thy preservation of us during our past lives; for all the mercies which thou hast bestowed upon us, notwithstanding our repeated transgressions; but especially for Jesus Christ our Saviour, and in Him for all our means of grace and hopes of glory.

That we may value thy goodness as we ought, teach us, O Lord, to know both our dependence and our unworthiness. We have sinned with our fathers, and done wickedly. But, O merciful Father, absolve us from our offences; pardon the

sinfulness of our corrupt nature, and the transgressions which by our frailty we have committed; and deliver us from the bands of frailty and sin, that iniquity may not be our ruin. Dwell in us by thy Holy Spirit. Amidst all our worldly cares and occupation, may we never forget thee, but remember that we are walking in thy sight. Enable us to subdue all unholy desires; and, denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Preserve us from carelessness in the concerns of our souls or bodies: that we may not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Dispose us to regard one another with brotherly affection; and enable us to do our duty in that state of life to which thou^hast called us, not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing thee.

[Here may be introduced any occasional Prayer.]

Be pleased, O Lord, to comfort and succor the oppressed and the afflicted; and dispose us all to compassionate each other. Spread the knowledge of thy word; and prosper thy Church in diffusing and upholding true religion. Preserve us all in the unity of the faith, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life; and finally bring us to thy kingdom in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Friday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

1 JOHN iii. 23.—This is his commandment, that ye should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another.

14.—We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

18.—My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed, and in truth.

PROV. xix. 17.—He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord: and that which he hath given will he repay him.

EXODUS xxii. 25.—If thou lend to any of thy people that is poor, thou shalt not be to him as a usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

PROV. iii. 28.—Say not to thy neighbor, Go, and come again; when thou hast it by thee.

1 TIM. vi. 17, 18, 19.—Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

2 COR. ix. 6, 7.—He that soweth little shall reap little, and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

MATT. vi. 34.—When thou doest thine alms, let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth, that thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

ISAIAH lviii. 6, 7.—Is not this the fast that I have chosen, saith the Lord, to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thine house: when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord will answer.

MATT. x. 42.—Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

21.—Sell whatsoever thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven.

MATT. vii. 21.—Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

O LORD GOD, Sovereign of heaven and earth, against whom all our sins have been committed, by whom alone they can be pardoned, our souls sanctified, and our wants supplied; we have none to repair to for remedy against the evils of our sins, but unto thee, the great God, whom we have grievously offended. But remember thy mercies and thy covenant of old; and looking upon us in thy beloved Son, spare us, and be not angry with us forever. Show us our guilty and lost condition without him. Make us to feel the burthen and the bitterness of our sins; and help us to find them out to our repentance and reformation, that they may never find us out to our ruin and destruction. Holy Father, carry on with power thy victory over our corruptions, and the work of faith, and grace, and sanctification in our souls. Quicken us, O Lord our God, and stir us up to thy work. Establish in us the dominion of thy Son, and go on to work mightily upon our hearts by thy grace, till our souls are fitted for the eternal enjoyment of thy glory.

To this end, be thou pleased to enlighten our darkened minds with thy saving truth, that we may not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is: and reform our depraved wills, inclining them to a cheerful and ready compliance with all the motions of thy good Spirit. Regulate our unruly passions; purify our corrupt affections; and convert all the faculties of our souls, to be instruments of thy glory, as they have been of thy dishonor; and make our bodies fit temples for thy Holy Spirit to dwell in. Continue, we pray thee, thy mercy to us when we lie down and when we rise up. Sanctify our motives; direct our undertakings, and prosper our endeavours. Fill our hearts with thy fear and love; keep us from evil, and help us to do that which is good and pleasing to thee; that living here to thy glory, we may, in the end of all our days, enter into thy rest, through the merits of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Friday Evening.

PSALM cxxxix.—O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and

before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. Search me O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art exalted far above all blessing and praise, and yet humblest thyself to the prayers of thine unworthy servants, be present, we beseech thee, with us, who are now met together in thy name. As another day is taken from the sum of our lives, give us grace to remember that we are so much nearer to our latter end; and fill us with a true repentance for all the sins and follies of our past lives. Cleanse us from all our guilt, through the blood of thy Son, and give us a peaceful conscience, and a good hope through grace. Grant that the opportunities which thou mayst yet vouchsafe us, may be improved by us to the purposes of our Christian calling: make us day by day more watchful, diligent, and devout.

By all the dispensations of thy providence, whether of good or evil, bring us nearer to thyself; and make us thine, in heart and life, as we are by name and in profession. Quicken us, O Lord, in the pursuit of heavenly things, and make us faithful in the discharge of every appointed duty; serving thee with sincerity of heart, and doing to all men as we would they should do unto us. Subdue in us, by the power of thy grace, every evil affection; and make our conversation to be such as becometh the people of the Lord. Almighty God, vouchsafe to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments. Let neither pleasure, nor profit, nor anger, nor fear, make us forget the very least of thy commandments; but increase in us more and more all the Christian graces and virtues.

Heavenly Father, receive our humble prayers for all conditions of men. Grant that all, who confess thy holy name, may live in unity, holiness, and zeal. Show forth the power of thy grace, by enlightening those that are in darkness, and by converting those that are in sin. Endue all orders and degrees of men amongst us, with such virtues as may most conduce to thy honor and glory, and to the good of thy Church and people. We commend to thy fatherly goodness all our relations and friends; beseeching thee to take them and us into thy holy keeping this night; defend us from all evil and from the fear of any. Prepare us, both in

soul and body, to serve thee faithfully another day. And give us time and grace to make our peace with thee, before we go hence and be no more seen. Hear us, O Lord, for thy dear Son's sake, and answer us according to the comprehensive spirit of that prayer which he hath taught us :

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Morning.

1 SAM. xx. 3.—There is but a step between me and death. PSALM ciii. 15.—Man's days are as grass; as a flower of the field so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. ECCLES. xii. 5, 7.—Man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. The dust shall return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. PSALM xxxix. 4, 5.—Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am. Behold thou hast made my days as an handbreadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best estate is altogether vanity. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence and be no more seen. JOB xxi. 23.—One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. Another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. JOB iii. 17.—There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary be at rest. There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. NUMB. xxiii. 10.—Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. JOB xxiv. 24.—The mighty are exalted for a little while, but are soon gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all others, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn. Neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it. JOB xxvii. 20.—Terrors take hold on him as waters; a tempest stealeth him away in the night. The east wind carrieth him away and he departeth, and as a storm hurrieth him out of his place. ECCLES. v. 15.—As he came, naked shall he return, and shall take nothing of his labor which he may carry away in his hand. In all points as he came, so shall he go. Who knoweth whether

it shall be a wise man or a fool that shall be after him. **ECCLES. ix. 5.**—The memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun. We brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **REV. xiv. 13.**—Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them. **PHIL. i. 21.**—For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. I have a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better. **PSALM xxxvii. 37.**—Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. **PSALM lxxiii. 26.**—My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. **PSALM xxiii. 4.**—Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **ROMANS viii. 38.**—I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus our Lord. **2 COR. iv. 16.** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. **2 TIM. i. 12.**—I know in whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him, against that day. **ISAIAH xliii. 2.**—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. **LUKE xxiii. 43.**—Jesus said, This day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

O God, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we, thine unworthy creatures, under a thankful sense of thy providential care, humbly

draw nigh unto thee to offer our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. We thank thee, that thou hast protected us from all the dangers of the night; O continue thy goodness to us through this day, and preserve us from all dangers both of soul and body. Thou art about our path, as about our bed, and spiest out all our ways: there is not a thought in our hearts, but thou knowest it altogether. If there be any thing there which offendeth thee, O Lord, enable us by thy grace to discover and cast it out, that we may come before thee with the preparation of a clean heart, and a right mind. We thank thee, heavenly Father, for thy patience and forbearance, and for all the time which thou hast given us, though we have greatly wasted and misused it. Make us to remember, that every day is thy gift, and to be used in thy service, and in doing the work of our salvation. O may we have time and grace to finish our appointed task, before the night cometh, in which no work may be done. Lord, spare us yet longer, that we may be better prepared to meet thee at the last day.

We acknowledge, O God, thy numberless mercies vouchsafed to us, and to all mankind; O make us duly thankful for them all; and teach us to show forth thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil:

and dispose us to follow, in all things, the motions of thy good Spirit, not trusting to our own strength or wisdom, but looking to thee for grace to establish us in every good word and work. Increase in us true religion ; nourish us with all goodness ; assist us to watch and pray ; that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, till we come to thine everlasting kingdom.

Be pleased, O Lord, to receive our humble intercessions for all orders and degrees of men ; for all that are in authority, that they may be thy ministers to us for good ; for the appointed teachers of thy Word, that they may be true pastors of thy flock ; and for all the members of thy Church : that all may faithfully serve thee in their several stations, and adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things. We beseech thee, also, to have mercy upon all those who have not yet known thee ; and who are yet servants of the world and sin. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word ; and save them, together with us, through Jeſus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Noon.

[Or, with a Collect, for the Morning or Evening.]

ACTS xxvi. 8 —Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? 1 COR. xv. 13.—But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 1 THESS. iv. 14.—Now if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words. 1 COR. xv. 35.—But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain; it may chance of wheat, or some other grain: So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ACTS xxiv. 15.—I have hope toward God, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. JOHN v. 28.—The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. ISALAH

xxvi. 19.—The dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs: and the earth shall cast out the dead. **DANIEL xii. 2.**—Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth, shall awake; some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. **JOB xix. 26.**—Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. **1 COR. xv. 54.**—Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory." **JOB xix. 25.**—I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. **PSALM xvi. 9.**—My flesh shall rest in hope.

O LORD, the great and glorious God, infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness, who hast created all things by thy Almighty hand, thou sustainest and orderest all that thou hast made by thy wise and righteous providence; and thy mercy is everlasting, and over all thy works.

But we have made unworthy returns for thy great and continued goodness. With the guilt of our inbred corruption hanging heavy upon us, we are amazed at the greatness and multitude of all our other sins, that we have committed against the light of thy Gospel, the strivings of thy Spirit, and the love and sufferings of thy Son. We have nothing to plead, blessed Lord, but thy own gracious nature, and the many promises which thou hast made to returning sinners in Jesus Christ. O for

his sake be thou pleased to pity us, and spare us, and forgive us, and grant us that peace which passeth all understanding.

And because such is the infirmity of our nature, that without thy grace we have not power to keep ourselves even from the greatest sins, O do thou, heavenly Father, fortify us against all temptation, and make us willing and faithful, and diligent in thy service. So discover and manifest thyself to our souls, that we may know aright thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. Enable us to live and practise, according to that knowledge of our duty which thou art pleased to impart, that we may not hold the truth in unrighteousness, but may walk in the light, as children of light, while we have it, that we may never in judgment be deprived of it. Let us not only be almost, but altogether Christians, sincere converts, true penitents and sound believers. And wilt thou, O God, that workest all in all, do the work of thy grace thoroughly upon our hearts, for which we may have cause to give thee praise and glory to all eternity.

The same things also we beg, O Lord, in behalf of all that ought to share in our prayers. O forgive the sins, and relieve the miseries of thy poor creatures every where. Grant that all who are called christians, may be truly christian, both in right believing, and holy living. Advance the interests, and extend the limits of thy Son's king-

dom, and may all nations flow into it, as to their rest. Bless our land, and endue those who direct public affairs, with wisdom from on high. Make them all men fearing God, and eschewing evil. May all who are called to serve at thy altar, be blessed with compassionate hearts, and holy, exemplary lives. Make them wise to win souls, and faithful, industrious, and successful in their sacred office. Remember them all for good, who have been any way instruments of our good; and all that have, or would hurt us, O Lord forgive them. Give unto all that mourn in Zion, beauty for ashes, and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And in the time of our health and prosperity, may we remember, and provide for the time of trouble, and sickness, and death, when all worldly succor will fail us, and the greatest powers on earth cannot deliver us from thy just retribution. Make us now so mindful of our duty, that thou mayest then be with us in mercy, and never leave nor forsake us. Which we beg for the all-sufficient merits of Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer; to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be all praise, and honor, and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Evening.

ECCLES. xii. 13.—Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. **ACTS xvii. 31.**—Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained: whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. **2 PETER iii. 7.**—The heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **MARK xiii. 26.**—And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. **REV. xx. 11.**—And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. **2 PETER iii. 11.**—Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Wherefore beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone art able to help our infirmities, pour down upon us the spirit of grace and supplication, teach us so to pray, that we may be heard and answered, through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We venture to present ourselves before thee, O Lord, laden as we are with the guilt of all the sins of this week, and of our past lives, because thou art long-suffering, and of great pity, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so great let thy mercy be towards us. Far as the east is from the west, so far do thou remove our transgressions from us. Having adopted us into thy family, O take away our guilt; and reconcile us unto thyself through the blood of thy beloved Son.

We pray thee, also, O Lord, to discover to us more of the evil of sin, that we may know more of thy grace and mercy in pardoning it; and more of the loving-kindness of God our Saviour in dying to redeem us from it. Grant that the old Adam may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in us. Grant that all carnal affections may die in us; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. Grant that we may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh.

Defend us, O God, our preserver, through the night season. When we lie down on our beds, may we commune with our own hearts, and think

of all thy goodness towards us. And may we awake in the morning, filled with a due sense of thy mercies, and with sincere purposes of living to thy glory. May the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in us, and quicken us in all the duties of thy holy day. Raise our thoughts from the things of this world, and fix them upon those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand. Help us fervently to join the prayers and praises of thy people in the courts of thy sanctuary, to guard our hearts, to sanctify our conversation, to worship thee in the family and in the closet, and to feel the power of thy divine word.

O let not our past abuse of thy Sabbaths, and of thy other mercies, provoke thee to take from us the strivings of thy Holy Spirit. But rather, do thou give unto us true repentance, and a greater measure of strength from above; that we may stir up the gift of God that is in us, and be quickened to greater diligence in improving the means of grace and salvation.

Holy Father, vouchsafe these, and all other spiritual mercies to the whole race of mankind. Put thy fear in the hearts of those who have no fear of thee before their eyes. May they tremble at the thought, that thou, O God, knowest them, and wilt render unto every one according to his deeds. Keep thy household, the Church, in continual godliness; that, through thy protection, it

may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee, in good works, to the glory of thy name. Defend and bless, with thy most gracious providence, our relations, friends, and benefactors; and grant that we may all be loved of thee. Let our dwellings, our persons, our substance, and all that we have, be protected and blessed of thee, the God of all mercy, this night, and for evermore.

[Here introduce any appropriate Collect.]


Favourably regard, O heavenly Father, this our evening sacrifice; and answer us, we beseech thee, in these, and all our prayers, which we have made before thee during the week; pardoning what has been sinful in us; receiving the glory of all that has been pleasing in thy sight; and graciously accepting us, and our imperfect services, at the hands of Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



HYMN FOR MORNING OR EVENING. (C. M.)

- 1 **BEHOLD, O Lord, a household meet,**
To offer praise and prayer ;
And whilst we worship at thy feet,
Vouchsafe thy gracious ear.
- 2 **Our lives and times are in thy hand,**
Our springs are all in thee :
We live or die at thy command,
And yet how vile are we !
- 3 **Look down propitious, mighty God,**
And pardon all our sin ;
Our house and hearts make thine abode,
And rule and reign within.
- 4 **Then shall our souls, and all our pow'rs**
Be thine, and thine alone ;
Our happy days, and nights, and hours,
And all we have, thine own.



SHORTER PRAYERS

FOR A FAMILY.

A Morning Prayer.

PSALM cxxi.—I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand: So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose wisdom and power we were created, and by whose providence we are sustained, we give thee humble thanks, for that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver us, thy servants, from all the perils and dangers of the past night, and that thou hast opened our eyes to see the light, and enjoy the privileges, of another day. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that we, through thy help, may both faithfully live and walk, according to thy will in this life present, and also may be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee, that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved: and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments, we may please thee, both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul. Thou knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

An Evening Prayer.

PSALM cxlvii.—O praise the Lord; for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful. He healeth those that are broken

in heart, and giveth medicine to heal their sickness. He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and great is his power; yea, and his wisdom is infinite. The Lord setteth up the meek, and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises upon the harp unto our God; Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men. Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Sion.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord; spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. We beseech thee, to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with him, and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace; and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Unto thy gracious mercy and protection, O God, we commit ourselves, and all our friends and relations, this night and evermore. O Lord, bless and keep us. Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. Lord, lift up thy

countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore, for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Another Short Morning Prayer.

PSALM xxiii.—The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued,

and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; and grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Another Short Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXXIV.—I will always give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles. The Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.



FOR A FAMILY.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips, that they speak no guile. Eschew evil, and do good; seek peace and ensue it. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit. Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

O LORD, show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation. O God, make clean our hearts within us, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O Lord, we acknowledge and bewail our sins and wickedness. For we have done the things which we ought not to have done, and have left undone the things that we ought to have done; and there is no health in us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only

Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification ; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth. Thou alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men ; grant unto thy people, that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, by whose Almighty power we have been preserved this day ; by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

[This Apostolic Benediction is to be repeated after the Lord's Prayer, at the end of every Morning and Evening Office.]



SELECTION FOR THE MORNING.

Another Short Prayer for the Morning.

PSALM lxxiii.—O God, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee ; my flesh also longeth after thee, in a barren and dry land where no water is. For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: my lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, and lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness, when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips. Have I not remembered thee in my bed, and thought upon thee when I was waking? Because thou hast been my helper; therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, by whose goodness and providence we have been preserved during the past night, and throughout our whole lives, into thy care and protection we commend ourselves again, as of ourselves being nothing, and having our whole dependence upon thee. Accompany us, we beseech thee, this day; and by thy grace preserve us from whatever is displeasing to thee; that the continuance of our lives being thy mercy to us, we may not offend thee in thy own gifts. Let the same grace, O God, enable us in the performance of all the duties of this day, that neither

sloth, self-love, nor ill-company, may occasion in us any omission ; but that we may be faithful in them, and perform them all in the spirit of a christian, that is to thy glory. By thy watchful providence and pity, keep us from all occasions of sin, and strengthen us in such dangers and temptations as are unavoidable. Preserve us likewise from all other misfortunes and ill accidents, and suffer not the devil, or evil men, in any manner to have power over us. Give us a tender conscience ; a conversation discreet and modest, patient and liberal, edifying and obliging. Set a watch before our lips, that we offend not against piety, prudence, nor charity. Preserve us from rash councils, and dangerous enterprises ; make thy way plain before our face ; prosper us in our several occupations ; and sanctify all our actions to the advancement of thy glory and our salvation. That we, living in a constant sense of thy presence, and of the account we must soon render to Thee in judgment, may daily attain greater conformity to the spirit of thy Gospel, and come nearer to the kingdom of God. These things we beg not for our merits, but for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Father, &c.



Another Short Evening Prayer.

PSALM i.—O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world ; thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens ! For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers ; the moon, and the stars which thou hast ordained. What is man, that thou art mindful of him ? and the son of man, that thou visitest him ? Thou madest him lower than the angels, to crown him with glory and worship. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet : All sheep and oxen ; yea, and the beasts of the field : The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea ; and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world !

O LORD, from thy high and holy throne in the heavens, vouchsafe to look with mercy upon us the children of thy hand. Let our prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense ; and let the lifting up of our hands be as an evening sacrifice. That it hath pleased thee to add another day to the years of our life ; that none of thy judgments, to which for our sins we are liable, have fallen upon us ; that by thy grace thou hast kept us from all scandalous sins, and from the dangers of an evil world ; that thou hast given us occasions of doing good, and grace to make use of them ; that thou hast supplied us and our friends with the necessaries

of this life, and with means of obtaining a better ; accept, O God, of our unfeigned thanks for these, and for all thy mercies, from day to day bestowed upon us. Possess our hearts with such a deep sense of our obligations to, and dependence upon thee, for life, health, grace, and salvation, that religion may be our delight as well as our duty.

Lord, the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall. In all temptations therefore, we beseech thee to succor us, that no sin may ever get the dominion over us. But that we may serve thee with a quiet mind, forgive us the things whereof our conscience is afraid, and avert the judgments which we have justly deserved. Remember not the offences of our youth, and in mercy blot out those of our riper years. Pardon our sins of the day past, and of our life past, and grant that they may never rise up in judgment against us.

O most blessed Advocate, who art able to save them for ever, who come unto God by thee, seeing thou ever livest to make intercession for us, we put our cause into thy hands. Let thy power defend us ; thy blood and merits plead for us : supply all the defects of our repentance : renew us day by day ; and apply the precepts and doctrines of the gospel powerfully to our hearts. By thy mighty grace, O Lord, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness during the remainder of our lives, that our death may be a blessing to us, and that we may find mercy at the great day.

May the Almighty God take us, our friends and relations, our benefactors and our enemies, under his gracious protection. Give thy holy angels charge concerning us; preserve us from the prince and powers of darkness, and from all the terrors and dangers of the night; and keep us in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Short Prayer for Sunday Evening.

O LORD GOD, Father of mercies, from whom are derived the comforts which we now enjoy, and to whom we owe the blessed and glorious hope of everlasting life, we desire to render unto thee our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise. We acknowledge thy goodness to us during the past day; and we beseech thee to continue to us thy gracious protection during the darkness and dangers of the approaching night.

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers, praises, and thankful acknowledgments of us, thy servants, and of all thy people which have met together this day according to thy will. Accept, good Lord, of our weak endeavours in thy service; and pardon whatever any of us have thought, or spoken, or done amiss this day. Par-

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ticularly we implore thy compassion upon our infirmities; beseeching thee, in mercy, not to impute to us the wanderings and coldness of our devotions, nor to deal with us according to our deserts, but according to our weakness and necessities, and thine own rich mercies in Christ Jesus.

Preserve, and strengthen in us whatever good thoughts and holy desires have been this day raised in our hearts; and help us all the week following to live in the love and fear of thee our God, and in peace and charity one with another. Teach us to set thee always before us, and wherever we are, and whatever we are doing, to consider that thou art about our path, and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways. O possess us with such a lively sense of thee, and of our obligations to thee, and let the thoughts and certain expectation of death and judgment be so constantly present to our souls, that we may, every day, heartily serve thee, in all the actions of christian piety; and be unwearied in well doing, to the end of our lives.

And forasmuch as in all our ways we acknowledge thee, do not thou, O God, ever leave us, or forsake us: but conduct us safely by thy counsel and grace, through all the business and enjoyments, through all the troubles and temptations of this life to that happy place, where our Lord Jesus lives and reigns with thee, in the unity of the blessed Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



COLLECTS

TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE FAMILY PRAYERS, UPON THE FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH; OR UPON SUCH OCCURRENCES IN A FAMILY AS MAY REQUIRE DEVOUT COMMEMORATION.

For the Incarnation

IMPRESS, O Lord, upon our minds such a sense of what our Saviour has done for us, that we may celebrate all the mysteries of redemption, especially that which thy Church this day commemorates, with humility, with exalted thoughts of thine ineffable goodness, and with most thankful acknowledgments of thy great love to the sons of men.

Teach us always to look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who, to reconcile us to a state of poverty, chose to be born, and live in a mean condition, enduring hunger, and thirst, and cold, and not having where to lay his head: that by his example we may be encouraged to sit loose to the world, may wean our affections from temporal objects; and feeling the vanity and emptiness of this world, may more and more delight in thy love, and in the practice of true religion.

For Advent and the Epiphany.

WE adore thy mercy, O blessed Jesus, that the glad tidings of thine appearance in the world to die for sinners, which was communicated by the ministration of angels, and by a bright and unusual star, has reached this land of our nativity. Oh ! may we always show our value of this inestimable benefit, by walking as children of the light, and by compassionating and relieving, to the utmost of our power, the miseries of those that still sit in darkness ; by employing faithfully and zealously every means of grace ; and by aiding the dissemination of the Gospel.

For Christmas Day.

HOLY and ever blessed Jesus, who being the eternal Son of God, and most high in the glory of the Father, didst vouchsafe to take our nature upon thee, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin ; assist us, with all admiration, reverence, and thankfulness, ever to receive and ponder in our heart, this great mystery of godliness, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Quicken us, O Lord, duly to express that thankfulness and delight which should animate every ransomed bosom.

We adore, with all humility, thine infinite condescension in being made man, in order to relieve our misery, and to guide us in the way to everlasting life. May we cheerfully submit to the meanest offices, or most painful privations, for our fellow men, and be resigned under all the most afflicting circumstances of life, which the wise providence of God shall think fit to lay upon us. O work in our hearts such a lively sense of the many and great blessings which thou dost procure by thy covenant, that, adoring and believing in thee, as our only Lord and Saviour, imitating thy holy example, obeying thy holy commands, we may be saved through thy merits, and at last reign with thee, who art God blessed for ever.

Circumcision.

WE bless and praise thee, O our Saviour, who immaculate in holiness, and almighty in power, didst instruct us by thy example of submission to ordinances. We thank thee, that in suffering thyself to be circumcised, and in being obedient to the law, thou didst show us the danger of neglecting to fulfil all righteousness, and of hoping for thy favor, without doing thy will. Grant us the true circumcision of the spirit, that our heart and all our members being mortified from all worldly and

carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; and after thy example, be ready to sacrifice every thing rather than neglect our duty.

For New-Year.

[To be added to Monday Morning, First Week.]

WE bless and praise thy holy name, who art the Lord of life and death, and who appointest to every man his portion of days; and we acknowledge thy goodness in having brought us safely to the beginning of another year.

Make us truly sensible of thy merciful providences towards us, of thy care, of thy bounties, of thy forbearance and love, during the last period of our lives, most merciful God; and give us grace to consider, that as another year of our uncertain life is passed away, we are so much nearer to judgment. Let us, in good earnest, set about the work of preparation for death, that when the Lord cometh, he may find us so doing.

Spare us, O gracious God, yet another year, and make us diligent and careful to redeem our time, and to spend it in thy service; that at the end of it, and at the great day of account, we may not be found to have wasted or misused the precious talent.

O Lord, we solemnly dedicate ourselves to

thee for the ensuing year, and the rest of our lives. But it is with thee to dispose our hearts to thy service, as it is to lengthen our days; be pleased to make us wise unto salvation; that we may consider, while it is yet day, the things that belong unto our peace; and that we may, by the help of thy Holy Spirit, pass this year, and all the years we have yet to live, in fulfilling our resolutions of holier obedience, and in the comfortable hope of a blessed eternity.'

For Ash-Wednesday.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to assist us in faithfully improving the season of retirement and extraordinary devotion, to which we are now called by thy Church. Give us such a sight of our sins which expose us to thy wrath, and such a sense of the uncertainty of life, upon which our preparation for eternity depends, that we may diligently use all the means of pardon and increased grace, for the time to come. Strengthen us, in imitation of our Lord, to exercise abstinence and mortification, to take up our cross, and to watch and pray, that being weaned from the pleasures of sense, we may feel the constraining power of thy love. May all the ensnarements of the world fail to draw us from our duty. And may thy Holy Spirit work in us such sorrow for sin, and such purposes of amend-

ment, that the new life which we begin here in tears, may conduct us to eternal life, in thy blessed kingdom.

For Good-Friday.

[To be added to Friday Morning, First Week.]

WE are before thee, O Lord, this day, in which the Church commemorates the atoning death of the Saviour, in the lowest prostrations of soul and body, with hearts full of grief and sorrow for those sins of ours, which crucified the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame. O make his death availing to our pardon and eternal life. Take away our guilt with his blood. Cleanse our impurities with his grace. Henceforth we desire not to live but unto Christ who died for us. Assist us, O blessed Spirit, to purify ourselves, and to tread in the steps of this humble, meek, and patient sufferer. Keep in us such a lively sense of our Saviour's agony and bloody sweat, that we may bitterly hate sin, the cause of his torments; and teach us the value of our immortal souls, for which he became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Confirm our courage in the christian warfare, that as good soldiers we may fight manfully under the banner of our crucified Saviour, and that nothing either in life or death may ever separate us from his love.

For Easter.

WE praise thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee, O blessed Jesus, for thy glorious resurrection, whereby thou hast made known the power of thy divinity, and proved thyself to be the true Messiah! Grant that thy victory over the grave may strengthen us against the fear of death; that we may look upon it as a deliverance from sin and sorrow, and as a passage to a happy eternity; and that the infinite value of thy sufferings may support us under the sense of that guilt of which we heartily repent, and those penalties which we dread.

O blessed Redeemer, help us to rise from the death of sin, unto the life of righteousness, that we may spend the remainder of our days in securing that everlasting happiness which thou hast purchased, by thy atoning death.

For the Ascension.

WE rejoice, O blessed Jesus, in thy triumphant ascension, which the Church commemorates this day—when thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers, and didst sit down at the right hand of thy Father, adored by angels, and interceding for sinners. Oh, wean our minds from the vanities of this world, and place our affections

entirely on things above, that we may spend the remainder of our life in securing an eternal inheritance. And do thou, O God, quicken and enlarge our desires after those pleasures which are at thy right hand for evermore; that through faith and patience, having finished the race which thou hast set before us, we may be received into the joy of our Lord.

For Whit-Sunday.

WE gratefully commemorate, O Lord, that descent of the Holy Ghost for which thy Church praises thee this day. O divine Comforter, enter into our souls, and dwell there; that it may appear by our conversation and course of life, that thy grace doth rule in our hearts, and abide with us. O adorable Spirit, who cleanseth the thoughts of the heart, forgive us, we humbly entreat thee, if at any time we have resisted thy blessed inspiration, and quenched the holy flames thou didst kindle in our breasts; and so purify our hearts with thy celestial grace, and mortify and kill all vices in us, that we may be fit to receive and entertain thee as our guide and comforter. Then shall we know and love thee, and constantly do the things that are right; and so walking by the influences of thy grace here, we shall be fitted for thy glory hereafter.

For Trinity Sunday.

ETERNAL, self-existent God, we acknowledge with all joy and thankfulness, thy great goodness manifested to the children of men, in the wonderful work of our redemption. We adore thy infinite love and condescension, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, whose mysterious union in one divine essence the Church celebrates this day. We thank thee that thou didst take pity upon us, when we had lost and ruined ourselves, and in the person of the only-begotten Son, didst provide atonement that we might live through him. We worship thee for all the light and consolations of the blessed Spirit. O Lord, fill our hearts with a sense of the homage due to thy glorious Majesty, and of the gratitude due to thy mercy; and may our highest adoration and praise, be joined with that of the blessed company above, who are never weary of ascribing glory, blessing, thanksgiving, and praise to thee, not only in their own behalf, but even for thy wonderful goodness to the children of men. Praise the Lord, therefore, O our souls; and all that is within us praise his holy name.

For the Commemoration of any of the Saints.

WE bless and praise thy holy name, for all the apostles, saints, and martyrs, who having encoun-

tered persecution and death, have entered into eternal life in thy faith and fear. Particularly we rejoice in the victories over the world, and the triumphs of grace achieved by thy holy servant St. ———, whom the Church commemorates this day.

Let that mighty grace, O Lord, which enabled them to conquer all opposition, support and animate us, who are surrounded with dangers and temptations. May we learn to be humble and meek, and to submit all our desires to the will of God; to govern our senses by reason, and our reason by the dictates of revelation; to hold fast thy true religion and worship, and never to live unworthy thereof; to take up the cross, and to resist unto blood, striving against sin. Let their mortified and devout lives, their purity and charity, their patient suffering, and perseverance unto the end, be always so imprinted upon our minds, that in following their example we may inherit those promises of which they are now partakers.

For a Public Fast Day.

On this day of public humiliation and sorrow, we do humbly confess, O Lord, that we are sinful members of a sinful nation, and that the calamities we are enduring, and the sufferings which we dread, are less than our wickedness deserves.

We have abused thy mercy, and trampled upon thy laws, and profaned thy day and thy worship, and not trembled at thy threatening judgments. Thou hast shown us wonderful things in thy goodness, O God of our salvation, and hast protected us from secret malice and open violence. Thou hast continued to us the light of thy gospel, and the grace of thy sacraments, and with our other mercies, hast given us security from the superstitions and tyranny under which other nations have groaned. But by luxury and extravagance, by discord and fraud, by drunkenness and profligacy, the whole nation is polluted in thy sight, and thy people have not mourned and wept as they ought to have done. And now, O Lord, hear us when we cry unto thee, and send out into the land a spirit of true repentance and reformation. Awaken the careless, enlighten the ignorant, convince the unbeliever, and convert the vicious. Through the blood of thy beloved Son, pardon our sins, take us to be thy people again, and reign in us by thy Holy Spirit. O turn from us the judgments we are afraid of. Say unto thy awful visitations, "It is enough," and neither by sword nor pestilence, neither by famine, nor by the fruits of our own follies and vices, pour out upon us the vengeance we deserve. O avert, gracious Lord, in particular from us who are here before thee, the penalties of the public iniquity, and turn all our hearts to thee with an acceptable penitence and faith.

For a Young Person going out into the World.

WE commend to thy most watchful providence and tender mercy, thy young servant, who is going out from among us, to encounter the dangers and trials of the world. O do thou make plain his way before him. Comfort him with a sense of thy goodness, and go with him wherever he removes, and in whatever he is engaged, by the ministry of good angels, and by thy indwelling Spirit. Defend him, O Lord, we beseech thee, against the evils, and temptations, and disasters of the world, and grant that he may never be led away by the wicked customs and lusts of it; but obediently keeping thy holy commandments, and walking in the same all his days, may be an instrument of thy glory; and after he has served thee faithfully in this world, may be made partaker of everlasting happiness in that which is to come.

When any Member of the Family is Sick.

THOU, O Lord, givest to thy creatures health and strength, and when thou seest fit, visitest them with sickness and infirmity; be pleased now, to hear the prayers which we offer in behalf of thy servant who is dear to us, and who is now afflicted by thy hand. Look down from heaven, behold,

visit, and in thine own good time relieve *him*. Direct to the use of suitable means for *his* recovery: and bless the application of them. Mitigate the sufferings of *his* disease; and dispose *him* to place all *his* trust and confidence, not in the help of man, but in thy promises, and power, and love. Be merciful unto *him*, gracious Lord, not according to our deservings, but according to the necessity of *his* case, and the multitude of thy mercies. In submission to thy most wise and good disposal of all things, we beseech thee, that this bitter cup may pass away from thy servants, or give us grace so to improve it, as to set us forward on our way to life eternal.

For a Sick Child

LOOK down from heaven, O gracious Father, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon the sick child for whom our fears are awakened. Deliver *him*, O Lord, in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and visit *him* with thy salvation; that if it should be thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation. Or else, receive *him* into those heavenly habitations where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity.

For a Family in Affliction.

THOU hast taught us, O Lord, in thy holy word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servants who are now before thee under thy chastising hand. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit us with trouble, and to bring distress upon us. Remember us, O Lord, in tender mercy. Sanctify thy fatherly correction to us; endue our souls with firmness and patience under our affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love thee. Comfort us with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, and make it the harbinger of eternal rest.

When a Friend or Member of the Family has gone to Sea.

THOU alone, O Lord, spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea. We commend to thy Almighty protection, thy servant for whose preservation on the great deep our hearts are deeply concerned. Guard *him*, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from

the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies.

A Prayer

FOR THOSE DAYS UPON WHICH THE LORD'S SUPPER IS TO BE ADMINISTERED.

PREPARE us, we beseech thee, by thy grace, for the worthy celebration this day of that holy ordinance, which thy Son was pleased to appoint for a continual remembrance of his death, for a pledge of his love, and for a means of grace, to our great and endless comfort. O may we discern the Lord's body in it, and remember and adore the exceeding love of Christ our Saviour, thus dying for us. Give us repentance unto life, and endue us with a lively faith, a perfect love, and an universal charity. Enable us spiritually to receive the body and blood of Christ our Saviour; that so all carnal affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us; and that, being continually refreshed and strengthened by thy grace, we may persevere in all godliness unto our lives end. May we never forget the vows of God that are upon us; that being not conformed to this world, but transformed into the likeness of Christ, we may be fit for thine everlasting kingdom.

A Prayer

TO BE USED WHEN ANY CHILD OF THE FAMILY HAS BEEN BAPTIZED.

THROUGH thy gracious favor a member of this family is this day (*or to be*) admitted, by baptism, into the Church of Christ, called into a state of salvation, and made thy child by adoption and grace : grant, we beseech thee, that by the continual help of thy Holy Spirit, *he* may be enabled to lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning ; walking uprightly before thee in the true faith of Christ crucified, and finally through the merits of *his* Redeemer, may *he* be saved from the wrath to come, and enter into thy glorified Church in heaven.

Thanksgiving

FOR THE RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS OF ANY MEMBER OF A FAMILY.

WE humbly thank thee, O gracious and merciful Lord, that thou hast heard the prayers of thy servants ; and restoring *him* who was lately brought low by the visitation of sickness, hast raised *him* up from the gates of the grave. Thou hast delivered *his* soul from death, *his* eyes from tears, and *his* feet from falling. O Lord, we thank and praise

thee for thy great mercy. Let it be good for us that we have been in sorrow and affliction ; while our humble trust in thy mercy is strengthened, teach *him* and us the uncertainty of this life, and give us grace to fix our hopes upon thy promises of that life which shall be holier and happier.

Thanksgiving

WHEN A FAMILY HAVE BEEN PRESERVED FROM DANGER.

THOU, O Lord, art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies ; we yield thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from that great and apparent danger which threatened us. We acknowledge it thy goodness that we are not delivered over as a prey unto it ; beseeching thee still to continue such thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer.

Thanksgiving

FOR A SAFE RETURN FROM SEA.

O LORD, we gratefully acknowledge thy mercy over all thy works ; and we praise thy holy name, as for all thy goodness, so especially that thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety, through the

perils of the great deep, thy servant, for whose preservation we now desire to return our humble thanks unto thee. May we all be duly sensible of thy merciful providence towards *him*, and ever express our thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws.

Thanksgiving

FOR THE REMOVAL OF PESTILENCE.

ALTHOUGH thou hast wounded us for our sins, and chastised us for our transgressions, by thy late heavy and dreadful visitation of pestilence, yet now, we bless thee that in the midst of judgment, remembering mercy, thou hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death. We offer unto thy fatherly goodness, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, which thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee; always praising and magnifying thy undeserved mercies. May we never forget the warning we have received, nor the vows we have uttered, so that with grateful hearts we may live hereafter in thy faith, and fear, and love.







THE DIARY,

OR

A RULE TO SPEND EACH DAY RELIGIOUSLY.

SECTION I.

1. **SUPPOSE** every day to be a day of business : for your whole life is such, a race, and a battle, a merchandize, and a journey. Every day propound to yourself an oblation of faith, and of good works, to present to God at night.

2. Rise as soon as your health and other occasions shall permit ; but be as regular as you can, and as early. Remember, he that rises first to prayer hath a more early title to a blessing. But he that changes night into day, labor into idleness, watchfulness into sleep, changes his hopes of blessing into a dream.

3. Let not any one think it an excuse to lie in bed, because he hath nothing to do when he is up : for whoever hath a soul, and hopes to save that soul, hath work enough to do *to make his calling and election sure*, to serve God and to pray, to read and to meditate, to repent and to amend, to do good to others, and to keep evil from themselves. And if thou hast little to do, thou oughtest to employ

the more time in laying up for a greater crown of glory.

4. At your opening your eyes, enter upon the day with some act of piety ; first, Of thanksgiving for the preservation of you the night past ; and second, Of the glorification of God for the works of the creation, for his dispensations of wisdom and mercy to all the world, and for his glorious perfections.

5. When you first leave your bed, solemnly and devoutly bow your head, and worship the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

6. When making yourself ready, be as silent as you can, and spend that time in holy thoughts ; there being no better way conveniently to redeem that time from loss, than by meditation and short mental prayers. If you choose to speak, speak something of God's praises, of his goodness, his mercies, or his greatness. Ever resolving that the first fruits of thy reason, and of all thy faculties, shall be presented to God, to sanctify the whole harvest of thy conversation.

7. Be not curious, nor careless, in your habit, but always keep these measures.

First, Be not troublesome to thyself or to others by unhandsomeness, or uncleanness, or peculiarity.

Second, Let it be according to your state and quality, but rather under than above your condition.

Third, Make religion to be the difference of your habit, so as to be best attired upon holy days.

8. While dressing, let there be ejaculations fitted to the several actions of dressing: as at washing your hands and face, pray God to cleanse your soul from sin; in putting on your clothes, pray him to clothe your soul with the righteousness of your Saviour; and so in all the rest. For religion must not only be the garment of your soul, to invest it all over; but it must be also as the fringes to your various actions, that something of religion appear in every one of them, besides the innocence of all of them.

9. Then kneel and say the Lord's prayer; and rising from your knees, do what is necessary in order to your farther dressing, or affairs of the house speedily; and then finish your dressing according to the foregoing rules.

10. Retire to your closet, and go to your usual devotions. It is good that the first prayers were divided into seven actions of piety.

First, An act of adoration. Second, Of thanksgiving. Third, Of oblation. Fourth, Of confession. Fifth, Of petition. Sixth, Of intercession. Seventh, Of meditation, or serious, deliberate, useful reading of the Holy Scriptures.

11. Your reading should be governed by these measures.

First, Let it not be of the whole Bible in order, but for your devotion use the New Testament, and such portions of it, and of the Old, as contain the precepts of holy life.

Second, The historical and less practical part, let it be read at such other times as leisure from your domestic employments will afford.

Third, Those portions of Scripture which you use in your prayers, let them not be longer than a chapter at once. But what farther time you can afford, spend it in thinking and meditating upon the holy precepts which you read.

Fourth, Be sure to meditate until you graft some *act of piety* upon the occasion of what you meditate: either that you get some new arguments against a sin, or some new encouragements to virtue; some spiritual strength and advantage, or else some act of prayer to God, or glorification of him.

12. Before you go forth of your closet, set yourself down a little while, and consider what you are to do that day, what matter or business is like to employ you or to tempt you; and take particular resolution against that, whether it be matter of wrangling, or anger, or covetousness, or vain courtship, or feasting; and when you enter upon it, remember upon what you resolved in your closet. If you are likely to have nothing extraordinary that day, a general recommendation of the affairs of that day to God in your prayers will be sufficient: but if there be any thing foreseen that is not usual, be sure to be armed for it by a hearty, though a short prayer, and an earnest prudent resolution before-hand, and then watch when the thing comes.

Upon the occurrence during the day, of any unforeseen danger, or perplexing duty, if you can not retire for prayer, immediately in silence lift your heart to God for grace.

13. Take care that all the children and servants of the family say their prayers before they begin their work. The *Lord's Prayer*, and the *Ten Commandments*, with the *short verse* at the end of every commandment which the Church uses, and the *Creed*, is a very good office for them. To these it is proper that some suitable prayer be added, and they taught to use it devoutly.

14. Then go about the affairs of your house and proper employment, ever avoiding idleness, or too much earnestness of affection upon the things of the world. Do your business *prudently, diligently, humbly, charitably, devoutly*.

15. Let there be no idle person in or about your family, but find them all *work* and *meat*, according to their station, call upon them carefully, reprove them without reproaches or fierce railings. Be a master or a mistress, and a friend to them, and exact of them to be faithful and diligent, to God, to you, and their fellow men.

16. In your servants and children suffer any offence against yourself rather than against God; endure not that they should swear, or lie, or steal, or be wanton, or curse each other, or be railers, or slanderers, or tell-tales, or sowers of dissension in the family, or amongst neighbors.

17. In all your intercourse with your neighbors in the day, let your affairs be wholly matter of business or civility, and always managed with justice and charity: neither let it be matter of curiosity or inquiry into the actions of others; always without censuring or rash judgment, without back-biting, slandering, or detraction: do it not yourself, neither converse with them that do. He or she that loves tale-bearers shall never be beloved, or be innocent. Resist the temptation to utter unkind and sharp things for the sake of being amusing. Talk of others as you would have them speak of you.

18. As often as it is convenient, or can be had, let the public prayers of the Church, or parts of them, or of others, be said publicly in the family, and let as many be present as you can. The same rule is to be observed for Sundays and holidays, for their going to church. Let no one servant be always detained, but relieved and provided for by changes.

19. Let your meal be temperate and wholesome, according to your quality and the season, begun and ended with prayer: and be sure that in the course of your meal, and before you rise, you recollect yourself, and send your heart up to God with some holy and short ejaculation; remembering your duty, fearing to offend, or desiring and sighing after the eternal supper of the Lamb.

20. After meal use what innocent recreation

time will allow, to refresh your mind or body ; with these measures.

First, Let it not be too expensive of time. Second, Let it not hinder your devotion, nor your business. Third, Let it be always without violence or passion. Fourth, Let it not then wholly excite and engross you ; but let your heart retire with some holy thoughts and sober recollections, lest your affections be carried off from better things. Here you may be refreshed, but take heed you neither *dwell here*, nor *sin here*. You may use recreation, and avoid sin, and *that is the best temper*. But if you cannot do both, be more careful of your soul than of your refreshment ; and *that is the best security*. In what you find tends to sin, carefully avoid it, and change your refreshment to some other instance in which you can be more innocent.

21. Entertain no long discourse with any, without bringing in something to season it with religion. As God must be in all your thoughts, so, if it be possible, let him be in all your discourses, at least let him be at one end of it ; and when you cannot speak of him, be sure you forget not to think of him.

22. As early as practicable in the declining of the day, be sure to retire to your private devotions : read, meditate, and pray. In which I propound to you this method. On the Lord's day meditate of the glories of the creation and redemption, of the works of God, and all his benefits to mankind, and

to you in particular. Then let your devotion be, humbly upon your knees, and say over the 23d and 19th Psalms, and sometimes the 103d, with proper collects.

Meditate on Monday,	on	1. Death,
“ “ Tuesday,	“	2. Judgment,
“ “ Wednesday,	“	3. Heaven,
“ “ Thursday,	“	4. Hell.

On Friday recollect your sins that you have done that week, and all your life-time, and let your devotion be to recite humbly and devoutly some penitential litanies.

On Saturday, at the same time, meditate on the passion of our blessed Saviour and all the mysteries of our redemption.

Upon these two days and Sunday you may choose some portions out of *The Life of Christ*, to read and help your meditation, proper to the mysteries you are appointed to meditate, or any other devout books.

23. Read not much at a time ; but meditate as much as your time, and capacity, and disposition, will give you leave ; ever remembering, that little reading and much thinking, little speaking and much hearing, frequent and short prayers and great devotion, is the best way to be wise, to be holy, to be devout.

24. Before you go to bed, bethink yourself of the day past : if nothing extraordinary hath happened, your conscience is the sooner examined ;

but if you have had any difference or disagreeing with any one, or a great feast, or great company, or a great joy, or a great sorrow, then recollect yourself with the more diligence; ask pardon for what is amiss; give God thanks for what was good. If you have omitted any duty, make amends next day; and yet if nothing be found that was amiss, be humbled still, and thankful, and pray God for pardon, if any thing be amiss that you know not of. If all these things be not in your offices, supply them with short ejaculations before you begin your last prayers, or at the end of them. Remember also and be sure to take notice of all the mercies and deliverances of yourself and your relatives that day.

25. As you are going to bed, as often as you are not hindered, meditate of death and the preparations to your grave. When you lie down, close your eyes with a short prayer, commit yourself into the hands of your faithful Creator: and when you have done, trust him with yourself, as you must do when you are dying.

26. If you awake in the night, fill up the intervals or spaces of your not sleeping by holy thoughts and aspirations, and remember the sins of your youth: and that you shall soon die; and pray to God to send to you and all mankind mercy in the day of judgment.

27. Upon the holydays observe the same rules; only let the matter of your meditations be according to the mystery of the day.

28. Set apart one day for fasting once a week, if practicable, or once a fortnight, or once a month at least; but let it be with these cautions and measures.

First, Do not choose a festival of the Church for your fasting day.

Second, Eat little till your afternoon devotions be done, if the health of your body will permit it: if not, take something which may be the *least agreeable* to your appetite and taste.

Third, When you eat your meal, let it be no more than ordinary, lest your fasting day end in an intemperate evening.

Fourth, Let the actions of all the day be proportionable to it; abstain from your usual recreations on that day, and from greater mirth.

Fifth, Be sure to design before-hand the purposes of your fast, either for *repentance*, or for *mortification*, or for the advantages of *prayer*; and let your devotions be accordingly. But be sure not to think fasting to consist in *eating fish*, and *abstaining from meats*, nor that eating nothing can of itself be pleasing to God, but as it serves to one of these purposes.

Sixth, Let some part of that day extraordinary be set apart for prayer, for the actions of repentance, for confession of sins, and for begging of those graces for whose sake you set apart that day.

Seventh, Be sure that on that day you set apart something for the poor; for *fasting* and *alms* are the

wings of prayer. And it is best to choose that day for your fast which is used generally by all Christians, as Friday and Saturday.

29. From observation of all the days of your life, gather out the four extraordinary traits.

First, All the great and shameful sins you have committed.

Second, All the excellent or greater acts of piety which by God's grace you have performed.

Third, All the great blessings you have received.

Fourth, All the dangers and great sicknesses you have escaped : and upon all the days of your extraordinary devotions, let them be brought forth, and produce their acts of virtue, i. e.

1st. Repentance and prayers for pardon. 2d. Resolutions to proceed and increase in good works. 3d. Thanksgiving to God. 4th. Fear and watchfulness, lest we fall into worse, as a punishment for our sin.

30. Keep a little catalogue of these, and at the foot of them set down what promises and vows you have made, and kept or broken, and do according as you are obliged.

31. Receive the blessed sacrament as often as you can, endeavour to have it once a month at least, besides the solemn and great festivals of the year.

32. Confess your sins often ; hear the word of God ; make religion the business of your life, your study, and chiefest care ; and be sure that in all

necessary things a spiritual guide take you by the hand.

Thou shalt always rejoice in the evening, if thou dost spend the day virtuously.

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR A HOLY LIFE.

As soon as thou awakest in the morning, lift up thy heart to God in this or the like short prayer: "Lord, as thou hast awaked my body from sleep, so by thy grace awaken my soul from sin, and make me so to walk before thee this day and all the rest of my life; that when the last trumpet shall awake me out of my grave, I may rise to life immortal, through Jesus Christ." When thou hast thus begun, suffer not any worldly thoughts to fill thy mind till thou hast also paid thy more solemn devotions to Almighty God, and therefore during the time thou art dressing thyself exercise thy mind in some spiritual thoughts; as for example, consider to what temptations thy business or company that day are most like to lay thee open, and arm thyself with resolutions against them; or again, consider what occasions of doing service to God, or good to thy neighbor, are that day most likely to present themselves, and resolve to embrace them; and also contrive how thou mayest improve them to the

uttermost. But especially it will be fit for thee to examine whether there have any sin escaped thee since thy last night's examination. If after these considerations any further leisure remain, thou mayest profitably employ it in meditating on the general resurrection, whereof our rising from our beds is a representation, and of that dreadful judgment which shall follow it, and then think with thyself in what preparation thou art for it, and resolve to husband carefully every minute of thy time towards the fitting thee for that great account. As soon as thou art ready, retire to some private place, and there offer up to God thy morning sacrifice of praise and prayer.

Prayers for the Morning.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner. Lord, I know not what to pray for as I ought, O let thy Spirit help my infirmities, and enable me to offer up a spiritual sacrifice acceptable to thee by Jesus Christ.

O gracious Lord, whose mercies endure for ever, I, thy unworthy servant, who have abundantly enjoyed them, desire to render thee the tribute of my humblest praises for them. In thee, O Lord, I live, and move, and have my being: thou first madest me to be, and then that I might not be miserable but happy, thou sentest thy Son

out of thy bosom to redeem me from the power of my sins by his grace, and from the punishment of them by his blood, and by both to bring me to his glory. Thou hast by thy mercy caused me to be born within thine own fold, the Christian Church, where I was early consecrated to thee in baptism, and have been partaker of all those spiritual helps which might aid me to perform that vow I there made to thee ; and when by my own wilfulness or negligence I have failed to do it, yet thou in thy manifold mercies hast not forsaken me, but hast graciously invited me to repentance, afforded me all means for it, both outward and inward, and with much patience hast waited for me, and not cut me off, as I have most justly deserved, in the acts of those many damning sins I have committed. It is, O Lord, thy restraining grace alone by which I have been kept back from any the greatest sins ; and it is thy inciting and assisting grace alone by which I have been enabled to do the least good ; therefore not unto me, not unto me, but unto thy name be the praise. For these and all other thy spiritual blessings, my soul doth magnify the Lord, and all that is within me praise his holy name. I likewise praise thee for those many outward blessings I enjoy, as health, friends, food, and raiment, the comforts as well as the necessaries of this life, for those continual protections of thy hand, by which I and mine are kept from dangers, and those gracious deliverances thou hast often afforded out

of such as have befallen me; for that mercy of thine whereby thou hast sweetened and allayed troubles which thou hast not seen fit wholly to remove; for thy particular preservation of me this night, and for all thy other acts of goodness towards me. Lord, grant that I may render thee not only the fruit of my lips, but the obedience of my life, that so these blessings may be an earnest of those richer blessings thou hast prepared for them that love thee; and that for his sake, whom thou hast made the author of eternal salvation to all that obey him, even Jesus Christ.

O righteous Lord, who hatest iniquity, I thy sinful creature cast myself at thy feet, acknowledging that I justly deserve to be utterly abhorred and forsaken by thee; for I have drunk iniquity like water, gone on in a continued course of sin and rebellion against thee, daily committing those things thou forbiddest, and leaving undone those things thou commandest: mine heart, which should be an habitation for thy blessed Spirit, is become a cage of unclean birds, of foul and disorderly affections; and out of this abundance of the heart my mouth speaketh, my hands act, so that in thought, word, and deed, I continually transgress against thee. (*Here mention the greatest of thy sins.*) Nay, O Lord, I have despised that goodness of thine which should lead me to repentance, hardening my heart against all those means thou hast used for my amendment. And now, Lord, what can I expect from thee, but

judgment and fiery indignation, which is indeed the due reward of my sins: but, O Lord, there is mercy with thee that thou mayest be feared. O fit me for that mercy, by giving me a deep and hearty repentance, and then, according to thy goodness, let thine anger and thy wrath be turned away from me; look upon me in thy Son, my blessed Saviour, and, for the merit of his sufferings, pardon all my sins: and, Lord, I beseech thee, by the power of thy grace, so to renew and purify my heart, that I may become a new creature, utterly forsaking every evil way, and living in constant, sincere, universal obedience to thee, all the rest of my days; that behaving myself as a good and faithful servant, I may by thy mercy at last be received into the joy of my Lord: grant this for Jesus Christ's sake.

O most gracious God, from whom every good and perfect gift cometh, wretched creature that I am, not able of myself so much as to think a good thought, I beseech thee to work in me both to will and to do according to thy good pleasure. Enlighten my mind that I may know thee, and let me not be slothful or unfruitful in that knowledge; Lord, work in my heart a true faith, a purifying hope, and an unfeigned supreme love towards thee; give me a full trust in thee, zeal for thee, reverence of all things that relate to thee: make me fearful to offend thee, thankful for thy mercies, humble under thy corrections, devout in thy service, sor-

rowful for my sins: and grant that in all things I may behave myself, as befits a creature to his Creator, a servant to his Lord. Enable me likewise to perform that duty I owe to myself; give me that meekness, humility, and contentedness, whereby I may always possess my soul in patience and thankfulness; make me diligent in all my duties, watchful against all temptations, perfectly pure and temperate, and so moderate in my most lawful enjoyments, that they may never become a snare to me: make me also, O Lord, to be so affected towards my neighbor, that I never transgress that royal law of thine, of loving him as myself; grant me scrupulously to perform all parts of justice, yielding to all whatsoever by any kind of right becomes their due; and give me such bowels of mercy and compassion, that I may never fail to do all acts of charity to all men, whether friends or enemies, according to thy command and example. Finally, I beseech thee, O Lord, to sanctify me throughout, that my whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory for ever. *Amen.*

O blessed Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works, I beseech thee to have mercy upon all men, and grant that the precious ransom which was paid by thy Son for all, may be effectual to the saving of all. Give thy enlightening grace to all those

that are in darkness, and thy converting grace to those that are in sin; look with tenderest compassion upon the universal Church. O be favorable and gracious unto Sion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem; unite all those that profess thy name to thee, by purity and holiness, and to each other by brotherly love. Have mercy on this sinful nation; make us so truly to repent of those sins which have provoked thy judgments, that thou also mayest turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind thee. Bless those whom thou hast appointed our governors, whether in church or state; so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may neither want will nor power to punish wickedness and vice, and to maintain true religion and virtue. Have pity, O Lord, on all that are in affliction; be a father to the fatherless, and plead the cause of the widow; comfort the feeble minded, support the weak, heal the sick, relieve the needy, defend the oppressed, and administer to every one according to their several necessities; let thy blessings rest upon all that are near and dear to me, and grant them whatsoever thou seest necessary either to their bodies or their souls. (*Here name the nearest relations.*) Reward all those that have done me good, and pardon all those that have done or wished me evil, and work in them and me all that good which may make us acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ.

O merciful God, by whose bounty alone it is

that I have this day added to my life, I beseech thee so to guide me in it by thy grace, that I may do nothing which may dishonor thee, or wound my own soul, but that I may diligently apply myself to do all such good works as thou hast prepared for me to walk in; and Lord, I beseech thee, give thy angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways, that no evil happen unto me, nor any plague come nigh my dwelling, but that I and mine may be safe under thy gracious protection, through Jesus Christ.

O Lord, pardon the wandering and coldness of these petitions, and deal with me not according either to my prayers or desert, but according to my needs, and thine own rich mercies in Jesus Christ, in whose blessed name and words I conclude these my imperfect prayers, saying,

Our Father, &c.

At night, when it draws towards the time of rest, bethink thyself how thou hast passed the day; examine thine own heart, what sin either of thought, word, or deed, thou hast committed, what opportunity of doing good thou hast omitted; and whatsoever thou findest to accuse thyself of, confess it humbly and penitently to God, renew thy purposes and resolutions of amendment, and beg his pardon in Christ, and this not slightly, and only as of course, but with all devout earnestness and heartiness, as thou wouldst do, if thou wert sure thy death

were as near approaching as thy sleep, which for aught thou knowest may be so indeed, and therefore thou shouldst no more venture to sleep unreconciled to God, than thou wouldst dare to die so. In the next place, consider what special and extraordinary mercies thou hast that day received, as if thou hast had any great deliverance, either in thy inward man, from some dangerous temptations, or in thy outward, from any great and apparent danger, and offer to God thy hearty and devout praise for the same. Or if nothing extraordinary hath so happened, and thou hast been kept even from the approach of danger, thou hast not the less, but the greater cause to magnify God, who hath by his protection so guarded thee, that not so much as the fear of evil hath assaulted thee; and therefore omit not to pay him the tribute of humble thankfulness, as well for his usual and daily preservations, as his more extraordinary deliverances. And, above all, endeavor still by the consideration of his mercies, to have thy heart the more closely knit to him; remembering that every favor received from him is a new engagement upon thee to love and obey him.

Evening Prayer.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon me a miserable sinner. Lord, I know not what to pray for as I

ought, O let thy Spirit help my infirmities, and enable me to offer up a spiritual sacrifice, acceptable unto thee by Jesus Christ.

O most holy Lord God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, how shall I, guilty creature, dare to appear before thee; I am debased in my very nature, having a backwardness to all good, and a readiness to all evil; but I have defiled myself yet much worse by my own actual sins and wicked customs. I have violated my duty to thee, my neighbor, and myself; and that in thought, in word, and in deed; by doing those things which thou hast expressly forbidden, and by neglecting to do those things thou hast commanded me. And this not only through ignorance and frailty, but knowingly and wilfully, against the motions of thy Spirit, and the checks of my own conscience to the contrary; and to make all these out of measure sinful, I have gone on in a daily course of repeating these provocations against thee, notwithstanding all thy calls to, and my own purposes and vows of amendment; yea, this very day I have not ceased to add new sins to all my former guilt. (*Here name the particulars.*) And now, O Lord, what shall I say, or how shall I open my mouth, seeing I have done such things? I know that the wages of these sins is death, but O thou who willest not the death of a sinner, have mercy upon me; work in me, I beseech thee, a sincere contrition and a perfect hatred of my sins; and let me not daily confess,

and yet as daily renew them ; but grant, O Lord, that from this instant I may be divorced from all my most beloved lusts, and then be thou pleased to unite me to thyself in righteousness and true holiness. And for all my past sins, O Lord, refuse not a reconciliation, but accept of that ransom thy blessed Son hath paid for me, and for his sake, whom thou hast set forth as a propitiation, pardon all my offences, and receive me to thy favor. And when thou hast thus spoken peace to my soul, Lord, keep me, that I turn not any more to folly, but so establish me with thy grace, that no temptation of the world, the devil, or my own flesh, may ever draw me to offend thee; that being made free from sin, and becoming a servant unto God, I may have my fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O thou Father of mercies, who art kind even to the unthankful, I acknowledge myself to have abundantly experienced that gracious property of thine; notwithstanding my daily provocations against thee, thou still heapest mercy and loving-kindness upon me. All my contempts and despisings of thy spiritual favors have not yet made thee withdraw them, but in the richness of thy goodness and long-suffering thou still continuest to me the offers of grace and life in thy Son. And all my abuses of thy temporal blessings thou hast not punished by utterly taking them away, but art still pleased to afford me a liberal portion of them. The sins

of this day thou hast not repayed, as justly thou mightest, by sweeping me away with a swift destruction, but hath spared and preserved me according to the greatness of thy mercy. (*Here mention the particulars of that mercy.*) What shall I render unto the Lord for all these benefits he hath done unto me? Lord, let this goodness of thine lead me to repentance, and grant that I may not ~~only offer~~ thee thanks and praise, but may also order my conversation aright, that so I may at last see the salvation of God, through Jesus Christ.

O blessed Lord, the keeper of Israel, that neither slumberest nor sleepest, be pleased in thy mercy to watch over me, and mine, this night; keep us by thy grace from all works of darkness, and defend us by thy power from all dangers; grant us quiet and refreshing sleep, such as may fit us for the duties of the day following. And, Lord, make me ever mindful of that time when I shall lie down in the dust; and because I know neither the day nor the hour of my Master's coming, grant me grace that I may be always ready, that I may never live in such a state as I shall fear to die in; but that whether I live I may live unto the Lord, or whether I die I may die unto the Lord, so that living and dying I may be thine through Jesus Christ.

As thou art putting off thy clothes think with thyself that the time approaches that thou must put off thy body also, and then thy soul must appear

naked before God's judgment-seat; and therefore thou hadst need be careful to make it so clean and pure by repentance and holiness, that he who will not look on iniquity, may graciously behold and accept it. Let thy bed put thee in mind of thy grave, and when thou liest down say:—"O blessed Saviour, who by thy precious death and burial didst take away the sting of death, and the power of the grave, grant me the joyful fruits of that thy victory, and be thou to me in life and death, my refuge, and defence, and everlasting portion. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me to dwell in safety. Into thy hands I commend my spirit, for thou hast redeemed it, O Lord, thou God of truth." In the ancient Church there were besides morning and night, four other times every day which were called hours of prayer, and the zeal of those first Christians were such, as made them constantly observed. It may be thought too great a strictness now in this lukewarm age, to enjoin the like frequency; yet for those who are not by very necessary business prevented, it will be but reasonable to imitate it, and make up in public and private those four times of prayer. But if any man's state of life be really so busy, as will not allow him time for so long and solemn devotions, yet certainly, there is no man so overlaid with business, but that he may find leisure often times in the day, to say the Lord's Prayer alone, and therefore let him use that if he cannot

more. But because it is the character of a Christian that he hath his conversation in heaven, it is very fit that besides these set times of prayer, he should, divers times in a day, by short and sudden ejaculations, dart up his soul thither. And for this sort of devotion no man can want leisure, for it may be performed in the midst of business; the artificer in his work, the husbandman at his plough, may pursue it. Now, as he cannot want time, so that he may not want matter for it, it will be useful for each person, out of that rich store-house, the Book of Psalms, to furnish his memory with some texts, which may thus always be ready to guide his devotion; and the matter of them being various, some for pardon of sin, some for grace, some for the light of God's countenance, some for the Church, some for thanksgivings, &c., every man may be supplied according to the present need and temper of his soul.



DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

FOR PERSONS IN PRIVATE

Litany.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon me a miserable sinner.

Remember not, Lord, my offences, nor the offences of my forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of my sins: spare me, good Lord, spare thy servant whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with me for ever.

From all evil and mischief; from sin and its penalties; from the crafts and assaults of the devil or man; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation, good Lord, deliver me.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness, good Lord, deliver me.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits and idolatries of the world, the flesh, and the devil, good Lord, deliver me.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism;

from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment, good Lord, deliver me.

By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, good Lord, deliver me.

In all time of my tribulation; in all time of my prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver me.

Sinner as I am, and unworthy to pray for myself, yet I beseech thee to hear me praying for others, as thou hast commanded, O Lord God. And that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way; to bless and preserve all Christian rulers and magistrates; and to illuminate all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of thy holy word; I humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit; that it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived; to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation of any kind; to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet; I humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy servants true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy word ; I humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant me thy peace. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world ; have mercy upon me.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful ; mercifully assist my prayers which I make before thee in all my troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress me ; and graciously hear me, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against me, may, by thy good providence, be brought to naught ; that I, thy servant, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help me, and deliver me for thy name's sake, for thou hast made many and precious promises to those who trust in thy name. Our fathers trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon me, as I do put my trust in thee. Deal not with me according to my sins; neither reward me according to my iniquities. From all my enemies, bodily and spiritual, defend me, O Christ. Graciously look upon my trials and afflictions. With pity behold the sorrows and conflicts of my heart. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy servant. Favourably with mercy hear my prayers. Both now and ever, stretch forth thine almighty arm, and grant me thy salvation. O God, make clean my heart within me; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

I humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon my infirmities, and for the glory of thy name, turn from me all those evils that my follies and sins, my broken vows, and frequent backslidings, most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all my troubles, I may put my whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory, though our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.



A Prayer for Sunday Morning.

MATT. vi. 6.—When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

BLESSED LORD! who hast invited and commanded us to pray unto thee; O let thy Spirit help my infirmities; and do thou so dispose my mind, and prepare my heart, that my prayers and praises may be acceptable in thy sight, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery, use it for a well; and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength, and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

O GOD, who art the giver of all good gifts, and the Father of mercies, I, thy unworthy servant, adore thy glorious Majesty, for those instances of thy love, which thou hast, in all ages, granted to the sons of men: providing bounteously for the comfort and support of our bodies, and with watchful care and wisdom for the welfare of our immortal souls. Great was thy mercy that thou didst appoint a day for thy more peculiar worship and service; that by a devout observance of the Christian Sabbath here on earth, we might be better fitted for that eternal sabbath of heavenly rest, reserved for us hereafter.

For this, O Lord, and all the other testimonies of thy love to me, and all mankind, I desire, with an humble and thankful heart, to bless and praise thy holy name; but more especially for sending thy Son, Christ Jesus, into the world to be the propitiation for our sins.

I bless thee, O Lord, for preserving me the night past from all dangers and sufferings, and bringing me in health and safety to the beginning of this holy day. Give me grace to make a right

use and improvement of all thy mercies. Pardon, I humbly beseech thee, my past unprofitableness under the means of grace ; and, O merciful Father, let not my sins deprive me of the helps and advantages of thy divine institution ; but grant, O Lord, that I may spend this, and all other times set apart for thy immediate service, in such a holy and reverential manner, as may promote thy honor and glory, and set forth the salvation of my soul : and that I may be enabled so to do, O let thy grace and Holy Spirit be always present with me, for of myself I am not able to please thee.

Give me awful thoughts of thy Divine Majesty, and such an humble, serious, and devout frame of mind, that when I engage in thy worship, no vain or tumultuous thoughts may distract my devotion, nor any dulness or weariness seize upon my spirit ; but, from a true sense of my unworthiness, and of my entire dependence upon thee for the supply of every want, I may pray unto thee, and praise thee, with devout and hearty affections, and may offer unto thee a lively sacrifice, holy and acceptable in thy sight.

Suffer me not, merciful Father, to rest in a mere outward form of godliness ; but grant that I may endeavor more and more to have my heart animated with the spirit and power of religion, and to become a true disciple of the blessed Jesus.

Let thy good Spirit, O Lord, be powerfully assisting to the labors of those to whom thou hast

committed the care of souls, particularly of him, under whose ministry thy providence has placed me. Give thy blessing to thy word preached, and remove from me, and all that attend thy holy ordinances, all prejudices and indispositions of mind, that nothing may hinder their due and saving efficacy upon our souls. Give us that humble and teachable spirit, which becomes them that would learn of thee; and O let every good instruction that shall this day be given us, sink deep into our hearts, and bring forth in us the fruits of a holy life, that we may not be hearers of thy word only, but doers also, lest we deceive our own souls.

Be with me, O Lord, this day in all places, and upon all occasions: direct and guide me, sanctify and preserve me. Keep me both outwardly in my body, and inwardly in my soul: defend me from the power and malice of the devil, from the corruptions of my own nature, and from those sins and infirmities especially that most easily beset and ensnare me. Free my mind from vain disturbances, and from all perplexing thoughts and cares; and so strengthen it by thy Holy Spirit, that nothing may discompose me in my duty, or render me unfit for thy service. Let me in nowise profane this thy holy day, in thought, word, or deed; but give me grace to spend it in such a religious manner, that every day of my life may be better for it: and when I come to the conclusion of all my days, may I look back with joy and comfort, in an humble

hope of thy divine acceptance, through the merits and mediation of my dear Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

[A Master or Mistress of a Family may very properly add this short Prayer.]

MAKE me duly mindful, O Lord, of all that are under my care; and grant that none of my family may, through any neglect of mine, be ever wanting in their duty towards thee. Let care for my own soul be extended likewise to a concern for theirs; and give me such a zeal for thy glory, and for the salvation of others, that I may endeavor to promote religion and piety in all about me. Convince us, O Lord, how much it is our duty, as well as interest, to serve thee; that we should daily offer up our united prayers and praises at thy throne, more especially upon this day, set apart peculiarly for thy service. Be in the midst of us, O Lord, when we are assembled together; send thy blessing upon all our devout exercises; and grant that not only the form, but the power of true religion, may be visible among us, to our great comfort in this world, and our eternal happiness in that which is to come. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sunday Evening.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handy work.

One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

O MOST great, glorious, and eternal God, the Sovereign of heaven and earth; in whom we live, and move, and have our being, and from whom we derive all the comforts and conveniences of this life, and all our hopes and expectations of a better: with what awe and reverence, should I appear before thee, when I consider the greatness of thy Majesty, the purity of thy divine nature, and my own folly and guilt! I am not worthy to come into thy presence, nor to lift up my eyes towards the throne of thy mercy-seat. My sins and transgressions are many, and have been often repeated; all the corruption of my heart, and the sinfulness of my thoughts, are perfectly known to thee; and the punishment due unto my sins, is greater than I am able to bear.

I confess, O Lord, that I have not loved thee with the sincerity and fervor, nor served thee with the faithfulness that I ought to have done. The interests of this life have been so much my care and concern, as to make me negligent in the great work of my salvation. How many duties have I omitted, or performed with coldness and indevotion! How often have I been a hearer of thy word only, and not a doer! How often both in public and private, have I prayed, when my heart has been far from thee! This day, O Lord, my services have been accompanied with so many failings and imperfections, that I have just cause to humble myself before thee.

But, O merciful Father, hast thou not declared thyself to be a God merciful and gracious, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin! My only hope is in thy tender mercies, which have been ever of old; and in that compassion, which thou hast shown to mankind in the redemption of the world, by the death of thy dear Son. For his sake then, I beseech thee, O Lord, pardon all my past sins, and let not iniquity be my ruin. Forgive the deadness of my devotions; the coldness of my heart; the wanderings of my prayers; and whatever else thou hast seen amiss in me, and lay not to my charge the imperfections of my religious duties. Enable me, O Lord, by the assistance of thy good Spirit, to discover and amend whatever has been wrong; and to strive more and more, for the attainment of all those graces which alone can render our prayers and praises acceptable in thy sight. Animate and enliven my sluggish heart, and cleanse it from all its defilements. O replenish my soul with the graces of thy Holy Spirit, that I may be vigorous and active in thy service, and fruitful in every good work.

Give me, O Lord, such a conviction of the shortness and uncertainty of this life, and of the vast concerns of eternity, that I may not foolishly waste my time in an eager pursuit after the things of this world. O make me so wise as to see, and know, and follow the things that make for my peace, lest they be hid from mine eyes, and all

opportunities of reconciling myself to thee, my offended God, be far from me. O let salvation be my deepest concern; grant that I may never forget the one thing needful; but give all diligence to make my calling and election sure; that from serving thee faithfully here upon earth, I may be admitted, in thy good appointed time, to praise thee eternally in thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE INTERCESSION.

O God, whose mercy is over all thy works, extend thy compassion to the whole race of mankind. Let thy Gospel shine into all the regions of the earth; that those that sit in darkness may come to the knowledge and practice of thy laws. More particularly, O Lord, be merciful to the nation to which I belong: pardon our great and crying sins, and avert from us the evils which we have most justly deserved. Be gracious to thy holy Church universal: heal the breaches and divisions of it, and grant that it may abound in true piety and charity. Inspire the pastors of thy Church, with a spirit of true religion; and make them diligent to promote it, in all those who are under their charge. Be merciful, O God, to all that are in affliction: that labor under poverty or persecution; under bodily diseases, or under temptation or trouble of mind; be pleased, O Lord, to guide, support, and comfort

them, and in thy good time to deliver them, according to thy great mercy. Send down the graces of thy Holy Spirit upon all my friends and relations; pardon all their sins; unite our hearts in mutual love to each other; and vouchsafe to every one of us, whatever thy wisdom knows to be needful for our souls and bodies. Reward all those who have been any ways instrumental to my good; and forgive those that have done, or wished me evil, and grant them repentance and better minds, for Jesus Christ's sake.

THANKSGIVING.

AND now, O merciful Father, I offer to thy divine Majesty my unfeigned praises, for those numberless mercies and benefits vouchsafed me; more particularly I bless thy holy name for the mercies of the day past; for whatever sin I have escaped, and whatever good I have done; for preserving me in health and safety; for continuing to me the enjoyment of so many comforts; and for delivering me from the evils which I have most justly deserved, and to which I am continually exposed. But, above all, I bless and magnify thy holy name for the foundation of these, and all thy other mercies, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, give me grace to make a right use and improvement of all thy mercies. Vouchsafe me the continuance of thy favor and protection. Take

me this night under the care of thy good providence ; preserve me from all evil, but especially from that of sin ; when I awake commune with me by thy Spirit ; and after the comfortable refreshment of rest and sleep, raise me up, I humbly pray thee, in health and safety, with a heart full of love to thee, and zeal to thy service, through Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Monday Morning.

Ponder my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord; early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness; neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh also longeth after thee, in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, that I might behold thy power and glory;

For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, and lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness, when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed, and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper; therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, who art the solace of our souls, and the constant preserver and support of our bodies: by thee have I been holden up ever since I was born; and by thy goodness it is, that I have been preserved the night past from all dangers, and that my frail body has been refreshed with quiet and comfortable rest. Great and numberless have been thy mercies to me, O God; for which I desire with an humble

and thankful heart, to bless and praise thy holy name.

O that a sense of thy goodness may be always present to my mind, and may beget in me such an humble reliance on thy fatherly care and good providence, that I may perfectly resign myself to thy disposal in all things, cheerfully submitting to all thy dispensations towards me. I am not worthy, O Lord, of the least of all thy benefits: but, O Thou! whose property is mercy and love, be not extreme to mark what I have done amiss; but for thy dear Son's sake, pardon all my sins, and receive me to thy favor, without which, I am most miserable. Let me never abuse thy patience, nor despise thy goodness; but let thy fear be always before my eyes, that I may not sin against thee; but giving up myself entirely to thy service, I may endeavor in all things to keep a conscience void of offence towards thee, and towards men.

To this end, O Lord, vouchsafe me the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, for of myself I am not able to please thee. Prone to what is evil, I am every way beset with temptations, and sad experience teaches me how easily I am drawn away by the deceitful tempter. Be thou my strong hold whereunto I may always resort, and evermore mightily defend me. Lead me, I beseech thee, in the way wherein I should go; and conduct me safely through the snares and temptations of this deceitful world; or shouldst thou permit me to fall into trials, suffer

me not to be tempted above what I am able to bear. Let no calamity ever drive me from thee, nor any prosperity cause me to forget thee; but grant that all thy providences towards me may work together for my good, to bring me to thyself, and to an entire dependence upon thee: believing assuredly, that all my concerns are in the safest hands, when they are under the care and disposal of thy infinite wisdom and goodness. O Lord! let not the world get possession of my heart, which has been so often dedicated to thy service. Let not those pomps and vanities which I have so solemnly renounced, be again the object of my desires: but be thou, O God, my joy and support, my trust, and comfort in this world, and my eternal bliss in that which is to come.

O Lord, I humbly beg thy blessing this day upon all my honest designs and undertakings; direct me in all my ways, that I may take nothing in hand but what is agreeable to thy blessed will. Let no worldly interest or advantage ever prevail upon me to depart from my integrity; but amidst the various affairs of this life, give me grace to set thee always before my eyes, that I may not sin against thee. Let thy Holy Spirit powerfully restrain me from those sins that are most apt to betray and ensnare me: particularly (*Here mention the sins you are most prone to.*) Preserve me in my going out and coming in, that no evil accident may befall me. Take all belonging to me, also into thy

fatherly care and protection : keep us in health and safety, in innocence and charity ; and grant, that whilst we are passing through things temporal, we may be daily preparing for those better things that are eternal, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Monday Evening.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God ?

Hear my crying, O God, give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, when my heart is in heaviness.

O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I ; for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever, and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

My soul truly waiteth still upon God ; for of him cometh my salvation.

He verily is my strength and my salvation ; he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

In God is my health and my glory, the rock of my might ; and in God is my trust.

One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes ; all thy waves and storms are gone over me.

The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance.

O THOU great and glorious God, who takest pleasure in those that come unto thee with faith; look with compassion upon me, who fall low on my knees before thee, confessing that all my life has been very provoking to thy divine Majesty. O let the infinite merits of my Redeemer make satisfaction for me; and, for his sake, I beseech thee, to be merciful unto me in the pardon of all my sins. Lay not to my charge, O Lord, the sins of which I have this day been guilty; but let those, and all the other follies of my life past, be for ever blotted out of thy remembrance. Give me a lively sense of the folly and danger of sin, that I may sincerely abhor that which is evil, and with unwearied diligence follow after the things which make for my everlasting peace. Keep me, I beseech thee, under the conduct of thy good Providence, and make me to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, that I may never dare to do any thing that will offend thee. Let no difficulties in my Christian warfare, affright me from my duty; but give me such resolution as will support me under all discouragements, carry me through all trials, and

enable me to triumph over the great enemy of my salvation; that having fought a good fight, and finished my course, I may at last receive that crown of glory, which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants.

Extend thy mercies, O Lord, to the whole race of mankind, and, in a more particular manner, be gracious to this nation; bless all degrees of men among us, and grant that every one, from the highest to the lowest, may faithfully endeavor to promote thy glory, and the public good. Look with pity upon all in affliction; strengthen and support them under their troubles, and give them, in thy good time, ease and deliverance. Bless all my friends and relations; sanctify to them the dispensations of thy providence, and bless and prosper the means of grace; and vouchsafe to suit thy graces and blessings to their several necessities of body and soul.

And now, O Father of mercies, in an humble sense of thy great goodness, I adore and praise thee for thy manifold blessings and mercies; particularly for those of the day past. I bless thee, O Lord, for whatever good I have done, and whatever evil I have escaped; for preserving me in health and safety; for providing so plentifully for me; but, above all, for the redemption of the world, by the death and passion of thy dear Son. O give me grace to love thee above all things, and to make a right improvement of these and all thy other mercies.

Be thou pleased, O Lord, to continue to me and to mine, thy favor and protection. Preserve me this night from all evil, but especially from that of sin ; give thy holy angels charge over me, that no evil accident may come near to hurt me, and raise me up again in health and safety, with a heart full of love to thee, and zeal to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.



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A Prayer for Tuesday Morning.

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world ; thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens !

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers ; the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him ? and the son of man, that thou visitest him ?

Thou madest him lower than the angels, to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet ;

All sheep and oxen ; yea, and the beasts of the field ;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea ; and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world !

O LORD GOD Almighty, which was, and which is, and which is to come ; who art worthy to receive glory, honor, and power ; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created ; I adore thee, my God, and make an entire resignation of myself, of all that I am, and have, into thy hands ; desiring now, and to all eternity, to depend on thee, my Creator, my Redeemer, and continual Benefactor.

I thank thee for the comfortable refreshment of the night past, and for thy preservation of me, and

all belonging to me, from fire, robbery, and tempest, and every evil accident. Without thy goodness and providence, I am not able to subsist the least moment. To thee I owe all those comforts of life, health, peace, and plenty, I enjoy, and a freedom from all those pains and evils, I am subject to, and have deserved at thy hands. I desire, above all things, to give most hearty thanks to thee, O God the Father, for the redemption of the world by thy Son Jesus Christ, for his intercession for us at thy right hand, for the Holy Ghost, the Comforter and Sanctifier, for the means of grace, and hopes of glory.

O Lord, I beseech thee, through him who vouchsafed to suffer upon the cross for our redemption, to pardon the sins I have at any time committed; and grant I may find the power of his death, in dying to sin, and rising unto righteousness, in having the old man, all worldly affections, and carnal lusts, crucified with him; that the body of sin in me may be destroyed. Give me this day and all my life, the supplies of thy grace and Holy Spirit; enable me to resist and overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; to mortify and subdue my propensities and passions; to purify my soul from all uncleanness; and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit in an holy and useful life. Grant that I may order all my words and actions, with such care and prudence, as to give no offence or occasion of falling to any; but that I

may be a good example to others, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Guide and govern me, O God, in all my affairs ; bless my labors and studies, and give me grace to do my duty in that state of life whereunto thou hast been pleased to call me, and make me therewith content. And thou, O God, and heavenly Father, who hast promised to them that seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance, continue to me, I beseech thee, the blessings I enjoy ; supply me with those I want ; and turn from me all those evils which I most justly have deserved ; or which the malice of the devil, or the wickedness or misfortunes of the world, might bring upon me. Let all things that befall me in this world work together for my good in the other ; and grant me every thing, whether prosperous or adverse, that may be most profitable to my eternal salvation. I resign, O Lord, and give myself to thy providence, and to all the events which it shall please thee to bring upon me : do with me what thou seest good, and let thy holy will be done in me, and by me, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thy mercies are over all thy works ; spread, O Lord, the knowledge of the Gospel all over the world : and grant that all Christians may live according to it, and thus testify that they are thy disciples. Preserve and sanctify, more and more, thy Church universal ; support and assist the mi-

nisters of thy word and sacraments ; particularly him under whom thy providence has placed me. Relieve and comfort all in affliction. Grant to all hardened sinners means and grace of repentance. Strengthen the yet weak in faith and godliness, that they may endure temptation. Grant perseverance and advancement in holiness to those who love and fear thee, and enable them to bring forth much fruit. Send down, most bountiful Lord God, thy blessings, spiritual and temporal, upon all my relations and friends, especially on those who pray for me, or have desired my prayers; and give them whatever thou seest necessary and convenient, for their souls and bodies. Reward all who have done me good, and pardon all who have done or wished me evil, and work in them and me, all that may make us acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Tuesday Evening.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust ; let me never be put to confusion ; deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me ; make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, that thou mayest save me ;

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle : be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in thee.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Thou hast been my succor; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

GREAT and glorious Lord God, who art just and terrible in thy judgments to all obstinate sinners, but of infinite compassion to such as are truly penitent and turn unto thee; hear, I beseech thee, the prayers of thy servant, for pardon of all my sins. O let the sufferings of thy Son Jesus Christ be accepted by thee, as an atonement for all my follies and transgressions; and for his sake be reconciled unto me, who acknowledge my vileness, and am heartily sorry that I have ever offended thee. Give me such an unfeigned repentance of all my sins, as may produce in me a thorough

change and amendment of life; open thou mine eyes, that I may see all the evil dispositions of my corrupt nature, and by thy good Spirit, may be enabled to mortify and subdue them, and to bring my mind to an entire conformity to thy blessed will.

May the remembrance of my past follies and miscarriages, make me more careful of my actions for the time to come, and more watchful against those snares and temptations, which have at any time betrayed me. Let thy patience and forbearance excite in my heart such a grateful love to thee, and such a fear of offending thee, that neither riches, nor honor, nor any thing else that this world can offer, may ever be able to draw me from my duty. Convince me, O Lord, that sin is the greatest of all evils; that guilt and misery are always inseparable; and that there is no true happiness in this life, but what results from the testimony of a good conscience, and the hope of thy favor; and may I make it the great study and care of my whole life, to be of the number of those whom thou lovest, and delightest in.

Give me grace, merciful Father, to lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset me, that I may run with patience the race which thou hast set before me. Deliver me from an immoderate concern for the things of this world, and give me such an entire acquiescence in thy Divine will and pleasure, such a perfect dependence on

thine infinite wisdom and goodness, that no envious nor repining thoughts may possess my heart, but a cheerful and thankful spirit may at all times rule and govern me: and whatever share of temporal good things thou shalt be pleased to give me, O give me grace to employ it to thy glory, the good of others, and the benefit of my immortal soul.

Extend thy mercy, O God, to all mankind; and more particularly to this sinful nation. Pardon our great ingratitude; avert the judgments which we justly deserve; and give us grace to turn from all our evil ways, that thou mayst delight to dwell among us, and mayst be our God, and we thy people. Pity all thy afflicted servants: be a father to the fatherless, and an husband to the widow; heal the sick; supply the wants of the poor and needy; and grant to all a patient submission to thy will. Bless all my friends and relations; reward all that have done me good, and pardon all that have done or wished me evil; and vouchsafe to every one of us, whatever thy great wisdom knowest to be needful both for our souls and bodies.

O most merciful Father, in an humble sense of thy great goodness, I adore and praise thy name, as for thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so also for all the manifestations of thy love and kindness. I bless thee for my being, for my reason, and all the endowments and faculties of my soul and body; for my health, friends, food, and raiment, and all other conveniences of my life; for thy continual

care and watchful providence over me, and particularly for thy preservation of me the day past.

Give me grace, O Lord, I beseech thee, to make a right use of all thy blessings; and be thou graciously pleased to take me, and all that belong to me, this night, under the care and protection of thy fatherly providence. Give thy holy angels charge over us, that no evil may come near to hurt us; and grant us such refreshments of soul and body, as may enable us cheerfully to go through the duties of the station wherein thou hast placed us; and when thou shalt be pleased to call us out of this world, O let us be found of the number of thy faithful servants, through the merits of Christ Jesus our blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Wednesday Morning.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest ;

To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night-season ;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute : upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp :

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works ; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

O Lord, how glorious are thy works ; thy thoughts are very deep.

An unwise man doth not well consider this, and a fool doth not understand it.

When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish, then shall they be destroyed for ever ; but thou, Lord, art the Most Highest for evermore.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

Such as are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, and shall be fat and well liking ;

That they may show how true the Lord my strength is, and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

O MOST gracious God, who art the author of all the good things that I enjoy ; to thy good providence I owe it, that I am now in health and safety ; that I have enjoyed the comfortable refreshments of the night past, and that none of those evils which I have justly deserved, have come nigh me, or my

dwelling. For these, O Lord, and for all thy other mercies, I desire to adore and bless thy glorious name, humbly beseeching thee to accept this my morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. O Lord! there is nothing that I desire so much as to be of the number of thy faithful servants; to this end grant that a due sense of thy mercies may be so deeply impressed upon my mind, that I may love thee above all things, and manifest the sincerity of that love, by a constant and habitual care to do what is pleasing in thy sight. Vouchsafe me the assistance of thy good Spirit, to enable me to withstand the temptations of this wicked world, and to meet with courage and resolution, all the trials of my christian warfare. May I never have any fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, nor grieve thy blessed Spirit by any sinful desires; but as I have given up myself to the obedience of my great Lord and Master, so teach me to walk as in his presence, to conform myself to his Spirit, and to imitate his example.

Let my conversation be always such as becometh the Gospel; and grant that I may daily endeavor to mortify my corrupt inclinations, and to bring every inordinate desire to the obedience of thy will. In the use of honest and lawful means, give me grace to depend upon thy providence, and to rest contented under all the dispensations of thy infinite wisdom and goodness. But, O gracious Father, leave me not destitute of those things that

accompany salvation, nor deny me thy favor, which is better than life itself. Take not from me the comforts of thy Holy Spirit; but in all the disappointments and trials I shall meet with here, be thou my refuge and support, my Saviour and mighty deliverer. Especially, O Lord, I beseech thee, when the time of my dissolution draws nigh, and all things here begin to fail me, vouchsafe thou to strengthen and comfort me, and **at last** receive me into thy blessed kingdom.

Be thou pleased, of thy great **goodness**, O Lord, to direct and sanctify, preserve and prosper me. Let thy watchful Providence be my guard and defence. Keep me in thy faith, and fear, and love, all the day long, and may I take nothing in hand, speak nothing, think and desire nothing, but what is agreeable to thy blessed will. And carry me safely through the dangers and temptations of this world of sorrow, to that place of everlasting rest and peace, which thou hast prepared for thy faithful servants, through the merits of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Wednesday Evening.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thóu art my hope and my strong hold, my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him up, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

O MOST glorious and ever-living God, who inhabitest eternity, and dwellest in that light which no mortal eye can approach unto, I lament and bewail the corruption of my nature, and my manifold sins and transgressions. Notwithstanding all thy gracious dispensations towards me, I have neither loved thee, served thee, nor obeyed thee, as I ought to have done. The cares and pleasures of this life occupy my thoughts, and make me cold and remiss in the great work of my salvation. Where shall I fly for succor but unto thee, who art a God of infinite love and pity! O pity my weaknesses, and forgive and wash away all my sins, in the blood of the immaculate Lamb, Christ Jesus; that neither those which I have this day committed, nor any other follies of my life past, may ever be had in remembrance before thee. Reserve not my sins to be punished in the day of thy fierce displeasure, but bury them all in the depth of thy everlasting mercy, that they may never rise up to my confusion here, nor my condemnation hereafter. Look upon me, O Lord, as a reconciled Father in Christ Jesus. Speak peace unto my conscience, and say unto my soul, I am the God of thy salvation.

But, O Lord, I not only beg the pardon of my transgressions, but entreat thee, who hast promised thy Holy Spirit to them that ask it, to enable me to forsake every evil way, and to walk before thee in newness of life. Let not sin reign in my mortal body, nor any sinful desires have possession of my

heart; but by the powerful efficacy of thy grace, destroy in me all evil habits and propensities, and whatsoever is opposed to thy most holy will and commandments.

Give me, O Lord, a lively sense of the vanity and uncertainty of all things here below; that my heart being weaned from the love of this world, it may daily more and more aspire after those joys which are at thy right hand for evermore. Make me a faithful and a wise steward of all those talents thou hast committed to my trust; that being rich in good works, and having laid up a treasure in heaven, when this earthly tabernacle shall be dissolved, I may have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Have pity, O God, upon all Jews, Turks, and infidels, and bring them to the knowledge and practice of thy laws. Bless thy universal Church; remove out of it all errors and divisions, and let charity and piety be visible in the lives of all its members. Reform all things amiss in this our land. Root out from among us all profaneness and impiety; that we, turning from our evil ways, thou mayst turn from thy displeasure against us, and delight over us to do us good. Bless and protect all in authority over us. Look with compassion upon all those who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Manifest thy gracious presence with them, as a God at hand, and not afar off; support them under their afflictions, and

give them in thy due time a happy deliverance. Send down thy blessings, spiritual and temporal, upon all my friends and relations; and be pleased to suit thy graces and dispensations to the several necessities of our souls and bodies.

To my prayers and intercessions, I desire, O most merciful God, to add my unfeigned thanks and praise for all the benefits which thou hast so freely and undeservedly conferred upon me. I bless thee for my creation and preservation; for my health, strength, peace, and safety; for thy continual care and watchful Providence ever since I was born; for the comforts and conveniences I have hitherto received; and, in particular, for the mercies of the day past; but, above all, for thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now, O Lord, in confidence of thy infinite goodness, I commend my soul and body again to thy fatherly care and good providence, beseeching thee to take me, and all that belong to me, under thy Almighty protection. Refresh our bodies with quiet rest and sleep, and our souls with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit; and when thou shalt think fit to take us out of this world, give us everlasting rest and peace in thy eternal kingdom, through the merits, and for the sake of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Thursday Morning.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as asleep, and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

O LORD the Creator and Governor of the world, I thy unworthy servant fall low on my knees before

thee, to renew the tribute of my humblest adoration to thy great and glorious Majesty.

Blessed be thy name, O God, for sending thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ into the world, to die for the redemption of mankind, and for all the benefits and advantages which we have received thereby. Blessed be thy holy name for all the means and opportunities which thou hast given me, of becoming wise unto salvation ; for the assistance of thy good Spirit, and for inclining me to love and fear thee. I thank thee, O Lord, for all the temporal blessings I have received ; for that measure of health which I have enjoyed ; for the friends thou hast given me ; and for that competent provision thou hast made for me. Particularly, O Lord, I bless thy holy name, that thou hast protected me the night past from the powers of darkness, and every evil accident, and hast now raised me up in safety, to praise thy goodness. O Lord, raise me up also, I pray thee, to newness of life ; and grant me such a sense of thy goodness as may excite in my heart a supreme love to thee, and a holy care to please and obey thee in all things.

Vouchsafe me the assistance of thy Holy Spirit to enable me to do my duty towards thee, and towards men. Endue me, O most gracious God, with a spirit of true and fervent devotion to thee, my Creator and Redeemer ; with an honest, upright, and charitable heart towards all my neighbors ; and with a contented, meek, and humble

mind, in every condition and state of life, in which thou shalt be pleased to place me. O Lord, convince me more and more of the vanity and emptiness of all earthly enjoyments, that my heart being lifted up above the pleasures of this life, it may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. Grant that I may seek thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof in the first place, and prefer thy favor, and the testimony of a good conscience, before the greatest happiness this world can promise me. Let neither hopes nor fears, neither pleasure nor profit, be ever able to draw me from my duty; but being steadfast and unmoveable, I may always abound in the work of the Lord, knowing that my labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

And now, O Lord, I humbly pray thee, to take me this day, and all that are near and dear to me, under the care and protection of thy good Providence. We are safe so long as we are in thy hands: O let us never cast away our confidence in thee, nor place it any where but in thee. Be with us in all dangers and temptations, and keep us from all things that may hurt us; preserve us more especially from the sin that does most easily betray and ensnare us. Give us such a measure of health, and other temporal blessings as thou seest best for us; and grant us the assistance of thy good Spirit, that in our several stations and employments, we may keep a conscience void of offence both

towards thee, and towards men, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Thursday Evening.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon the earth; the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth, and will guide his words with discretion;

For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor, and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

O ETERNAL God, the great Creator, gracious Preserver, and wise Governor of the world, I, thy unworthy servant, admire and adore the perfections

of thy nature, and gratefully acknowledge thy undeserved goodness towards me, and all thy creatures. I have nothing, O Lord, but what I received from thee; thou gavest me my being, with a capacity to know, and serve, and enjoy thee for ever; and out of the same goodness, thou hast prolonged my being, with all its privileges, and hast delivered me from a multitude of evils which might have justly befallen me, and bestowed mercies and favors both upon my soul and body, more than I can number. O that I had made returns in any measure suitable to the benefits which I have received from thee! But I must with shame acknowledge, that I have been guilty of great ingratitude towards the fountain of all good; I have been an unprofitable servant, and have neither loved thee, served thee, nor obeyed thee, as I ought to have done.

O Lord! it is of thine infinite mercy that I have now an opportunity of humbling myself before thee: let thy goodness and forbearance, lead me to a true and unfeigned repentance of all my sins; and for the sake of thy beloved Son, spare me, O good Lord, and be not angry with me forever; wash away all my sins in that fountain which thou hast opened for sin and uncleanness, that nothing may interpose between thy mercy and my soul. Lay not to my charge, O merciful God, the sins which I have this day committed; and not only pardon them, but give me grace from henceforward,

entirely to leave and forsake them, and to amend my life according to thy holy word.

Make me always mindful, that thou art every where present, and privy to my most secret thoughts; that I may never dare to do any thing, but what is pleasing in thy sight. Possess me, O Lord, with a lively sense of the frailty of my life, the certainty of a judgment to come, the unspeakable glories of heaven, and the dreadful torments of hell; that I may, in good earnest, carry on the great work of my salvation, and never foolishly prefer the pleasures of sin, which are but for a season, before that everlasting fulness of joy, which is in thy presence for evermore. Duly considering the vast disproportion there is betwixt this life and my eternal state, may I live as becomes the gospel of Christ, working out my salvation with care and circumspection, that when the great and terrible day of the Lord shall come, I may be admitted to the inheritance of the saints in light.

O Lord, I pray not for myself alone, but for the whole race of mankind, and in a more especial manner, for the nation to which I belong. Let the virtue and efficacy of Christ's death and passion be extended far and wide, and grant that true religion and virtue may every where flourish and abound. Hear the prayers of the sick and needy, and all that labor under any trouble or affliction; show the lighting down of thine arm, and of thy fatherly goodness, comfort and relieve them accord-

ing to their necessities. I commend to thy particular favor and protection all my relations and friends; let thy fear be ever before their eyes; let thy blessings always rest upon them; and grant them all things necessary for life and godliness.

Accept, O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, the sacrifice of my unfeigned praises, which I offer up to thy divine Majesty, for thy great and manifold mercies, and more particularly for the mercies of the day past; for preserving me in health and safety; for providing so plentifully for me, and continuing to me the enjoyment of so many comforts. And I most humbly beseech thee, to renew thy mercy and goodness towards me, and all that belong to me. Defend us this night from all dangers, both of soul and body; grant us quiet and refreshing sleep: and if thou art pleased to add another day to our lives, give us grace to employ it in such a manner as may be pleasing in thy sight, through the merits and for the sake of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Friday Morning.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness, according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness; and cleanse me from my sin;

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight, that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

Most holy, merciful, and gracious Lord God, who art the source and spring of all our comforts here, and the sure and certain foundation of our hopes hereafter : look down from heaven, the habitation of thy holiness, upon me, who humbly renew my praises to thy divine Majesty. I acknowledge, that under thy protection I have slept this night securely, and by thy infinite goodness it is, that I am now in health and safety. Praised be thy name, O Lord; let all that is within me praise thy holy name, as long as I live I will magnify thee, O God, for thou art my Creator, my Preserver, and my constant Benefactor. Pardon, most merciful Father, all the unworthy returns I have made for the manifold favors received from thee; and grant me, for the time to come, such a sense of thine infinite goodness, that I may love thee with all my heart, that I may study to please thee in all things, and be afraid of nothing so much as thy displeasure.

Make me truly sensible of the vanity of this world; that I may not be carried away with the force and power of sensible objects, nor brought under the dominion of those lusts which war against the soul. Give me grace so to use the world, as not to abuse it; and grant that neither the cares of this life, nor the deceitfulness of riches, may ever make me neglect the great work thou hast given me to do. Root out of my heart all covetous affections, and let it be my great concern to provide

for eternity, and to lay up a treasure in heaven, which faileth not. Deliver me, O my God, from pride and vain glory ; from an uncharitable spirit and malicious temper ; and from all those corrupt affections that are so odious in thy sight. But endue me with that wisdom which is first pure, and then peaceable ; with that meekness and humility, which is in thy sight of so great a price, and with all those holy and Christian dispositions that thou delightest in. Make me always mindful of my own frailty, of the uncertainty of this life, and of the eternity of the next. Make me careful so to live, in watching and moderation, in prayer and self-denial, as I shall wish I had done when I come to die : let not sickness or death ever surprise me unawares, or find me in a state unprovided ; but grant that I may finish the great work of my salvation before the night comes, when no man can work. So having laid up a good foundation against the day of trouble, whenever thou shalt call me hence, may I cheerfully resign up my soul into thy hands ; and oh ! wilt thou vouchsafe to receive it to thy mercy, through the merits, and for the sake of thy dear Son.

Be with me, O Lord, this day ; let thy blessing accompany all my honest labors and endeavors ; and grant that I may take nothing in hand, speak nothing, think nothing, but what is agreeable to thy blessed will. To thee I humbly commend my soul and body, and all that stand in any relation

to me, beseeching thee of thy great goodness, to take us under thy protection, to defend us from all evil, and to lead us into all good. While we are engaged about things temporal, grant that we may not forget the things that are eternal, nor be unmindful of that great account which we must one day give. Leave us not to ourselves, but guard us from those snares and temptations that every where surround us. Conduct us by thy good Spirit through all the affairs and business of this life; that we may at last arrive at that place of everlasting rest which thou hast prepared for those who love and fear thee; through the merits and intercession of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Friday Evening.

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For whilst I held my tongue, my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night, and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said I will confess my sins unto the Lord; and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; but in the great water floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Most great, and glorious Lord God, who hast created the heavens and the earth, and all things that are therein; thou upholdest them all by the power of thy word, and the host of heaven praiseth thee. Though thou hatest iniquity with a perfect hatred, yet thou delightest in the ways of mercy; and not only dost permit, but invite us, miserable creatures, to come to thee.

Drawn by thy gracious invitations and promises, then, O Lord, I lift up my soul unto thee, beseeching thee, in much mercy, to look upon me, and to free me from the burden of my corrupt and sinful inclinations. O cast me not away from thy presence; but for the sake of my Redeemer, receive me graciously to thy mercy; and let the merit of his death and passion atone for all the follies and miscarriages of my life past. Forgive, I beseech

thee, whatever I have done amiss this day, and all my life past, either against thee, my neighbor, or myself. Cleanse me from all my secret and unknown transgressions; and grant, merciful Father, that I may seriously consider the foulness and deformity of sin; and what dreadful threatnings thou hast denounced against it; that I may become a true and sincere mourner for my past sins, and, as far as it is possible, redeem my misspent time, by employing the remainder of my days in thy service, and to thy glory. O make me wise unto salvation, and give me such hatred and abhorrence of sin and iniquity, that I may abstain from every kind and sort of evil.

Give me, O Lord, a new heart, new affections, and new desires; that I may love thee with more sincerity, and serve thee with greater faithfulness than I have ever yet done. Convince me of the vanity and uncertainty of all things here below, and grant that I may make thee my joy and my trust, my guide and my counsellor, and be so delighted with the ways of thy commandments, that one day in thy service may be dearer to me, than a thousand spent in vanity and folly. Teach me, O Lord, so to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto true wisdom: and grant that in the days of health and prosperity, I may consider my latter end, and provide for that great account which I must one day give before the judgment-seat of Christ: that when the hour of my departure shall

come, I may meet death without fear and amazement; and with a well-grounded hope of thy mercy, may cheerfully resign up my soul into thy hands, and be willing, and even desirous to leave this world, when thou, my God, in thy great wisdom, shall see it fitting.

O Lord, to thy merciful providence I commend the wants and necessities of all mankind. More especially I pray for the welfare of this nation to which I belong, beseeching thee to pardon all our sins, to turn away thy displeasure from us, and to make us a holy people, zealous of good works. Defend and prosper thy holy Church; bless the work of faith and love, of all those who endeavor to stop the torrent of vice, and to promote the interest of virtue and religion among us. Hear the cry of the poor and the oppressed, give ease to those that are under any affliction of mind or body, and lay not more upon them than thou wilt enable them to bear. Be gracious to all my friends and relations, and more particularly to ———. O Lord! thou art thoroughly acquainted with all their wants; O vouchsafe to give them what thou seest best and most fit both for their souls and bodies.

Accept, O merciful Father, of my unfeigned praises for all thy blessings, spiritual and temporal. My health and safety, and all the comforts of my life proceed from thy bounty and goodness: to thee, therefore, I ascribe all possible praise and

thanksgiving, humbly beseeching thee to grant me the continuance of thy mercy and goodness. Take me, and all that belong to me, this night, under the care and protection of thy good providence. Preserve us from all perils and dangers, and from all apprehension of any. Give us such refreshing rest and sleep, as may fit us for the duties of the day following; and if thou art pleased to add another day to our lives, grant that we may make a right use and improvement of it, to thy glory, and the benefit of our immortal souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.



A Prayer for Saturday Morning.

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart:

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbor, and hath not slandered his neighbor:

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes, and maketh much of them that fear the Lord:

He that sweareth unto his neighbor, and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance:

He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken reward against the innocent:

Whoso doeth these things, shall never fall.

O most blessed and glorious Lord God, I thy creature whom thou hast made, and to this moment hast preserved, do now present myself before thee, to offer the sacrifice of my humble praises and thanksgivings. Thy mercies are renewed to me every morning, and thy goodness follows me all

the day long ; thou visitest me in the night season, and every moment of my life is a new instance of thy mercy. It is by thy goodness, O Lord, that I have this night slept securely, and am now raised up in health and safety. Praised therefore, be thy name, O God, for of thee only cometh my salvation. Thou art the God of my health, my Saviour and mighty Deliverer ; as long as I live I will magnify thee, O Lord ; for a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

Imprint on my mind such a deep sense of thy goodness, that I may never provoke thee to withdraw thy mercies from me. Let not the blessings thou bestowest on me make me in love with this world ; let neither covetousness nor ambition ; neither pride nor a contempt of others, be the effect of thy loving kindness towards me ; but endue me with such an humble and contented mind, such a meek and resigned spirit, as becomes a creature and a sinner.

Fit and prepare me, O Lord, for every condition and change, but especially for my great and last change. Strengthen my faith in the time of sickness and trial, and forsake me not when my strength faileth me. Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be then open to my prayers ; and spare me, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, deliver me not into the bitter pains of eternal death. And when my last hour shall arrive, suffer me not, through any pains of body, or weak-

ness of mind, to let go my dependence on thee. Let not the cruel enemy of my soul affright me ; but give thy holy angels charge over me ; and let the consolations of thy Holy Spirit fortify my mind, and dissipate my fears.

Be with me, O Lord, this day, in my going out and coming in ; preserve me from the dangers of evil company ; from the deceitfulness of my own heart ; and defend me more especially from those sins that are most apt to betray and ensnare me. Let thy blessings accompany all my honest labors and endeavors, and vouchsafe me such a measure of health, and other temporal mercies, as thou seest best for me. I desire, O Lord, to leave myself, and all my affairs, in thy hands, humbly beseeching thee to take me, and all that belong to me, under the care and protection of thy good Providence ; and so to bless, direct, and guide us in this life that we may at last obtain that greatest of all blessings, the eternal salvation of our immortal souls, through the merits, and for the sake of thy dear Son, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for Saturday Evening.

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof; yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

O ETERNAL LORD, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for evermore; I, thy unworthy servant, adore thy glorious Majesty, acknowledging my dependence upon thee, and that all I have proceeds from thine infinite bounty and goodness.

O Lord, my conscience accuses me of having acted foolishly and wickedly, contrary to my best and greatest interest, contrary to thy gracious and holy will. The weightiest concerns of this world are naught when compared with eternity; and yet how do I grow careless and remiss in the great and important work of my salvation, and suffer my affections to be carried away after the things of this vain and miserable life.

O Lord, although the wages, and desert, and punishment of sin, is death; thou art infinite in mercy, and willest not the death of a sinner; remember then, I beseech thee, thy tender mercies; and for the sake of my dear Redeemer, have mercy upon me, and be not angry with me for ever. Accept of that full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, which thy beloved Son offered upon the cross; and through the merits of his death and passion, pardon all my sins, particularly those which I have this day committed. O Lord, give me an interest in the blood of the immaculate Lamb, Jesus Christ; and grant that I may never render those sufferings which he underwent for sinners, ineffectual to the salvation of my soul. Give me grace to forsake every evil way. Possess my soul with just apprehensions of the infinite disproportion there is between this world and the next; between hell and heaven; that I may make a right use of all those gracious opportunities which thou hast given me of working out my salvation, and securing

an inheritance in that kingdom which shall last for ever. Let no temptations or allurements, no habits or propensities, divert me from securing the interest of my soul; whatever else I leave undone, let that be my great care and concern, the first and last of all my thoughts, and the chief employment of my whole life.

O Lord, suffer not the affairs and business in which I am engaged, to draw my thoughts and affections from heaven and heavenly things; but grant that I may so pass through things temporal, as not to lose the things that are eternal. In all the concerns of this life, may I govern myself by the rules of temperance, justice, prudence, and moderation, and with an entire dependence on thy fatherly care and good providence. Having always before my eyes that great account which I must one day give, may I never dare to do any thing to dishonor thy name, nor be so foolish, as to purchase any pleasure in this world at the expense of thy favor. Making thy laws the rule of all my actions, may I approve myself to thee, as becometh thy servant; being zealous and devout in thy service; kind and charitable towards my neighbor, meek and patient, humble and inoffensive; and as far as in me lies, useful and beneficial to the world; that so glorifying thee here upon earth, I may, at my departure hence, enter into the joy of my Lord.

Be gracious, most merciful God, to the whole race of mankind. Pity the deplorable state of those

that know thee not, and have never heard of thy name. Reform the wicked and impenitent, and let all that name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Be mindful, O Lord, of all that are in any affliction or distress. Relieve and comfort those that suffer for the testimony of a good conscience, or that labor under the torments of a wounded spirit. Let the sorrowful sighing of the afflicted come before thee, and deliver them in thy good time out of all their troubles. Let every one of my friends and relations, O God, be of the number of those whom thou lovest. Defend them from the evils and temptations of this world, and grant them whatever thou seest needful both for their souls and bodies.

To these my prayers and intercessions, I desire to add my unfeigned praises for all thy blessings, spiritual and temporal, and for the fountain of them all, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. I bless thee more particularly for the mercies of the day past; for preserving me in health and safety; and for delivering me from the evils which I have most justly deserved. Give me grace to make a right use of all thy mercies; and vouchsafe, O Lord, to continue to me thy gracious favor and protection. Fit and prepare me, by suitable meditations and exercises, for the duties of the approaching holy day. May I be in the Spirit on the Lord's day. In the closet, the family, and the sanctuary, may I worship thee acceptably, with reverence, and

love, and godly fear. Bless and prosper to me, to mine, and to thy whole Church, all the means of grace. Be thou pleased, of thy great goodness, to take me, and all that belong to me, this night, under the care of thy good Providence. Defend us from all perils and dangers; and after the comfortable refreshments of rest and sleep, raise us up in health and safety, with hearts full of love to thee, and zeal to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.



OTHER DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

FOR PERSONS IN PRIVATE

Morning Prayer.

AN ACT OF ADORATION.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come ; heaven and earth, angels and men, the air and the sea, give glory, and honor, and thanks, to him that sitteth on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever. All the blessed spirits and souls of the righteous cast their crowns before the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power ; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Great and marvellous are thy works, O Lord God Almighty ; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Thy wisdom is infinite, thy mercies are glorious ; and I am not worthy, O Lord, to appear in thy presence, before whom the angels

hide their faces. O holy and eternal Jesus, Lamb of God, who wert slain from the beginning of the world, thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every nation, and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign with thee for ever. Blessing, honor, glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth on the throne, and to the Lamb for ever. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks to him for a remembrance of his holiness. For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Thou, Lord, hast preserved me this night from the violence of the spirits of darkness, from all sad casualties and evil accidents, from the wrath which I have every day deserved: thou hast brought my soul out of hell, thou hast kept my life from them that go down into the pit: thou hast showed me marvellous great kindness, and hast blessed me for ever: the greatness of thy glory reacheth unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing. O my God, I will give thanks to thee for ever. *Amen.*

**AN ACT OF OBLATION, OR PRESENTING OURSELVES TO
GOD FOR THE DAY.**

Most holy and eternal God, Lord and Sovereign of all creatures, I humbly present to thy divine Majesty myself, my soul and body, my thoughts and my words, my actions and intentions, my passions and my sufferings, to be disposed by thee to thy glory, to be blessed by thy providence, to be guided by thy counsel, to be sanctified by thy Spirit, and afterwards that my body and soul may be received into glory: for nothing can perish which is under thy custody; and the enemy of souls cannot devour what is thy portion, nor take it out of thy hands. This day, O Lord, and all the days of my life, I dedicate to thy honor, and the actions of my calling to the uses of grace, and the religion of all my days, to be united to the merits and intercession of my holy Saviour, Jesus, that in him, and for him, I may be pardoned and accepted. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF REPENTANCE.

For as for me, I am not worthy to be called thy servant, much less am I worthy to be thy son; for I am greedy of sin and impatient of reproof, desirous to seem holy and negligent of being so, transported with interest, fooled with presumption and false principles, disturbed with anger, with a peevish and unmortified spirit, and disordered by a whole

body of sin and death. Lord, pardon all my sins for my dearest Saviour's sake : thou who didst die for me, holy Jesus, save me and deliver me. Reserve not my sins to be punished in the day of wrath and eternal vengeance ; but wash them away, and blot them out of thy remembrance, and purify my soul with the waters of repentance and the blood of the cross ; that for what is past thy wrath may not come out against me, and for the time to come I may never provoke thee to anger or to jealousy. O just and holy God, be pitiful and gracious to thy servant. *Amen.*

THE PRAYER.

Bless me, gracious God, in my calling to such purposes as thou shalt choose for me, or employ me in : relieve me in all my sadness, make my bed in my sickness, give me patience in my sorrows, confidence in thee, and grace to call upon thee in all temptations. O be thou my guide in all my actions, my protector in all dangers : give me a healthful body, and a clear understanding ; a sanctified and just, a charitable and humble, a religious and a contented spirit : let not my life be miserable and wretched, nor my name stained with sin and shame, nor my condition lifted up to a tempting and dangerous fortune ; but let my condition be blessed, my conversation useful to my neighbors, and pleasing to thee ; that when my body shall lie

down in its bed of darkness, my soul may pass into the regions of light, and live with thee for ever, through Jesus Christ.

Give me thy grace, O Lord, that I may be a curious and prudent spender of my time, so as I may best prevent or resist all temptation, and be profitable to the Christian commonwealth, and by discharging all my duty, may glorify thy name. Take from me all slothfulness, and give me a diligent and an active spirit, and wisdom to choose my employment, that I may do works proportionable to my person, and to the dignity of a Christian, and may fill up all the spaces of my time with actions of religion and charity; that when the devil assaults me, he may not find me idle, and my dearest Lord at his sudden coming may find me busy in lawful, necessary, and pious actions, improving my talent intrusted to me by thee, my Lord, that I may enter into the joy of my Lord, to partake of his eternal felicities, even for thy mercies' sake, and for my dearest Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF INTERCESSION.

O God of infinite mercy, who hast compassion on all men, and relievest the necessities of all that call to thee for help, hear the prayers of thy servant, who unworthy to ask any petition for himself, yet in humility and duty is bound to pray for others.

O let thy mercy descend upon the whole Church;

preserve her truth in peace, in unity and safety, in all storms, and against all temptations and enemies; that she, offering to thy glory the never-ceasing sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, may advance the honor of her Lord, and be filled with his spirit, and partake of his glory. *Amen.*

Defend and prosper this country, which thou hast so signally favored, and grant that true religion and virtue may every where abound among us. In mercy remember the President of the United States, and all magistrates, and all ministers of thy Gospel. Preserve the pastors of thy Church in piety, and knowledge, and zeal; under a strict discipline, and in a holy conversation. And keep our rulers, temporal and spiritual, perpetually in thy fear and favor, and crown them with glory and immortality.

Bless thy servant my wife, (or husband,) with health of body and spirit. O let the hand of thy blessing be upon his (or her) head night and day, and support *him* in all necessities, strengthen *him* in all temptations, comfort *him* in all *his* sorrows, and let *him* be thy servant in all changes; and make us both to dwell with thee for ever in thy favor, in the light of thy countenance, and in thy glory. *Amen.*

Bless my children with healthful bodies, with good understandings, with the graces and gifts of thy Spirit, with the constant protection of thy providence, with sweet dispositions and holy habits;

and sanctify them throughout in their bodies, and souls, and spirits, and keep them unblameable and safe to the coming of our Lord Jesus. *Amen.*

Be pleased, O Lord, to remember my friends and relatives, all that have prayed for me, and all that have done me good:—— Do thou good to them, and return all their kindness double into their own bosoms, rewarding them with blessings, and sanctifying them with thy grace, and bringing them to glory. May they receive the benefit of my prayers, and the blessings of God; the comforts and supports of thy providence, and the sanctification of thy Spirit.

Relieve and comfort all the persecuted and afflicted; speak peace to troubled consciences; strengthen the weak; comfort the strong; instruct the ignorant; deliver the oppressed from him that spoileth him, and relieve the needy that hath no helper; and bring us all by the waters of comfort, and in the ways of righteousness, to the kingdom of rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Noon.

O ETERNAL God, merciful and gracious, vouchsafe thy favor and thy blessing to thy servant; let the love of thy mercies, and the awe and fear of thy

Majesty, make me careful and inquisitive to search thy will, and diligently to perform it, and to persevere in the practices of a holy life, even till the last of my days.

Keep me, O Lord, for I am thine by creation; guide me, for I am thine by purchase; thou hast redeemed me by the blood of thy Son, and loved me with the love of a Father, for I am thy child by adoption and grace: let thy mercy pardon my sins, thy providence secure me from the punishments and evils I have deserved, and thy care watch over me, that I may never any more offend thee: make me in malice to be a child; but in understanding, piety, and the fear of God, may I be a perfect man in Christ, innocent and prudent, readily furnished and instructed to every good work.

Keep me, O Lord, from the destroying angel, and from the wrath of God: let thy anger never rise against me, but thy rod gently correct my follies, and guide me in thy ways, and thy staff support me in all sufferings and changes. Keep all my senses entire till the day of my death, and let my death be neither sudden, untimely, nor unprovided; let it be after the common manner of men, having in it nothing extraordinary, but an extraordinary piety, and the manifestation of thy great and miraculous mercy.

Let no riches make me ever forget myself—no poverty ever make me to forget thee: let neither

hope nor fear, pleasure nor pain, no accident without, nor weakness within, hinder or discompose my duty, or turn me from the ways of thy commandments. O let thy Spirit dwell with me for ever, and make my soul just and charitable, full of honesty, full of religion, resolute and constant in holy purposes, but inflexible to evil. Make me humble and obedient, peaceable and pious: let me never envy any man's good, nor deserve to be despised myself: and if I be, teach me to bear it with meekness and charity.

Give me a tender conscience; a conversation discreet and affable, modest and patient, liberal and obliging; a body chaste and healthful; competency of living according to my condition; contentedness in all estates, a resigned will, and mortified affections; that I may be as thou wouldst have me, and my portion may be in the lot with the righteous, in the brightness of thy countenance, and the glories of eternity.

Bestow thy loving-kindness upon all thy creatures, and especially with pity, O gracious Comforter, behold all that are in affliction; hear the sighings of the distressed, the groans of the sick, the prayers of the oppressed, the desires of the poor and needy; give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their trials, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Evening Prayer.

O ETERNAL GOD, great Father of men and angels, who hast established the heavens and the earth in a wonderful order, making day and night to succeed each other; I make my humble address to thy divine Majesty, begging of thee mercy and protection this night and ever. O Lord, pardon all my sins, my light and rash words, the vanity and impiety of my thoughts, my unjust and uncharitable actions, and whatsoever I have transgressed against thee this day, or at any time before. Behold, O God, my soul is troubled in the remembrance of my sins, in the frailty and sinfulness of my flesh, exposed to every temptation, and of itself not able to resist any. Lord God of mercy, I earnestly beg thee to give me such a portion of thy grace, as may be effectual for the mortification of all my sins, and vanities, and disorders: that as I have formerly served my lusts and unworthy desires, so now I may give myself wholly to thy service and the duties of a holy life.

Blessed Lord. teach me frequently and sadly to remember my sins; and be thou pleased to remember them no more: let me never forget thy mercies, and do thou still remember to do me good. Teach me to walk always as in thy presence: ennoble my soul with great degrees of love to thee,

and impress on my spirit a great fear and veneration of thy holy name and laws; that it may become the great employment of my whole life to serve thee, to advance thy glory, to root out all the love and habits of sin, that in holiness of life, in humility, in charity, and in all the ornaments of grace, I may by patience wait the coming of our Lord Jesus.


Teach me, O Lord, to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom; ever to remember my last end, that I may not dare to sin against thee. Let thy good providence be ever present with me, to keep me in all my ways from the malice and violence of the spirits of darkness, from evil company, and the occasions and opportunities of evil, from all the ways of sinful shame, from the hands of all mine enemies, from a sinful life, and from despair in the hour of my death. Then, O blessed Saviour, shine gloriously upon me: let thy mercies, and the light of thy countenance sustain me in all my agonies, weaknesses, and temptations. Give me opportunity of a prudent and spiritual guide, and of receiving the holy sacrament; and let thy loving Spirit so guide me in the ways of peace and safety, that with the testimony of a good conscience, and the sense of thy mercies, I may depart this life, in the unity of the Church, in the love of God, and a certain hope of salvation, through Jesus Christ.

Bless, O gracious Father, thy holy Catholic

Church, and fill it with truth and grace; where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where it is faulty, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal the breaches of it, O thou Holy One of Israel.

Visit, I beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation with thy mercy, and me with thy grace and salvation. Let thy holy angels pitch their tents round about and dwell here; that the spirits of darkness may not come near to hurt me, nor any sad accident assault me: and let the eternal Spirit of the Father dwell in my soul and body, filling every chamber of my heart with light and grace. Let no deed or agent of darkness overtake me; and let thy blessing, most blessed God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon me for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



Morning Prayer.

Most glorious and eternal God, Father of mercy, and fountain of all comfort, I worship and adore thee with the lowest humility of my soul and body, and give thee all thanks and praise for thy infinite glories and perfections; and for the continual demonstration of thy mercies upon me, upon all mine, and upon thy holy Church.

I acknowledge, holy God, that I have deserved thy wrath and indignation; and that if thou hadst dealt with me according to my deserving, I had now at this instant been desperately bewailing my misery in the sorrows and horrors of a sad eternity. But thy mercy, triumphing over thy justice and my sins, has still continued to me life and time of repentance; thou hast opened to me the gates of grace and mercy, and perpetually called upon me to enter in, and to walk in the paths of a holy life, that I might glorify thee, and be glorified of thee eternally.

Behold, O God, for this thy great and unspeakable goodness, for thy preservation of me this night, and for all thy other graces and blessings, I offer up my soul and body, all that I am, and all that I have, as a sacrifice to thee and thy service; humbly begging of thee to pardon all my sins, to defend me from all evil, to lead me into all good, and let my portion be amongst thy redeemed ones, in the

gathering together of the saints, in the kingdom of grace and glory.

Guide me, O Lord, in all the changes and varieties of the world, that in all things that shall happen, I may have an evenness and tranquility of spirit, that my soul may be wholly resigned to thy divine will and pleasure; never murmuring at thy gentle chastisements and fatherly correction; never becoming proud and insolent, though I feel a torrent of comforts and prosperous successes. Fix my thoughts, my hopes, and my desires, upon heaven and heavenly things: teach me to despise the world, to repent me deeply for my sins; give me holy purposes of amendment, and divine strength to perform faithfully whatsoever I shall intend piously. Enrich my understanding with an internal treasure of divine truths, that I may know thy will. And thou who workest in us to will and to do of thy good pleasure, teach me to obey all thy commandments, to believe all thy revelations, and make me partaker of all thy gracious promises.

Teach me to watch over all my ways, that I may never be surprised by sudden temptations, or a careless spirit, nor ever return to folly and vanity. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips, that I offend not, either against piety or charity. Let all my passions and affections be so mortified and brought under the dominion of grace, that I may never, by deliberation and purpose, nor yet by levity, rashness, or inconsideration,

offend thy divine Majesty. Make me such as thou wouldst have me to be: strengthen my faith, confirm my hope, and give me a daily increase of charity; that this day and ever I may serve thee according to all my opportunities and capacities, growing from grace to grace; till at last, by thy mercies, I shall receive the consummation and perfection of grace, even the glories of thy kingdom, in the full fruition of the face and excellencies of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; to whom be glory and praise, honor and adoration given by all angels, and all men, now and to all eternity. *Amen.*

Prayer for Noon.

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. I praise thee, I bless thee, I worship thee, I glorify thee, I give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me. Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive my prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon me.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

O almighty God, and most merciful Father, who day after day, dost minister to sinful man infinite occasions of praising thee, accept of my unfeigned thanks for all the blessings I have, and every day receive, from thy good providence.

That of thine own mere goodness, and without any merit of mine, or of my forefathers, thou hast given me a being from honest and religious parents, and in such a part of the world where the Christian religion is purely taught, and thy sacraments duly administered:—

That thou didst endue me with reason, and perfect senses; and to make these more comfortable to me, didst give me a sound and healthful body:—

That thou gavest me an early knowledge of thee, my Creator and Redeemer:—That thou hast preserved me ever since my birth, and hath vouchsafed me health and liberty, and a competency of means for my support:—

That thou hast redeemed me by thy Son, and given me a share in his merits; sanctified me by thy holy Spirit, and hast heaped many favors upon me:—

That thou hast given me honest friends, to admonish, to counsel, to encourage, and to support me by their interest and advice:—

That thou hast been my refuge in tribulation,

and my defence in all adversities ; delivering me from dangers, infamy, and troubles :—For all known or unobserved deliverances, and for the guard thy holy angels keep over me, I praise thy good providence.

When I went astray thou didst reduce me ; when I was sad, thou didst comfort me ; when I offended thee, thou didst forbear and gently correct me, and didst long expect my repentance ; and when for the grievousness of my sins, I was ready to despair, thou didst keep me from utter ruin. Thou hast delivered me from the snares and assaults of the devil : thou hast not only preserved my soul, but my body from destruction, when sickness and infirmities took hold of me.

O Lord and Father, I cannot render due thanks and praise for all these mercies bestowed upon me : such as I have, I give thee ; and humbly beseech thee to accept of this my daily sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Pardon, O God, all my former ingratitude ; and that I have passed so many days without observing, without admiring, without acknowledging and confessing thy wonderful goodness to the most unworthy of thy servants. For, when I soberly consider my dependence upon thee, as there is no hour of my life that I do not enjoy thy favors, and taste of thy goodness, so, if my frailty would permit, I would spend no part of my life without remembering thee.

Praise the Lord, then, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name. Glory be to thee, O Lord, my Creator. Glory be to thee, O Jesus, my Redeemer. Glory be to the Holy Ghost, my sanctifier, my guide and comforter. All love, all glory, be to the high and undivided Trinity, whose works are inseparable, and whose dominion endureth world without end.

Evening Prayer.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, who hath sent his angels, and kept me this day from the destruction that wasteth at noon; and the arrow that flieth by day; and hath given me his Spirit to restrain me from those evils to which my own weaknesses, and my evil propensities, and my unquiet enemies, would easily betray me. Blessed and for ever hallowed be thy name, for that never-ceasing shower of blessings by which I live, and am content, and blessed, and provided for in all necessities, and set forward in my duty and way to heaven. Blessing, honor, glory, and power, be unto him, that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever.

When I seriously consider, great God, my dependence upon thy providence, and that the favors and mercies I have received, are infinitely more

in number than the acknowledgments I have made, I am justly ashamed of my ingratitude, and afraid lest my unthankfulness should provoke thee to hinder the current of thy blessings from descending upon me.

Forgive, O merciful Father, my past negligencies; and give me grace for the time to come, to observe and to value thy kindnesses as becomes one who has received so much more than he deserves.

Preserve in my soul, O God, such a constant and clear sense of my obligations to thee, that upon the receipt of every favor, I may immediately turn my eyes to Him from whom cometh my salvation: that thy manifold blessings may fix such lasting impressions upon my soul, that I may always praise thee faithfully here on earth, until it shall please thee, of thy unbounded mercy, to call me nearer the place of thy heavenly habitation, to praise my Lord and deliverer to all eternity.

Into thy hands, most blessed Jesus, I commend my soul and body, for thou hast redeemed both with thy most precious blood. So bless and sanctify my sleep unto me, that it may be temperate, holy, and safe; a refreshment to my wearied body, to enable it to serve my soul, that both may serve thee with a never-failing duty. O let me never sleep in sin or death eternal, but give me a watchful and prudent spirit, that I may omit no opportunity of serving thee; that whether I sleep or wake, live

or die, I may be thy servant and thy child: that when the work of my life is done, I may rest in the bosom of my Lord; till, by the voice of the archangel, the trump of God, I shall be awakened and called to sit down and feast in the eternal supper of the Lamb. Grant this, O Lamb of God, for the honor of thy mercies, and the glory of thy name.

Infinite and eternal God, thou fillest all things with thy presence; thou art every where by thy essence, and by thy power; in heaven by thy glory; in holy places by thy grace and favor; in the hearts of thy servants by thy Spirit; in the consciences of all men by thy testimony and observation of us. Teach me to walk always as in thy presence; to fear thy majesty; to reverence thy wisdom and omniscience, that I may never dare to commit any indecency in the eye of my Lord and my Judge; but that I may with so much care and reverence demean myself, that my Judge may not be my accuser, but my advocate; that I, expressing the belief of thy presence here by careful walking, may feel the effects of it in the participation of eternal glory hereafter.

Thou, O God, hast made all things for man, and man for thy glory, O sanctify my body and soul, my thoughts and intentions, my words and actions, that whatsoever I shall think, or speak, or do, may be by me designed to glorify thy name, and by thy blessing, it may be effective and suc-

cessful in the work of God, and in exalting my nature. Lord, turn my necessities into virtue, the works of nature into the works of grace, by making them orderly, regular, temperate, subordinate, and profitable to ends beyond their own proper efficacy. And let no pride or self-seeking, no covetousness or revenge, no impure mixture or unhandsome purposes, no little ends and low imaginations, pollute my spirit, and unhallow any of my words and actions: but let my body be a servant of my spirit, and both body and spirit servants of Jesus; that doing all things for thy glory here, I may be partaker of thy glory hereafter.

Creator of all, I beseech thee let thy fatherly kindness be upon all that thou hast made. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, infidels, and heretics, and grant that none may deprive themselves of that happiness which Jesus Christ has purchased by his death. Bless the pious endeavors of all those that strive to propagate the Gospel of Christ; and may its saving truths be received in all the world. Preserve thy Church in the midst of the dangers that surround it: purge it from all corruptions, and heal its divisions, that all Christian people may unite and love as becomes the disciples of Christ. Grant that all bishops and pastors may be careful to observe the sacred rites committed to their trust—that godly discipline may be restored and countenanced:—that Christians may not content themselves with bare shadows of religion and piety, but

endeavor after that holiness without which no man can see the Lord:—that such as are in authority may govern with truth and justice; and that those whose duty it is to obey, may do it for conscience sake. Let all that sincerely seek the truth, be led by thy Holy Spirit: and to all such as are destitute of necessary instruction, vouchsafe a greater measure of thy grace. Support and comfort all that labor under trials and afflictions, all that suffer wrongfully; and by thy mighty grace succor all those that are tempted. Give unto all sinners a true sense of their unhappy state, and grace and strength to break their bonds. Visit with thy fatherly comforts, all such as are now in their last sickness, that they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with thee. Be gracious to all those countries that are made desolate by the sword, famine, pestilence, or persecution; and sanctify the miseries of this life to the everlasting benefit of all that suffer. Preserve this land from the miseries of war; this Church from persecution, and from all wild and dangerous errors; and this people from forgetting thee, their Lord and benefactor. Avert the judgments which we have justly deserved, and mercifully prevent the ruin that threatens us; and grant that we may ever be prepared for what thy providence shall bring forth.

Bless all persons and places to which thy providence has made me a debtor; all who have been instrumental to my good, by their assistance, advice,

or example; and make me in my turn useful to others. Let none of those who cannot pray for themselves, and desire my prayers, want thy mercy; but defend, and comfort, and conduct them through this dangerous world, that we may meet in paradise, to praise our God for ever and ever. Enlighten the minds and pardon the sins, of all that err through simplicity. Let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but guide thou the just. Relieve and comfort all that are troubled in mind or conscience;—all that are in danger of falling into despair;—all that are in any dangerous error;—all that are in prison, in slavery, or under persecution, for a righteous cause;—all that are in any distress whatever; that all may improve under their sufferings. Have mercy upon and reclaim all that are engaged in sinful courses, in youthful lusts, in unchristian quarrels, and in unrighteous lawsuits. Direct all that are in doubt, all that seek the truth.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all, have mercy upon all whom thou hast made and redeemed, for thy name's sake, and for thy promises sake. We ask and offer all, only in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Morning Prayer.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, all glory be to thee, for the sleep which thou hast graciously given me this night: a seasonable recruit to the wastings, and a kind intermission to the labors, of this poor, weak, and wearied body.

And now, as thou hast added to the number of my days, that this and every day may be employed to the perfecting of holiness in thy fear, and sweetened with the comforts of health, of peace, and innocence—grant, O good Lord.

Grant that the angel of peace, the holy guide of thy children, the faithful guard set over their souls and bodies, may encamp round about me, and continually suggest to my mind such things as conduce to thy glory, and to my salvation.

Grant that all the sins, offences, and negligencies of my days already gone, may, by thy mercy, be freely pardoned, and entirely done away.

Grant that it may please thee to bless the world with prosperity and peace, but chiefly with such dispensations and providences, as thou knowest most expedient for the good of all our souls.

Finally, since this life must shortly have an end, that mine may be concluded with a truly Christian death, a death perfectly void of sin and shame; and (if such be thy good pleasure) as free from pain as may be, grant, O good Lord. But,

above all, as it is appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment,—that I may appear with comfort, and find a favorable account, at the great and terrible tribunal of thy Son, Jesus Christ, who, I believe, shall come to be our Judge, grant, O good Lord, for thy 'dear Son's sake.

OTHER EJACULATIONS TO BE USED AS OPPORTUNITY
MAY OFFER.

Blot out, I pray thee, as a cloud, my transgressions, and as the thickness of the morning cloud my sins. Grant me to walk as a child of light, soberly, purely, and honestly, as in the day; and this day, in particular, O Lord, vouchsafe to keep me without sin, upholding me, when I am about to fall, and lifting me up, if I am down; that I may never be suffered to continue under any provocation, or temptation, nor to have my heart hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Let my body also be safe under thy protection, and defend me under the shadow of thy wings from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence, from the arrow that flieth by day, and from the sickness that destroyeth at noon.

Defend this day from all evil of mine, and preserve me from all the evil of this day. Suffer not my days to be consumed in vanity, nor my years in trouble; but let each tell and instruct another, by some useful improvement in knowledge, or *practical* virtue. O let me hear thy loving-kindness

betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust. Show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O Lord, from my spiritual enemies, for I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. Remove far from me thoughts that are without understanding; and evermore inspire me with such thoughts, as are wise and good, and well-pleasing in thy sight.

Turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity, but let them be fixed on the thing that is right. Inclose mine ears with a hedge of thorns, that no foolish, filthy, or profane talk may be allowed to enter in: but let them be open to discipline and wisdom, and always give willing attention to the words of truth and righteousness. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips; let my speech be governed by charity, and good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Let no work of my hands cause grief or just offence of heart; but let me be continually employed in some actions, for which thou, my God, mayest remember me for good; and spare me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

Into thy hands I commend my soul, and my

body, for thou hast created, redeemed, and regenerated them, O Lord, thou God of truth: and, together with myself, all my relations and friends, all my possessions and comforts; for all these thou hast graciously given to thy unworthy servant. Preserve us, I beseech thee, from all evil, yea, do even thou preserve our souls; and let them be presented before thy Majesty, holy and unreplicable, in the day of the Lord Jesus. Prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, that I may find favor, and be able to do good, among those that shall converse with me. Haste thee, O Lord, to my help: be always at hand to direct me. O turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me, may see it and be ashamed, because thou, O Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me, thou, my Saviour, in whose merits alone I trust.

ON SUNDAY.

Through the tender mercy of our God, the day-spring from on high hath visited us. Glory be to thee, who didst, as on this day, create the light, and command it to shine upon the face of the deep. How glorious is that light, which affects our senses. the rays of the sun, the flame of fire, the day divided from the night, the evening and the morning. How much more glorious is that light, which

shines in upon our minds, by the examples of patriarchs, the revelations of prophets, the sweet solace of holy psalms, the instruction of wise proverbs, the prophet and experience of faithful histories. Blessed be thy name for this light, which no darkness ever overspreads; this sun, which never goes down. God is the Lord, who hath showed us such light; bind ye the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

O thou, who on this day didst rise again, raise up our souls unto newness of life; granting us repentance from dead works, and planting us in the likeness of thy resurrection. And thou, O Father and God of peace, who didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do thy will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ. O thou, who didst also on this day of the week, send down on thy apostles thy most holy Spirit; take not the same Spirit away from us, but grant to all thy servants, who ask it of thee, that they may be daily renewed, and more plentifully enriched with all its precious gifts and graces.

O Lord, who by choosing this day for these most important, most beneficial events, didst direct thy apostles, full of the Holy Ghost, to call it, and to make it thy day, by translating to it the sacred rest of the Sabbath; make this present day of thine

a refreshment after labor, an interval of recruit to our feeble and wearied bodies; a merciful cessation to servants and beasts, our fellow laborers; a holy return of thy solemn worship, by prayers and praises, by hearing thy word, and administration of thy sacraments in the public assemblies of the saints, and the house where thy honor dwelleth; and a figure and a pledge of that better rest hereafter, which still remaineth to the people of God. O grant me so to use these days of rest, and of public worship in this life, that I fail not of a part in thy eternal rest, and in the continual hymns of angels and blessed spirits in the life to come.

AN ACT OF CONFESSION.

Merciful and compassionate, long-suffering and patient, Lord God, I have sinned, wretched man that I am, I have frequently and grievously sinned against thee; by trusting to vanity, by following deceit, and being occupied in ungodly works, with them that practise wickedness. I have forsaken the fountain of living waters, and have hewed to myself cisterns, broken cisterns, which can hold no water. I come not now before thee to cover or extenuate my guilt by frivolous excuses; but with full purpose to give thee glory, by an ingenuous and free confession, that I have many ways offended against thy holy laws. For thus, O Lord, and thus have I done. (*Here you may be particular.*)

Oh! how have I provoked thy Majesty! and yet thou hast not dealt with me after my sins, nor rewarded me according to my iniquities.

And now, O Lord, what shall I say, or how shall I open my mouth? Behold me, without plea, without excuse, and self-condemned; for I, even I, have destroyed myself. Unto thee, O Lord, belongeth righteousness, but unto me confusion of face, because thou art just in all that is come upon me: for thou hast done right, but I have done wickedly. O let the multitude of thy mercies triumph over the multitude of my sins. Remember, I beseech thee, what thy servant is. I am thy creature; despise not thou the work of thine own hands. I am thy image made after thy likeness; and hast thou made thine own image for nought? For nought, if thou destroy that image; and what profit can there be in my destruction? They indeed that hate thee, will rejoice at it; but gratify not them with my destruction, neither let those that are thine enemies, as well as mine, frustrate thy grace and triumph over me. I am the price of thy Son Christ's blood, called a Christian after his name, a sheep of thy pasture; a son of the covenant. Look then upon the face of thine anointed, look upon the blood of the covenant in him; behold the propitiation set forth for the sins of the whole world, and be merciful to me a sinner, be merciful to me the chief of sinners. For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great. For that name's

sake, besides which none other under heaven is given unto men, whereby we must be saved; and for the sake of that Spirit also, who helpeth our infirmities, and maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered; for the tender compassion of the Father, for the bleeding wounds of the Son, for the earnest groans of the Holy Ghost, hear, O Lord, and have mercy and save me.

As for me, I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me. I am truly ashamed and sorry, yea, I reproach, I mortify, I take revenge upon myself; full of concern, that my shame, and sorrow, and holy indignation, are no greater. Lord, I repent, help thou my impenitence: and be thou pleased more and more to wound, and pierce, and soften this hard heart: and then be gracious for all that is past. Cleanse thou me also from my secret faults, and save thy servant from presumptuous wickedness. Magnify thy mercy towards this wretched criminal, and speak those words of comfort, "Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee; yea, be of good cheer, for my grace is sufficient for thee." Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation; that I may also say, Why art thou so heavy, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me? Turn unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

PRAYER FOR GRACE.

Lord, I will lift up my hands to thy commandments, which I have loved ; open thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law. Incline my heart to thy testimonies ; order my steps according to thy word, and so shall no iniquity have dominion over me : concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since that thou hast founded them for ever. Therefore will I walk in the path of thy commandments, and will apply my heart to fulfil thy statutes always, even unto the end. O Lord God, be thou my God, let me have none besides thee, let me love nothing in comparison of thee.

Grant me grace to worship thee in spirit and in truth, to reverence thy holy name, to serve thee devoutly and decently, with the gestures of my body, with the praises of my tongue, in private and in public : to render my superiors due honor, by obeying their commands, by submitting to their government : to love my family and dependents, by taking due care of them, and making provision for them : to have my conversation without covetousness, and to be content with such things as I have : to put away lying bitterness, clamor, and evil-speaking, and all malice ; and to speak the truth in love : to overcome evil with good ; and to cultivate purity in my thoughts as well as actions ; not to be captivated with desires inordinate and violent, of what sort soever they may be.

Direct my life according to thy word; grant me a holy soul, an undefiled body, pure thoughts, orderly desires: and since if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole, Lord, renew every part of me, and say, I will, be thou all over clean.

O God, even my own God, give me thy blessing, and receive my supplications, for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

RULES OF CAUTION, OR HELPS TO OBEDIENCE.

I resolve to break the Serpent's head by guarding against his snares and temptations.

Constantly to remember my latter end, God's presence and observation, and the great assize.

To live soberly, and watch always.

To cut off occasions from the enemy, who seeks occasions.

Never to allow myself in idleness; nor to converse with vain and disorderly persons; but to frequent and love the company of the good.

To make a covenant with my eyes, and hands, and tongue, and to bring my body into subjection.

To give myself much unto prayer, and to retire often from the world, by the exercise of penitence, abstinence, and mortification.

With these thorns, Lord, let me be hedged about, that I wander not after vanity.

Hold thou me in with bit and bridle, when I would break away from thee.

O thou, who hast invited me, compel me to come in to my own happiness.

Prayer for Noon.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I BELIEVE in thee, O God the Father. And if we be children, even as a father pitieth his own children, so have thou pity upon me, O Lord.

I believe in thee, the only Son, our Lord. Therefore, since thou art our Lord, and we are thy servants, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, even so shall my eyes wait upon thee, O God, until thou have mercy upon me.

I believe that Christ is the very Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, by thy mighty power and gracious intercession, take away mine in particular.

I believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. O thou who art come to save sinners, notwithstanding all my idolatries and rebellions, save me, a grievous, a miserable sinner.

I believe that Christ came to seek that which was lost. O thou, who camest to seek that which was lost, suffer him not to perish whom thou hast found, and brought into thy fold, and ransomed from destruction, but set my feet upon a rock, and order my goings.

I believe that the Holy Ghost is the Lord and Giver of life. O thou who hast breathed into me the breath of life, grant me not to receive this living

soul in vain, but fill all the chambers of my heart with love and devotion.

I believe that the Spirit sanctifieth the heart by his grace. Grant that I may never resist, or quench, or defeat, or be unprofitable, under his sanctifying operations.

The pure and holy faith, once delivered to the saints, Lord, I believe: help thou mine unbelief. Strengthen in me that which is weak, and add to me that which is wanting. This faith let me have grace always to exert and improve, by loving thee, O Father, in return for thy tender affection; by fearing thee, O Almighty Lord, from an awful sense of thy power; committing my soul in well-doing to thee, O most faithful Creator.

Let my faith in the Church entitle me to a part in its calling and election, to sanctification in its holiness, to membership in its universality; to fellowship with the saints, by sharing in their prayers and sacraments, in their watchings and fastings, in their holy sighs and tears, and if thy providence shall call me to them, in their afflictions and sufferings; by all these, establish in me a firm assurance of the forgiveness of sins, of the resurrection from death, and of translation to immortal glory.

O thou, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea; O thou, in whom our fathers trusted, and thou didst deliver them, in whom they placed their hopes, and were not confounded; O thou, who wast also my

guard, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breast, and to whose care I have been left ever since I was born; be thou still, and evermore, my hope, and my portion, in the land of the living. Confirm my mind more and more, by the goodness of thy nature, by the endearments of thy titles, by thy types and thy figures, by thy word and by thy works; and having thus attained to a peaceful resting and reliance upon thee here, let me not at last be disappointed of my hope, through Jesus Christ.

Evening Prayer.

HAVING passed over the day, I render hearty thanks to thee, my God, for thy good providence. The evening now draws on, make thou it peaceful. But, as each day hath its evening, so likewise hath human life. Life's evening is old age; make thou this also comfortable. O cast me not away in the time of age: neither forsake me when my strength faileth me. Even to hoary hairs do thou carry me. Thou hast made and hast sustained me hitherto, continue still to support and to deliver me. Abide with me, my Jesus, for the time is far spent; yea, the shadows of the evening are stretched out, and the day is declining upon me. Let thy strength,

now especially, be made perfect in my weakness : for, as the day, so life is near its end ; a life wherein we scarcely live. As the night posts on apace, so doth that death, of which night is the image ; a night, after which, in this world, we must expect no morning.

In constant remembrance, and due sense whereof, I earnestly entreat thee, blessed Lord, to order such an end of this life for me, as may be truly Christian ; acceptable to thee, perfectly void of sin and shame, and, so far as thou seest fit, free from pain ; so gathering me to the remainder of thy elect, in peace and innocence, at thy own time, and after thy own way ; only let it be free from guilt and from reproach. Let me always be mindful, that the days of darkness are many : and let this thought excite me to finish my work with diligence, before that night overtake me, wherein no man can work. Judgment moves also towards me ; grant me, good Lord, a favorable issue at that most awful tribunal.

I will lift up my hands by night in thy presence, and will praise the Lord. The Lord hath commanded his loving kindness in the day-time, and in the night season also my song shall be of him, and my prayer unto the Lord of my life. As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, and lift up my hands in thy name. O let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, and the God of our fathers, who hast ordained the succession of light and darkness ; who hast delivered me from the perils of this day, and not cut off my life like a weaver's web, nor wasted me with pining sickness, from morning until night.


Wearied with the labors and cares of the past day, I come to thee, my God, for quiet and repose, and new supplies of strength to drooping nature. Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death. Defend me from the terrors of the night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness. O thou keeper of Israel, that neither slumberest nor sleepest, preserve me this night from all manner of evil ; yea, do even thou preserve my soul. Visit me also with the favor which thou bearest unto thy chosen ; and teach me thy will in the visions of the night.

Suffer not any thought to surprise my unguarded mind, which is capable either of displeasing thee, or of defiling me. Let not foolish or sensual imaginations abuse me, but may my sleep be perfectly composed and pure, quiet from every worldly and wicked desire. And do thou, Lord, drive away all suggestions of the devil or the flesh. Thou beholdest the wakefulness of mine enemies, which attack me unseen ; and my weakness to resist them is not hid from thee ; thou knowest whereof my nature is made, and rememberest that I am but poor dust and ashes. Take me then under the covering of thy wings, and let thy loving kindness

and thy truth always preserve me. And, after such refreshment as thou seest proper for me, raise thou me up again to make my prayer in a time when thou mayest be found ; that so I may begin every day with thee, by setting forth most thankfully thy praises, and dedicating myself entirely to thy service.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend myself, my spirit, my soul, and my body ; for thou hast created and redeemed them, O Lord, thou God of truth. Together with me, take also under thy fatherly care and protection, all that are near or dear to me, all that thou givest me leave to call mine ; for all these are the gifts of thy bountiful hand to thy poor unworthy servant. Spread thy wing over them, hold them in thy hand, fill them with thy own Spirit. Preserve my lying down and my rising up, from this time forth, and even for evermore. Make me to remember thee on my bed, and think upon thee when I am waking : then let me commune with my own heart, and search out my spirit ; for thou art about my path, and about my bed, and when I awake I am present with thee.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.



FOUR SECRET EJACULATIONS,

(With an enlargement of each as time will permit)—recommended for use at *stated hours, at the striking of the clock*; and also during any devout excitement.

God be merciful to me a sinner; through the righteousness, atonement, and intercession, of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Blot out all my iniquities, and take not vengeance of my sins. Spare me, good Lord, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with me for ever. Comfort me with the assurance of thy pardoning mercy, and make me partaker of all thy gracious promises.)

TAKE not from me thy Holy Spirit, but renew me, day by day, and make thy grace sufficient for me, in all my conflicts, duties, and temptations, for Jesus Christ's sake. (May I ever experience the power of thy grace to make me victorious over the world, the flesh, and the devil. May I never exhaust thy forbearance, nor provoke thee to leave me to the vanity and corruption of my own nature. Suffer me not to grieve thy Spirit by doing what my heart condemns. But make me always mindful of thy presence, and fearful of thy judgment.)

GRANT, O God, I beseech thee, the same mercies to my family, relations, and friends; make them faithful members of Christ's body, the Church; and fit them for death, judgment, and eternity. (Cover them, O Lord God, with the shadow of thy wings. Hold them in the hollow of thy hand, that no evil may come near their bodies or souls. Root out of their hearts all unholy propensities, and establish in them the dominion of Jesus Christ. May they grow in grace, and daily attain a greater conformity to the spirit of the Gospel.)

GLORY be to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life: but, above all, for the redemption of the world, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory, through Jesus Christ. (O fill my heart with devout gratitude and love! May this be a ruling principle within me, consoling, purifying, elevating me. May it make me comparatively indifferent to all worldly objects, and may the love of Christ be my satisfying portion.)



ACTS OF DEVOTION

IN RELATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER.

A GENERAL CONFESSION.

O LORD, the great and glorious God, against whom I have grievously offended, and who, for my sins art justly displeas'd; I know not where to begin or end with the rehearsal of my transgressions, which are more than I can remember, and greater than I can express.

Thou art God alone, and there is none beside thee, that should have sovereignty over me. But I have idolized qualities in myself, and in this present world, and have set them in the stead of God; either disbelieving thy attributes, or forgetting thy presence, or disliking to retain thee in my thoughts, and living without thee in the world. I have not improved in thy knowledge, answerably to the means of instruction wherewith thou hast blessed me. I have not had my whole dependence upon thee, nor my chief hope and delight in thee; but have trusted to creature comforts and worldly enjoyments, things short of thee, my God, to make me happy. O how have I hardened my heart

against the fear of thy glorious Majesty, who can, whenever thou pleasest, destroy and cast sinners into hell; daring to sin against the clear light which thou hast caused to shine upon me! And how have I shut my heart against the love of my chief good; who has still been laying renewed obligations upon me, notwithstanding my ingratitude, every day!

I have conceived irreverent thoughts of thy infinite greatness, and goodness, and holiness; acting as if the most high and glorious God would accept outward professions, and a partial obedience, and an inoperative faith: and instead of worshipping thee in spirit and in truth, it has been in a formal heartless manner, with wandering thoughts, too proud or too slothful to do thee homage with my body; either neglecting the offices of thy worship, or profaning thy holy things, and drawing nigh to thee with my mouth, when my heart has been far from thee. O how irreverently have I mentioned thy great name, and how little zeal have I showed for thy honor and glory! I have disregarded thy word and works, thy mercies and judgments, thy calls and warnings.

Thy day I have not remembered and sanctified as I ought, but have used as common, what thou hast set apart for sacred; or have borne the holy season as a burden, and made bold with thy hallowed time, to spend it upon my sloth and lusts, and worldly trifles and carnal impertinences.

O how have I failed and sinned in all my relations; as a superior, in pride and vanity; as an inferior in stubbornness and envy; as a parent and child, master and servant, friend and neighbor; not discharging my duty in any capacity as I ought. I have been careless of the souls of those dependent upon me; passionate and unmerciful, contentious and revengeful; provoking in my words, malicious in my heart, tempting some into soul-ruining sins; or not doing what in me lies, to keep others from destroying themselves; nor exerting my utmost desires and endeavors to do good unto all.

O Lord, I am unclean, unclean, defiled with vain imaginations rolling in my head, and inordinate desires harboring in my heart, forsaking the blessed bridegroom of my soul, to cleave to polluting vanities, and to keep up that friendship with the world which is enmity with God.

I have been unfaithful in the unrighteous mammon, and not honored thee with my substance, nor done the good which thou hast made me capable of; but by idleness and injurious intrenching on the rights of others, or by consuming my portion on my own pride and lusts, I have been a sacrilegious usurper of thy good creatures.

O what vicious liberties have I taken to myself, in speaking evil of my neighbors; using them in my words, as I would deem it a cruel injury to be used; slandering and reviling, dissembling or rash judging; and perhaps wronging the truth to avenge, to excuse, to exalt myself.

What a nursery of covetous and selfish desires, has been this corrupt and wicked heart of mine. Cherishing and delighting in evil motions ; repining at others' welfare ; coveting all to myself, and catering only for the flesh, to fulfil its lusts.

Such sins, O Lord, I have committed against thy holy law : and I have also sinned against thy gracious Gospel, not acquainting myself with the way of salvation by Jesus Christ, but neglecting so great salvation, and disregarding the only Saviour, whom to know and win, I should have accounted all things else but loss and dung. I have not been awed by thy threatenings, nor taken with thy promises ; have not listened to the calls of thy word, nor yielded to the motions of thy Spirit ; neither have I effectually believed the truths, nor loved the days and means, nor improved the opportunities, which thou hast graciously set before me ; but have shut my eyes against the things of my peace, and made light of all my Saviour's doings and sufferings for the salvation of my soul : sometimes taking pleasure in the enemies of his cross ; little concerned for the success of his Gospel, nor laying to heart my own or others' sins ; not seriously repenting, nor fervently praying ; and doing all these things, without lively fear and concern.

Such is my heavy charge ; this is my heinous guilt. O that I may not only confess it, but be duly humbled for it, and lay my mouth in the dust, if so be that yet there may be hope ! And is there

hope for such a great and provoking sinner? Lord of love, thou hast helped many miserable souls in a fallen, perishing state; and many, I believe, are now triumphing and praising thee in glory, who much and long rebelled against thee here below. Such are the wonders of thy grace, to get thee glory in seeking and saving that which was lost. And thy hand is not shortened, nor thy mercy abated; but still thou art able and ready to help and save, as ever thou wast. O let all thy goodness pass before me, and may it lead me to repent; and help me to exercise such humiliation that thou mayest exercise thy pardoning and saving mercy upon my soul. Lay not my sins to my charge, but blot them out through him, who was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Have mercy, for Jesus Christ's sake have mercy, O Lord God.

Nor do I only beg for pardon of sin, but also for power against it; that thy preventing grace may break temptations in the first approach; and thy assisting grace enable me to resist in the assault, and to overcome in the issue. And turn my feet, O Lord, to thy testimonies; and help me, with an enlarged heart, to run the way of thy commands. O give me grace to take and choose thee for my portion; and to know, and trust, and fear, and love, and serve, and worship thee as my God. Give me a true reverence for thy name, and **zeal** for thy glory, serious devotion and **constancy**, in

all the duties of thy holy religion; conscientious care of the sanctification of thy day; and due veneration and affection for all thy holy things.

Help me also, my God, henceforth faithfully to discharge all relative duties, to superiors, equals, and inferiors—that I may give no just offence to any, but so order my conduct towards every one, as to adorn my holy profession, and win others to the love of it. O make me careful of my own, and of others' souls; peaceable and patient, merciful and kind; endeavoring to promote the good of all; loving my neighbor as myself. O make me pure and chaste; modest in speech and carriage; temperate in the use of thy good creatures; given to prayer, and all the godly exercises that tend to mortify the sinful lusts of the flesh. Make me also faithful in the unrighteous mammon, contented with my portion, industrious in my calling, upright in my dealing, honoring thee with my substance. Help me, O righteous God, ever to love and maintain the truth; candidly to interpret the sayings and doings of others; not delighting in their shame, but being as tender of their reputation, as I would desire they should be of mine. And help me, O my Lord, to resist the beginnings and first risings of evil motions in my mind; and to keep my heart with all diligence, from giving any harbor there to covetous and unclean desires. And incline my heart, O good God, to study, and love, and keep thy holy laws.

O make me firmly resolved upon a life of holiness, conformed to the spirit and precepts of thy blessed will and word. And let me not only think and purpose to live godly in Christ Jesus, but may I bring my purposes into actions, my actions into habits, and my habits into a holy, lasting perseverance; so enduring to the end, that I may be saved. And through the ways of thy holy commands, O Lord, lead me to the joys of thy heavenly kingdom; that having my fruit unto holiness, I may find the end everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

O what am I, poor, unworthy, sinful creature, that I should go to the table of the Lord, and claim the portion, and the privileges of the saints! Great God, my guilt, and shame, and fear, would draw me back, representing it as presumptuous in me to expect so distinguished an honor, after having so often transgressed against thee. I should not dare to think of making so near an approach to thy holy Majesty, but that thou art pleased to invite and command us to do so. Nor should I ever hope for these inestimable blessings at thy hands, O Lord, but because thou art gracious, even to such as deserve nothing, but to be forsaken and abhorred by thee. Instead of stretching forth a sceptre of mercy, to invite me to thy table, thou mig

with the rod of thy wrath, dash me in pieces as a potter's vessel: and instead of entertaining me with the bread of life, and the cup of blessing, mightest give me the bread and water of affliction; or cast me down, where I should in vain cry out for a drop to cool my tongue.

But since thou art pleased to call even sinners that have undone themselves to come unto thee for help: and hast appointed this sacrament as a means of conveying to them pardon and grace, I dare not neglect to come, knowing that I shall be undone, keeping away from thee. I come not, Lord, because I am worthy, but because thou art rich in mercy. I come as the poor starved wretch to the fire; I come as the hungry to be fed; and as the sick and maimed, to be recovered and healed: that I may wash in the blood of thy Son, and be cleansed: that I may receive of thy infinite fulness, all that is wanting in my wretched self: that I may so touch my Saviour, as to receive virtue from him, for the healings of my spiritual maladies, and to enable me for thy faithful service.

And O that I may approach thy altar with all humility, and reverence, and godly fear; and with the most earnest longings after Christ Jesus, and the firmest resolutions to live unto him, that was pleased to die for me. Before I compass thy altar, wilt thou purify my soul by deep repentance, and establish in me a lively faith in the blood of our great Redeemer. O let me receive a broken and

bleeding Saviour, with a broken and contrite heart. And make me so willing and obedient, that I may eat the good of the ordinance ; so conformable to thee, that I may find communion with thee ; and may have not only representation, but a participation of Christ crucified. O turn in, my Lord, and be not as a stranger to the soul that is the purchase of thy own blood. Enrich thy ordinance with thy presence, that I may find him whom my soul desires to love, and whose love is better than wine. May Christ appear and be known to my soul, in this breaking of bread ; may I receive such life from thee, as shall enable me to live unto thee ; and make me know that thou abidest in me, by the Spirit which thou hast given me.

Blessed Saviour, weigh not mine, but thy own merits ; for I have not deserved thee, but thou hast redeemed me. I can never be worthy of thee ; but give me, I beseech thee, suitable principles, apprehensions, affections, and resolutions ; that I may participate of thy sacred body crucified, and thy precious blood shed for us, with such discerning and reverence, such love and gratitude, as thou requirest.

O thou that hast prepared a table in this wilderness, with heavenly provisions for our souls, prepare my soul, O Lord, for this food ; and give me spiritual desire, as well as spiritual sustenance ; that as the hart pants after the water brooks, my soul may pant after thee, my God : and do thou fill

my hungry soul with the good things of thy grace that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith, and abide with my spirit, as long as I abide in the flesh.

O may thy ordinance heal my infirmities, and be the saviour of life to my soul. Make it also a sealing ordinance, to clear up to me the pardon of my sins, and the assurance of thy love. And, as thou sealest the covenant of grace, O enable me to seal the covenant of obedience; and in such a devout and acceptable manner to come unto thy table, that I may return from it with my conscience quieted, my corruptions subdued, my graces increased, and my soul encouraged, with an enlarged heart, to run the way of thy commands.

Hear me, O Lord my God, and forgive me; bless and direct, quicken and assist me in the work now lying upon me, and deal graciously with me, that I may discharge all my offices heartily as to the Lord, and with good acceptance in the sight of God, through the beloved of my soul, the only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR GRACE TO RESIGN OURSELVES TO GOD.

My great and glorious Maker, my continual preserver and benefactor, my gracious Redeemer, thine I am by all the ties of duty and love, and to thee I should resign and devote myself by my own free choice and voluntary act, for thou hast formed

me for myself, and dearly ransomed me, after I had destroyed myself.

But with confusion and remorse, O Lord, I acknowledge that I have often sacrilegiously alienated myself from thee, I have foolishly and wickedly forsaken thee, to serve other lords; to be under the power and servitude of my own vain humors and lusts. O my God, forgive and mortify this presumptuous and destructive selfishness. Suffer me no longer to withhold myself from thy covenant, and expose myself to ruin, by attempting either to live in the world without thee, or, divided between God and mammon, to hope that I may be the friend of both. Make me consistently and cheerfully to surrender myself to the blessed Author of my being; that I may answer the end for which I was made, and attain the happiness whereof I am capable. For this I have no sufficiency in myself, but derive every good desire, and all my spiritual powers and privileges, from the union with my God. Knowing that all that are far from thee shall perish, as branches cut off from the living root that feeds them, let me never separate myself from my God. Be not thou far from me, for then will ruin be at hand; but do thou maintain thy right in me, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.

O my Lord, break all the ties that would detain me from thee, and keep me in thy fear and love to my life's end. Show me the vanity of the idols

which have seduced my heart from thee ; and upon my mind and conscience, upon my will and affections write—holiness to the Lord. Reign, Lord Jesus, supremely in me. May I judge as thou judgest, let thy will be mine in all things, and let me love and hate, and approve, and condemn as thou dost. Let my soul and body, and all the faculties and powers of both, be sanctified by thy Spirit, guarded by thy providence, and employed to thy glory. Let all that I am, and all that I have, be thine. And may I never grieve to renounce all for thee, my satisfying, my everlasting portion. Be thou all in all to me. And may it ever be my great aim and endeavor to please thee, to promote thy glory, to imbibe thy spirit, to be conformed to thy likeness, that I may dwell with thee in the perfection of my glorified nature, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DEVOUT EJACULATIONS AND ELEVATIONS OF THE
SOUL, BEFORE RECEIVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

Blessed be God, that again is pleased to call me to the reconciliation-feast ; to seal my pardon afresh in the precious blood of his dear Son. I have no might for this great work ; but I will go in thy strength, O Lord my God. Give me, I beseech thee, the dispositions which thou requirest ; and produce in me the fruits which thou callest for. O let me find thy hand upon me, thy help with

me, and thy grace sufficient for me. May I see thy power and thy glory, in the sanctuary; may I share in the heavenly entertainment of thy children, and eat and drink in thy presence, that bread of life, and that cup of blessing, which may be life to my soul, and make me glad with the joy of thy salvation.

What shall I do at thy house, and thy table, Lord, if thou dost not receive and acknowledge me? O that thou wouldst, in wonderful condescension, bow the heavens and come down; and make me experience thy presence with me; and that power of thy Spirit, and that loving-kindness which is better than life.

I desire to shelter under the shadow of my Redeemer; and to be found in Christ Jesus, endued with that righteousness of his which is sufficient to atone for all my guilt, and to supply all my wants; yea, to make me complete and meet for the love of God, and for the felicity of his chosen. O God of all grace, grant me, I beseech thee, a saving interest in that great redemption, which he brings to the poor sinful lost world; that my soul may magnify the Lord, and my spirit may rejoice in God my Saviour.

O make me willing in the day of thy power: and may I this day experience, Lord, the ~~po~~ workings of thy blessed Spirit; to open and my heart, and make me fit, and joyful, to him who stands at the door and knocks;

receive Christ Jesus the Lord, into my poor, trembling, guilty soul.

How unworthy am I, Lord, that thou shouldst come under my roof; unworthy to eat the crumbs that fall under thy table: but thy infinite merits can cover all my unworthiness. I am all frailty, and vanity, and passion; O blot out my whole life, and remember only thine own merits and thy own mercies. Frail and polluted as I am, speak thou the word, and I shall be clean and whole; and my soul shall live and for ever bless thy name. Help my infirmities; quicken my dulness; prepare me for thee; draw me mightily unto thee; bring me into the enjoyment of thee, now in part, as far as I can attain; and hereafter in fulness, as much as my heart shall desire, and that for ever and ever.

Assist me, O Lord, with thy Holy Spirit, in the great duty and service I am about to perform; grant that nothing during all the time of this holy action, may make me unmindful of that reverence and respect, which I owe unto thy divine Majesty, or that affection which becomes the celebration of these holy mysteries. Fill my heart with such an awe of thy presence, as may fix my wandering thoughts, compose my disorderly affections, and stir up my faint and cold desires, that I may feel the power, and taste the sweetness of this divine banquet.

Grant that I may have such a sense of my Saviour's sufferings, as may fill my soul with love

and gratitude towards him for those inestimable benefits he has purchased for me ; that I may have such a sight of my sins, which occasioned all his sorrows, as heartily to bewail and detest them ; such a faith in that perfect oblation and satisfaction, made upon the cross for the sins of the world, and may so importunately plead the merit of it, in this commemoration of that sacrifice, as to render thee gracious and propitious to me, a miserable sinner ; such a conviction of my own weakness and insufficiency, as may procure thy gracious aid and assistance ; such longing desires of being made conformable to thy holy will and pleasure, as may transform me into thy divine image, and establish me thy faithful servant all the remaining days of my life, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER AFTER THE SACRAMENT
OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

I desire with all my soul to adore and magnify thy name, O Lord God, for all the expressions of thy bounty, particularly for the renewed pledges of thy love in Christ Jesus, which I have received this day ; that thou hast admitted me, not only into thy house, but to thy table ; and used me as thy friend and the child of thy family. Lord, what is man, that thou art so mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him ! And what am I, one of the most unprofitable and thankless of men,

that the great Lord should deal so graciously with me! O make me to know the things that are freely given me of God; give me a heart deeply sensible of thy mercy, and steadfastly purposing to live to thy glory; that I may show my thankfulness for thy benefits, by obedience to thy precepts. Keep me mindful of the vows of God upon me; and help me to live, as having my holy Redeemer now dwelling in me. And as I have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so enable me to walk in him; to walk in love, as Christ loved us; and to go on in the strength of what I have received from thee, to live unto thee; following after holiness, as being not only brought nigh to, but intimately conjoined with the holy one of God.

Let the crucified body and effused blood of God my Saviour, nourish and sustain my immortal soul unto life eternal. May it be health and recovery under all my weaknesses and infirmities; safety and defence against all the attacks of my spiritual enemies; vigor and strength to all my holy purposes and resolutions; comfort and support under all the afflictions and calamities of life; assistance and direction under all difficulties and doubts; courage and constancy under all dangers and persecutions, especially in times of sickness, and at the hour of death; finally, make it to me the pledge of pardon and peace in this life, mercy and favor at the day of judgment, and a never-fading crown of glory in thy heavenly kingdom.

And O that the sacrifice of Christ Jesus, that sacrifice of himself, which he offered upon the cross, and which I have been this day commemorating at thy table, may atone for all the failings and miscarriages in my preparations and performances. And to him, with the Eternal Father and Holy Spirit, be all thanks, and praise, and honor, and glory, ascribed by me, and by thy whole Church, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

SOME DEVOUT EJACULATIONS AND ELEVATIONS OF THE SOUL, AFTER RECEIVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb that was slain, for ever and ever.

I give thee most humble and hearty thanks, O Lord, that thou hast admitted me to renew my baptismal covenant with thee, in this holy sacrament.

Glory be to thee, O Lord God, that in our extreme need and peril, thou hast made such gracious provision for our souls, and sent thy Son to die for our sins, and to save us who had destroyed ourselves. I bless thee, my God, for the mercies of a Saviour, without which all mercies else would be unavailable. I bless thee, that thou hast not withheld thy Son, thy only Son, from us, but given him to be the propitiation for our sins, and to be the life and food of our souls. I sat down **under**

shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste, and his banner over me was love. It was love that gave me the Saviour whom I have been receiving, and the opportunity now to come, and rest, and feast my soul upon him. Return to thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. Thy life is given thee at his hands, who forgiveth all thy sins, and healeth all thy infirmities; who not only redeems thee from destruction, but crowns thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.

O Lord Jesus, I give thee my body, my soul, my substance, my friends, my liberty, and my life; dispose of me, and of all that is mine, as it seemeth best to thee, and to the glory of thy holy name. Lord, I am not now mine, but thine; therefore claim me as thy right; keep me as thy charge, and love me as thy child: fight for me when I am assaulted; heal me when I am wounded; and revive me when I am fainting. Grant me, O gracious Lord, a pure intention of heart, and a steadfast resolution to despise all vanity; to fight the battle of the Lord manfully, against the world, the flesh, and the devil; to spend my time religiously and usefully; to walk always as in thy presence; to preserve my body and soul in holiness, fit for the habitation of the Spirit of God.

Eternal thanks and praise be unto thee, O blessed God my Saviour, for all thy glorious achievements, in laying the sure foundation of our hope and everlasting consolation. Thou hast loved and redeemed

us, and washed us from our sins in thy own blood. And, O how infinitely indebted am I to thy mercy, that thou callest me to this heavenly entertainment, which cost thee so dear, to purchase and provide for thy guilty creatures! O make me more sensible of thy love, and more thankful for all its blessed effects. Give me strength against all the temptations that would pluck me from thee, and engage me in rebellion against thee; and such refreshments as may draw off my heart from the pleasures of sin, and make it my meat and drink to do the will of my heavenly Father. Who shall pluck me out of his hands? Who shall separate me from his love? So disclose thy glorious, lovely attributes, as to take captive my affections. Thine I am, O Lord, and thine may I be, while I have my being. Yes, Lord of all power and love, I beseech thee, keep thy servant from falling, and preserve me in every time and case of danger. O suffer me not to work my own ruin; but pity my frailty, and relieve my infirmity; and in thy hands let me be safe and never perish, but attain to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ my great Redeemer and only Saviour. *Amen.*

BEFORE RECEIVING THE BREAD.

O Lord Jesus, I receive this memorial of thy crucified body in remembrance of the sacrifice of the cross, trusting only in thy infinite righteousness, and atoning death. May this bread nourish my soul to eternal life.

AFTER RECEIVING THE BREAD.

I bless thy name, O my Saviour, for giving thy precious body to be the food of my soul. By thy almighty power, may it strengthen me for thy service; that faithful to my vows, I may henceforth always walk as with thy presence dwelling in me.

BEFORE RECEIVING THE CUP.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. May it be to me a fountain of pardon, purity, and peace, springing up to eternal life.

AFTER RECEIVING THE CUP.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to thee I have dedicated myself. Thine I am by every holy tie. O maintain thy property in thy servant. Set up thy throne of grace in my heart; and let nothing separate me from the love of God, in Christ Jesus.









P R A Y E R S

FOR PERSONS IN PRIVATE, UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

A PRAYER FOR POWER TO LIVE BY FAITH UPON
CHRIST, AND THE DIVINE PROMISES.

O LORD GOD, infinitely holy and just, to whom none can come but through a Mediator; and who alone can draw us that we may believe in him, to thee I come begging that faith which is thy gift. Lord, help my unbelief: Lord, increase my faith. O bless and enrich my soul with such a holy, lively, and unfeigned principle, as may enlighten my mind, and purify my heart, and govern my whole life; such a faith as may enable me to receive Jesus Christ for my Saviour, and heartily give up myself to him for my Lord.

For is it not thy gracious promise, Lord, to blot out thy people's transgressions, for thine own sake, and to heal their backslidings, and not let sin have dominion over them; yea, to have mercy even upon the wicked and the unrighteous man, forsaking his ways and his thoughts, and abundantly to pardon? Hast thou not promised, Lord, to give to thy servants a new heart, and a new spirit; to teach them,

and quicken them, and cause them to walk in thy statutes alway; to accomplish the good work in them which thou hast begun; and though they fall, to uphold them with thy hand; to put thy fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from thee, and to give unto them eternal life? O exceeding great and precious promises to the humble and penitent soul! Such are thy words, O my Lord, and they are ratified in heaven; and not one jot or tittle of thy word shall pass away, till all be fulfilled, for faithful is he that promised. O let me believe that I, even I, shall see it.

Great and holy Lord, in all that I am, and in all that I do, I cannot but see my extreme need of a Saviour, and that I am undone without the free grace of God in Jesus Christ. And, therefore, I desire to go even out of myself, and to be found in him; not having my own righteousness, but that which is through the faith of him; and to sit down under the shadow of that blessed tree of life, which yields fruits most precious to all believing souls. In my greatest darkness and distress, O let me trust in the name of the Lord, and stay myself upon my God; committing my ways unto thee, who carest for me; trusting in thy almighty power to help and save; in thy merciful inclinations to pity and relieve; and in the sure promises which thy love hath made, and which thy faithfulness will certainly make good, unto all that wait and call upon thee.

The blessed Jesus is my life and strength, my wisdom and riches, my health and joy, my glory and my all: there is no healing for my soul but in his blood; no peace for my conscience but in his reconciling me to God; no safety from the just judgments of heaven, but in that perfect sacrifice and atonement which meets even the strictest demands of Jehovah. O none but Christ, none but Christ! without this all-sufficient Redeemer, I am a lost creature. I beseech thee, therefore, O Lord, my God, whatever else I want, leave me not destitute of him; but give me Christ or I die eternally. Though I confess myself unworthy of him, because I have so wickedly neglected his great salvation, and abused all his grace, yet I dare not add this to all my other offences, to limit the efficacy of his death, and to despair of that mercy, which in him thou art pleased to proffer, even to the most guilty, repenting and turning unto thee. Seeing thou art reconciling the world to thyself in Christ Jesus, who came to seek and to save even the lost, and who invites to him the laboring and heavy laden, yea, bids whoever is athirst to come, and take the water of life freely, and promises that such as come to him he will in no wise cast out; to him, therefore, I come, and in him will I trust; and of thee, gracious Father, I beg for help to do it as I ought.

O be thou pleased to shine into my heart with thy heavenly light, revealing thy Son in me; and showing me his all-sufficiency for me, and my own

happy share and interest in him. Dear Lord, give me thy Spirit to draw me to him, and enable me to take hold of him, to rely upon him, and to believe in him to the saving of my soul. And while I am humbly endeavoring to do his will may I never distrust his power, nor his love, who loved me, and washed me from my sins in his own blood. And the God of hope fill me with all joy and peace in believing, that this may be my soul's rest, to lie at the feet of Jesus, to cast my burden upon him, and to lean upon his promises. Though there is nothing in me but pollution and disorder, O let me not keep off from my Saviour, but come to him at his call, and so believe in his name, as to be made clean and whole. None can more need his help, Lord, than I do: let it not pass by me; but may the Saviour of the world, be the Saviour of my soul; and let Christ abide with my spirit, and be ever at hand to revive me with some token of his love. And let the hope thus afforded me, bear me up under all troubles, fortify me against all temptations, and quicken and enable me for the performance of all my duties. O that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith; and that the life which I now live, may be by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me; in whom, though now I see him not, yet believing, let me rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Let me lay up thy words of promise, O my Father, as the richest treasure, and confide in them as the

surest tenure; counting nothing so firm as what God hath said; and despising all the wealth, and honors, and pleasures of the world, in comparison of thyself, and thy Son, and thy Spirit, thy love, and thy grace, and the glory, which thou hast prepared everlastingly for those that love thee; all which I earnestly beg at thy bountiful hands, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR REPENTANCE.

O most holy Lord God, against whom I have greatly sinned, and who for my sins art justly displeased; who hast also taught us that even the Saviour of sinners will not save any without repentance; though when we return unto thee, and humble ourselves before thee, thou wilt show us thy compassion, and grant us thy salvation. Gracious Lord, great is thy mercy to vouchsafe unto us this remedy: but, O how averse and insufficient am I to employ it! Thou Searcher of hearts knowest me to be so hardened through the deceitfulness of sin, that godly sorrow can never proceed out of this obdurate heart of mine, if thou do not soften it with thy holy fear, and overcome it with thy mighty love. O thou that didst cause water to gush out of the rock, wilt thou subdue and melt my stony heart into such contrition as works repentance unto salvation: that I may look upon him whom my sins have pierced, and mourn; and be

in bitterness for all the foul offences that I have committed against the God of all my mercies. O help me so to repent, that my sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Turn thou me, O Lord God of my salvation, and change the principles and propensities of my heart and mind, that I may amend my life, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance; not only confessing and bewailing sins committed, but also hating and forsaking sins confessed and bewailed; loathing as much as ever I have loved the things that displease thee, and dishonor thy holy name. Touch my heart with such a powerful sense of thy loving kindness, thy wonderful patience and forbearance, as may make me deeply and ingenuously sorrowful, for having ever committed offences so great against thee, O God, so infinitely good. Make me also circumspect and careful to keep myself henceforth in thy fear and love, that I may never more be estranged from thee. O my God, let thy goodness lead me to repentance, and help me to break off from my sins, and turn and cleave unto thee, that thou mayest have mercy upon me, and abundantly pardon all my unworthiness, through the infinite riches of thy grace and goodness, in my only Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE LOVE OF GOD.

O THOU infinite goodness, to love whose glorious excellences and unspeakable perfections is the highest privilege and bliss which angels know; and who still hast not only given us capacities for it, but the greatest obligations to engage our hearts to it; how poor and defective has been my love to thee my God! Yea, in what coldness, strangeness, and enmity to thee, Lord, have I lived! O my God, I have done foolishly and wickedly in forsaking the fountain of living waters, to hew to myself the broken cisterns that can hold no water; shutting my heart against the love of my chief good, who has laid fresh obligations upon me with thy renewed favors every day; and preferring any pomps and vanities of this present time, and the satisfaction of my own foolish and hurtful lusts, above thee, and thy love, which is better than life.

O good God, be thou pleased to pardon all the defects of my love to thee, and all the excesses of my love to earthly things; and turn my affections from all vain objects to thy blessed self. Show thyself to me as a pardoning God full of compassion, ready to forgive, and willing to save me. Disclose all thy glorious attributes. Take captive my affections. Touch my heart with such a powerful sense of thy perfections, and thy loving kindness, that I may experience stronger desires and inclinations after thee, and greater delight in spiritual com-

munition with thee ; and may love all other things, in comparison of my best and most merciful Lord, as if I hated them, and loved them not.

The Lord direct my heart into the love of God, and shed abroad and increase this grace through all my powers, that I may love the Lord my God with all my heart, and soul, and mind, and might. O disgrace to me all such alluring things of this world as would draw away my devotion from thyself; and so discover thyself to me, by thy Spirit, that this heart of mine which has been so cold, and dull, and dead to thy love, may feel its mighty warmth and power; and from complaining of the want, may come to rejoice in the abundance of it. O my life, my hope, and joy, that hast so much and eternally obliged me, give me the grace and power to surrender myself to thee. Let me be still longing to appear in thy presence, and delighting in the duties that bring my heart into communion with thee. Increase my delight in thy word, and in all the things of thy Spirit and grace; and let me take more satisfaction and pleasure in the light of thy countenance, than in the increase of corn and wine, and all the most desired enjoyments of this life. O let me not rest in the gifts, forgetting the bountiful Giver of every good thing; but draw and join my heart, dear Lord, still nearer to thyself with the chords of love. **And together** with all my privileges and pleasures in thee. O let me enjoy still more of thee, in **who**

all my true life, and peace, and happiness, here and for ever. Engage to thyself, O my Lord, the chief and choicest affections of my heart, and make it for ever the willing captive of thy love. And help me still to verify my love of thee, by hating of evil, and keeping thy commandments, and delighting to do thy will, O my God. Let the desire of my soul, the care of my heart, and the endeavor of my life, be to observe and please thee. And by thy mighty power, and through the efficacy of the eternal covenant, secure my heart, Lord, to thee, that I may not turn away from thee; but may be rooted and grounded in thy love; and through thy good help and grace, may keep myself in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, to eternal life. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE FEAR OF GOD.

O LORD, the great and dreadful God, in whose hands my time is, the life of my soul, and all that concerns me both now and for ever; thou, even thou, art to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry! Terrible art thou in thy doings to the children of men! When thy hand hath found out thine enemies, they shall lie down in sorrow. O make me so to stand in awe of thee, that I may not dare to provoke thee. May I never be so much in fear of man that shall die, as of the almighty ever-living God; nor so dread

any loss or suffering, that can but affect my present enjoyments, as I fear the sin and wickedness that would deprive me of thy everlasting favor. Fill my soul with such veneration of thy glorious Majesty, that I may not venture wilfully to violate thy holy laws, but tremble to dishonor thy name, or to rebel against thy word, or to rest short of what thou requirest at my hand. And grant that thy fear may not only keep under some of my sins, but regulate my whole life, and sway my very heart; that I may do thy will universally and cheerfully, and go on to perfect holiness in the fear of God. May I fear thy name, thy great and holy name, and not blaspheme it; fear thy wrath, and not provoke it; fear thy word, and not neglect nor disobey it. Teach me to fear thy goodness, and not abuse it; to fear thy omniscience, and not make bold with secret sins, as if thou sawest them not, or wouldst only punish those which the world beholds. O may I fear thy omnipotence, and not strive with my Maker, tempting and defying him in any case; and fear thy justice, and not expose myself to its irreversible decrees, and tremendous penalties. And give me, O my God, the right mixture of fear and faith, to keep me in an even temper, between presuming and despairing; that no crosses or evils may ever cause my faith to fail, or suffer me to sink into such despondency and consternation, as to unfit me for my duty; and that no successes, and fair prospects of worldly good,

may harden me into a presumptuous defiance of thee, nor lift me up into wantonness and stubbornness against thee ; but that I may entertain always a reverential regard of thy awful majesty, and a dutiful respect to all thy holy and just commands, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR INCREASE OF GRACE.

O God of all grace, who both quickenest the dead, and after thou hast given life, givest the increase, thy people go from strength to strength, growing in grace, till they appear before thee in glory ; but I have been barren and unfruitful among the trees of righteousness. How much am I behind many of thy servants who have not had the helps and advantages which I so long have enjoyed ; and how little is it to be seen in my life what great mercy and grace have been extended to me ! Forgive me, O my Father, and repair thy holy image in me who have so much dishonored thee, and injured myself. O help me, still more and more, to put off the old man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts, and to put on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness. Whatever else I want, Lord, deny me not thy grace, but increase it in me continually ; and let all the graces of thy Spirit, that accompany salvation, so flourish in my soul, that the peace of God which passeth all understanding, may keep my heart and mind, through Jesus Christ.

Blessed Saviour, who camest into the world that we might have life, and have it more abundantly, of thy fulness let me receive grace sufficient for me, to make me strong in the Lord, and ready to every good work. My life, my strength, and my Redeemer, leave me not to be stationary, or to decline in my spiritual estate; leave me not under the curse of barrenness, but, as thou dost begin the good work in us, establish, O God, that which thou hast wrought for me, and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die, and cherish all the seeds of grace sown in my heart, that my soul may prosper and increase with the increase of God, abounding in all those fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to thy glory and praise. O my Lord, carry on with power the work of faith and sanctification in my soul; that my sinful corruption, every day, like the house of Saul, may grow weaker and weaker; and thy grace in me, every day, like the house of David, may grow stronger and stronger; till from groaning under sin, the body of this death, I shall triumph over all that opposes and hinders the progress of my spiritual life. O help me to put forth myself with vigor and activity in thy holy ways, and to apply myself faithfully to the performance of thy blessed pleasure, that it may be my desire and joy to approve my heart unto my God, and to know that my ways are pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR PURITY

O GOD of infinite purity, who hast called us not to uncleanness, but to holiness, and hast promised to none but the pure in heart to see and enjoy thy heavenly kingdom; how shall I, a polluted wretch, appear before thy glorious Majesty, in whose sight even heaven itself is not clean! O most gracious Lord, wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from all my sin, in that fountain opened for a guilty and perishing race—the precious blood of the Lamb of God, slain to take away the sins of the world. Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole. O create a clean heart in me, and say to my soul, as thou didst to the leper, I will, be thou clean; and I shall be fitted now for thy holy service, and hereafter for thy heavenly glory and felicity. O let me not live after the flesh, lest I eternally die: but, by thy Spirit, so mortify the deeds and propensities of the body, that I may for ever live. Help me my God, to avoid every occasion of falling and backsliding, and to abstain from all appearance of evil. Help me against the power of prevailing iniquities and besetting temptations, and purge away all my sins for the glory of thy name. May the time past of my life suffice to have served my own lusts and pleasures, and let not sin any longer reign in my mortal body, that I should obey it in the lusts thereof; but enable me, O Lord, to cut off even the right hand, and to pluck

out the right eye ; to keep under my body, and to bring it into subjection, that I may hereafter overcome the sins that have so often overcome me. O mortify and destroy in me every rebellious motion and every vicious inclination, that exalts itself against the gospel and government of Jesus Christ. Let me not yield myself the miserable slave of soul-ruining lusts ; but demean myself as the wise faithful follower of my crucified Lord and Master and as thou who hast called me art holy, so make me holy in all my affections and conversation ; so studious of Christian piety and purity that I may see and enjoy the Lord. Gird me with might, to that spiritual conflict wherein I am engaged, not only against flesh and blood, but spiritual foes, too strong for me to deal with ; that through Christ strengthening me, I may go on, conquering and to conquer, all that withstands thy glory and my salvation, till Satan be bruised under my feet ; that nothing may ever be able to separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus my Lord

- *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR ONE WHO IS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION.

Most merciful God, by whose gracious providence, I was born of Christian parents, and early dedicated to thee in holy baptism, wherein I was made a member of the Catholic Church, whereof Jesus Christ is the head ; I most heartily thank thee for

calling me to this state of salvation, and for bestowing upon me such blessed privileges.

And now, O Lord, that I am preparing myself to receive a further degree of thy grace and favor, I humbly beseech thee to enlighten my mind with the true knowledge and understanding of that solemn vow which I made at my baptism, and which I am now about to ratify and confirm publicly in thy presence.

Give me, O Lord, unfeigned repentance for all my past errors: that the many and great sins I have committed, may not deprive me of the assistance of thy Holy Spirit which I am about to receive; but through the merits of Christ, wash away all that is past; and let power and strength, communicated to me from above, mortify and subdue them for the time to come. I am unable, O Lord, of myself to help myself, but I solemnly give myself unto thee, soul and body, all that I am, all that I can attain, for the rest of my days; mercifully grant, that thy blessed Spirit may, in all things rule my heart; that by his holy inspiration, I may think those things that are good, and, by his gracious guiding, may perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER AFTER CONFIRMATION.

I BLESS and praise thy holy name, O Lord God. . .
for those renewed assurances which thou

vouchsafed me, of thy favor and gracious goodness towards me. Let the blessing of the rite which I have received by the hands of thy authorised servant, the bishop, be and remain with me, and most powerfully help and support me in all trials and temptations, when I most need the aid of thy Holy Spirit. Leave me not a moment to my own frailty, without his assistance; but, through his succors, enable me to adhere to that public and solemn profession of my faith which I have declared in the presence of God and the congregation, and faithfully to perform the promises I have renewed, of observing and keeping thy holy commandments; that walking uprightly before thee all my days, and being found watching when my appointed time shall come, I may, from a life of righteousness, be translated to a life of glory, through Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE DIVINE PROTECTION.

O God, who savest by thy right hand, such as put their trust in thee, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until every fear and calamity be overpast. I humbly beseech thee, O gracious Father, to be present with me now in all my ways, and throughout the whole course of my life. Suffer no malice to be able to hurt, no cun-

ning to circumvent me, no violence to oppress me, no falsehood to betray me. Deliver me from the slander of the idle and of the tattler, as well of the malicious. Strengthen my faith and trust in thy power and providence. That which I cannot foresee, do thou prevent; that which I cannot withstand, do thou master; that which I do not discover to fear, do thou unmask or frustrate: that, being preserved from, or delivered out of all dangers, both of soul and body, I may in both glorify thee, my only helper and deliverer, and be safe in the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A PRAYER AFTER A RELAPSE INTO SIN.

O JUST and holy God, what shall I say unto thee, and how shall I appear before thee, after I have so highly offended thy glorious Majesty, striking more wounds into my distressed conscience! What patience, but that of the long-suffering God, would ever bear with such as provoke him every day, when he could so easily break out in fury, and avenge him of his adversary! O how justly mightest thou, Lord, refuse to hear me, crying to thee in the anguish of my soul, who have so often refused to listen when thou hast called by the motions of thy good Spirit! O the spoils, and havoc, and desolation, which my sin has made in my soul!

I abhor myself, and humble my soul here in

the dust before thee, O Lord : and because I have made so bold with thy laws, I am sorely afraid of thy judgments. My sins have taken such hold of me, that my heart fails me ; yet, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole. I come, therefore, to beg the so often forfeited life of my poor soul, at thy blessed hands ; for thou, that hast charged us to forgive an offending brother, even as oft as he repents, wilt not thyself be harder to thy children, when they become penitent seekers of thy mercy. I believe, Lord, thy power and thy readiness to relieve poor sinners repairing to thee ; and to that end didst thou, O blessed Saviour, come into the world, and shed thy precious blood, to atone for our guilt, and to cleanse us from all our sins. O that I, who have the greatest need, may feel the happy benefit, that where sin has abounded, thy grace may much more abound. Good God, there is nothing in me but misery to move thy mercy. O fetch arguments of pity from thy own infinite goodness, and thy inclination to compassionate and relieve sinners returning to thee, after they have foolishly misbehaved, and wickedly rebelled against thee. Mercy, O Lord, mercy I beg of thee. O let thy compassion spare me, and withhold thy justice from proceeding against me.

And grant, O gracious Lord, that the habit of sinning may not so dull my sense of it, that I should commit these great sins with little remorse. Nor let it so increase my sinful inclinations, that I

should be the servant of corruption, and take part with the enemies of my own soul. Be thou, O Lord, my strong tower of defence against them, and enable me to go on, conquering and to conquer, till in the name of the Lord, I have destroyed them. So often have I fallen by their hands, that I fear lest one day I should so fall, as never to rise again. But thou, my strength and my Redeemer, art stronger than the strong one, and able yet to secure me. O blessed Keeper of Israel, keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me, that I may be upright and innocent from the great transgression. O that the same mercy which has hitherto held the hand of justice from cutting me off, and so often spared me, may also forgive and renew me. So strengthen all the good things of thy grace in my soul, that I may henceforth be full of power to defend thy rights against these usurpations of the devil; and may be found so faithful until death, that thou mayest give me the crown of life; not for any worth in me, but for the worthiness of thy Son, and for the sake of thy own tender mercies in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

O LORD our God, who knowest that while we are in this life, we stand in need of its supplies; and hast promised to such as seek thy kingdom, and

the righteousness thereof, the addition of all other necessaries; thou hast commanded us to ask of thee our daily bread, and to cast our care upon thee, our heavenly Father, for such a child's portion as thy wisdom sees to be convenient, and agreeable to our condition. O give me, therefore, I beseech thee, such health, and comfort, and prosperity, as thou seest would be sanctified to my real welfare. Give me skill and ability to provide for myself and graciously add thy blessing to my endeavors. Where I cannot supply all my own necessities, O do thou raise up friends and means to help me that I may never be destitute of what is requisite to sustain me, and render me useful to others. Make me always mindful of my Saviour, who took upon him the form of a servant, and had not where to lay his head. And be my condition never so poor and mean, yet let me acquiesce in the distributions of thy good providence, and having food and raiment, be therewith content. In prosperity keep me from forgetting thee; and in adversity keep me from concluding myself to be forgotten of thee, and from all unnecessary cares, and unprofitable dejections. Add to me, O my Father, what thou knowest me further to need, and bless to me what already I have; that bodily comforts may not be to my soul occasions of falling, but encouragements to my duty, and engagements on my heart, to abound in thy love and praise. Herein may I exercise myself to have always a conscience

void of offence towards God, and towards men ; yea, whatever any may justly expect from me, help me, O my God, to discharge it faithfully and acceptably. Command a blessing, Lord, upon all my honest labors and endeavors, and make them successful to promote my own and other's good. And in the want of all other supplies and succors, be thou, O God, my all in all, in life and death, and evermore, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR DIRECTION, HELP, AND BLESSING IN ANY DIFFICULT DUTY.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who givest power to the faint, and increaseth strength to them that have no might ; without thee I can do nothing, neither desiring nor proposing any thing good, nor shunning any evil ; but by thy gracious assistance it is that I am enabled for the performance of every duty ; my eyes are upon thee, and all my expectation is from thee ; and still I desire to wait, and call, and depend upon thee. A difficult work, now I have to perform : but, O how little strength for it ! All my sufficiency is of thee, who workest in us to will and to do of thy good pleasure. O thou that hast showed thyself graciously on my behalf, and brought me on hitherto, never cast me off, I beseech thee, nor abandon me over to myself, who am a reed shaken with the wind—a leaf driven to and fro ; but let me be taught of God what is thy pleasure concerning me. O that my ways were

directed to please thee, that I may have the light of thy countenance shining upon me! I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and trust in the Lord Jehovah, in whom is everlasting strength. Make my way prosperous, and give me thy blessing and good success. Bring all needful things to my remembrance; and where I have not the presence of mind nor power of performance, O magnify thy power in my weakness; and let me go forth in thy name and strength, and speed, and prosper by thy grace and blessing. Let thy good providence so be my defence and security, and thy Holy Spirit my guide and counsellor, that I may wisely choose, and rightly manage, and successfully accomplish, the things wherein I have engaged.

Thy will be done, O Lord, however I am pleased or disappointed; and let me ever design thy glory, whether it make for my gain or loss, in any respect in this present life. O be thou still a gracious Father to me, and a merciful provider for me; and grant me now the comfortable sense of thy acceptance of me, and thy designs of mercy toward me. Be thou pleased to take me to thy fatherly care, and preserve me from the evils into which I am prone to fall, and quicken me to the good which I am averse to perform. O establish thou the work of thy hands upon me; yea, the work of thy hands establish thou it. My God and guide, my help and strength, if thou lead me not,

I shall run into errors ; if thou keep me not, I shall fall into dangers ; but hold thou me up, and I shall be safe ; make all that I think, and speak, and do, acceptable in thy sight. O may I both put forth myself, to stir up the grace of God that is in me, and also experience thy power and presence with me, and all the goodness of the Lord passing before me ; that I may so go through this, and all the affairs of my life, that at my last reflection upon what is past, my soul may have peace, and give thy name the praise, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE DIVINE DISPOSAL OF US.

LORD, thou knowest whether the having, or the being denied, the matter in question be most convenient ; and therefore all I beg is, that what thou seest most expedient may be done. I ask indeed as is my duty ; but I presume not to prescribe to thy heavenly wisdom. If thou seest this — may prove hurtful to me, do not only deny my petitions, which proceed from ignorance and mistake ; but remove far from me the very desire of that which could not be obtained without my prejudice. Give, therefore, Lord, such things, and in such measure, and at such times, as thou seest fit. Deal with me as thou knowest it necessary ; for that I am well assured is best for me, which is most agreeable to thy will, and most conducive to thy glory. **Appoint me any post, and use me as thy own.**

Turn and change me, and my fortune, at pleasure I only beg to be qualified for thy dispensations, to use them rightly, and greatly to improve under them. For I am thy servant, devoted to thee without the least reserve. I desire not to live to myself, but to thee. O that I might be enabled faithfully and worthily to perform that homage and duty, to all which my heart is most freely and sincerely disposed, and grace for which I ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A PRAYER BEFORE A JOURNEY.

O God, who art alike present in all places, and preservest man and beast; blessed be thy name for the knowledge thou hast given me of thy wise and merciful providence, who makest thy angels ministering spirits, for them that shall be heirs of salvation. Both at home and abroad, thou art ever with those that put their trust in thee, by the universal presence of thy good Spirit, to conduct and guide us continually; to protect and save us from all dangers and mischiefs; and, in the end, to make our way prosperous. O let the blessing of the Lord follow me at this time, and rest upon me, and preserve my going out, and my coming in. Leave, and forsake me not, O Lord, but be my God and guide this day, and in all my intended journey, and through all my life. To thee, O Lord, do I commit myself, and all that belongs to me; for I

entirely depend on thy goodness and providential care. Give thy holy angels charge of me; and defend me, if it be thy blessed will, from all casualties and evil accidents, from the malice of evil spirits, and from the violence of evil men. And, I beseech thee more especially, so to accompany me with the presence of thy Holy Spirit, that my soul may be preserved in safety from all unholy thoughts or passions; and from all snares that may any way betray me, in word or deed, to offend thy divine Majesty. Deliver me from the contamination of any evil company into which I may fall. May I never be ashamed of thee, nor of thy gospel. And give me grace thankfully to embrace the company of those who are thy servants, that I may rejoice in their society, and improve it to my increase in wisdom, and pious affections. Bless and defend this habitation which I am now leaving, and all remaining in it; that at whatever distance we may be from one another, we may all live and walk in the same spirit of faith, and love, and holiness. Grant me a happy meeting again with my friends and relations, if it be thy good will and pleasure. And after all my changes and measures here, O bring me safe at last to thy holy hill, and to thy heavenly rest, to the end of my faith, the everlasting salvation of my soul, through the greatness of thy mercy to me, in thy dear Son, my gracious Lord, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER UNDER LOSSES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS IN
OUR AFFAIRS.

O MY LORD, by whom I live, and upon whom I continually depend for life, and breath, and all things, the world is thine, and the fulness thereof; thou givest and thou takest away: blessed be thy name in all. I thank thee that thy providence has appointed my station, and disposes whatever concerns me in the world; thou hast made me abound in many things of which others are destitute: and if thou also makest me want what others abound with, yet teach me also, my God, how to be abased, and to suffer need; and in whatsoever estate I am therewith to be content. May I always remember that if not so much as a sparrow falls to the ground without thee, and the very hairs of our head are all numbered, thou canst not be unconcerned in the changes and accidents that befall thy servants; and whatever instruments and occasions have been employed, it is thy pleasure that it should be with me as it is. Restrain me therefore, O Lord, from impatience and despair under any of the saving trials which thou dost appoint me. And help me to take up my cross and follow my Saviour, in self-denial and quiet submission to the will of my heavenly Father. Teach me to feel and know that as it will profit a man nothing to gain the whole world and lose his own soul, so all the losses in the world cannot undo him, whose soul is safe in

thy hands. O let me not grieve, therefore, as if I were undone, by my losses, but may I cheerfully commit myself to thee, to choose my inheritance for me; and be least of all concerned for my worldly portion, so that I may but see the joy of thy salvation. And, Lord, repair to me these damages, in an infinitely better way, out of thy own fulness, with the more precious things that accompany salvation; that I may imitate thy holy servants of old, who took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, knowing that they had in heaven a better and an enduring substance. O make me now more solicitous and industrious to lay up my treasure in heaven, when I see how little any thing is to be confided in here on earth. Let me look less upon these temporal things that are seen; and be most of all concerned that I lose not the things eternal; being so rich towards God, that when all here shall fail me, thou mayest never fail me, but be the strength of my heart, and my portion for evermore, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER UNDER DOUBTS OF THE LAWFULNESS OF
ANY ACTION.

O LORD GOD, who art light, and in whom is no darkness at all; who art the instructor of the ignorant, the guide of those that are in error, and the fountain of all knowledge and truth; O give me a wise and understanding spirit, that I may

know my duty, and a heart fully bent and determined to practise it.

More particularly, O Lord, I pray thee, at this time, to enlighten my understanding, and inform my unsettled judgment, how to determine safely the matter in which at present I know not how to act. Show thou me the way that I should walk in, and leave me not to the weakness of my own reasoning, which, without thy enlightening grace, will lead me into the ways of error and confusion. Give me, O Lord, I beseech thee, such an honest and upright heart, that nothing may ever be able to seduce me from my integrity. Let not the example of a multitude persuade me to do evil, nor the most powerful allurements of riches, honor, or any other worldly advantage, turn me aside from thy commands; but convince me more and more, how little it will profit me to gain the whole world, and lose my own soul; that being possessed with an awful fear of thy displeasure, I may never dare to do any thing but what thou approvest, and of which I may be able to give a comfortable account in the great day of the Lord.

Direct me, O my God, to those means which will inform my understanding, and satisfy my doubts. Give me a sound judgment, and a quick and discriminating conscience. But if it should be my misfortune, after all my inquiries, to fall into any involuntary error, O Lord, lay it not to my charge, nor let it ever provoke thy anger against

me. If it be thy wise and good pleasure that I should still remain under doubts, give me grace, I beseech thee, not to be rash in my measures, but to submit to thy will, and to wait with patience, till thou seest fit to instruct me better; and whatever worldly advantages I may lose by it, yet let me still retain my innocence, and have the comfort and support of a good conscience. Suffer me not to be so regardless of my eternal interest, as for the sake of any temporal advantage to forfeit thy favor, which is better than all the enjoyments of this world. O Lord, I leave myself in thy hands; and I most humbly beseech thee, by the ministry of good angels, and by the guidance of thy holy Spirit, to carry me through this, and all other difficulties; and bring me to that blessed place of rest and peace, where I shall be out of all temptation and danger of offending thee, and where I shall love and praise thee throughout all ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER UNDER INJURIES AND REPROACHES.

O MOST holy and righteous Judge of all the earth, who knowest my foolishness, and how far I have been accessory, by my past or present indiscretions, to draw down these troubles and mischiefs upon my own head, how much worse I deserve at thy hands, is also all naked and open to thine eyes. But as herein I apprehend myself to suffer wrong-

fully, being slanderously reported, falsely accused, injuriously entreated, or hated without a cause, I desire to pour out my complaint before thee, O God, and to shelter myself under the shadow of thy wings. Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me : and save me from those that rise up against me. Enable me to give myself to prayer, not avenging myself, but giving place unto wrath, and committing my cause to thee that judgeth righteously. O convince my adversaries of the error they are in, and turn them from the evil course they have adopted ; and the remainder of their wrath, O do thou restrain.

O Lord, who mightest justly use them as thy scourge to chastise me, for my many offences against thee ; help me patiently to bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have so greatly sinned against thee. However I am pursued, and oppressed, O let me not render evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing ; considering him that endured so great contradiction of sinners against himself, that I be not wearied and faint in my mind. If the man after thy own heart had so many implacable enemies, that sought his life ; if thy holy apostle was called a troubler of the world, and a pestilent fellow, not fit to live ; yea, if the Son of thy eternal love, was reproached as a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners, a deceiver of the people, and a dealer with the devil ; O why should so great an offender as I am,

to whom belongs confusion of face, so heinously resent being set at nought, and enduring the correction of my own wickedness! Though I deserve it not from them, yet, how much worse do I deserve from thy heavenly Majesty, who mayest justly chastise me by their hands. Let unjust men then say, or do what they may against me, O Lord keep back thy servant from giving any just provocation; and let me not suffer as an evil-doer. Though I pass through evil report as well as good, how small a thing is it to be judged of man's judgment! And if thou, my God, wilt have me to be low in the world, even a hissing and proverb of reproach, let me bear thy indignation, and submit to thy correction; looking unto Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, that once lay under clouds—the Lord of glory, who bore such reproach and infamy—may I take up my cross, and follow him, in meekness and patience: having my eyes and dependence upon the great Author and Finisher of our faith, who first despising, and then surmounting the shame, is now set down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, and from thence shall come in great glory to judge the world; even Jesus Christ, whose name be ever blessed, world without end. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR A MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT.

O BLESSED Lord God, thou most compassionate lover of souls, look with thy tenderest pity upon me,

a weak and frail creature, who am encompassed about with many and great infirmities. My nature is corrupt, my temper is irritable, strong and violent and so prone am I to peevishness and anger, that slight provocations disorder my mind, and hurry me away into foolish and unreasonable passions.

O Lord, I lament and bewail this frailty of my nature; humbly beseeching thee, for the sake and merits of my blessed Saviour, to pardon all the sin and folly into which it has betrayed me; and beg of thee, merciful Father, to give me a meek and quiet spirit, a patient and forgiving temper, and a humble, charitable, and Christian disposition; that the whole conduct and deportment of my life may be such as becomes the servant of the meek and blessed Jesus.

Convince me truly, O Lord, of the great folly of passion and anger; how contrary it is to the spirit of thy holy religion; what an enemy it is to our present happiness; and how much it unfits us for the duties which we owe to thee, our neighbor and ourselves.

O my God, it is my sincere desire, and it shall be the hearty endeavor of my life, to be free from the bondage and dominion of this sin. But, alas! I find a law in my members warring against the law of my mind, which, without the assistance of thy holy Spirit, will bring me into captivity to the law of sin. O let the mighty power of thy grace strengthen my feeble wishes and endeavors, and

enable me to conquer my most inveterate habits. Let the gentle influences of thy blessed Spirit calm the passions, and compose the storms and disorders of my soul: and, O do thou save me from the dangers of this troublesome and tempestuous life.

Root out of my heart, O merciful God, all pride and vanity, all malice, hatred, and ill-will, and give me a low and humble opinion of myself, that the sense of my own unworthiness, and of the many offences which I have been guilty of towards thee, may move me to pity the weaknesses and infirmities of others, and to forgive the greatest injuries and provocations which I shall meet with; remembering how much more *I* stand in need of pity and forgiveness at thy hand.

Take away from me, O Lord, the spirit of this world, and fill me with that spirit of charity, that suffereth long, and is kind; that beareth all things, and is not easily provoked; that being full of that peace of God, which passes all understanding, I may live with comfort, and die with joy, and may hereafter dwell in those peaceful regions of everlasting bliss, where thou, O blessed Jesus, who art the prince of peace, livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR A PERSON IN A STATE OF POVERTY.

O MY GOD, infinite in goodness, power, and wisdom, on whom all things depend ; and whose providence overruleth all events ; riches and plenty come from thee ; and poverty and want are by thy dispensation. I believe that, for just and wise reasons, thou hast allotted to mankind different states and circumstances of life ; and that thy good providence hath designed my benefit and advantage in all the temporal evils which have at any time happened unto me. I confess, O Lord, my sins have deserved much more severe afflictions ; and that thou art wise and merciful in all thy dealings with me. Though thou hast thought fit to place me in a mean condition, to deprive me of many conveniences of life, and to exercise my faith in a state of poverty, yet I thank thee that thou hast hitherto preserved and supported me by thy good providence, and blessed me with advantages* above so many others, who labor under greater trials and afflictions. Above all, I enjoy the light of thy glorious Gospel, and the means of grace, when many of my fellow Christians are debarred of these precious comforts, and lie groaning under persecutions, misery, and death. I consider with humble acknowledgment and thankfulness, that I am still alive, and have the opportunity of working out my salvation ; whereas

* Here let the person recollect the blessings he enjoys, as the invaluable mercy of health, the assistance of friends, liberty, &c.

many souls are given up to the just punishment of sin, groaning out a sad eternity under inexpressible pains, and inconceivable sorrows. These, O Lord, are great mercies towards me, and would forbid repining if thou shouldst see fit to try me with greater difficulties than those which thou hast hitherto laid upon me.

But, O merciful Father, who hast invited and commanded us to lay our wants and necessities before thee, help and relieve me, I beseech thee, under my present perplexities; and if thou seest fit, bless me with such a portion of the comforts and conveniences of life, that thereby I may be enabled to go on more cheerfully in my station, to serve thee better, to love thee more and more, to admire thy wonderful bounty and loving-kindness towards all the creatures of thy hand. Give me health and strength, and abilities suited to my circumstances; direct me in the use of honest means, whereby I may obtain, for myself and family, a comfortable subsistence; and do thou succeed and prosper my honest labors and endeavors.

But, O Lord, if in this I know not what I ask; if greater plenty, and comforts that attend it, would prove snares and temptations to me—thy blessed will be done; support me, that I fall not into extreme want, and lay not more upon me than thou wilt enable me to bear. Supply the want of worldly blessings, by the comfort and support of thy good Spirit, whereby I may be made perfect in every

good work to do thy will ; that I may become rich in faith, and an heir of that kingdom which thou hast promised to those that love thee : make me devout, holy, and heavenly-minded ; and so purify and cleanse my heart, that it may be the constant habitation of thy Holy Spirit.

Enable me, likewise, O Lord, cheerfully to exercise all those Christian graces and duties which my present circumstances call for : let the sharpness of temporal wants, put me upon considering what misery must attend the loss of my soul : let a sense of my poverty stir up eager desires after the true riches ; and the less I have of this world, the more careful let me be to provide for the next ; that I may seek an inheritance incorruptible, and that fadeth not away. Give me diligence and industry in my calling ; and when I have done my endeavor, make me to cast all my care upon thee, and trust to thy fatherly goodness to provide for me. Let not the contempt wrongfully cast upon poverty, or any evils which I may endure, tempt me to any dishonest ways of advancing my condition ; but let me choose rather to be poor than wicked, and to want any thing rather than thy favor. Clothe me with a meek, and quiet, and humble spirit, which in thy sight is of great price ; that through faith and patience, having finished the race which thou hast set before me, I may be received into the joy of my Lord. Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of my Redeemer, the ever blessed Jesus. *Amen.*



P R A Y E R S

IN REFERENCE TO SOME OF THE PARTICULAR
RELATIONS IN LIFE.

THE HUSBAND'S PRAYER.

O **ALMIGHTY** God, who hast called me to the state of marriage, which is honorable, and which thou hast ordained for the comfort and happiness of thy creatures, sanctify it to me, I humbly beseech thee, and grant that I may never abuse it to any unworthy purposes; but so behave myself under this, and all other conditions, as becomes the servant of the ever blessed Jesus.

To this end, O Lord, give me a meek and gentle spirit, that is not easily provoked, a spirit of love, forbearance, and charity, not apt to entertain angry and unjust resentments; that I may love my wife with a hearty and sincere affection. Let me never exercise that authority thou hast given me, in a peevish, arbitrary, and tyrannical manner; but with kindness and condescension, prudence and discretion, endeavoring, as much as in me lies, to make my wife happy all her days. Make me faithful and conscientious, O Lord, in the discharge of that solemn vow and promise which I made upon my

entering into this holy state, and of all those duties to which it engages me. O let me never wander after forbidden pleasures; but grant that all my actions may be governed by the rules of purity and holiness, of justice and sobriety; having always before my eyes that strict account which I must one day give. Let me never waste my time, and consume my substance, in riot and disorder; but grant that by diligence and industry, and by thy blessing accompanying all my endeavors, I may be enabled to provide for my wife and children in such a manner as may conduce to their happiness both here and hereafter.

O let thy blessing rest upon the head of her whom thou hast given to be my wife; give her length of days, and increase in her ever more and more the virtues of charity and piety. Let all strife and contention, all repinings and discontent, be far from us; and let true Christian love and peace dwell in our hearts. Make us eminent examples of a holy and blameless conversation; and grant that we may mutually aid and excite each other in serving thee, bearing with one another's infirmities, and studying to promote the welfare and happiness of each other. Make us so faithfully to discharge all our duties in this life, that when thou shalt be pleased to take us hence, we may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through the merits of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE WIFE'S PRAYER.

O MY God, who hast called me to this state of life, and by the permission of whose providence it is, that I should be joined in wedlock with thy servant; I bless thee, Lord, that thou hast provided so graciously for me. O continue this thy goodness, in giving me knowledge and grace to demean myself aright in this relation, that I may honor and obey the Lord in reverencing and obeying my husband. Make me humble and discreet, diligent and faithful, mild and patient; remembering not only the duties and comforts, but also the temptations and crosses of the married condition; and taking the worse with the better, as a part of my portion; still showing myself a follower of wise and pious matrons in all things that are of good report, however I am tried with prosperity or adversity. Bless my husband, O Lord, with the best of thy blessings; and guard, and keep him in thy continual care, with thy watchful providence and Holy Spirit, till thou bring him to thy heavenly kingdom. O bind us both in faithfulness unto thee, as well as to one another; and as we are one flesh, so make us of one heart, and of one mind, that nothing but death may ever make a separation between us. And make us so faithfully to discharge all our duties in this life, that we may together dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN.

THE children, O Lord my God, which thou hast given me, I return, and surrender them up to thee. O that they may know thee, and be owned by thee, every one, from the greatest to the least. Pour out thy Spirit, and all thy covenant blessings, upon my offspring: make them, Lord, thy children by adoption and grace. O take possession of their hearts, and instruct those who have the teaching of them, that they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and trained in the way that they should go. Whatsoever else they want, let them have thy love and the portion of thy children. My God be thou a gracious Father to them, and a merciful provider for them in all estates, and all affairs and events of their lives. Dispose of them, and whatever concerns them, to thy glory, and to their everlasting salvation.

Take thou care of their temporal concerns, and choose their inheritance for them, that they may find it an easy and happy passage through the present life; but, especially, my God, let the powerful efficacy of thy good Spirit root out of their hearts all corrupt and sinful affections; and instead thereof do thou sow the incorruptible seed of thy grace, that they may become partakers of thy divine nature, and may bring forth in their lives the fruits of righteousness and true holiness. Defend them, O Lord, I beseech thee, against the sorrows and

disasters of this world ; grant that they may never be led away by the wicked customs and examples, the lusts and vanities of it ; but obediently keeping thy holy will and commandments, and walking in the same all the days of their lives, may be instruments of much good in their generation ; and after they have served thee faithfully in this world, may hereafter be made partakers of everlasting happiness in that which is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARENTS.

O LORD GOD, my heavenly Father, I here prostrate myself before thee, to beg thy blessing, grace, and mercy, upon my earthly parents, to whom I beseech thee to grant that I may fulfil all my duty gratefully and affectionately. Cast them not away in the time of their age ; forsake them not when their strength fails them ; but have compassion, Lord, on their infirmities, and help them in all their weakness. O remember not against them any of their former iniquities ; but according to thy mercy remember them for thy goodness' sake in Jesus Christ. May the true wisdom be with them, and abundance of thy grace upon them ; that their hoary heads may be found in the way of righteousness, and their souls be ever precious in thy sight. O let goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their life : let their last days be their best days ;

and the longer they live here, make them still the readier to die, and the fitter to live with thy blessed self, in the glorious life eternal. Be thou their guide unto death ; in death their support and comfort ; and when heart and flesh, and all here shall fail them, O do thou never fail them, but be the strength of their hearts, and their portion for evermore, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, my Father in heaven, to whom I owe my being and all the comforts I enjoy, who dost vouchsafe to receive out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, the praise of thy great name, I beseech thee to impress my heart with a clear sense of all thy glorious attributes. O thou who hast taught us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, give me such a fear of displeasing thee, that I may never dare to do any thing, however I may be inclined, or tempted to it, that is contrary to thy holy word. Keep it always in my mind, that thou art in every place, beholding the evil and the good ; that no darkness can hide me from thine eye, no secrets are hidden from thy mind ; and may I desire nothing so much as, that all my thoughts, words, and actions, may be approved by thee. Fill my heart, O Lord, with warm and grateful affections to thee. My limbs and senses, my food and clothing, my kind friends and

comfortable home, my safety from sickness and accidents, and the advantages I enjoy in my education, are all the effects of thy bounty and love. Thou hast given thy dear Son Jesus Christ a sacrifice for my sin, and thy Holy Word and Spirit to sanctify my heart, and fit it for a holy life, and for happiness when I come to die. O how much love do I owe thee for all these mercies! Help me, O my God, to love thee above all things; and grant that as I grow in age, I may grow in grace, and show my sense of thy goodness by living to thy glory. Enable me faithfully to discharge my duty in the station in which I am placed. Make me dutiful and affectionate to my parents and relations, obedient and grateful to my teachers, obliging to my companions, and respectful to all men. Assist me diligently to improve my time, talents, and privileges; and enable me to lead a life of such piety, usefulness, and benevolence, that I may be a blessing, and not a curse, to the community, among whom thy divine providence may place me. Preserve me, O my Father, from evil accidents and disasters, from wicked companions and habits, and from all the misfortunes into which the rashness and heedlessness of youth might conduct me. Provide for me in such a manner, as thou seest will be best for me; and so lead and defend me by thy Holy Spirit, and thy gracious providence, through all the periods and events of my life, that I may at length enter, with my relations and

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friends, and with thy holy people, into that happy place, where we shall see thee, as thou art, and where we shall together enjoy the promises made, in the Gospel of thy Son, to all that love and serve thee, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A PRAYER IN BEHALF OF ORPHANS.

O LORD our God, who art pleased to style thyself in a peculiar manner, the Father of the fatherless; our eyes are now upon thee, and we pour out our souls before thee, entreating thee, to have compassion on these orphan children, and leave them not desolate, exposed to the wants, and mischiefs, and dangers of this wicked world. Having ordained that their father and mother should forsake them, O Lord, do thou take them up, and be a parent to them, and still a gracious provider for them. Guide them, O heavenly Father, and raise up friends also, that may be concerned in the disposing of them and their affairs. O be thou pleased to choose their inheritance for them; and order all that concerns them to thy glory, and to the promoting of their present welfare, and their everlasting happiness. O Lord, we commit them to thee; be thou their God and guide, even unto death: be ever watchful over them for good, and preserve and keep them, and conduct them in all the varieties of this life, till thou hast brought them to inherit

the blessed portion of thy children, in that most glorious life, which shall never fail. Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER IN BEHALF OF A WIDOW.

O MOST mighty God, the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, who art righteous in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works; thou givest, and thou takest away; thou dost lift up, and in thy wise providence, thou castest down. Suffer not this thy afflicted servant, O holy Father, to grieve like those that have no hope, nor to entertain hard thoughts of thy providence; but enable her to submit to thy will, and to repose herself under the care of thy good providence, assuredly believing, that we can never be destitute whilst we have thee for our friend, nor miserable so long as thou art our portion. O do thou then supply her with whatever she may want of outward helps; and though thou hast been pleased to take from her a great blessing, yet, O Lord, deprive her not of thy spiritual mercies; but let the comfort of thy love, be her portion and inheritance, under all the troubles and afflictions of this world. Raise up friends, O Lord, that may assist her in all her exigencies; but especially do thou teach and instruct her, that she may manage those affairs which are now devolved upon her with prudence, justice, and integrity. O let this

loss, which thou hast been pleased should befall her, bring her nearer to thyself, and possess her mind with such a thorough sense and conviction of the uncertainty of all worldly blessings, that she may fix her heart, her hopes, and her desires, upon those pleasures which are at thy right hand for evermore. And grant, O merciful Father, that all who are sharers with her in this affliction, may be partakers, likewise, of thy support and comfort. Teach us all so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto true wisdom; and so to fit and prepare ourselves for that great account which we must one day give, that when the time of our appointed change shall come, we may look up to thee with joy and comfort; and may at last be received into that place of rest and peace where all tears shall be wiped from our eyes, and all our sorrows shall have an end, through the merits, and for the sake of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE AFFLICTED; OR, WITH THEM,
UPON THE DEATH OF FRIENDS.

[Only such paragraphs as are most appropriate, need be used.]

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; in whose hands our breath is, and who dost admonish us by the death of those whom we have known and valued, while we are left the living monuments of thy forbearance and long suffering, accomplish in our hearts, we

beseech thee, the purposes of thy providence. Teach us by the daily instances of mortality which we behold, how frail and uncertain our own condition is, that we may apply our hearts unto true wisdom. Press upon us the consideration how soon we must follow the vast multitude that are gone before, and that are every day passing out of the land of the living; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found.

Look with thy accustomed kindness and compassion upon these thy servants, who are here bowed down under thy afflictive appointment. Graciously apply to their hearts the doctrines, and the promises, and the consolations of thy Gospel. Do thou who hast sorely wounded, bind up and heal. Do thou who in sovereign authority hast bereaved, in divine piety and mercy repair the breaches in their comfort and happiness. Suppress every repining thought. Cherish their trust in thee, and their faith and hope. Reveal thyself to them as a God of consolation, and may they find and feel that thou art their satisfying portion—that thou, the eternal fountain of all good, art still the same, and in all these changes, never changest.

Most just art thou, O God, in all thy dealings with us; and our afflictions are always less than our sins deserve. We humbly adore thy Majesty. We revere thy justice. We gratefully magnify thy past mercies. Sanctify, we beseech thee, to this

family their recent affliction. May the sense of the bereavement which they have sustained, lead them to cleave more closely to thee, their God. In all their troubles and apprehensions, may they remember thy faithfulness and truth; in all their sufferings may their trust be in thy mercies. And awakened now to a deep conviction of the shortness and vanity of human life, may they resolve to seek supremely those things which are above—to resign themselves and all their concerns, with unreserved submission to thy divine disposal; and in the fullness of resignation, may it be the language of their hearts as well as their lips:—"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Taught by the constant experience of the world, that death is the end of all men, may we, who are living, have grace to lay it to heart: so to lay it to heart, that we may condemn the world with its vanities and lusts; that we may seek thy favor, study thy will, cherish thy Spirit; and in all our actions, aim supremely at thy glory, at the salvation of our own souls, and of the souls of our fellow men. And when we are summoned to go the way of all the earth, may thy Spirit be with us, and thy presence go with us, to sustain and comfort us; to lead us to a rest eternal in the heavens.

O heavenly Father, take our eyes, and hearts, and hope, off of perishing comforts, to fix them upon thee, the only satisfying good, in the enjoy-

ment of which consists our true life and peace. And let the emptiness and frequent disappointments that we find in all the enjoyments of the world, teach us not to place our dependence upon them. Help us to disengage our hearts from them, and raise up our desires and hopes to the unmixed pleasures at thy right hand for ever more. O let us be more crucified to the world, where is nothing but emptiness, and vanity, and vexation of spirit; and may we have our conversation in heaven, where is our blessed Lord, and all his happy followers; that with them, we may attain at last, to live in the sight and presence, in the love and praises, and in the fellowship and enjoyment of thee, our God.

Spare us, good Lord; spare us, most merciful Father, until we have truly repented of our sins, and made our peace with thee our offended Judge. For thy Son, Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all our sins of which our conscience is afraid. For his sake turn away all thine anger from us. Enter not any further into judgment with us; and after the multitude of thy mercies, look upon us, and visit us with thy salvation. Raise us, O Lord, from the death of sin, to a new and holy life; that being partakers of the death of thy Son, we may also be partakers of his resurrection. O Lord, hear and answer our humble petitions. O Lord, have mercy and bless us; and grant us thy peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF A SINNER, TO BE
USED BY A FRIEND.

O BLESSED JESUS, thou great lover of souls, who camest into the world to call sinners to repentance, and to seek and to save those that were lost, I come before thee, humbly to intercede in behalf of (*here name the person*) who seems to be under the power of sin, and to live as without God in the world, and in danger of perishing for ever. O what shall I do for him? And how shall I apply myself to aid and awaken him? I desire to learn wisdom of thee, my Lord, and to be enabled to use the most proper methods and expedients to move him, and to do him good. O instruct me in the means that I shall take; and assist and bless me in my endeavors to attain this desirable end.

O Almighty God, who canst enlighten the darkest minds, soften the hardest hearts, conquer the stubbornest wills, and turn even the most hopeless sinners to thyself; be thou pleased to manifest the power of thy grace in this case that is so sad and deplorable. Convince him, O Lord, of the great danger his soul is in; open his eyes; soften his heart, and turn his course; break the force of his temptations; and make him a way to escape out of the enemy's hands; that even he who seems to be now dead in trespasses and in sins, may hear thy voice and live. Grant that this presumptuous sinner may be startled, the secure awakened, and

be that is so far gone yet recovered ; yea, that the lost sheep may be brought home, and the prodigal so repent and be converted, that his sins may be blotted out, and his soul mercifully accepted, and eternally saved.

O gracious God, who hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but dost vouchsafe to be reconciled in the Son of thy love, to the very worst of thy enemies, not willing that any should perish ; O what profit is there in his blood, and how shall the dead and damned praise thee ! Lord of all power and mercy, get thee glory in his recovery. Thou, and thou only, canst do it. O speak the word, and thy sinful creature shall live, and for ever bless thy name. Show him his lost and perishing condition, and excite him to flee for refuge from the wrath to come, to the hope set before him in the Gospel.

Give him a true and unfeigned repentance ; forgive him all the evil thoughts and devices of his heart, and all the offensive, wicked carriage of his life ; forgive him all his sins of omission and commission. Take away his pride and his stubbornness, and bring him with full purpose of heart to resign and give up himself to thee ; and make him diligent to redeem the time that he has lost, and to become exemplary in all the practices of piety and honesty, of charity and sobriety, and all other duties of a Christian life ; that he may be truly changed, and quite another manner of person in all holy conver-

sation and godliness. To this end, grant that he may seriously consider the promises and threatenings of the Gospel, the inestimable rewards thou hast promised to the good, and those dreadful punishments thou hast threatened to the wicked. O grant even him an inheritance amongst them that are sanctified through faith in thee, and send down that renewing grace into his heart, which may be there as a well of water, springing up to everlasting life. Incline him to be diligent in the use of the means of grace which thou hast appointed; and grant that he may no longer resist and grieve thy Holy Spirit, but constantly obey and follow its kind motions and operations. Thus comfort and rejoice the soul of thy servant, O Lord; show, O blessed Jesus, thy saving mercy, not only to this person, but to myself, and all mankind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE MASTER OF A FAMILY.

O most high God, the Lord of all, whose providence disposes the several ranks of men in the world, and whose word instructs masters, as well as servants, how to demean themselves in their respective places; it is thou, my Lord, who hast made me the head of this house; O may I walk in it with an upright heart. Make me, I beseech thee, a kind and gentle master, forbearing all severe usage towards those placed in subjection under me,

as knowing I have a master in heaven, with whom is no respect of persons. Let me never dare to employ my servants, or any subject to my direction and control, in frauds or falsehood under any form; but give me a tender care and concern for their souls, that they may never perish through any neglect or fault of mine. Give me, Lord, an understanding heart and prudent conduct, and such a spirit of government that I may go in and out before my people as one that is taught of God; commanding nothing but in the Lord, according to thy will, and for the advancement of thy glory.

O bless my house, Lord, and preserve it from vice and ungodliness, and from all disorders and dangers, and make it a nursery of virtue and piety, of all that is exemplary, and of good report. O that my wife may be the spouse of Christ; my children the children of God; my servants the servants of the Lord; and all the members of my family the true members of thy Church, and the constant followers of all that is laudable and good. To which end, give us grace daily to offer up our joint prayers and praises to thy divine Majesty, and to be frequent in attending upon the public offices of religion, and to spend some part of the Lord's day together in other holy duties. Direct, O God, and help us every one in the discharge of our several offices; that we may employ ourselves as we ought, and with quietness do our own business; never forgetting, but above all desiring and

pursuing the great work of the Lord, for which thou didst send us into the world. O keep us all evermore in thy fear and love, safe under thy protection, and upon the holy way to thy heavenly kingdom, through thy mercy to us all, in our common Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE SERVANT'S PRAYER.

O GOD, Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, who hath ordained by thy wise providence, that there should be various ranks and degrees of men, and that I should be disposed of in the humble station where now I am; I submit, Lord, to thy most wise appointment of all things, and desire, with content and thankfulness, to accept of my portion, how low soever in the world. Though bound to others may I be the Lord's freeman, that faithfully discharging the duties of my place, I may be as acceptable to my God as those that enjoy the highest stations. I desire it of thee, O Lord of all, to choose my inheritance for me; and I only beg at thy hands, that my lot may fall where my soul may prosper, though my condition be the harder. May my heart be so right with God, that I may have his blessed countenance and love. And being found in the way of righteousness, may I be exalted in due time.

O let me not be the servant of sin, but enjoy the blessed liberty wherewith Christ Jesus sets all

his people free ; the liberty from sinful bondage, the liberty to follow my Lord carefully, and to run the way of thy commands with an enlarged heart. And, Lord, be thou pleased to fit me for, and teach and help me, in the service to which I am called ; that I may perform it to the glory of thy name, to the pleasure and welfare of those whom I serve, and my own best advantage and comfort. O make me true and faithful, careful and diligent, humble and obedient, meek and patient ; doing the business of my place, not with eye-service as a man-pleaser, but in singleness of heart, fearing God : not peevish and froward, but apt to forbear, and deny myself ; not answering again, to stir up wrath ; but with silence and submission, following the things that make for peace ; watchful of the credit and interest of my employer, as one that would be found faithful in the sight of my God, who seeth in secret, and searcheth the very heart : and make me, I beseech thee, so devout towards thee, that thou mayest mercifully accept me, and my service, for the sake of thy beloved Son, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE MAGISTRATE'S PRAYER.

O THOU great and supreme Ruler of all the world, by whom all the governors on earth are set up, to restrain the unruly, and to favor thy people ; make me rather to tremble at my accountability, than to

be proud of my office ; and in the fear of the Lord, may I ever be careful to execute that which is righteous in the sight of God ; and with all faithfulness to discharge my trust, as one that must be judged myself. And seeing the eyes of men are upon me, and my example must have greater influence than that of a private man, O make me, Lord, more vigilant and cautious in the inspection of myself and the ordering of my conversation aright ; that I may not embolden others to commit such wickedness as I ought to punish ; nor be a scandal and grief of heart to the holy followers of Jesus, whom I am set up to sustain and comfort. Make me ever ready and forward to defend, and countenance, all the oppressed and destitute, especially such as live godly in Christ Jesus. Assist me with prudent but courageous zeal to exert my authority in a vindication of thy glory ; that the interest of thy kingdom, and the welfare of thy Church and chosen, may be ever next my heart. Above all things, may I seek the things of Jesus Christ ; and so truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue, that after my advancement here, I may not be cast down in eternity ; nor receive a dreadful doom, for betraying my trust, and abusing my authority ; but may appear with comfort and joy before my Judge, pardoned, and sanctified, and justified by the blood of the Lord Jesus, and by the mercies of my God. *Amen.*

A CLERGYMAN'S PRAYER FOR HIMSELF.

O BLESSED JESUS, my Lord and my God, who hast called me to the office which thou wast pleased to take upon thyself, and who camest not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give thyself a ransom for many; all glory be to thee, who hast been pleased so to dignify me. But as thou thyself, the head of the corner, art to some a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence; so thy messengers are to them that perish, the savour of death unto death, as well as to them that are saved, the savour of life unto life. And if thy wise and holy servant asked, Who is sufficient for these things, well may I, a weak and sinful wretch, tremble under the work of the ministry, lest the blood of those that perish, through my neglect and default, should be required at my hands; and lest when I have showed others the way to heaven, I myself should be shut out. But I look unto thee, O Lord, my life, my strength, and my redeemer, who hast appointed me in this station, to accomplish me also for it. O thou that ordainest strength out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, magnify thy power in my weakness; and show thyself so graciously and mightily on my behalf, that I may do all things as I ought, through Christ strengthening me. O let me learn from thee what I shall teach concerning thee. Open my understanding, O Lord, that I may well understand the Scriptures. and rightly

divide the word of truth; and be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. O put such thoughts into my mind, and such words into my mouth, that out of the abundance of my heart, my mouth may speak to the glory of thy name, and to the edification of those to whom I make my application. O make me wise to win souls, and watchful over them, as one that must give an account; not entangling myself in the affairs of this life, but waiting on my ministry; taking heed to myself, and to my doctrine; studying to show myself approved of God, and thoroughly furnished to every good work. Give me skill and conduct, prudently to steer my course through all difficulties in my way; and give me patience and courage to withstand all assaults and opposition which I have to encounter. O my Lord, be with me, and guide, and help, and strengthen me, now and always, in the great work lying upon me. Open to me a door of utterance, that I may speak thy word as I ought to speak; and make me faithful, and diligent, and successful in my sacred calling: doing thy work as thy workman, that need not be ashamed; not preaching myself, but Christ Jesus the Lord; not seeking the praise of men, but the honor of my God. Yea, make me an example of all the holy properties and praise-worthy practices, which I preach to others; that I may not lay upon them the burdens which I refuse to bear myself, but go before them in the ways which they



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are to follow; holding forth the word of life in my conversation, as well as in my doctrine, that I may shine with a convincing light to them, and not lay a stumbling-block before them: neither making the heart of the righteous sad, nor strengthening the hands of the wicked, nor giving just offence to any; but approving myself, as far as I am able, useful and beneficial unto all; keeping under my body, and bringing it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

And, O thou that givest the increase, command a blessing, I pray thee, upon all my studies and endeavors, that I may not spend my strength for nought, nor labor in vain; but that I may make full proof of my ministry, and be instrumental through thy grace, to convert the unconverted, and to build up them that are in any measure sanctified; and so to save myself, and those that hear me, that when I have finished my course, I may give an account of my stewardship with joy, and not with grief: and receive the crown of righteousness at thy hands, not for my merits, but for thy mercies' sake. *Amen, Amen.*

SECOND PRAYER FOR A MINISTER.

God, and Father of mercy, I present myself, in humble adoration before thee, ardently desirous of knowing thy will, and earnestly supplicating the



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assistance of thy grace, that I may be enabled to fulfil it. O engrave upon my mind the character which thou expectest me to sustain in society; the good which my example will produce, if it be irreproachable and amiable; the evil, if worthless or suspected. Guard me, therefore, against levity of behaviour; against sudden and violent transports; against prodigality, or avarice, and unlawful gain. Let no deviation from piety be encouraged by my demeanor; but may my private life most efficaciously enforce my public preaching. May no soul sanction its indiscretions, or extenuate its vices, by pleading the licence of my unworthiness. To this end, correct and subdue in me all inordinate desires and unholy attachments: impress thy law on my soul, that it may both establish my principles, and influence my behaviour; that both the thoughts of my heart, and the tenor of my life, may be such as become a minister of the Gospel of Christ. Let no avocations withdraw me from entering daily into myself, that I may become more and more acquainted with my own heart; that its approbation may be my greatest comfort, and its reproaches my greatest dread.

As a minister of thy holy word, grant me, O Lord, an uniform and regular diligence. Let no indulgence in amusements, however innocent, nor attachment to studies, however enticing, seduce me from an unwearied application to the several duties of my calling; but may every pursuit, which

is not an immediate part of it, be regulated by prudence, and restrained by severity. May my mind never be alienated from the discharge of ecclesiastical functions, nor diverted from the attainment of evangelical holiness. May I never forget that I am, in thy holy Church, a guide to the blind, and a light to them that are in darkness ; lest after having preached to others, and warned them against the allurements of temptation, and the power of sinful habits, I should myself be treacherously overcome by the one, and everlastingly ruined by the other. Grant me to be a watchful shepherd, preserving by salutary counsels, and through prayer without ceasing, the flock within the fold, which I have undertaken to instruct in faith, and deliver from danger.

Impress me with such a sense of the station which I am appointed to fill, that I may devote all the faculties of my soul, to a faithful discharge of it : let me never forget, that, whether it is obscure or exalted, I am equally an ambassador of the King of kings, and a servant of the Lord of lords. Thus honored, may no temptations of interest, or pleasure, relax the exertions necessary in bringing souls to a knowledge of the truth, and of their moral condition ; to a holy trust in thy providence, and an uniform obedience to thy Gospel. May every discourse which I deliver, be calculated by thy divine blessing, to awaken the thoughtless, and alarm the impenitent, or to establish the righteous

in the ways of godliness, and comfort those that mourn. When I “preach thy laws, and take thy covenant in my mouth,” let me not be satisfied with the persuasion, that the discourse is ingenious in its composition, solid in its arguments, or elegant in its style. Rather, O God, may it penetrate the hearts, and supply the wants of those “very many in the open valley, who are very dry;” and may thy spirit, in the delivery of it, say unto them, “O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.” Put thy converting spirit into them, and they shall live. Awaken them from the deadly torpor of an un-sanctified heart; convince them of their guilt and danger without Christ; and, if it seem good unto thee, leave them no rest, until they have trembled in fear of the penalties, and have embraced the invitations and promises, of his everlasting Gospel. “Pour upon them the spirit of grace and of supplication.” May the temple, in which we assemble to worship thee, exhibit a congregation, not collected by the power of habit, but actuated with reverence and godly fear. Suffer them not to present themselves before thee with unprepared minds, approaching thee with their lips, whilst their hearts are far from thee. But do thou inscribe on their souls this awful sentiment—“Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God.” And when we thus call upon thy name, with grateful praises, with deep reverence, and a sense of our continual dependence

upon thee, O do thou hear us; graciously say, It is my people; that we, in humble thankfulness, may say, The Lord is our God.

But whatever shall be the effect of thy holy word in my mouth; whether I am encouraged by the increase of morals, and the prevalence of piety; or humbled and depressed by ignorance of thy laws, and contempt of thy promises, let me not be discontented and impatient, but wait thy good time, when it shall please thee to give the increase. May judgment direct, and zeal stimulate me to try every method and expedient, to convert sinners unto thee. And O, thou Saviour of sinners, if it be thy blessed will, let me not labor in vain. May the hearts of all those over whom thou hast appointed me to watch, receive the word with meekness, apply it with fidelity, and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Grant that the quiet of families, the obedience of servants, the kindness of masters, the duty of children, and the affection of parents, may all result from my preaching of thy holy word. And may it be thy good pleasure, to make a covenant of peace with them, to set thy sanctuary in the midst of them, that they may be thy people, and thou their God, in truth and in righteousness. Produce, I humbly implore thee, this conversion unto thee, in all over whom thou hast made me thy steward; that as often as thou shalt call them to thy awful tribunal, I may have the consolation of believing that they have died in thy faith and

fear; that their peace was made with thee; and that their names were written in the book of life.

When I pray that all the flock may be thine, O God, humbly and earnestly do I beseech thee, that thy flock and shepherd may not be abandoned of thee. Let not my unworthiness to minister at thy altar, be the cause of my reprobation; but when thou shalt summon me to give an account of my stewardship—of my behaviour as a man, of my piety as a Christian, and of my fidelity as a minister—grant that my soul may be supported by faith, and quickened with hope; that the retrospect of a life passed in conformity to thy Gospel, in preaching thy word, and promoting thy glory, may enable me to rejoice with the apostle, in exclaiming—“I have fought a good fight.”

And O may thy Gospel dispense its benignant influence through every land: may it be faithfully preached, and conscientiously practised; and effect the salvation of all thy ministers, the everlasting salvation of those to whom they announce it. But above all, I humbly entreat thee, that thy providence may, in an especial manner, be extended over thy Church, which thy own right hand has planted; do thou be pleased to dwell in the midst of it, that it may be called “the pillar of the truth and the mountain of the Lord of Hosts, the holy mountain.” Extend the knowledge and love of pure doctrines and primitive worship: root out prejudices against it; turn all its members from

the vanities and pride of life: increase in them a spirit of true godliness; and do thou in mercy "make of them a name and praise among all people of the earth." May the holy and zealous lives of its ministers be its brightest ornaments; and may discord and schism be extirpated from the habitation of thy house. May the voice of joy and salvation be heard in every dwelling; and may the several families of which each congregation is composed, erect an altar unto thee, and may they daily offer upon it an oblation of great gladness; saying, blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto God, for ever and ever. I ask all in the name of Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep. *Amen.*

THIRD PRAYER FOR A CLERGYMAN.

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy providence hast brought me into thy immediate service, accept of my desire of serving thee; and grant that in the sincerity of my soul I may perform the several duties of my calling and the vows that are upon me. Blessed be thy good Spirit, that ever it came into my heart to become thy minister. May the same good Spirit make me truly sensible of the honor and danger of so great a trust, and of the account I am to render to thee.

O thou Sovereign Pastor! who gavest thy life

for the sheep, grant that I may never sacrifice my flock to my own ease, convenience, profit, or pleasure; but may I employ my time, my substance, my care, my labor, my prayers, for their well-being continually, and thus, at least, *give my life for sheep*. O thou good Shepherd! I beseech thee to care for myself and for my flock; seek us, lead, defend, and preserve us, to life eternal.

Almighty God, who hast made me a guide to others, suffer me not to go astray myself. Give me grace that I may never follow the inclination of corrupted nature, nor govern myself according to the maxims of an evil world; but give me the spirit, as well as the character, of a minister of Jesus Christ.

O Holy Spirit of grace, sanctify my heart, that no base or impure thought, no mean and covetous affections may lodge there. Govern my tongue, that no corrupt communication may proceed out of my mouth; guard my eyes; purify my hands; guide my feet; order my whole life; that, by the powerful influence of a good example, as well as by my teaching, I may lead the people committed to my care in the ways of truth and eternal life; and that no irregularity in my conversation never render my instructions ineffectual, or the word of religion to be evil spoken of.

O God, give me a true and prudent humility, that I may attend the flock of Christ as a servant; look on him as my pattern, study his conduct;

spirit, spend and be spent for my flock. In flame my heart with an ardent love for thy word, an ardent zeal for thy glory, with a pure and disinterested love for thy Church, and with an earnest desire of establishing thy kingdom in the world.

Almighty God, of whom alone cometh the increase, grant thy blessings on all my ministrations, that they may be effectual to the awakening of the secure, to the comfort of the desponding, to the strengthening of sincere believers in the faith and virtues of the Gospel. O increase, by my labors, the number and the graces of all such as love, and fear, and honor thy holy name.

Assist me by thy good Spirit, that I may apply a proper cure for all the spiritual maladies of my flock; that I may reprove with prudence and with mildness; and like thee, my blessed Master, "bind up the broken-hearted, and comfort those that mourn." And may I never "cease my labor, my care and diligence, until I have done all that lieth in me," both by my public ministrations and private labors, to bring all who are committed to my charge, to an agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ.

And grant, O God, that my care and conduct in the Church of God may appear in the order and piety of my own family. O heavenly Father, bless and take us under thy gracious protection; make us an household fearing God, and examples to others of order, diligence, faithfulness, and piety.

O gracious Lord, look down in mercy upon thy Church which thou hast purchased with thy most precious blood. Save it from heresy and schism. Provide it with faithful laborers, such as shall have a true compassion for the souls committed to their care, and a knowledge and zeal answerable to the account they are to give. Govern especially, the minds of thy servants, the bishops of thy Church, that they may be "faithful, in ordaining others," and never through fear, favor, interest, or negligence, promote any person to the sacred charge of Christ's flock. "May they be so merciful as not to be too remiss, and so minister discipline, that they forget not mercy." And may all presbyters and deacons be mindful of their solemn vows, "reverently to obey those who have the charge and government over them;" that so order, unity, and peace reigning in thy Church, it may finally become a joy and praise throughout the earth. Direct all those who are designed to serve at thy altar. Bless them in their persons, their studies, their intentions. Almighty God, sanctify the persons and labors of the ministers of thy Church, that they may be respected by their people, and for thy authority in them be heard and obeyed. Thus faithfully fulfilling our course, when the chief Shepherd shall appear, may we all receive the never fading crown of glory, and be admitted into everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

OFFICE FOR SOCIETIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
CHRISTIANITY; TO BE USED EITHER DURING THEIR
MEETINGS, OR AT OHER SEASONS.

OUR Father, &c.

Almighty God, who hatest nothing, &c. (*Collect
for Lent.*)

Direct us, O Lord, &c. (*Prayer after the Com-
munion Service.*)

Blessed Lord, who hast caused, &c. (*Second
Sunday in Advent.*)

Almighty God, who showest, &c. (*Third Sun-
day after Easter.*)

Lord of all power and might, &c. (*Seventh
Sunday after Trinity.*)

Most merciful God, we render to thee our
thanks and praise, for having given to us thine
only Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth,
and the life; who having finished his ministry on
earth, commissioned his Apostles, and through them
a succession of pastors to the end of time, to go
into all the world and preach the Gospel to every
creature. We implore thy blessing on all endeavors
for the extending, or continuing, the glad tidings
of thy salvation. Prosper, we beseech thee, all
societies instituted for the distribution of the Holy
Scriptures; or for the translating of them into dif-
ferent languages; or for the converting of heathen
nations; or for the gathering, in this land, or else-
where, of congregations in which thy word may

be preached, its ordinances may be administered, and thy people may offer to thee a reasonable and holy worship. Especially, we ask thy blessing on the society, for * * * * * (whose directors are now assembled in thy name and presence,) that the hearts and the hands of thy people may be open for carrying the design of the institution into effect; that thy servants, its directors, may be endowed with wisdom, with fidelity, and with zeal, in the discharge of the trust committed to them; that all in their employ may be protected by thy providence, and guided by thy grace; and that thy holy word, whether distributed or preached agreeably to thy will, by their agency, and under the influences of thy Holy Spirit, may be "thy power unto the salvation" of the receivers of it. Finally, we pray that the Gospel of thy adorable Son may be faithfully preached, and truly received and followed, in all places, to the removal of all error in religion, and of all wickedness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name, and to be made acceptable to thee, through the merits of the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord, &c.

* Here the title or object of the Society may be named: and the following words omitted, if the prayer be used in private.



AN OFFICE FOR
THE SICK AND AFFLICTED.

A PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON.

O ALMIGHTY God, the father of the spirits of all flesh, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; I desire, with the profoundest humility and reverence, to prostrate both soul and body before thee, begging that thou wouldst give me grace to behold and admire thy doings in all thy dispensations towards myself and all mankind. I acknowledge it thy bounty that I ever was at all, and adore thy mercy and long-suffering for preserving me thus long in the land of the living. My many days and years of health and comfort were thy gift; and the recoveries from former sicknesses, as well as the prevention of those dangers and diseases I never felt, are owing to thee alone. Man doth not live by bread and care, nor is relieved by medicines only, but by the word and blessing which proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Grant me, I beseech thee, a strong and due sense of my entire

dependence upon thee, and grace to improve under, and behave myself in conformity to that persuasion. That if the means used for my ease and relief succeed, I may ascribe all the glory and thanks to thee alone: or if thou thinkest fit to deny them their intended effects, I may humble myself under thy mighty hand, and remember that thou, Lord, hast done it. Inspire me, I beseech thee, with that true and heavenly wisdom, which may help me to discern aright the reasons, and enable me to answer the ends of this correction, and of all thy other dealings with me; and in all conditions to submit myself entirely to thy good pleasure, and glorify God in the day of visitation. So shall this weakness of my body tend to the strengthening of my virtues, and the health of my soul, through the merits of him who redeemed them both at the price of his own blood, even thy Son, and my ever blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECOND PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON.

O MOST merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; grant me, I beseech thee, true repentance and thy Holy Spirit; and then open thine eye of mercy upon my languishing condition, and give me comfort of pardon and forgiveness. Renew in me, most loving Father, whatsoever hath

been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by my own carnal will and frailness ; preserve and continue me in the unity of thy Church ; guard me by thy power from all the assaults of the tempter, and suffer him not to take advantage of my weakness ; consider, I beseech thee, my contrition, accept my tears, hear my own prayers, and those of others, on my behalf, and assuage my pains, as shall seem to thee most expedient for me. In thy mercy, O Lord, I put my full trust ; in thy mercy alone, through the merits and sufferings of my crucified Saviour. Impute not, O Lord, unto me my former sins, but strengthen me with thy blessed Spirit ; and whenever thou art pleased to take me hence, take me unto thy favor, through the merits of thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRD PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON.

HEAR me, almighty and most merciful God and Saviour, and extend thy accustomed goodness to me thy poor servant, now cast upon this bed of languishing, and grieved with sickness. Sanctify, I beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to me, and grant that I may receive it, with all the patience and submission of a dutiful child. I desire to acknowledge and adore thy divine wisdom and goodness in every dispensation of providence towards me ; and only beg that thou wouldst keep

me safe under all, and then use what methods thou pleasest, of bringing me to thyself. Manifest thy strength in my weakness. Make even my feeble condition an instrument of thy glory; and the more my outward man decayeth, strengthen me, I beseech thee, so much the more continually, with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Let the sense of my weakness add strength to my faith, and seriousness to my repentance. That if it be thy good pleasure to restore me to my former health, I may lead the residue of my life in thy fear, and to thy glory; or else grant me grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful life is ended, I may dwell with thee in life everlasting. For this, O Lord, is the chief, the most earnest desire of my soul, that whether I live, I may live unto the Lord; or whether I die, I may die unto the Lord; so that living and dying I may be thine, through Jesus Christ, my dear and only Saviour.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR GRACE TO SANCTIFY AFFLICTIONS.

O ALMIGHTY God, merciful and gracious, who in thy justice didst send sorrow and tears, sickness and death, into the world, as a punishment for man's sins, making short afflictions to minister to an eternal weight of glory: thou hast called me to fellowship with thee in sufferings; Lord, by the instrument of religion, let my present condition be

so sanctified, that thou mayest pity and assist me. Relieve my sorrow, and support my spirit; direct my thoughts, and sanctify my sickness; and grant that the punishment of my sin may be the school of virtue. Lord, make me a holy proficient; that I may behave myself, as a son under discipline, humbly, obediently, and penitently; that I may come by this means nearer unto thee; that if I shall go forth of this sickness by the gate of life and health, I may return to the world with great strength of spirit, to run a new race of a stricter holiness, and a more fervent piety: or if I pass from hence by the cutlet of death, I may enter into the bosom of my Lord. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake, our dearest Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF RESIGNATION.

O **ETERNAL** God, who hast made and sustained me, who hast blessed me in all the days of my life, and hast taken care of me in all variety of accidents, of which none happen in vain, nor without thy providence; I know that thou smitest thy servants in wisdom, and with designs of the greatest pity and mercy. Lord, I humbly lie down under thy rod; do with me as thou pleasest; do thou choose for me, not only the whole state and condition of being, but every little and great accident of it. Keep me safe by thy grace, and then use what instrument thou pleasest of bringing me

to thee. Lord, I am not solicitous of the passage, so I may get to thy bosom. I am thy servant and thy creature, thy purchased possession and thy son: I am all thine; and because thou hast mercy in store for all that trust in thee, I cover mine eyes, and in silence wait for the time of my redemption. Thou who art the God of patience and consolation, strengthen me in the inner man, that I may bear the yoke and burthen of the Lord, without any useless murmurs. Lord, I am unable of myself to stand under the cross; but thou, O holy Jesus, who didst feel the burthen of it, who didst sink under it, and wert pleased to admit one to bear part of the load when thou underwentst all for him, be thou pleased to ease this load by fortifying my spirit, that I may be strongest when I am weakest, and may be able to do and suffer every thing that thou pleasest, through grace strengthening me. Lord, if thou wilt support me, I will for ever praise thee: if thou shouldst suffer the load to press me yet more heavily, I will cry unto thee, and complain unto my God; and at last, if it be thy pleasure, I will lie down and die, and by thy mercies, and intercession of the holy Jesus, and the conduct of thy blessed Spirit, and the ministry of angels, pass into those mansions, where holy souls rest, and weep no more. Lord, pity me; Lord, sanctify this my sickness; Lord, strengthen me; holy Jesus, save me and deliver me. O let me never charge God foolishly, nor offend thee by

my impatience and uneasy spirit, nor weaken the hands and hearts of those that charitably minister to my needs: but though thou breakest me in pieces, my hope is thou wilt gather me up in the gatherings of eternity. Grant this, eternal God, gracious Father, for the merits and intercession of our merciful high priest, Jesus. *Amen.*

A PRAYER TO BE SAID UPON TAKING MEDICINE.

O most blessed and eternal Jesus, thou who art the great physician of our souls, be pleased to bless the ministry of thy servant, in order to my ease and health; direct his judgment, prosper the medicines, and dispose the events of my sickness happily, that I may feel the blessing and loving-kindness of the Lord in the ease of my pain, and the renewal of my health; and, being restored to the society of the living, and to thy solemn assemblies, may I may praise thee and thy goodness in the congregation of thy redeemed ones; here in the outer courts of the Lord, and hereafter in thy eternal temple for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE GRACE OF REPENTANCE.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee in a barren and thirsty land, where no water is. Lord, give me the grace of tears and pungent sorrow; turn my sin into

repentance, and let my repentance proceed to pardon and refreshment. Soften my heart with the fire of thy love, and with penitential showers: make my conscience tender, and the remaining portions of my days like the perpetual watches of the night, full of caution and observance, strong and resolute, and patient. O Lord, I renounce all affection to sin, and would not buy my health, nor redeem my life, with doing any thing against the laws of my God, but would rather die than offend thee. O dearest Saviour, have pity on thy servant; let every sigh be an expression of repentance, and every groan an accent of spiritual life, and every stroke of my disease a punishment of my sin, and an instrument of pardon: that at my return to the land of innocence and pleasure, I may eat of the votive sacrifice of the supper of the Lamb, that was, from the beginning of the world, slain for the sins of every sorrowful and returning sinner. O grant me salutary sorrow here, and joy hereafter, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR PARDON OF SINS.

O JUST and holy God, my sins are innumerable, they are upon my soul in multitudes, and a burthen too heavy for me to bear. But, Lord, thou hast sent thy Son to die for the pardon of sin; thou hast given me thy Holy Spirit, as a seal of adoption to confirm the article of remission of sins; and thou

hast with variety of holy acts softened my spirit, and instructed my understanding, and why should not thy servant humbly hope for the effects of all these thy miraculous acts of loving-kindness? Lord, I deserve it not, but I hope thou wilt pardon me, and I beg it of thee for the sake of Jesus Christ, whom thou hast made the foundation of our hopes, and the mighty instrument, whereby alone we can obtain of thee whatsoever we need and can receive.

Lord, I do from my soul forgive all that have sinned against me: O forgive me my sins, as I forgive them that have sinned against me. Lord, I confess my sins unto thee daily, by the accusations and secret acts of conscience; and if we confess our sins, thou hast called it a part of justice to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Lord, I put my trust in thee; and thou art ever gracious to them that put their trust in thee. I call upon my God for mercy; and thou art always more ready to hear than we to pray. But all that I can do, and all that I am, and all that I know of myself, is nothing but sin, and infirmity, and misery; therefore I go forth of myself, and throw myself wholly into the arms of thy mercy, through Jesus Christ, and beg of thee for his death and passion's sake, by his resurrection and ascension, to be pitiful and compassionate to thy servant. *Amen.*

A HOLY RESOLUTION OF AMENDMENT OF LIFE

O MOST just and most merciful Lord God, I humbly beg of thee that this my sickness may serve the ends of health in the Spirit, and be a messenger of spiritual life. If I recover, I will live by thy grace, and strive to do the work of God, and passionately pursue my interest in heaven, and serve thee in the labor of love, with the diligence of a firm and humble obedience. Lord, I will dwell in thy temple, and in thy service; religion shall be my employment, and alms shall be my recreation, and patience shall be my rest, and to do thy will shall be my meat and drink, and to live shall be Christ, and then to die shall be gain. O spare me a little that I may recover my strength, before I go hence and be no more seen. For Jesus' sake, thy will will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

A PRAYER UNDER SAD ACCIDENTS AND DISASTERS
FALLING ON THE BODY.

O LORD, the most high God, who hast taught us, that affliction rises not out of the dust, nor comes by chance, and without thy appointment; but is the messenger despatched on thy errands, who hast an overruling hand in all the disasters that befall us. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Great God, I humbly submit to thy hand, and will bear the effects of thy displeasure, which I have

drawn down upon myself. O my Lord, give me patience, and strength, and grace, proportionable to this great and sudden trial; and enable me so to demean myself under it, that after the affliction I may find cause to say, it was good for me to be afflicted. Thou that hast torn and smitten, thou alone art able to heal, and bind up. O wilt thou remember me in my low estate, out of that mercy of thine which endureth for ever; that I may search and try my ways, and turn to the Lord, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. For his sake who was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, Lord forgive, and heal my soul that has sinned against thee; and in good time, repair the breaches made upon my body too, if it seem good in thy sight, and make me to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

If thou wilt, Lord, thou canst make me whole. O may it be thy gracious pleasure to glorify thy power and mercy in my help and recovery; or however thou shalt dispose of this vile body, grant me, O my God, an humble resignation to thy will, and satisfaction with thy dealings, and make this sad dispensation, which is so grievous for the time, gracious in the issue. O make it the messenger of thy love to my soul, and the means of converting and sanctifying it, and preparing it for the Lord, and fitting it to receive all the saving mercies of God, in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR A BLIND MAN.

O LORD our God, who art light, and in whom is no darkness at all; thy servant desires with meekness and patience, to submit to thy heavy stroke, and confesses that thou art just in quenching that light of his eyes, which he did not use to thy glory. But wilt thou, O gracious Lord, bless to him this thy afflicting hand upon him, that it may promote his peace with God; and may cut off all the occasions of worse falling, than any to which his present darkness may expose him; that so many temptations, which enter in at the eyes, being taken away, he, freed from those distractions, may be more intent upon the concerns of the soul. Lord, as thou hast shown thy sovereignty and justice, in taking away his sight, so let thy work of power and mercy be made manifest, in enlightening the eyes of his understanding, that he may see what is the hope of thy calling, and what the mighty power of thy Spirit in them that believe. May he be more earnest in looking to Jesus, and studying the mysteries of salvation, the wonders of thy love, and the glories of thy kingdom. Reveal thy Son in him, and teach, and guide, and entertain him with thoughts and considerations pertinent to his condition. And let thy good Spirit as an unseen counsellor and comforter, still abide in him, and bring to his mind, all things that shall make for his encouragement in thy holy ways. O Lord,

lead him on continually, till in thy light he shall see light, and have his eyes opened at the last to see the splendor of thy kingdom, and all the joy of thy salvation; yea, to see thee as thou art, in that heavenly presence where is fulness of joy, and life for evermore, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER UNDER GRIEVOUS PAINS.

O LORD, who art a merciful God, who knowest our frame, and how little it is that we can endure, though it be so much that we deserve; be pleased to remember me in mercy, and make my sufferings less, or thy grace in me, and my patience and spiritual strength, greater than all. Lord, all my desire is before thee, and my groaning is not hid from thee. O regard my affliction when thou hearest my cry; and enter not into judgment with me according to the desert of my sins; but according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake in Jesus Christ. I acknowledge, O Lord, the justice of thy dealings towards me. Suffer not the extremity of my pains to transport me into any rash or unbecoming expressions, nor cause me to entertain hard thoughts of thy providence; but whatever evils or sorrows I may feel, let me still love thee, and believe thee to be a kind and merciful Father, even whilst thou art smiting and correcting me.

And, O blessed Lord, that I may be enabled so

to do, be pleased in thy great mercy to strengthen and support me with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit, and lay not more upon me than thou wilt enable me to bear. I know thou art able to deliver me, and therefore in thee do I put my trust. O stretch forth thine almighty arm to help and relieve me. And sanctify this affliction to me, that it may produce in me the fruits of a true and sincere repentance, purifying, invigorating, exalting my character. O Lord, hear me; O Lord, help me, for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE STUPIFIED OR DELIRIOUS.

O THOU great maker and preserver of men, who knowest our frame and our frailty, let thy mercy, we beseech thee, be showed to thy poor distempered servant, according to the exigence of his case. Thou, Lord Almighty, who didst command the light to shine out of darkness, and bringest order and beauty even out of confusion and deformity, canst lighten the darkest mind, and regulate the wildest imagination; and speaking immediately to the heart, thou canst incline and secure it to thyself, conveying instruction, and all suitable relief, where the doors are closed against us. O God of all power and love, wilt thou thus speak to the soul of thy servant, so that it may observe thy voice. Lord, direct and quicken, help and assist him,

where we cannot, and by virtue of the everlasting covenant with even the helpless and perishing, effect salvation for him by thy own self, in the failure of outward means and applications. O have pity upon his infirmities, and be merciful to his mistakes and failings, his rovings and follies: give him, gracious God, a penitent heart, and a believing, willing mind; and then accept him in thy beloved Son, according to what he hath; and of thy rich grace, make him an entrance into thy everlasting kingdom, whence all the shadows being vanished and gone, he may see light in thy light, and joyfully give thee praise and glory to all eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR A SICK CHILD.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, the smallest, as well as the greatest, are thy work and thy care; and neither without the compass of thy providence, nor below the notice and regard of our heavenly Father. O Lord, let thy thoughts be full of compassion to this sick child, for whose afflictions we are now deeply concerned; and send him that relief and comfort from above, which none of us are able to give; either lighten the load, or increase the strength to bear it; and deal gently and graciously with him, good Lord, beyond what we are worthy to ask at thy hands, even for thy own goodness and mercy's sake. Spare him, O Father

of mercies, and grant him ease and release from his trouble; yea, make haste to deliver him, we humbly beseech thee. And in submission to thy will we beg the recovery of his health, and the continuance of his life, to be spent in thy fear, and to thy praise; or if thou art pleased to take him away so early, O let it be in mercy, that it may be to him the greatest gain to die; that he may not only be delivered from the miseries and dangers of this world, and that which is to come, but may be made ripe for heaven and eternal glory, through the infinite satisfaction and merits of thy beloved Son. And to thy mercy in him, O most gracious God, we commend this afflicted child, beseeching thee to deal tenderly with him, and out of the riches of thy grace, provide and do abundantly, as thou knowest best for him, in life and death, and for evermore, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A PRAYER TO BE USED BY A WOMAN AT ANY TIME
PREVIOUS TO HER TRAVAIL.

O God, who art the author of our being, the fountain of life, and of all blessings, spiritual and temporal; thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone. I adore thy glorious majesty, which has begun an excellent work in me, which no eye but thine sees, and no hand but thine, almighty God, can finish. Be pleased, I beseech thee, in thy great goodness, to perfect and complete that which thou hast now begun in me; and preserve

it and me, from all evil accidents. And bless it, O God, in mind as well as in body; endue it with an understanding capable to know thee, with a heart strongly bent to fear thee, and with all those holy and good dispositions, that may make it always amiable in thy sight. O, sanctify it, I beseech thee, and receive and reckon it for thy child, as soon as it is mine; lent to me for my comfort, but created and reserved by thee for thy service and glory.

O Lord, I humbly commit both myself and this babe, to thy mercy and goodness: strengthen and enable me, I beseech thee, to go through all that thou shall appoint, with patience and submission to thy will; considering that they are the just punishments of sin. Lay no more upon me than thou will enable me to bear. Give me an humble trust and dependence on thy fatherly care and good providence, and make me, in thy good time, a joyful mother of a hopeful child, which may live to be an instrument of thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

A PRAYER WHEN THE TIME OF TRAVAIL DRAWS
NEAR.

O God, the help of all that put their trust in thee, the support of the weak, and the relief of the needy; look with pity upon me thy servant, who, in my best estate, am but a weak and helpless creature; and much more in the condition I am now in, under

which nothing but thy power is able to support me. O Lord, in thee is my trust, who I know, art able and willing to help me; I repose myself, therefore, under the care and protection of thy fatherly goodness, desiring to rest upon thee alone for my support, who art the rock of ages, and the strength of all that put their trust in thee. Oh, let me not be disquieted with the fear of any evil, since none can happen unto me without thy leave; but give me grace patiently to resign myself to thy blessed will in all things, who knowest what is best for me, and who, I trust, will not lay upon me more than thou wilt enable me to bear. O Lord, be thou graciously pleased to proportion my strength to my weakness; and when pain and sorrows have taken hold on me, leave me not under them, I beseech thee, but save and deliver me for thy mercy's sake. And as I have hitherto experienced thy fatherly goodness in every state and condition of my trial, so let me still find the continuance of it, to carry me through this and all the remaining troubles and uneasiness of this life. O Lord, pardon those sins that have made me unworthy of thy care, and deal not with me as I have deserved, but according to thy mercy, and the merits of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Save, Lord, and hear me, O King of heaven, when I call upon thee in this time of my trouble. Be not thou far from me, O Lord; thou art my succor, haste thee to help me. O rem ~~me~~

my sins and offences; but, according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. The sorrows of my heart are enlarged; bring thou me out of my troubles. Look upon my adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sins; that I may show the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. O hide not thou thy face from me; nor cast thy servant away in displeasure. Thou art my succor; make no longer tarrying, O my God, nor suffer me to sink under the burden of pain. O my soul, wait thou still upon God, for my hope is in him. In God is my health and my glory, the rock of my might; and in God is my trust. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR A DYING MAN, PAST HOPE OF
RECOVERY

O THOU hope of Israel, and the Saviour thereof in time of trouble! when all other hope and help fail, we still seek thee for succor and consolation, who canst even bring back from the mouth of the grave, and quicken the very dead. We venture not to beg the recovery of thy servant, O Lord, now that he seems to us just launching forth into his everlasting condition. But, O Lord our God, leave him not, nor forsake him, but support and assist him in his sorest extremities. In his conflict with the king of terrors, let him find the most seasonable aids from thee the author of his salvation; stand by him in his dying hour, and secure him in thy hands

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from the enemies of his soul, and finish all that is wanting of the work of thy grace upon his heart; freely and fully pardon and deliver him from all his sins, and accomplish him to appear with comfort and rejoicing in thy blessed presence. O make his departure easy, and full of peace and hope; carry him safely through the dark passage, upon which he is entering, and let him find at the gate of glory, an access into the everlasting kingdom and joy of his Lord. Into thy hands, we commend his spirit. O thou Father of mercies, receive his departing soul; and when he is numbered among the dead, let him also be numbered among the redeemed and blessed of the Lord, for his sake, who himself died for sinners, and rose again, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HEAR what the voice from heaven declares
To those in Christ who die!
"Releas'd from all their earthly cares,
"They'll reign with him on high.

Then why lament departed friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
Death 's but the servant Jesus sends
To call us to his arms.

If sin be pardon'd, we 're secure,
Death hath no sting beside;
The law gave sin its strength and power;
But Christ, our ransom, died!

The graves of all his saints he bless'd,
When in the grave he lay;
And, rising thence, their hopes he rais'd
To everlasting day!



THANKSGIVINGS

FOR PERSONS IN PRIVATE, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,

IN ADDITION TO THOSE AT THE END OF THE FAMILY PRAYERS.

THANKSGIVING AFTER A SAFE JOURNEY.

ALL thanks and praise that my soul can render, I owe unto thee, O Lord, my God, for that providential goodness which I have experienced in my journey just accomplished. Thou hast been nigh to me, and watchful over me, not only to secure me from the perils of the way, and from sad accidents that might have befallen me, but hast surrounded me with blessings and comforts on every side. When at every step, I was exposed to distressing evils, and might now have been groaning under broken bones, or bruised limbs, yea, might have been cut off and perished in the way, losing not only property and health, but life itself; thou, Lord, hast in mercy preserved and kept me in safety, and restored me to my habitation in peace, and to my accustomed comforts and privileges.

A vain thing, O Lord, is a horse for safety, and man is the worst foe of man; and nothing upon earth can we confide in to defend us, if thou, the blessed keeper of Israel, do not cover us under the

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shadow of thy wings, and give thy angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways. But such invisible guards I have had; and such favor from the Lord of love I have found. That mercy and goodness of the Lord that has followed me all my life, has been renewed afresh, and further manifested to me in these my travels. O how inexhaustible is thy patience, and kindness, and bounty! To thee, O God of my life, and safety, and comfort, be all the glory. O fill me with a most grateful sense of this thy rich grace and continual mercy; and give me a heart abounding with thankfulness and with thy love and praises. May I never more distrust thy providence, nor thy goodness;—may I never forget my vows and obligations; but give me grace to express the unfeigned thanks of my heart, by a holy, and uniform, and zealous obedience, through my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING FOR PRESERVATION AND DELIVERANCE FROM DANGERS AND TROUBLES.

MANY, O Lord my God, are the wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts of mercy which are to us-ward. If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise. I will be glad and rejoice in thee, and sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High. I will praise thee, O Lord, for thou hast

heard me, and art become my salvation. I found trouble and sorrow; then I called upon thee, and thou wast attentive to my cry, and nigh to my help. And though thou mightest have made me an example of thy judgments, as others have been for my admonition, thou didst not consult my deserts but my helplessness and distress; doing great things, and working strange deliverance for me, not because I was worthy, but because thou aboundest in mercy. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing, for God is my defence, and the fountain of my mercy. O Lord God, merciful and gracious, I will extol thee, who hath exalted me, and not suffered trouble and danger to overwhelm me. In my distress I cried to thee, and thou hast enlarged me. Blessed be God, who hast not cast away my prayer, nor turned his mercy from me. O what shall I say unto thee, whose name is exalted far above all blessings and praise! And what shall I do for thee, to whom my goodness will not extend! I can never answer the obligations which thy love, dear Lord, has laid upon me: but teach and help me to admire, and love, and bless, and praise thee, with all the capacities and abilities which thou hast given me. And O that thou wouldst imprint so deeply upon my heart the sense of such seasonable relief, and wonderful mercy, that I may never forget, never slight, nor abuse the great goodness which I have experienced. May my love and gratitude be manifested all the days of my life.

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Let me not become secure and careless, because I have so escaped, but more watchful and diligent, in proportion to the favors and obligations I have received ; proving my thankfulness in such a manner, as thou mayest graciously accept, in my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING FOR THE BEGINNING OF A RECOVERY.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again ; we bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother*, to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be thy name that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness ; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above ; didst support *him* in patience and submission to thy will, and at last, didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards *him* ; and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure : that being restored to health of body, vigor of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness. And grant that the talents of time, and ability to do good, which are now afresh committed to *his* trust, may be, for the time to come, so faithfully improved, that the gifts and graces of a sanctified conversation may hold a due proportion with the blessings *he* has received. Let these excite not

him only, but others also, by *his* example, to love thee more fervently, to serve thee more faithfully, to trust in thee more assuredly ;—in thee, O Lord, who hast shown us thy goodness so plenteously, and daily poureth thy benefits upon us :—in thee who never failest nor forsakest them that seek thee ;—in thee, whose mercies are sweet, whose loving kindness is better than life itself, whose service is perfect freedom, and in keeping whose commandments, there is exceeding great reward— for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, gracious in all thy dispensations toward the children of men ; I, thy unworthy servant, prostrate myself before thee, with the fervent affections of a grateful breast, acknowledging it of thy goodness, that I was not long ago consumed. Thou, Lord, hast chastened and corrected me, but thou hast not given me over unto death. Blessed, therefore, be that divine wisdom, which saw this late affliction seasonable, and would not suffer me to perish in my folly, for want of such necessary warning. Blessed be that tender compassion, which, in the midst of wrath, remembered mercy ; which made all my bed in my sickness ; which passed by my impatience, and many infirmities, and inclined a willing ear, to the wandering and discomposed supplications of a poor



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feeble wretch, when he cried unto thee in his extreme anguish and distress. Blessed be the powerful influences of that grace, which disposed my heart to consideration and repentance. But, above all, blessed for ever be that power and goodness, which, by sparing me, when I had deserved to be utterly cut off, hath given me an opportunity to make good those holy resolutions, which thy grace inspired, when I was in trouble. Lord, let this goodness of thine, and my own serious purposes of amendment, never escape from my mind; but preserve in me a constant sense of the indispensable obligations I lie under to better obedience. Make me every day more and more zealous in promoting thy glory, and the good of my brethren; as a person saved from destruction for this very end, that the remainder of my life should be employed in the service of my gracious deliverer. In this sense, O my God, I humbly offer and present unto thee this soul and body, rescued from hell and the grave, beseeching thee to keep them thine for ever. O let not the return of my health produce a relapse into my former sins, but may it become an instrument of thy greater honor, of my own stricter and more steadfast virtue here, and my more exalted and perfect happiness hereafter.

To this end sanctify, I beseech thee, all the methods of thy providence to the salvation of my immortal soul. And especially, let not thy abused mercies, and my broken vows, ever rise up in

judgment against me. O may my past sufferings work in me great humility and godly fear. Bring back frequently to my remembrance, the promises and supplications poured out in the bitterness of my soul; that those successful addresses to the throne of grace, may stir me up effectually, to the paying what I then so solemnly vowed. Open thou my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may declare thy mercy and truth as long as I live, and praise my God, while I have my being. And, for as much as this recovery is only the lengthening out a little that span of life, which must shortly have an end, suffer me not, I pray thee, to forget that I am a stranger upon earth; but help me so to disengage my heart from these things here below, which my own late experience hath taught me, cannot profit in the day of wrath, that my hopes and affections may be unalterably fixed upon those better and eternal treasures, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. All which I beg for thy own merit's sake, my only Mediator and Redeemer: to whom, with the Father and Holy Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, from me, and every creature, all honor and dominion, thanksgiving and praise, henceforth and for evermore. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING TO BE USED BY A WOMAN AFTER
TRAVAIL.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, in whom I live, and move, and have my being; by thee, I



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have been preserved ever since I was born, and to thy infinite goodness I acknowledge it to be owing that I am now alive. I desire, O Lord, to adore and praise thy glorious Majesty, for the many mercies and favors which thou hast bestowed on me during my whole life. And in a more particular manner, I present myself before thee at this time, to bless and praise thy holy name for thy late mercies in sustaining me in the pains and perils which I have experienced. It was thy power that preserved, thy goodness that delivered me, and thy hand that supported me, when pain and sorrow laid hold upon me. Praised therefore be that infinite love which moved thee to deal so graciously with thy servant, and to enable a feeble creature to go through so much sorrow and anguish. O Lord, give me such a sense of thy goodness, that I may make it the great study and business of my life to serve and please thee in all things; that so my returns of duty and obedience may, in some measure, be answerable to those many mercies I have received. Mortify and subdue in me all sinful affections, and whatever might tend to alienate my love from thee, and to slacken my endeavors after the pursuit of heavenly things.

I commend likewise, O Lord, to thy mercy, that tender infant which thou hast given me. Sanctify it, I humbly pray thee, and so fill it with the graces of thy Holy Spirit, that it may ever be in the number of thy faithful servants. Grant, O

merciful Father, that I may never be wanting in my duty towards it ; but enable me, by thy grace, to bring it up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord ; that as it grows in years, it may increase in grace and thy favor, and be a comfort to me all my days, and a blessing to the Christian community.

All which I humbly beg, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, all honor, power, thanksgiving, and praise, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

THAGKSGIVING FOR TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

GRACIOUS GOD, the bountiful provider for all the world's family, the eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Year after year thou renewest the face, and the fruits of the earth, and givest rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, to fill the hungry with good things, and to fill all our hearts with food and gladness. Thou art not weary to do us good ; yea, thou delightest in mercy, and hast pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants, and makest us now to find, by our happy experience, how abundantly good and kind thou art, even to the unthankful and the evil.

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FOR RAIN.

O LORD, who hast sent a gracious rain upon thy inheritance, to refresh the dry and thirsty land, and cause it to yield its increase; thou hast given me a joyful opportunity of serving and praising thee in the abundance of the provisions which thou art pleased thus to make for us. O that men would praise thee for thy goodness, and for thy wonderful works to the children of men. O good God, to thy name be all the glory rendered now and eternally.

FOR FAIR WEATHER.

LORD, who hast in mercy shut the windows of heaven, and put a stop to the overflowing showers that threatened to drown the fruits of the earth, I bless thee that thou hast caused this sweet and comfortable change to refresh thy unworthy servants, and to make all the creatures rejoice in thy goodness. Blessed be our God, that deals so graciously with us; and glory be to thy name, thou great withholder of all evils, and giver of all good. Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

FOR THE CESSATION OF PESTILENCE.

O THOU great preserver of men, who hast delivered my soul from the grave, and kept me, that I should

not go down to the pit; the jaws of death were open upon me, and my heart was failing for fear of the raging destruction, when the air was to so many the sad messenger of death. Thousands have fallen on every side of me, and it has not come nigh me. But I have dwelt in the secret places of the Most High, and, under the shadow of the Almighty, have been kept in safety. O what shall I say, what shall I give unto thee, my present help, and only Saviour, in time of trouble. I am every way thine, O Lord, and to thee only be all the glory. I bless thee, my God, as one that is made alive from the dead. O that my heart may be deeply affected by this thy sparing mercy; and that the life which has been given to my prayers, I may return back to be spent in thy service, that I may love, and please, and praise my God, while I have my being, through Jesus Christ, my God and Saviour.

FOR VICTORY OVER OUR ENEMIES.

O ALMIGHTY LORD, the most high God, who rulest the kingdoms of men, and dost whatsoever thou pleasest in heaven and in earth, in thy hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee. Thou hast saved us from our enemies, and put them to shame that hated us. It was not by our own power that we have prospered; nor did our own sword or arm save us: but thy right hand,

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and thy arm, and the light of thy countenance. Thine, O Lord, is the power, and the glory, and the victory. Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. O thou great Lord of Hosts, who givest such safety and good success, wilt thou teach us also rightly to use thy marvellous kindness and love; that being delivered from the hands of our enemies, we may serve thee, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER AND PRAISE FOR A CONVERTED SINNER.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify thy name for evermore; so great is thy mercy towards me, that thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. My lips therefore shall greatly rejoice, when I sing to thee, and my soul which thou hast redeemed, shall make her boast in the Lord. For I was in darkness, but now am light in the Lord; I was dead, and am alive again; I was lost, and am found. When no eye pitied me, and when I had not a heart to pity myself, then didst thou, Lord of love, look upon me in my blood, and bid me live. O sinful wretch, that I should be taken, and others left! I am amazed at thy kindness and love, O God my Saviour. I praise thee that thou hast at length overcome my heart, by thy Almighty grace. I bless thee for all the patience and forbearance thou

didst exercise towards me in my perverseness and dullness. I thank thee for all the great things which thou hast done for my soul, more than if thou hadst set me up with the princes of the earth, and blessed me with all the fulness and glory of the world. Soon will all these things pass away and perish, but the word of God, by which I am born again, lives and abides for ever. Blessed be God, his grace which brings salvation, appearing to me, is in me a well of water springing up to everlasting life. O God of all grace, who had such thoughts of mercy towards me, even when I was in enmity against thee, and did nothing but forget and provoke thee, thou wilt not despise the day of small things, nor cast me off for the failings of my services, after thou hast brought my soul from the gates of hell, within prospect of thy heavenly glory. O blessed change, and mighty work, worthy of God! What shall I render to the Lord for these greatest of all benefits, which I am not able so much as worthily to express? Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. My God and Saviour, I was hopeless and helpless, and at the lowest thou hast remembered me; at the worst thou hast holpen and comforted me; the fear of hell was upon me, and thou hast delivered me from that bondage to rejoice in hope of thy glory. O blessed God of my salvation, accept the oblation of myself, and all my services, together with my thanks and praise, for this thy

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mercy in Christ Jesus, and grant that the remainder of my life may be spent in thy love and in thy faithful service. O that I may experience joy and peace in believing, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and count thy love better than wine, and prefer it above my chiefest joy. Make me a true and faithful subject of that spiritual kingdom, which is righteousness, and peace, and joy, in the Holy Ghost. Give me such a consciousness of thy Spirit's operation in me, by the fruits of that Spirit, such evidences of thy power, such hopes of thy glory, and such tokens to assure my heart of thy everlasting love in Christ Jesus, that my soul may bless thee, O Lord, and all that is within me, may praise thy holy name. Accept, O gracious Father, and continue me for thy own, and make me still fitter for thy blessed acceptance in Jesus Christ my Saviour.

Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING. (L. M.)

- 1 My op'ning eyes with rapture see
 The dawn of thy returning day ;
 My thoughts, O God, ascend to thee,
 While thus my early vows I pay.
- 2 I yield my heart to thee alone,
 Nor would receive another guest ;
 Eternal King ! erect thy throne,
 And reign sole monarch in my breast.
- 3 O bid th' ensnaring world retire,
 And drive each carnal thought away ;
 Nor let me feel one vain desire,
 One sinful thought through all the day
- Then, to thy courts when I repair,
 My soul shall rise on joyful wing,
 The wonders of thy love declare,
 And join the strains which angels sing.

EVENING. (C. M.)

- 1 Now from the altar of our hearts,
 Let flames of love arise ;
 Assist us, Lord, to offer up
 Our ev'ning sacrifice.
- 2 Minutes and mercies multipl'd,
 Have made up all this day ;
 Minutes came quick, but mercies were
 More swift, more free than they.
- 3 New time, new favors, and new joys,
 Do a new song require ;
 Till we shall praise thee as we would,
 Accept our hearts' desire.

MORNING. (C. M.)

- 1 To thee let my first off'rings rise,
Whose sun creates the day,
Swift as his gladd'ning influence flies,
And spotless as his ray.
- 2 This day thy fav'ring hand be nigh,
So oft vouchsaf'd before ;
Still may it lead, protect, supply,
And I that hand adore.
- 3 If bliss thy providence impart,
For which, resign'd, I pray,
Give me to feel a cheerful heart,
And grateful homage pay.
- 4 Affliction should thy love intend,
As vice or folly's cure,
Patient to gain that gracious end,
May I the means endure.
- 5 Be this and every future day
Still wiser than the past,
And when I all my life survey,
May grace sustain at last.

EVENING. (L. M.)

- 1 GREAT GOD! to thee my ev'ning song
With humble gratitude I raise :
O let thy mercy tune my tongue,
And fill my heart with lively praise.
- 2 My days unclouded as they pass,
And ev'ry onward rolling hour,
Are monuments of wondrous grace,
And witness to thy love and power
- 3 And yet this thoughtless, wretched heart,
Too oft regardless of thy love,
Ungrateful, can from thee depart,
And from the path of duty rove.

- 4 Seal my forgiveness in the blood
Of Christ, my Lord ; his name alone
I plead for pardon, gracious God,
And kind acceptance at thy throne.
- 5 With hope in him my eyelids close,
With sleep refresh my feeble frame ;
Safe in thy care may I repose,
And wake with praises to thy Name.

MORNING HYMN. (L. M.)

- 1 AWAKE, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily course of duty run ;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 Redeem my mispent time that 's past ;
Live this day, as if 't were thy last :
T' improve thy talents take due care ;
'Gainst the great day thyself prepare.
- 3 Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear ;
Think how the all-seeing God, thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
- 4 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part ;
Who all night long unwearied sing,
Glory to thee, eternal King.
- 5 I wake, I wake, ye heavenly choir,
May your devotion me inspire :
That I like you my age may spend,
Like you may on my God attend.
- 6 May I like you in God delight,
Have all day long my God in sight ;
Perform like you my Maker's will :
O! may I never more do ill.

- 7 Glory to thee, who safe hast kept
And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless life partake.
- 8 Lord, I my vows to thee renew;
Scatter my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first spring of thought and will,
And with thyself my spirit fill.
- 9 Direct, control, suggest this day,
All I design, or do, or say,
That all my pow'rs, with all their might,
In thy sole glory may unite.
- 10 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, y' angelic host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

EVENING HYMN. (L. M.)

- 1 GLORY to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light:
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Under thine own Almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ills that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Triumphing rise at the last day.
- 4 O may my soul on thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
Sleep, that may me more vig'rous make,
To serve my God, when I awake.

- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
 My soul with heavenly thoughts supply:
 Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
 No powers of darkness me molest.
- 6 O when shall I, in endless day,
 For ever chase dark sleep away,
 And hymns divine with angels sing,
 Glory to thee, eternal King!
- 7 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise him all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, y' angelic host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DAILY DEPENDANCE. (II. 3.)

- 1 WHEN, streaming from the eastern skies,
 The morning light salutes mine eyes,
 O Sun of righteousness divine,
 On me with beams of mercy shine
 Chase the dark clouds of sin away
 And turn my darkness into day.
- 2 When to heaven's great and glorious King
 My morning sacrifice I bring;
 And, mourning o'er my guilt and shame,
 Ask mercy, Saviour, in thy name;
 My conscience sprinkle with thy blood,
 And be my advocate with God.
- 3 As ev'ry day thy mercy spares
 Will bring its trials and its cares;
 O Saviour, till my life shall end,
 Be thou my counsellor and friend;
 Teach me thy precepts, all divine,
 And be thy pure example mine.
- 4 When pain transfixes ev'ry part,
 Or langour settles at the heart;
 When on my bed, diseas'd, oppress'd,
 I turn, and sigh, and long for rest;
 O Great Physician! see my grief,
 And grant thy servant sweet relief.

- 5 Should poverty's destructive blow
Lay all my worldly comforts low ;
And neither help nor hope appear,
My steps to guide, my heart to cheer
Lord, pity and supply my need,
For thou, on earth, wast poor indeed.
- 6 Should Providence profusely pour
Its varied blessings on my store ;
O keep me from the ills that wait
On such a seeming prosp'rous state
From hurtful passions set me free,
And humbly may I walk with thee.
- 7 When each day's scenes and labors close,
And wear'd nature seeks repose,
With pard'ning mercy richly bless'd,
Guard me, my Saviour, while I rest ;
And, as each morning sun shall rise,
O lead me onward to the skies.
- 8 And, at my life's last setting sun,
My conflicts o'er, my labors done,
Jesus, thy heavenly radiance shed,
To cheer and bless my dying bed ;
And, from death's gloom my spirit raise
To see thy face and sing thy praise.

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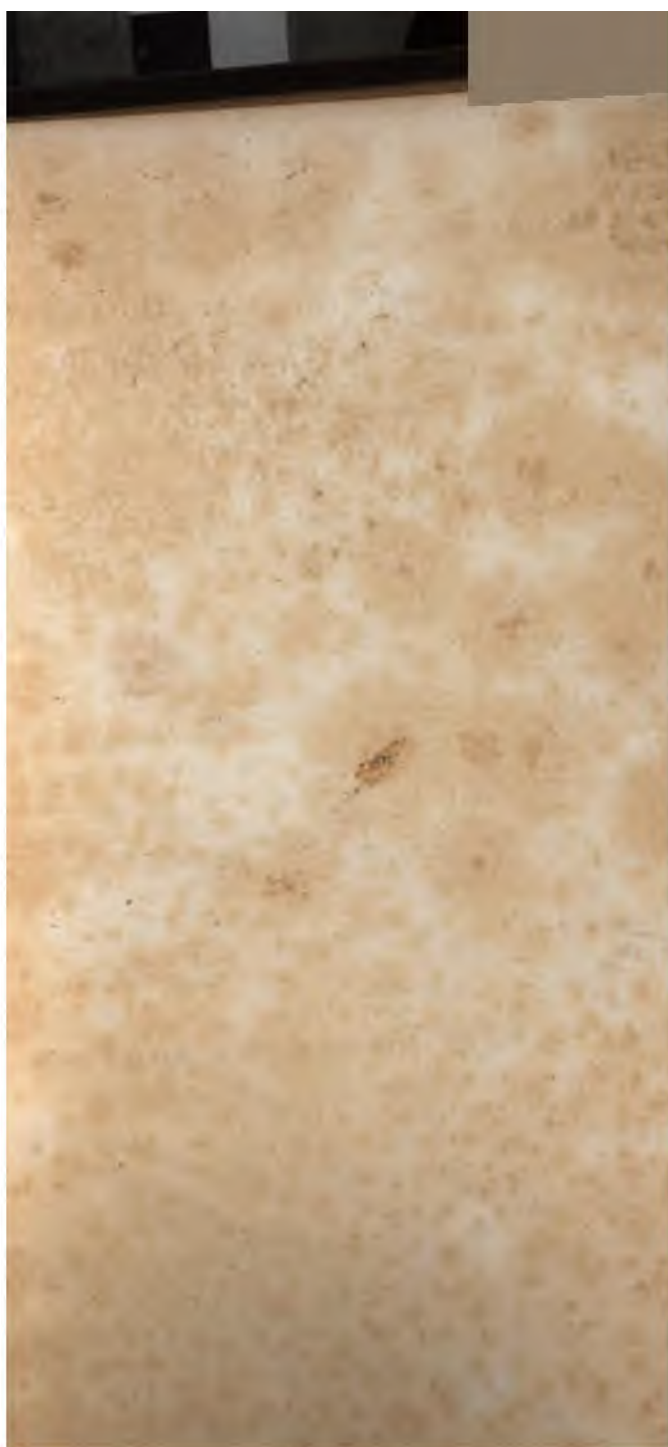
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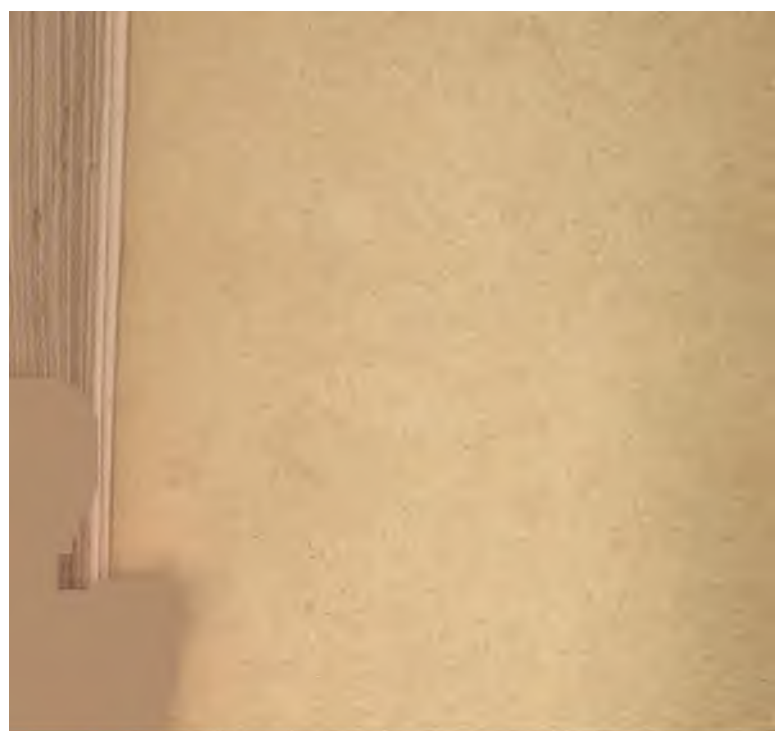
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