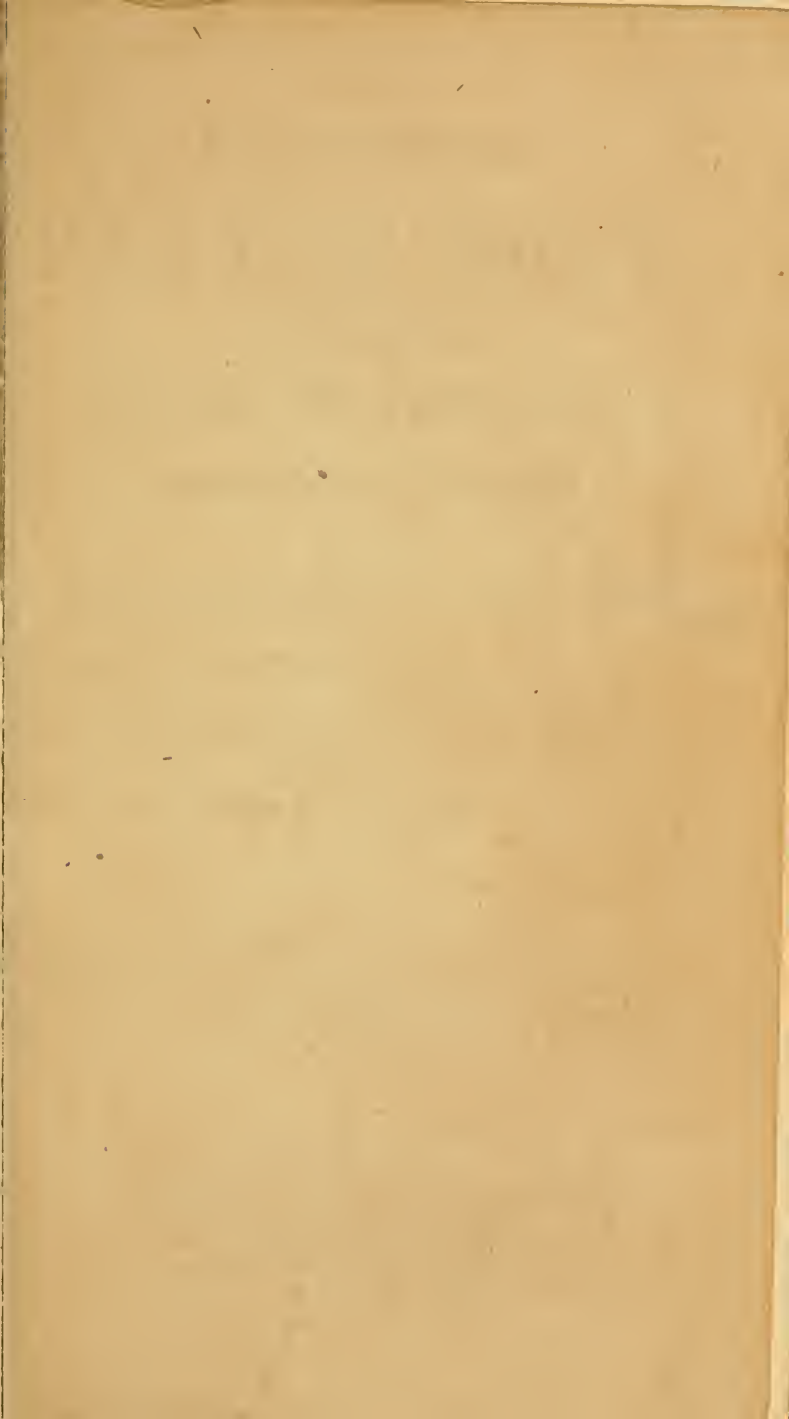
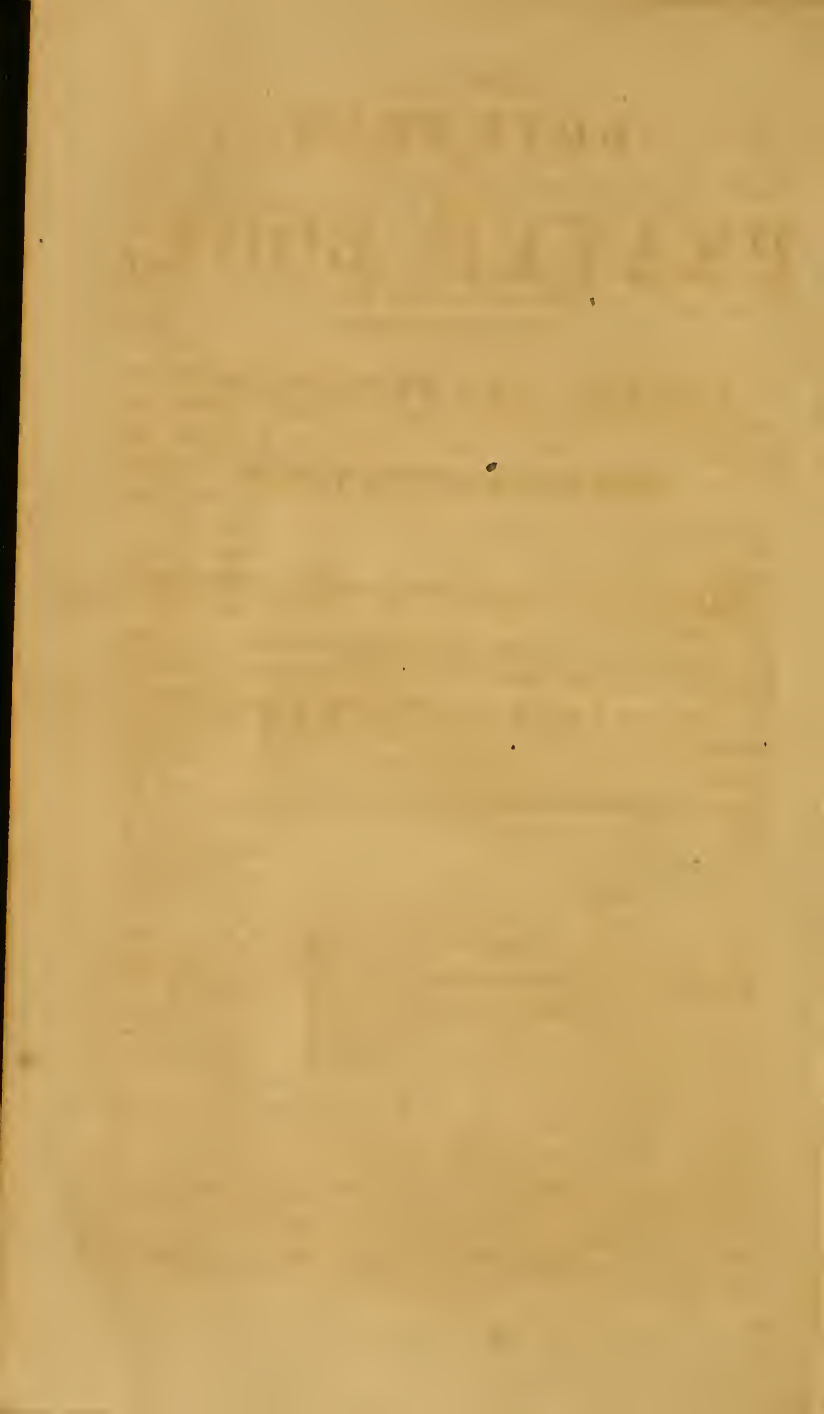


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*Partly Original but chiefly Compiled.*

WITH  
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ON FAMILY PRAYER,

TOGETHER WITH  
A SELECTION OF HYMNS,

And Music adapted to them.

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## P R E F A C E .

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THOUGH it is believed, that nothing will be found in this Prayer-book to prevent its free use in any Protestant christian family, yet it has been prepared mainly with a view to the Lutheran Church. In the German language we are abundantly supplied with such helps; but in English, a general and complete prayer-book, adapted to daily devotion, to special occasions, and to every emergency, has thus far remained a desideratum, which it has been our aim to supply. It is therefore hoped, that the Lutheran Church especially, will encourage this enterprise.

We greatly prefer that both ministers and laymen should pray *extempore*. Prompted and guided by the Holy Spirit, the prayers that come forth fresh from our own heart, couched in our own language, even though homely and defective, will be more likely to express our peculiar wants and to prove edifying to those who join in the solemn and delightful exercise. But there are seasons when even those who are accustomed to pray extempore, would prefer the aid of a prayer-book; heads of families whose duty it is to lead in family-prayer twice a day for a long time, are in danger of falling into tautology, sameness, and consequent coldness and formality; and there are moreover, many who are deterred altogether from attending to this important duty by diffidence, or by supposed want of ability. The latter persuade themselves, that to lead in social or family prayer, is a *gift* which they possess not and cannot attain; and under this plea they neglect it entirely. To meet all these cases, so far as lay in our power, has been our great design.

We deem it our duty to state, that we have made free use of all the facilities to family devotion within our reach. The arrangement is indeed our own; some of the prayers also are original, and those selected, have all been more or less altered and amended, so as to render them more simple and direct, and to adapt them more fully to the purpose contemplated. The sources from which we have culled,

are the Lutheran Liturgy, Communicant's Companion, Harkey, Wyatt, Jay, Barnes, Moore, Crosswell, Habermann, &c.

It will be seen that we have selected Scripture lessons for every morning and evening. For the first week these lessons are duplicated; the one being printed in full, and the other merely referred to. This plan we have thus partially adopted, in order to ascertain the sense of the public in regard to it. Should a second edition be called for, the arrangement will be modified to suit the public wish.

A considerable number of "occasional prayers," suited to almost every supposable condition, will be found. These are designed to be incorporated in the daily morning and evening prayers, as circumstances may require. The precise point at which they are to be introduced, is sufficiently indicated. They may however, also be used separately or apart from the stated daily devotions.

As the singing of God's praise is a delightful part of family devotion, a collection of Hymns and Tunes has been added. The hymns have been culled from various authors; and in the selection of the music, we have been aided by a gentleman of science as well as refined taste, in whose judgment in such matters, we repose entire confidence.

With these remarks we commend the book to God's blessing, hoping the church may find cause to approve of it, and earnestly praying that it may become one of the aids by which the great ends of the family organization shall be secured, and a means whereby the worship of God shall be extended and perpetuated among the families of this land, and especially of the Lutheran Church.

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BALTIMORE, April 1, 1852.



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# INTRODUCTION.

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## PRAYER IN GENERAL.

### 1. *What is prayer?*

Prayer is the converse of the heart with God; or an appeal\* to him to bestow blessings, or to avert evils. In the Lord's prayer we call on him, first, to confer some good, and second, to turn away some evil. David represents it as "the words of his mouth and the meditation of his heart." Psa. 19, 14. It may be more fully defined as, a heart-felt address to the Supreme Being, consisting of adoration, confession of sin, supplication for pardon and blessings in conformity to the divine will, intercession, and thanksgiving. It may, however, consist of a single petition, be extemporaneous, written, or printed.

### 2. *To whom must prayer be addressed?*

To the Triune God only; he himself says: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Ex. 20. 3. And when Satan tempted Christ to fall down and pray to him, he indignantly replied: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matt. 4. 10. We may, however, call on either of the persons of the Holy Trinity. John 5. 23; Phil. 2. 9—10; Heb. 1. 6; Acts 7. 59. But we have no Scriptural authority to pray to angels, nor to saints, such as the apostles, the Virgin Mary, or the departed spirits of other holy persons. Angels may indeed convey the sufferings or necessities of the righteous on earth to God; and so likewise, glorified spirits in heaven may intercede for those living on earth, as they did while in the flesh; but it would be in vain, as well as contrary to the teaching of the Bible, to ask them to do so, because, being neither omnipresent nor omniscient, it is impossible for them to hear us. The Most High says: "I am God, and there is none else." It is his prerogative to search the heart, to understand the secret breathings of the soul, and to hear the multitudes of suppliants who are simultaneously sending forth their requests from ten thousand different locations of his vast empire. Moreover, he alone can pardon sin and fulfil all our desires. What supreme folly then, to offer up prayer to the creature instead of the Creator; to present our petitions to those who can neither hear nor answer, while there is a God who both heareth and answereth, and is more willing to give than we are to receive!

\* The original Hebrew word signifies *appeal*, whereby we refer our own cause, or that of others, to God, appealing to him for help.

### 3. *What is meant by praying in Christ's name?*

To do a thing in the name of another, often means to do it by his authority; thus, to pray in Christ's name, is to pray because he requires it, or in obedience to his command. But this is not all. It also implies, that in approaching and addressing a throne of grace, we rely entirely on the blood and righteousness of Christ, or the vicarious and atoning sacrifice of himself on the cross, trusting confidently in his precious promises, and looking for acceptance and a gracious answer wholly on account of his infinite merits. The mere uttering of his name in our supplications, is however, by no means sufficient; for, to pray in Christ's name presupposes that we are convinced of our total want of merit before God, and that all our hope of a hearing proceeds exclusively from the perfect righteousness which he wrought out for us by his passion and death. This is an essential feature of acceptable prayer; Christ says, "*No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"

### 4. *What is implied by praying "in spirit and in truth?"*

In *spirit* signifies with feeling and fervor; not merely with the lips or by empty forms, but from the heart and through the influence of the Holy Ghost.

In *truth* means in sincerity, in opposition to outward pretense. Thus, a man prays in *spirit* when, by the assistance of the Holy Ghost, he brings all his affections and desires to the throne of God; and he prays in *truth*, when every purpose and passion of his heart, and every part of his prayer are sincere and regulated by the word of God. He is most devout, who exercises the fullest faith in Christ, and whose soul is most fully possessed of his spirit.

### 5. *You have spoken of the Holy Ghost in connection with prayer; is his assistance necessary in order to pray effectually?*

Yes; the apostle teaches us, Rom. 8. 26, that "we know not what to pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered." We are by nature averse to pray, and unless moved by the Spirit we should have no inclination; nor have we ability to pray aright unless aided by the Spirit. But blessed be God! the Spirit knocks at the door of our heart and offers his aid, even before we ask or seek it. Let us rejoice that the Spirit of prayer is promised to all; Zech. 12. 10. Matt. 7. 11.

Holy Spirit, breathe a spirit of prayer on our families, our churches, and our nation! May the Holy Ghost teach us to pray with the understanding, the heart and with fervor; then shall we pray acceptably and effectually, both for ourselves and for others.

### 6. *For what blessings ought we to pray?*

For "blessings in conformity to God's will."

In that perfect model of prayer bequeathed to the church by its Great Head, we are taught to pray: "thy will be done." And the same lesson is impressed upon us by his own example. With the deepest fervor and pathos, he prayed that he might be delivered from the awful agony he was suffering: "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." But he added: "nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." All our prayers, therefore, should be offered in unreserved submission to the divine will, and we should desire nothing which it is not his good pleasure to confer.



7. *But how shall we know what is in conformity to God's will?*

By diligently reading the Sacred Scriptures, and especially acquainting ourselves with the many precious promises, which abound on almost every page of the inspired volume. From them we learn that it is agreeable to God's will to bestow *temporal* blessings. Isa. 33. 16; Ps. 34. 10. But as his promises of *spiritual* good are far more abundant and glorious, and as the blessings which concern the soul and immortality exceed those which have respect only to the body and to time, as much as the heavens are above the earth, we are bound to make spiritual and eternal blessings the principal burden of our supplications. How emphatically our Lord inculcates this truth when he admonishes us: "Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6. 33.

8. *For whom ought we to pray?*

Paul exhorts us to "make supplications for *all men*." We have no right therefore, to exclude any rational being on earth from our prayers. The *church* especially, and her *ministry*, should share in our sympathy. We should pray for her unity and prosperity, for the healing of divisions and the removal of useless distinctions; that fraternal affection may animate her members, and that all may learn to feel, that while "one is their Master, even Christ, they all are brethren." The *ministers* of the church in particular should be made the subjects of our appeals at a mercy-seat, that they may not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, and may watch for souls as those who must give an account.

The *civil government*, *magistrates*, *cabinet officers* or *ministers of state*, our *brethren*, our *enemies*, and *all sorts* of men, both those that are living and those that shall live hereafter, should be remembered in our supplications. Judson, the distinguished missionary, felt it to be his especial duty to pray for his posterity, that his children and children's children, to the latest generation, might be a godly seed and useful subjects of Immanuel's kingdom, whom the Lord would delight to bless, and whom he, the pious progenitor, might meet and rejoice with in heaven.

Our personal enemies and the enemies of God's church are appropriate subjects of intercession. The gospel expressly teaches us "to love our enemies, bless them that curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them that despitefully use us and persecute us." Matt. 5. 44. In this the religion of Christ rises high above every other system. and most gloriously proclaims its heaven-born origin. Never, before the despised Galilean appeared, who however was at the same time the God of the universe, had the world heard such a teacher nor such doctrine!

In one word, we must make *the whole family of man* the subject of our prayers.

9. *Is it right to pray for the dead?*

No; God has not commanded this, either directly or indirectly; either by general principle or specific precept. To pray for departed spirits, would therefore not be "in conformity to his will." We have, moreover, no example on record in the Bible, of a pious man's praying for the deceased. And if we had, it would possess no binding force, since the teaching of God is higher authority than the ex-

ample even of the pious. Independently of all this, we learn from the Scriptures, that the present life is the only state of probation; that while here we may repent and be saved; but that death decides and fixes unalterably and for ever, the character and condition of every one.

10. *What is the design of prayer?*

It is briefly and simply to obtain from God, in his own appointed way, the blessings we need. The awakened sinner is sensible that he is spiritually "miserable, poor, blind, and naked," and accordingly needs many blessings which none but God can confer. Prayer is the instrumentality, instituted by God, to obtain these blessings. We therefore pray because God has commanded it, and because it is his pleasure to impart blessings in answer to it. He might supply all our spiritual wants without our prayers, just as he might furnish food and raiment without a single effort on our part; but it is very certain that this is not his accustomed mode of procedure. A wealthy and benevolent man said to one of his humble dependents: I am kindly disposed toward you and always ready to relieve your necessities; but for reasons satisfactory to myself, and which would also satisfy you if you could understand them, it is my fixed determination to afford you no relief unless you ask me, and that too in a becoming manner. Thus God acts. In his wise counsels as well as in the moral fitness of things, there is an inseparable connection between appropriate prayer and the blessings bestowed upon the suppliant. "I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them." Ezek. 36. 37.

Let it not therefore, be inferred, that prayer is an arbitrary arrangement and exhibits God as a despot rather than as a kind and merciful Father. On the contrary, there is the highest wisdom and propriety in ordaining prayer as the medium of obtaining blessings. The man who prays, is by this very act taught to feel his wants and dependence on God, and prepared to receive the blessings he needs, with a spirit of gratitude, reverence and obedience. It is not despotic but reasonable and proper, for infinite wisdom to bestow on an humble suppliant, that which it would very properly withhold from him, who refuses to pray. One man feels that he is unspeakably poor and helpless, while God is infinitely rich and merciful; another thinks he is increased in goods and has need of nothing, and proudly asks in his conduct: "What is the Almighty that I should serve him? and what profit shall I have if I pray unto him?" The one prostrates himself before God in profound self-abasement; and in humble reliance on Christ's atonement pleads for mercy; the other is too self-sufficient, too indolent, too indifferent, or too worldly-minded, to seek for mercy or even to bow his knees before the Majesty of the universe, or to receive a single favor at the hands of God, with due appreciation and grateful reverence. Is there not a moral fitness in communicating to the one, and withholding from the other? Reason declares that there is, and revelation places it beyond a cavil or a doubt. In the Scriptures we are taught expressly, that such is absolutely the system of infinite wisdom and goodness; and that blessings actually descend only as answers to prayer. It is "the hungry (the praying penitent,) that are filled with good things, while the rich (the self-sufficient,) are sent empty away." Luke 1. 53.

"This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." 1 Joh. 5. 14.

In this view of the design of prayer, the objections based on God's omniscience, immutability and benevolence, accordingly all fall to the ground. The intention is not to make him acquainted with our wants; for he knows them better than we do ourselves. Nor to alter his mind or bring about a change in his counsels; for with him there is no variableness nor shadow of turning. Nor to incline him to kindness; for he is infinitely disposed to exercise compassion toward all who look to him for it, without any moving argument from us. He does not say: "Ask," that I may know what you want; or "ask," and I will change my mind; or "ask," and you will persuade me to give; but simply and unconditionally: "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." The design then is, to comply with God's command; to obtain mercy in his own appointed way, and to awaken and cultivate that frame of mind and condition of heart which will prepare us for the proper reception and due appreciation and application of his blessings.

#### 11. *Is it the duty of all men to pray?*

Yes; God commands all men every where to pray; and every one is bound to obey. It has been said that the unconverted have no right to pray, and that they only bring upon them God's displeasure if they attempt it. But if unregenerate men offend God, it is not because of an humble attempt to pray, but because they persist in their impenitence and refuse to be converted. John 9. 31 is quoted to prove that God will not regard the supplications of the impenitent: "Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but if," &c. But this is not decisive, because this was merely the declaration of a man who had been blind and who was not inspired; it alludes, moreover, only to the prayer of an impostor who prays for the gift of miracles. Solomon represents God as saying to the wicked: "They shall call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me." Prov. 1. 28. But this refers to the hopeless cries of the wicked, after their day of probation has ended. There are however, inspired passages which teach, that presumptuous sinners will not be heard, such as Prov. 15. 8. Isa. 1. 15. Amos 5. 22-23. But why will God not hear them?—because they do not pray aright. Let them humble themselves in penitence before God, and call upon him in all their deep moral degradation, in the name of Christ, and their prayers will be acceptable and bring down pardon and salvation, though they were ten thousand times more vile and hell-deserving than they are.

But still it is their duty to pray, though while clinging to their sins they cannot pray acceptably. God commands all men to pray, and suspends the bestowal of his blessings upon the performance of this duty. To plead exemption on account of impenitence and consequent inability, would be nothing less than seeking to excuse one delinquency by pleading guilty to another, or to justify one violation of God's law by committing another. Jehovah can make no allowance for our persistence in wilful iniquity; and as theft does not extenuate falsehood, so unbelief cannot palliate prayerlessness.

But even to the unregenerate, prayer is not wholly useless. They universally believe that they *can* pray with their present disposition,

so as at least to satisfy themselves; and not improbably, God also. Now, there is perhaps no way, in which they so effectually unlearn this doctrine, as by their own attempts at prayer. They soon learn to see their own prayers in a light and with a distinctness and certainty, never, perhaps, experienced in any other case. Amid the anxiety and earnestness, with which awakened sinners pray, they come, without an exception, first to doubt their own ability to pray as they ought; and then, without a doubt, to believe, that their prayers are wholly destitute of evangelical worth. This important part of self-knowledge, is acquired in no other way so readily as by attempts to pray. By such means, thousands of sinners have been brought to a state of absolute humiliation, and a full conviction of their entire dependence on Christ for holiness and salvation. Not to be able to pray, so as to be in some degree satisfied and comforted by our prayer, is to be poor indeed. This humbled, dependent state of mind is that in which the grace of the gospel is usually bestowed on men.

12. *How must we pray in order to insure an answer?*

This question has already been incidentally answered; but for the sake of plainness we will recapitulate. We must pray,—

1. In *faith*. Matt. 11. 2-4. This faith implies, at least, some knowledge of, and full confidence in, God's promises, in which he engages to hear us and to bestow all needful blessings.

2. In *Christ's name*; see answer to question 3.

3. In *spirit and in truth*; see answer to question 4.

4. In *unqualified submission to the divine will*; see answer to question 6.

5. With *perseverance*. 1 Thess. 5. 17. "Pray without ceasing." Eph. 6. 18. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all *perseverance*." Though we meet with the greatest difficulties; though an answer be long delayed, and our spiritual enemies tempt us a thousand times to abandon the duty, yet must we hold on despite of all discouragements. Job 13. 15; Luke 18. 1—; in Matt. 15. 21-29 we have a striking example of earnest, persevering, and finally, successful prayer.

If we pray thus, we may rest assured that God will answer; if not in the way that we desire, yet in some other way, more conducive to his glory and to our own welfare; as in the case of Moses, who prayed that he might be permitted to enter the earthly Canaan, and God transported him to the heavenly Canaan, which was infinitely better.

It must not, however, be supposed, that prayer is answered because there is any thing meritorious in it; for all blessings are the gifts of God's rich grace on account of the infinite merits of Christ. Nor that a change is effected in the mind of God; for he is immutable. But it is because it is God's established plan to give in answer to prayer, and because there is a peculiar propriety, becoming his character, so to act. Prayer is therefore, as necessary a pre-requisite to a blessing, as ploughing and sowing, rain and sunshine are to a harvest; in fact, there is even a more regular connection between the former than the latter. For there are blessings which never are given to men who do not pray, such as peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, final perseverance in piety, &c. These are the test of all blessings; they are never found by prayerless men; but they are, without



fail, imparted to all who pray in faith, and are evidently given in answer to prayer. "To renounce all good," said a distinguished man, "when it is attainable by any means, however difficult, is the conduct of a *fool*. To renounce it when the means are the easiest possible, is the conduct of a *madman*." Such a fool and such a madman is he who will not pray. To pray costs neither money, pains, nor time. Why then do multitudes neglect to pray? "The true explanation," says the same writer, "of this mysterious, sottish violation of every dictate of reason, conscience and revelation is, that all these persons hate their duty. *They sin against God, and wrong their own souls; they hate him, and love death.*" See Dwight's Theology.

## FAMILY-PRAYER.

13. *What is meant by family-worship?*

The collecting together of the members of a family at stated periods, for divine worship

14. *In what does it consist?*

Usually in singing God's praise, reading the Scriptures, and calling upon the Lord in Christ's name.

15. *Is family prayer expressly enjoined in Scripture?*

It is not, and this has often been urged as an apology for its neglect. But none but the ignorant and those who are averse to the duty in question, will attempt to justify the omission under so groundless a plea. If no duties were obligatory except those which are *expressly* commanded in the Scriptures, the number of our moral and religious obligations would be greatly diminished. We find no direct injunction to observe the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath; to love our children; to build churches; to attend public worship; pray in secret; baptize infants; administer the eucharist to females; or to do a thousand other things which every one knows to be his duty. And to claim exemption from them on account of the absence of an express command, would be justly regarded as an evidence of the grossest misapprehension. How could it be expected that God would *explicitly* enjoin every duty incumbent upon us? Why, this would have swelled the Bible to a size which must have defeated its very object.

16. *What is God's usual plan in prescribing moral duty?*

It is evidently not in accordance with his plan to legislate in regard to each and every particular, but to lay down universal principles, easily understood, and applicable to every state, condition or occurrence in life. One such principle or general statute may embody ten thousand special duties, or apply to an indefinite number of specific cases. No one can doubt that it is our duty to relieve our neighbor when sick, or protect his property when in danger, or succor his wife or child when assailed. But where is the *express* command to this effect? There is, however, one golden rule which meets each of these cases, and any number of similar ones: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them." This general principle, while it is of easy comprehension and may be readily applied, supersedes special legislation on every point to which

it appertains. Thus there are general precepts in God's Word, which imply the necessity of family-prayer as clearly and forcibly as if it were directly and literally enjoined.

It is also inconsistent with God's accustomed mode of dealing, explicitly to prescribe a duty which is already in active practice. Thus, when Christ commenced his ministry among the Jews, the practice of baptizing proselytes and their children was already in vogue. Hence there was no necessity for an express injunction to baptize infants; the general command to baptize all, necessarily included them as distinctly as it did adults, and would undoubtedly be so understood unless accompanied by an express prohibition of infants. In like manner, there was no necessity to prescribe a law requiring parents to love their children and to provide for them, because the very organization of the family relation, involved this; and it was, moreover, already secured by the law of nature, a more ancient statute than any on record. This remark applies with great force to the subject of prayer. Dr. Dwight tells us that the world was three thousand years old and that eight hundred years had elapsed after the call of Abraham, before any command at all to pray is found in the Scriptures. Ps. cxxii. 6; Jer. xxix. 7. And yet, it is well known, that during this time prayer is frequently mentioned, and that men *actually did pray*. Gen. xxiv. 63; Job xv. 4; xvi 17. xxiii. 26. Are we authorized, and is it reasonable, in view of this fact, to demand an express command for family-prayer?

17. *Is there no express injunction whatever in the Bible for any particular kind of prayer?*

No, but we find many passages in the Scriptures which imply the duty under consideration, as plainly as any duty can be implied; Eph. 6. 18; 1 Tim. 2. 8; Phil. 4. 6; 1 Peter 4. 7. If it be objected that *family-prayer* is not explicitly mentioned in any of these passages, we would ask, is it not plainly included? Can we pray *at all times, with all prayer, every where, in every thing, watching unto prayer*,—without praying in our own *house*, with our own *children*, at the head of our own *family*, and around our own *domestic altar*? If any one deny that family prayer forms any part of the precept, because it is not *expressly specified*; another may deny that *secret* prayer is intended, because that is not *specified*; and a third may object on the same ground, that *social* and *public* is not meant; thus all and every kind of prayer may, on the principle of the caviler, be set aside. By this kind of evasion and equivocation nominal Christians and ungodly men may delude their own conscience, but they cannot deceive their Maker. They are, in fact, trifling with the sacred Scriptures; destroying their true import, and inviting the vengeance of a jealous and a holy God!

18. *How is the Lord's Prayer to be regarded in relation to this subject?*

This model of prayer was evidently designed to teach us *when* and *where*, as well as *for what*, to pray. Its very structure plainly indicates that it is to be used *daily*, and in a *family*. That it was designed to be a *daily* supplication, is evident from the fourth petition: give us *this day* our daily bread. That it was intended as a *family-prayer* or a model of one, is no less clear from the general phraseology. It is not worded, *my* Father, but *our* Father who art in heaven;—not



give *me*, but give *us*;—not forgive *me*, but forgive *us*;—not lead *me*, but *us* not into temptation, &c.

19. *Is family prayer alluded to in the Scriptures?*

Yes; frequently, and always as something with which God is pleased, while the neglect of it has provoked the expression of his abhorrence. In proof of this we refer the reader to Gen. xvii, 19; Josh. xxiv, 15; Job i, 5. These facts are all recorded to the praise of the individuals named, and in every instance God manifested his approbation. But God's indignation at the neglect of this duty is as strongly declared as his approval of its performance. Jer. x, 25. It is a solemn and a fearful fact, that those families that call not on God, are here numbered among the Heathen who know not God!

20. *Is it not unreasonable to ask for an explicit enactment on this subject?*

We think it is; because the law of our nature,—the inherent affection implanted by our God in the human bosom, prompts us to do all we can for our children's welfare. What sacrifice will not a mother or a father make for their good? When a beloved child is sick, do we ask for an iron statute to learn whether we shall send for a physician? When the storm howls, the flood roars, or the flame rages, do we demand an express law before we can venture to stretch forth a helping arm? If, then, God has kindly furnished to us the means of establishing them in virtue, arming them against temptation and sin, and preparing them for usefulness to others and comfort to themselves, for a life of peace and honor and happiness on earth, and of glory and joy eternal in heaven, why should we hesitate and demand an express statute enforcing the use of those means? Can such an individual be found in a Christian land and among the friends of God? If such an one read this essay, we address you as a Christian father, as a dying man and an accountable agent, and "beseech you that this night the God of heaven may be invoked in your family, and that your abode become consecrated as the dwelling-place of the Most High!" If we live in the neglect of family-worship, the opinion of Hesiod, a heathen poet of Greece, may condemn us at the judgment-day. He says, "Bring your best burnt-offering, holy and pure, and with all thy might, before thou liest down, and when thou risest up, present it before the immortal God; then he will look upon thee with an heart filled with delight; he will bless thee in thy temporal concerns; and while others for their contempt of God are obliged to part with their temporal property, you shall be able to purchase rich estates."

21. *What are the considerations that should induce us to observe family-prayer?*

1. *God requires it.* Prayer was undoubtedly instituted by divine appointment from the creation of man; and was traditionally spread through all nations, as a duty, evident to common sense, and acknowledged by the universal voice of mankind. Hence we find that both Patriarchs and Gentiles, Jews and Christians, practised it in the earliest ages. It was therefore not the intention of the Scriptures to institute it anew, in any of its forms, and we have no more right to look for an *express* command for *family* prayer, than for *secret* or *public* prayer; neither of which is enjoined in the Bible as an original duty,

and all which are treated as existing, and regulated as duties already acknowledged and practised. But that God requires us to observe family-prayer, just as he does any other kind of prayer, has been abundantly proven in the answer to questions 14, &c.

2. *The relation in which families stand toward God, constitutes a strong appeal in favor of this duty.* God is the Author of the family-organization. Gen. 2. 18-24. Does not this great fact furnish a strong argument in support of family-prayer? Do we not as a family owe homage and service to Him who is the founder of the family-relation and the great proprietor of all families?

As he is the Founder, so also is he the Governor and Benefactor of this interesting relation. As *Governor* he has prescribed the very best laws for the regulation of the family. Eph. 5. 25-33; and 6. 1-18. Col. 3. 19-25; and 4. 1-2. As *Benefactor*, he preserves the family, supplies its wants, wards off danger, comforts in sickness and trial, sanctifies affliction, and is the rich source of countless social and other blessings. How powerfully do these considerations address us in favor of a family-altar! If it be the duty of an individual in his individual capacity, to acknowledge God and to render homage and service to him, because God is his Maker, Ruler, and Benefactor; is not a family much more under obligations, on the same ground, to worship and serve him in its family-capacity? It is admitted by Christians, that an individual church, or nation, is bound to worship and serve God, in its capacity as church or nation, because God is its Founder, Governor and Benefactor; why then is it not the duty of a family, founded, governed and blessed by the same God, to bow down before him in its family-character, and unite in prayer and thanksgiving? Personal mercies should be gratefully acknowledged and personal blessings prayerfully sought, in a personal-capacity; national in a national-capacity, and family in a family-capacity.

3. A third and most cogent consideration in favor of family-prayer, is found in the fact that *the great ends of the family organization cannot be accomplished without it.* One of these ends is, the training up of children for usefulness and happiness in this life and for eternal salvation in the world to come. In order to attain this great end the family must be governed by sound principles. This premised, we remark,—

(a) That the true principles of domestic government cannot be fully carried into effect without prayer. If we would observe them, we must be acquainted with them and embody them in our spirit and daily practice. To this end we must not only search the Scriptures and study God's plan of governing men, but also be *instant in prayer*. It is by earnest converse with God in solemn devotion, that we maintain familiarity with him, keep his plan of governing constantly before us, and are enabled in some good degree to imitate it in our families.

The restraints also, which family-prayer throws around us, greatly favor sound domestic discipline. How can he who has just been engaged in the solemn act of presenting himself and family to the God of love, indulge in fits of ill-nature and outbursts of temper?—and if he know that soon the period will again arrive when he and all the members of his little community shall bow before the Lord at one common altar, must not anger, passion and wrath be forced to flee away?

Even in this first view of the subject, family-prayer seems to be so important, that we doubt whether any father has ever succeeded or ever will succeed in fully carrying out gospel principles in the government of his family, while living in the neglect of this duty.

(b) The administration of family government requires that the *father should be held in high regard*. But what is there in the wide world that renders the paternal character so venerable, and so embalms it in the warm affections of the family, as the habitual connection of the image of the father with the sacredness of religion? It is impossible to treat such a man with disrespect, or to esteem lightly the principles by which he is endeavoring to govern his family. Let the father be to his family what the pastor is to the flock; let him add to the paternal character the venerableness of the priest of his family; let him daily unite with them in prayer, and he will enjoy their confidence; his laws and opinions will be invested with authority; and thus governing by gospel principles, his children will grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

(c) Family-prayer is necessary in order to impart the greatest efficacy to the religious instruction of the family. All admit that a family should receive religious instruction in order to answer the great end of its organization. But can such instruction prove effectual in the absence of prayer? Let us illustrate. *Prayer* is an essential duty of religion; there can be no true religion without it. Of course then, the parent attempts to inculcate this duty. But while he is giving lessons in relation to it, he himself never once unites with them around the family altar! His precepts and his example are at open variance. What is the consequence? Why his *precepts* remain unheeded, and his *example* proves all-powerful. Children, even little children, are exceedingly observant. They will say: if prayer is of so much moment, then, why does not our father pray with us and for us? Why does he not set us the example? He teaches *us* to pray, but we never see *him* pray; therefore prayer is not of much account. Let it not be said that children do not reason so logically. It is well-known that they do, and thousands of instances might be adduced.

22 *Are there other inducements to family prayer?*

Yes, many. Under the last question we referred only to three, viz., the requirement of God; the relation subsisting between him and families; and its importance in order to attain the great ends of the family-organization, the principal of which is, the proper education of children. Under question 18 we cited several examples of family-prayer from the Scriptures; this list might easily be enlarged.

We might yet further appeal to the importance of the family-trust, as an inducement to domestic worship. The immortal souls of those composing our families, are, in a manner, committed to our hands. How awful the thought, that any of these blood-bought souls should at the last day be laid to our charge!—If there be no religion in a family, it is daily making progress in sin. If we love our country we should pray with our families. But it is unnecessary to press this subject further. If the foregoing does not convince, neither would additional arguments.

23. *How often should family-prayer be attended to?*

There is a difference of opinion on this subject. Some teach that a

family ought to be assembled for prayer three times every day; others twice; and yet others only once. Many of those who adopt the last view, lay great stress on *secret* prayer, and think that more frequent attendance to this form of prayer should be inculcated. As the Bible furnishes no specific directions on this point, Christians are bound conscientiously to consider the subject and to act according to the best knowledge they can obtain. While we would not censure the father who calls his family around the altar but once a day, whether in the morning or the evening, we feel bound to recommend the performance of the duty twice each day;—in other words, we plead for both the “*morning and the evening sacrifice*.” The family has been defended and preserved during the night; health, life, and numerous other mercies have been continued to them; refreshed by repose, cheered by the smiles of the opening day, and the affectionate greetings of all around;—is there in all this no cause for united thanks? But this little community have their constantly recurring wants; they need their daily food, raiment, grace, &c. They have their employments, and require the daily blessing of God upon them, or all their efforts will prove in vain. Does not this furnish suitable matter for renewed petition? They are exposed to temptations and trials; the great adversary is awake as soon as they are, and ever upon the watch for an opportunity to lead them captive. They are surrounded with dangers; disease and death often lurk in the food they eat and the atmosphere they inhale. Now, in view of all this, is there no cause for morning supplication as well as early praise?

And when the day is gone and night has come, what a vast collection of mercies have been showered upon us! how many dangers, seen and unseen, have been averted; and are our hearts not touched with a sense of gratitude?—We have not during the day loved God supremely and our neighbor as ourselves; unholy thoughts, desires and tempers; probably also, words and actions inconsistent with our Christian calling, are chargeable against us. Have we no cause for humiliation, no need of appealing to a throne of grace for pardon and mercy? The family are again about to separate for the night; sleep is the image of death;—“so very much like it,” said a good man, “that I cannot close my eyes without first commending my soul to God.” Unconscious of existence; as utterly defenceless in our slumbers as a babe; wholly dependent on the mercy of God for life, protection, and a renewal of our strength, and ignorant whether we shall open our eyes upon the light of another day;—is there no just ground, no moral fitness in once more assembling around the family-altar and uniting in prayer, praise and reading the Scriptures?

#### 24. *How should family-prayer be conducted?*

So far as concerns the *spirit* and *frame of mind*, requisite to acceptable prayer, this question is already answered. See question 11. But in regard to the *manner* in which it should be conducted, we remark,—

(a) That family prayer should be *regular*. It should so enter into the domestic arrangement as to form one of its essential constituents.

(b) It should be *solemn and impressive*. If he who leads in prayer, manifest a light and volatile spirit, or a want of deep interest in the exercise, not only will the object be defeated, but serious injury will result. The family should plainly perceive and be made to feel by



our example, that we are in the presence of the Majesty of the universe, holding communion with an immaculate and sin-hating God, and earnestly seeking blessings of paramount importance both for time and eternity. But all mock-solemnnity and affectation in tone and manner, should be carefully eschewed. The language should be plain and simple; the utterance distinct and intelligible; and the expressions chaste and suitable. Coldness and spiritual death become any occasion better than a meeting around the family-altar. "Let the snows of Greenland, and the ice of the northern seas, be in any place of devotion, rather than on that where you plead with God for the guidance and salvation of your sons and daughters."

(c) Family-prayer should be conducted under *the influence of affectionate regard*. The Apostle requires us to "be kindly-affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; \* \* fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Rom. 12. 10-11. This beautiful admonition is worthy of constant observance in all our domestic intercourse; but when we come together to sing, and pray, and bow before the family-altar, we should especially feel the tenderest emotions toward each other, and *delight* to feel them. Our tempers should be chastened and never be permitted to affect our prayers; and offensive and mortifying personalities should on no occasion be indulged. We may, and indeed ought, to make a prudent and affectionate use of the knowledge we possess of the circumstances of the various individuals present; but at the same time we must remember, that we are not to pray *at*, but *for* them.

(d) It should be *short*. Tediousness, repetition and monotony are the bane of family devotion. Their tendency is to disgust and weary the family, and to instil into the children a dread and hatred of the whole system. The Lord's prayer, which was evidently intended to be used in the family, is a model, as well in relation to its brevity as its unsurpassed simplicity and plainness. A child soon learns to understand this prayer, and is never wearied by its *length*. Some seem to make it a rule to pray for every body, and every thing, in every prayer. Frequently they begin with the creation, and trace its history down to the millennium, and these *historical* prayers are easily spun out to a quarter or half an hour's length. If we really desire to disgust a family, and are ambitious to destroy all the effects of devotion; then this is precisely the course we should pursue.

(e) It should be *pointed and to the purpose*. When we kneel down we should endeavor to have a few topics before the mind, and aim at presenting those topics in all possible simplicity. "Till men learn to concentrate their feelings, and have really some *object* for which they wish to pray—an object in which they feel *some* interest, the business of praying will be dull monotonous, disgusting."

(f) *The whole family should be present*. If our children are permitted to be irregular in their attendance, it will not be difficult to foresee their future character.

But it should not be forgotten that our servants are a part of the family as well as our children. They are under our care, and their religious instruction and improvement are, for the time being, committed to our charge. If they are Romanists, and *will not* consent to hear the Bible read and join us in prayer, then we must aim at so living out

our religion before them, as to constrain them to admit, that ours is a holy and sanctifying religion. In some cases this has proven an effectual means of causing the scales to fall from their eyes, and begetting even a desire to share in our religious privileges.

25. *Does the Bible prescribe the posture to be observed in prayer?*

It does not. As we have no express precept regulating the attitude to be assumed in preaching and hearing the Gospel, receiving the Holy Supper, &c., so we are not directed as to *posture* when we offer up our prayers. Men may pray *standing* or *kneeling*, or they may *prostrate* themselves before God. We have examples on record in the Scriptures of all these postures; but it is worthy of remark, that there is not a single case referred to of prayer in a *sitting* position.

*Prostration* is indicative of a very deep and uncommon sense of sin, and may be most suitably used in secret-prayer. Dr. Clarke says, "this was the ordinary posture of the suppliant when the favor was great which was asked, and deep humiliation required."

The *standing* and *kneeling* posture is most frequently mentioned in Scripture. Where there is no convenient space for kneeling, we should think standing would be preferred. *Kneeling* has some advantages; it is naturally an expression of humility, and is calculated to lead to this feeling and to a sense of our wants and our dependence upon God. "But *sitting*," says a distinguished writer, "or other postures of rest and laziness, ought not to be indulged, unless persons are aged or infirm." When prayer is drawn out to such an unreasonable and unscriptural length, (unfortunately too often the case,) as to render it fatiguing to mind and body to maintain a prayerful frame and a standing position, we think a sitting posture is excusable, while at the same time we are compelled to censure the error that leads to this apparent impropriety. The *lifting up* or *spreading out of the hands*, on the part of the individual leading in prayer, was a very common practice among the saints of old; and is a very natural expression of our seeking help from God. The countenance should be composed to gravity and solemnity; the eyes should not be allowed to rove,—we think it best to keep them closed. Sighs and groans, and responses of "amen," during prayer, are offensive to some; but if they are the sincere expression of religious emotion and do not interfere with the devotions of others, we can take no exception to them: and we are free to confess, that there are occasions when we feel greatly inclined to indulge them, and should regard it as an arbitrary restraint upon our Christian liberty to be prevented. But noise made by the hands, or feet, or knees, violent motions of the head, &c., are not only unmeaning but have always appeared to us to be irreverent and inconsistent with the solemnity of the exercise.

In the Lutheran Church standing is generally practised in public worship; but in their more retired meetings, such as prayer-meetings, the "weekly-lecture," family-worship, and when they meet for services preparatory to the Lord's supper, they most generally kneel. The Scriptures give Christians liberty to consult their own inclinations and sense of propriety in this matter, and no ecclesiastical or other body have a right to deprive them of this liberty. Whatever posture we choose to observe, we should be careful not to condemn or even to find fault with others who dissent from us, and prefer a different position.



26. *Is it the duty of a mother to conduct family-prayer in the absence of the father, or in case he refuses to attend to it when at home?*

If the father is decidedly opposed to family-worship and forbids it to be observed, it is the duty of the mother, "in patience possessing her soul," to submit. But this need not prevent her from retiring at stated periods with her children, and thus in secret supplicating the blessing of God on them and him. But if the husband, while he refuses to conduct the devotions, is nevertheless willing that his wife should do so, the case is a plain one. It is her duty to establish and maintain domestic worship, and there is no principle in the Bible nor rule of propriety in well-organized society which she violates.

If the mother be a widow, the obligation to observe the duty in question, presses even more peremptorily than in the case just supposed. No mother more needs the aid and comfort of family-devotion, than she who, in the providence of God, has been deprived of her husband and the father of her children. More than half the human assistance, counsel and encouragement she enjoyed, is taken away, and it is often amid sighs and tears that she contemplates her responsible relation, her own weakness, and her utter inability, apart from divine instruction and assistance. O with what overwhelming force does the appeal in favor of family-worship, come home to her timid and desolate heart! Nor is it easy for children to treat with disrespect a praying, widowed mother. We speak the language of the Rev. A. Barnes, with slight alterations: "This is the very time, and occasion, for seeking the God of grace, and his ear will not be heavy to hear, nor his arm short to help her, that comes and pleads day and night before his throne, his own oft-repeated promise to the widow and the fatherless. There is no scene on earth, it seems to me, so lovely as that of a bereaved family, thus pouring its sorrows into the ears of God, and seeking repose on his bosom. And in that family, that widowed and fatherless family where this is wanting, there is a chasm which no adorning, no amiableness, no intelligence can fill.

27. *Is not the want of ability to lead profitably in family-prayer, a justification of its omission?*

No; God requires all men to pray; therefore all are bound to pray; and all may become *able* to pray to edification if they will. It is not learning or talent that enables men to conduct in prayer; but a humble and contrite heart. If the heart is not in this condition, it is our own fault. But even believers sometimes plead *inability*. In their case the excuse arises from pride. These same persons can converse, and often with fluency, with their families and their neighbors; they are at no loss for words when they would speak on politics, trade, the price of produce, &c.; if they are sick they can pour out their complaints; if in need of any comfort they know how to ask for it; if favored with some turn of good fortune they can give expression to their gratification. In all these cases we hear of no want of ability. But when urged to express their wants and the wants of the family to God, then they seek to justify themselves behind the plea of inability. What marvelous inconsistency and self-delusion!

When alone in their closets, men can pray; there is then no want of language, and they are never known to urge the plea of inability.

But in the presence of their fellow-sinners they are suddenly deprived of speech! What does this prove but *pride* of heart, and that they have more respect for sinners than for God, and are more afraid of worms of the dust than of the Lord God of Hosts! If they were not so proud they *could* pray in their families! When an objection can be reduced to this pitiful extremity, we are willing to leave it there.

But this difficulty is anticipated by the numerous excellent prayer-books prepared for family-use. If the objection of inability, arising from the supposed want of appropriate language, be sincere, then let such avail themselves of this facility. Whatever may be the abstract opinion about the comparative value of forms of prayer, yet there will be no question, that it is better to use a form, than not to pray at all.

But may not this inability be remedied by the sinner, even without the aid of forms? Undoubtedly it may. Study to become acquainted with, and more and more to realize, your fallen and perishing condition. Look at the loathsomeness of sin; contemplate the immaculate holiness of God; consider the dreadful curse of the law and the awful miseries of hell; seek to be impressed with a humble sense of your sinfulness, unworthiness, guilt and helplessness; and then it will be no difficult task to plead with God in prayer. It is as natural for the penitent to call upon God, as it is for the babe when applied to the breast, to imbibe its nourishment. How readily the man pinched with hunger, seeks for food; how eloquently the condemned criminal pleads for life, or the drowning man for help! Learn to feel your spiritual wants, and simultaneously you will learn to pray that they may be supplied. Realize that beneath a heavy load of sin, you are sinking into perdition, and you will need no other prompting than that of the Spirit who has revealed your guilt, to constrain you to cry out: "Lord, save or I perish!"

Read the Scriptures, particularly the Psalms, and you will find abundance of matter for thanksgiving and prayer, clothed in the most suitable language.

Plead with God to pour out upon you the spirit of supplication. Fletcher says: "To seek the Spirit is prayer. While you are asking the Spirit to teach you to pray, you are receiving the first lesson in prayer—you have begun already to pray."

28. *Will not an unusual degree of constitutional diffidence justify the neglect of family worship?*

We admit that some men are naturally more timid than others, and find great difficulty in expressing themselves with clearness on any subject. But still this is no just ground for the omission of family-worship. Cannot such men speak to their children, or in the presence of their children, on other topics;—why not then converse with God in their presence? Is it creditable to any father to be so afraid of his children, as to neglect one of his most important religious duties? How can a man maintain sound discipline in his family, if he be afraid of it? how be a Christian if he tremble more from fear of his children than from the displeasure of God? The apostles and martyrs trembled not before a threatening world; they quailed not in the presence of bloody tyrants, and would rather face the rack and the stake

than depart from God's will. When Luther deemed it his duty to go to Worms to answer before the Diet, he would do so though he had to encounter as many devils as there were tiles on the houses. The timid should bear these things in mind. They should remember that fearful declaration of Christ: "He that is ashamed of me and my words before men, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed before his Father, and the holy angels." He who would do his duty as a Christian, must be prepared to take up the cross and to practise self-denial; he must be willing to suffer opposition, derision and even persecution. His duty is imperious, and if reproach, ridicule and contempt lie in his way, he must cheerfully meet and bear them. We say not that timidity is a sin; but if we allow it to gain the ascendancy and to prevent us from the discharge of duty, then it becomes a snare, is undoubtedly offensive to God, and may prove ruinous to the soul.

29. *May not a man's efforts be so constantly taxed, in order to provide things temporal for his family, as to leave him no time for family-prayer?*

Those who think they have no time for family-prayer, are men who have no taste for it, and if they would closely examine their own hearts they would find, that the true cause of the neglect is not want of time but want of inclination, or rather downright opposition to the duty. Such have just ground to suspect their religion, and a rigid scrutiny would probably result in a conviction, that they are wholly unconverted and on the broad road that leads down to darkness and death.

If the Bible demanded long and laborious services, the apology would wear the semblance of plausibility; but such is not the case. It pleads only for the duty, and leaves the time to be employed in it, to our own conscience. And surely, a few minutes in the morning and evening, which might even be redeemed from sleep, from the toilet, or from unprofitable reading and remark, would not injuriously interfere with secular business or worldly enjoyment.

Why is it that those who love to be engaged in family-worship, are never heard to urge a want of time? They also have families to provide for; a worldly calling to attend to, and a large and pressing business to look after. But who ever heard them complain, that family-prayer led them to neglect their secular duties, or that the time so occupied, was the cause of the failure of their business? "An investigation on this subject might show, that all conscience is not on the side of the objector; that the acknowledgment of God interferes with no man's welfare; and that there may be a conscientious appropriation of time, even among those who practise family-devotion."

But suppose a man is so deeply immersed in business, that he really cannot maintain prayer in his family and attend to his business too;—what then? Can any one hesitate for a moment as to the path of duty? Must the claims of the soul yield to those of the body, and the interests of eternity to those of time?

But the truth is, though none of us has too much time, yet all have sufficient for all the duties that God requires. "There is," says the pious Fletcher, "sufficient time both for the objects of the present life, and for the life which is to come. Pious heads of well-regulated

families, who have the management of extensive and important business, find time to serve God, and to call their families around the domestic altar. They find that such time, so occupied, never interferes with their temporal interest, but rather brings down from heaven a rich blessing upon their calling and their comforts.

In conclusion, we would congratulate all those families in which the worship of God is regularly maintained. They doubtless know from happy experience, that it is good to draw nigh to the Most High, and in proportion as they worship and serve him in spirit and in truth, is the measure of their consolations and spiritual enjoyments. As the house of Obededom was blessed because the ark was in it, so you are blessed because a reconciled God in Christ dwells among you. God's presence accompanied the ark; so he is in the midst of those who meet in Christ's name to worship him. You are now living with God; you have daily communion with him; the arms of his love constantly encircle you and his mercy will abide upon you. He will not leave nor forsake you. As you are his and delight in his worship now, you shall be his in death; he will own you in judgment, and be your everlasting portion in heaven. And if you find so much comfort while you worship him in weakness on earth, how much greater will be your enjoyment, when, made perfect through grace, you shall be assembled before the throne of God and the Lamb in heaven, and join in his worship in the company of angels and the spirits of the just made perfect!

Would that we could persuade every reader to enter on a course of personal and family piety. If you could appreciate the rich consolations and glorious prospects secured to all its possessors by vital religion, you would require no other argument. If you are living without God in the world, then you know something of the barrenness of irreligion; you feel at least in your retired and reflective moments, how utterly insufficient the world with all its advantages is, to meet the wants of an immortal mind, and how exceedingly desirable it is to be prepared to leave this world in peace and hope. O should not this consideration alone be sufficient to determine you to make the resolution individually: "I will arise and go to my Father," and as the head of a family: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We beseech you to consecrate your dwellings to the worship and service of God; let every returning day witness the incense of your devotions, sprinkled by faith with the blood of atonement, ascending with acceptance to the throne of grace. Or, will you exclude God from your dwellings? Shall his presence and his grace be cast out from your families, and his Spirit have no place in your hearts nor in the hearts of your children! O we beseech you to relent, to yield and consent to have the God of Zion to dwell among you. Invite him into your house, press him to abide with you, to live in you and reign over you, and he will hear your prayers and mercifully respond: "This is my rest, here will I dwell, for I have desired it."

# FAMILY PRAYERS.

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## FIRST WEEK.

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### LORDSDAY MORNING.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON.

AND God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 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. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it. Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's. And all the people saw the thunderings, and



the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. *Exodus xx, 1—20.*

## PRAYER.

O THOU who art the Author and Preserver of our lives, unto thee we would lift up our hearts. Teach us to approach thee with that reverence which becometh all thy creatures; and draw near to us, as a God of pity, of mercy, and of grace.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, who hope for acceptance only through his merits and mediation, we would now offer up our morning sacrifice to the God, and Father, and fountain of all good. This is the day which thou hast made; the day upon which thy Son rose from the dead, finishing the work of our redemption; the happy day when the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, may be humbly expected wherever two or three are met together in the name of the adorable Trinity. Wilt thou then, O most high and incomprehensible Jehovah! accept of the dedication which we now make thee of our bodies and souls?

We are sensible that we have rendered ourselves unworthy of thy notice, having lost thy image, and broken thy commandments. But, God of all grace, thou art in Christ again reconciling a guilty world unto thyself, not imputing unto men their trespasses; and, therefore, we would now believingly, yet humbly, draw near, asking and hoping every thing for his sake. Let those sins which we have committed against much goodness, much love, and much light, be all blotted out of the book of thy remembrance. Let these worthless souls of ours be clothed with the wedding garment of a Redeemer's righteousness. O thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits



within us, that we may love thee—that we may fear thee—that it may be as our meat and our drink at all times to do thy holy will. We thank thee, O God, for that providential care and goodness which thou hast exercised towards us during the past week, and the past night. Prepare us for all the duties in which we are this day to be engaged. When we are allowed to enter into thine earthly temple, let all worldly wishes, worldly cares, and worldly thoughts of every sort, be banished from our minds. Let thy word preached, enlighten our understandings, spiritualize our hopes, confirm our faith, rekindle our love, and inspire us with new resolutions to live more becoming the professions we have made, and the privileges we enjoy.

And when we return from thy house, forbid, O God, that we should spend any part of thy day in thinking our own thoughts, speaking our own words, or minding our own pleasures; but let it be an entire Sabbath of rest unto our souls.

O Lord, we would intercede in behalf of all mankind! Thou hast promised by the blood of thy covenant, to speak peace unto the heathen. Soon, O God, give them to thy Son as his inheritance, with the utmost parts of the earth for his possession. Where the gospel is preached and professed, may multitudes be converted, and made a willing people in the day of thy power. Pour out, O God, a double portion of thy Holy Spirit, upon all the ministers of the everlasting gospel; and may they be enabled to discharge the important trust committed to them with fidelity and diligence, with thy approbation, and with abundant success. Let the churches with which we are more immediately connected have rest; and walking together in the fear of the Lord, and comforts of the Holy Ghost, may they be edified and multiplied.

(Occasional prayers.)

May our relatives and friends, wherever they are, be

the objects of thy providential care, and the subjects of thy saving grace. Such as may now be more immediately under thy afflicting hand, O God, console, support, and in thy due time deliver; and may we all have an interest in that sure promise, that all things at last shall work together for good.

Now, unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory, for ever and ever.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

*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.*

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## LORDSDAY EVENING.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON.

IN the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay: and go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell by brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. Now, when they were

going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, his disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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. Amen.—*Matthew XXVIII.*

## P R A Y E R .

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High, to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

We this evening acknowledge the blessings of another Lordsday. We bless thee that the Sabbath was made for man, and that thou hast hallowed such a portion of our time, for purposes so important. Thus thou art affording us opportunities to retire and to learn, among all the cares of life, that one thing is needful; and to hear the inquiry, what is a man profited, if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul.

We thank thee that the lines are fallen to us in pleasant places, and that we have a goodly heritage: so that we can add to private meditation and devotion, the public ordinances of religion; and can sit under our own vine and fig-tree, none daring to make us afraid. We bless thee, that we have not only the Scriptures, but the ministry of the gospel; and have this day not only read, but heard the words of eternal life.

But, O God, the effects we experience while waiting upon thee, though delightful, often prove like the morn-

ing cloud, and early dew. Render, we beseech thee, the impressions made upon us, deep and durable: keep these things for ever in the imagination of the hearts of thy people; and let thy word *dwell* in us richly, in all *wisdom*.

May the instructions we receive, attend us in every part of our life, and regulate, and excite us in the discharge of all our relative duties, so that whether we are husbands or wives, parents or children, masters or servants, we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we be satisfied with no knowledge, no belief, no professions, no feelings in religion—while our hearts are void of thy love, and we are strangers to that grace which bringeth salvation, and teacheth us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present world.

We take shame to ourselves, not only for our open violations of thy law; but for our secret faults, our omissions of duty, our unprofitable attendance on the means of grace; and all the sins of our holy things. Our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is gone up into the very heavens—and there he is gone also, who is our Advocate with the Father, and the Propitiation for our sins. Behold his hands and his feet: and hear, O hear, the voice of the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Remember the millions who were never favored with the advantages we enjoy, and would be grateful for the crumbs that fall from our table. They never smiled when a Lordsday appeared. They never heard the name of Jesus. They feel guilt, but know nothing of the blood that cleanseth from all sin; they feel depravity, but know nothing of the renewing of the Holy Ghost, O, send out thy light and thy truth. Let thy way be known on earth; thy saving health among all nations.

(Occasional prayers.)

We now commit ourselves, with all our interests,

friends and relations, into thy hands. Guard us through the defenseless hours of sleep, from every evil to which we are exposed. If, as life is always uncertain, it should please thee to call us hence this night—may we awake in glory, and be for ever with the Lord: or if thou shouldst continue us in being—may we rise in health and comfort, to pay thee the homage of a grateful heart, in a course of cheerful obedience.

Prepare us, we beseech thee, for the rest that remains for thy people; in which we shall join the general assembly and church of the first born, in ascribing blessing and honor, and glory, and power, to him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## MONDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON.

THEREFORE, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 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. And not only so, but we also joy in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (for until the law, sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to



Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead; much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto justification. For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace, and of the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ:) therefore, as by the offense 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. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners; so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover, the law entered, that the offense might abound: but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Romans v.*

#### PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move, and have our being; we acknowledge our daily dependence upon thee. We thank thee for all thy mercies; and especially for thy providential care and preservation, from the beginning of our lives to this day. We thank thee for thy goodness, in watching over us during the darkness of the night; in protecting us from evil; and in permitting us again to behold the morning light. Accept, heavenly Father, this our grateful sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and enable us to approach thy throne with humble reverence and godly fear; feeling our necessities; confessing our sins and unworthiness; and seeking pardon and forgiveness, through the merits of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Give us grace, merciful God, to dedicate both our souls and bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life; and in pity to the weakness and corruption of our nature, we beseech thee to help our infirmities, and strengthen our resolutions. As a



father pitieth his own children, even so be thou merciful unto us. Grant us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy displeasure, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. Keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which every thought, and word, and deed, will be judged in righteousness; when those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Prepare us, O God, for this final account. Purify our hearts, and direct us in all our ways. As we approach nearer and nearer to the eternal world, make us more diligent, and watchful, and circumspect. Keep us this day from all evil; and defend us from danger and adversity. Guard us in the hour of temptation, restrain our passions, regulate our desires, and preserve us especially from the sins which most easily beset us. Grant us patience and resignation, if thou shalt see fit to visit us with affliction or calamity; and in whatsoever state or condition it may please thee to place us, grant us grace therewith to be content. Make us just and upright in all our dealings; kind and compassionate to our neighbors; quiet and peaceable in all the relations of life; faithful to every trust committed to us; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities.

(Occasional prayers, &c.)

Heavenly Father, receive with favor this our morning oblation, and grant our petitions, not for our own deservings, but for the sake, and through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## MONDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON.

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 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. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But 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 sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But 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. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon, that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope; because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.—*Romans VIII, 1—21.*

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose merciful providence we are preserved from day to day, enable

us to draw near to thee with reverence and godly fear. Thou knowest, O Lord, the secrets of every heart. Turn thee unto us, in loving-kindness, and hearken unto our prayer. Pardon, we beseech thee, all the sins of this day. Thou art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great goodness. Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Be gracious unto us, and look with pity on all our infirmities. Hide not thy face from us when we cry unto thee, but refresh us with thy Spirit, and show us the light of thy countenance. By thy help alone, we are enabled to will and to do those things which are good and acceptable unto thee. Grant us thy continual mercy and grace. Let thy fatherly hand be ever over us, to sustain and support us. Let thy holy Spirit be ever with us, to guide us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word; that so in the end, we may obtain everlasting life.

To thy gracious care and protection, Heavenly Father, we commit ourselves and all our friends and relatives, this night. Guard us, we beseech thee, from every danger: and bring us in peace and safety to the beginning of another day. And enable us, by thy grace, to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; with lowliness and meekness; with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace; till we all come, in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Give us grace to put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; that we may be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and may put on the new man, which after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Grant us, O God, according to the riches of thy grace, to be strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner

man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of thee our God.

(Occasional prayers, &c.)

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

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## TUESDAY MORNING.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

AND seeing the multitude, he went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your

Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets : I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven : but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.—*Matthew* v, 1—20.

## PRAYER.

O THOU King eternal, immortal, and invisible—we would adore thee, and take shame to ourselves: and though allowed to approach thy divine Majesty, we would never forget the sentiments of humiliation and contrition which become such creatures as we are. Father! we have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and are not worthy to be called thy children: we are unworthy of the least of all thy mercies. Yea, we have merited thy displeasure; and thy righteousness would be completely acquitted in our destruction.

O, for hearts of flesh! Lord, produce in us that sensibility of soul, which will lead us to feel our vileness, to deplore our guilt, and to cast ourselves at thy feet, abhorring ourselves and repenting in dust and ashes. And impart to us that faith, which will enable us to hope in thy word, and derive strong consolation from the invitations and promises of the gospel. We have come to implore the greatest blessings the God of love can give: we have come to call thee, Abba Father; to lean on thy arm; to walk with God; but have not come unbidden or uncalled: Thou hast called us by thy grace; and it is thy commandment that we should believe on the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, we assent, we submit, we depend, we apply. Since he came into the world to save sinners, we take him as *our* Saviour; and glory in him, as made to us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption.



And O, may our minds be fixed and filled with admiring thoughts of his person and offices; may our hearts be inflamed with a sense of his boundless compassion and love. By the new and living way which he has not only revealed but consecrated for us, may we come to thee; and enjoy all the advantages of a state of reconciliation and friendship with God. To thee may we commit our way and our works; and in every thing by prayer and supplication make known our requests unto God; and be thou always near, to guide us and to defend; to relieve us in trouble, and to help us in duty. And may we walk humbly with our God; loving him for the condescension that deigns to regard our mean affairs; the patience that bears with our manners; and the kindness that employs so many means to advance our everlasting welfare.

(Occasional prayers.)

Again thy goodness hath preserved our spirits. Through the dark and silent watches of the night, thou hast suffered no evil to befall us, nor any plague to come nigh our dwelling. And we are not only the living to praise thee this morning, but the distinguished, and the indulged. Many who have seen the light of the day, as well as ourselves, are encompassed with want, and pain, and wretchedness; but we have all things richly to enjoy.

Thou takest pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants; may we always take pleasure in the advancement of thy glory. Thou art never weary in doing us good; may we never grow weary in well doing. Thy mercies are new every morning; every morning, by thy mercies, may we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service.

And to the God of our salvation, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed, the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*



## TUESDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON.

YE have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; but whosoever shall say, 'Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily, I say unto thee, 'Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.—*Matthew v, 21—32.*

## PRAYER.

O God, all thy works praise thee, and thy saints bless thee. By thy mercies, we again surround this family altar, and engage in the exercises of devotion. May we worship thee, a holy God, in the beauty of holiness; and thee, who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. Such worship alone thy word requires; but such worship, thy grace alone can enable us to render. For we know, from thy word, and from our own experience, that without thee, we can do nothing. All our sufficiency is

of thee: do thou work in us to will, and to do, of thy good pleasure.

We would call to remembrance our true character and condition before thee. We are not only unprofitable servants, but condemned criminals. We confess the number and offensiveness of our transgressions, and acknowledge that we deserve to perish. But we bless thee for the everlasting consolation and good hope, through grace, which the gospel affords; for the news of a Mediator between thee and us; of a High Priest who has put away sin by the sacrifice of himself; of an Advocate with the Father, who ever lives to make intercession for us, and of a Saviour, in whom it has pleased thee, that all fulness should dwell.

Produce in us, all the feelings of those who are blessed with repentance unto life. Give us that faith by which we can be justified from all things, and have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. To the Redeemer's cross may we retreat, and there find security and relief, refreshment and delight.

We bless thee for thy word. May it dwell in us richly in all wisdom. May we yield a suitable attention to its various parts. May we make it, not only our song in the house of our pilgrimage, but the man of our counsel, a light unto our feet, and a lamp unto our path. May we take it along with us, into all the concerns of life; and whether we are rich or poor, whether we are parents or children, whether we are appointed to govern or serve, may we walk by this rule, that mercy and peace may be upon us.

Regard those, who, under the pressure of affliction, are saying, brethren pray for us. Be with them in trouble. Thou knowest the anxieties of thy people, lest any by their temper or carriage in the evil day, should injure the religion they profess: let thy grace be sufficient for them: let faith and patience have their perfect work: let them glorify thee in all their trials.

Bless all in authority over us, and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain true religion and virtue.

(Occasional prayers.)

We now commit ourselves to thy merciful protection for this night. May we lie down to rest, at peace with thee, and with all the world. Forgive, we humbly pray thee, all the sins we may have committed this day. Whatever we have done or said amiss, do thou pardon. If in our intercourse with our friends or foes we have manifested a spirit unlike that of thy dear Son, do thou be graciously pleased to forgive it. If we have neglected our duty to the poor, or the needy; if we have failed in setting a holy example before each other; if we have had improper feelings towards thee, or our fellow men, we pray thee to forgive us. Sprinkle upon us that blood which cleanseth from all sin; and take us into thy holy care and keeping. Let no plague come nigh our dwelling. Preserve us from sickness and sudden death; from alarm, and from the devouring element; from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, as thou hast done from the destruction that wasteth at noon-day. And raise us in the morning, fitted for all the duties and events of another day. These mercies, and whatever else we need, we humbly ask in the name of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and praise, both now and for ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON.

AGAIN, 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 Jerusalem ; for it is the city of the great King : neither shalt thou swear by thy head ; because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, yea ; Nay, nay : for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth : but I say unto you, That ye resist not evil ; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee ; and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy : but I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you ; that ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven : for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye ? do not even the publicans the same ? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others ? do not even the publicans so ? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—*Matthew v, 33—48.*

#### PRAYER.

O LORD God Almighty, who art, and wast, and art to come, thy name is most holy, and thy glory reacheth above the heavens. We adore thee, that through thy beloved Son thou hast opened the way to the throne of grace, and hast declared thyself to be rich in mercy to all that call upon thee in truth.

Great and glorious God, we are individually and unitedly bound to give thee our fervent thanks, because thy hands have made us ;—thy power preserves us,—and thou givest us all things richly to enjoy. Thou hast lightened our eyes again, and hast caused the outgoings of the morning, as well as of the evening, to rejoice over us. We adore thee, O God, for thy goodness, wisdom, and power, displayed in our creation. We adore thee that in the time of danger, thou hast

been our shield and our defense against the multiplied evils and calamities, in which many others have been involved. But in an especial manner we adore thee for thy unspeakable mercy, and everlasting love displayed in sending thy beloved Son, to be a propitiation for our sins, and that thou hast made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile sinners unto thyself.

Merciful Father, make us sensible that we are not worthy of the least of thy mercies, and grateful that thy loving kindness is ever more and more towards us. Help us to own thy providence in all our concerns—and to bless the hand that smites us in all the afflictions and trials of this mortal life. May we trace up all our streams of earthly and spiritual comfort, to the fountain of eternal love in Christ Jesus.

O thou Holy Spirit, whose office it is to take of the things of Christ, and show them with power to our souls, discover to us more and more of the all-sufficiency of the Lord Jesus, and of the endearing offices and relations which he sustains towards his people.

May we know him as our life and peace, our wisdom and righteousness, our sanctification and redemption, our refuge and the rock of our strength.

Blessed Lord, put thy fear into our hearts; give us understanding to know thy will in all things, and grace to perform the same. Enable us to gain the victory over our besetting sins. Wean our affections from the things of time and sense. Put the world, the flesh, and the devil under our feet. And enable us to glorify thee with our bodies, our souls, and our spirits, which are thine. Help us to reflect that we are not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot and blemish. May our walk and conduct prove that we are his true disciples; may we walk in his steps, and run with enlarged hearts in the way of his commandments.



(Occasional prayers.)

O Lord, may all our dear relations and friends be dear to thee. Have mercy on those who are alienated from thee, through the ignorance that is in them, and who neither see nor feel the guilt and corruption of their nature. Enlighten their dark minds, and make them wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Be gracious also to those who have received a good hope through thy grace; establish their faith, animate their hope, increase their love, and fix their affections surely there, where true joys are to be found. And while the door of mercy is yet open, cause sinners of every description to flee to him who delivereth from the wrath to come. O Lord, let the word of thy truth have free course and be glorified; let the borders of thy church be enlarged; and let every tongue, and kindred, and people, unite in praising the God of their salvation.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of Him who hath loved and redeemed us, even the Lord our Righteousness; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Spirit, our guide and comforter, be ascribed the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and for evermore.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON.

TAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore, when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues, and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray



standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, 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. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.—*Matthew vi, 1—15.*

## P R A Y E R .

O THOU eternal and unchangeable God, thou art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever: by thine almighty power and providential care we have been preserved another day, and through thy grace, permitted once more to approach thee in prayer. We are thine, for thou hast made us for thy glory. We are not our own, for we have been bought with a price. Help us to consecrate ourselves and all that we have and are to thee. Enable us to glorify thee in our bodies and spirits, which are thine.

We render thee thanks for the mercies which have followed us to the present hour. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

Enable us, by thy grace, to show forth thy praise in a holy and consistent walk and conversation. May we let our light so shine, that others seeing our good works, may glorify our Father who is in heaven.

With an acknowledgment of thy mercies, O Lord, we would confess our multiplied offenses against thee, our innumerable transgressions of thy holy law, and our aggravated sins of omission and commission. We are

guilty in thy sight. We deserve thy wrath. But, O most merciful Father, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, pardon our iniquities, justify us freely on account of his righteousness, and accept us graciously in thy beloved. Wash us in that fountain which was opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness. Sprinkle us with atoning blood. Create within us clean hearts, and renew within us right spirits. Vouchsafe to us the grace of thy Spirit, that being enlightened, strengthened, and sanctified by the same, we may depart from all iniquity, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Almighty God, visit in mercy and with salvation, the congregation of worshiping Christians, with which we are connected. Make bare thine arm for the salvation of sinners, and give abundant success to the ministration of thy word and ordinances among us. To this end, revive thy work in the hearts of thine own children, and plenteously endue thy servant, our pastor, with wisdom and grace from on high, that he may rightly divide the word of life, and faithfully discharge the duties of his office. May the young be trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that they may remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

Bless all thy ministering servants and thy church universal, with an abundant outpouring of thy Holy Spirit, and with a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Regard in tender mercy and compassion, O Lord God, our absent relations and friends. Make them, by thy grace, the children of thine adoption, and heirs of eternal life. Heal the sick, and comfort the afflicted. Give strength to the weak, succor to the tempted, encouragement to the desponding, faith to the unbelieving, and needed grace to all.

To thy watchful care and kind protection, O thou Keeper of Israel, we commend our bodies and souls

this night. Preserve us from all evil; grant us refreshing sleep; and, if consistent with thy divine will, permit us in health and comfort to behold and enjoy the light of another day.

(Occasional prayers.)

Hear us, O Lord, in these our humble petitions. Accept our thanksgivings and praise, and graciously own and accept us, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## THURSDAY MORNING.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON.

MOREOVER, when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance; for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore 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? 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? Which of you, by taking thought, can add one cubit unto his stature? and why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon, in all his glory, was not

arrayed like one of these. 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 after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.—*Matt. vi, 16—34.*

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, thou art our hope and our stronghold: thou art our God, in whom we will trust. Thou hast kept us through the dangers of the past night: thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another day. For these, thy great mercies, we bless thee. May we come before thee, under a deep and humiliating sense of our unworthiness. Helpless and miserable sinners, we ask nothing for our own merits or deservings. But we know, O Lord God, that thou art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and plenteous in goodness and truth. O turn thee unto us, therefore, and have mercy upon us. For the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, pardon our transgressions, and receive us graciously, and hear the supplications which we present unto thee in his all-prevailing name.

And since we are by nature prone to evil, and unable of ourselves to purify our hearts, we pray thee, O God, to cleanse our thoughts by the powerful efficacy of thy grace, from all vain desires, and sinful imaginations. Grant unto us thy Holy Spirit. May he dwell within us, as a Spirit of purity and holiness, a Spirit of truth and of wisdom, of peace also, and love, and of holy joy and consolation. May we pass this day in humble consciousness of our dependence, in thankful remembrance of thy mercies, and in the diligent performance of thy commandments. May no evil thoughts, or angry

passions, or distressing doubts or fears disturb us. May we serve thee, our God, with cheerfulness and fidelity; and live in peace, and charity, and brotherly love with all men.

We pray thee, O Lord, so to animate our minds with the glorious hopes set before us in thy word, that all our present trials, and sacrifices, and self-denials, may be borne with cheerful resignation and submission. May we count the loss of all things as nothing, in comparison with the inward satisfaction and joy, which the gospel affords in the midst of worldly disappointments. But, O God, deliver us, we beseech thee, from every false or delusive hope. Let us remember, that other foundation can no man lay, than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ our Lord. On this foundation may we begin, and continue, and finish all our doings; until every evil habit is destroyed, every sinful inclination cast out, every temptation overcome, and every terror done away; and until the Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

(Occasional prayers.)

To the care and protection of thy good providence, heavenly Father, we now commend ourselves, and all our relatives, friends and brethren. Look with favor upon those who ask an interest in our prayers; and may our mutual and united supplications ascend to thy throne as acceptable incense, and receive an answer of peace, through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*



## THURSDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON.

JUDGE not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. 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. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore 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. Enter ye in at the straight gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.—*Matthew VII, 1—14.*

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, whose ears are ever open to the petitions of thy humble servants, and who hast graciously promised, that whatsoever we ask of thee in prayer, believing, we shall receive, mercifully look upon us at this time, and enable us to draw near to thee in humble reverence and godly fear. We lament the coldness of our hearts; we confess and bewail our daily iniquities. But we beseech thee, gracious God, unworthy as we are to approach thee, and bowed down as we are with infirmity, to accept our imperfect services through the intercession of thy dear Son. Grant that our supplications and thanksgivings may be sprinkled with his most precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin; and so



may come up as a memorial before thee, acceptable, and well pleasing in thy sight. And pour down upon us a more abundant measure of grace and supplication, that we may hereafter approach thee in fervent prayer, and worship thee in spirit and in truth.

Hear our prayers, O God, for those whom it is our duty and our desire to remember at the throne of grace. Endue with a spirit of wisdom and faithfulness, those who are appointed to watch over the fold of Christ. Let none of them be as hirelings who care not for the sheep. But raise up pastors according to thy heart, who shall seek that which is lost, and bring again that which is driven away, and bind up that which is broken, and strengthen that which is weak. May they take heed to themselves, and to all the flock of which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers, to feed thy church, which thy blessed Son has purchased with his blood.

And O, thou blessed Jesus, who didst come to seek and to save that which was lost, look with an eye of pity upon those who are still as sheep going astray, and especially on the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Bring them home, merciful Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved with the remnant of the true Israelites: and grant that they and we, as one fold, under one Shepherd, may learn of thee, who art meek and lowly in heart, and thus find rest to our souls. Feed us in green pastures; and lead us forth beside the waters of comfort. Conduct us to the end of our life, in the paths of righteousness. And when we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, be thou with us, that thy rod and staff may sustain and support us, and bring us at last to thy heavenly fold.

(Occasional prayers.)

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

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## FRIDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON.

BEWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.—*Matthew vii, 15—29.*

## PRAYER.

O LORD our God! thy name is most excellent in all the earth: thou hast set thy glory above the heavens, and thou art worthy to be celebrated with everlasting praises of men and angels; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Thy hands, O Lord, have made us and fashioned us, and thou hast breathed into our nostrils the breath of life; yea, still thou holdest our souls in life, and givest us every good thing that makes our lives a blessing and a comfort to us. Thou hast formed us for thyself, that

we should show forth thy praise, and live to thy glory, as we do continually live upon thy bounty.

But, O Lord our God! we have not honored thee as we should. We have rebelled against thee and transgressed thy laws. We have been ungrateful in the reception of thy blessings, and are justly exposed to thy displeasure.

For these things we desire to humble ourselves here before thee; entreating thy gracious favor, and thy mercy in Christ Jesus. Give us, we beseech thee, repentance and pardon for all that is past, wherein we have offended thee; whether in omitting our duty, or failing in it, or doing contrary to it.

And strengthen us, good Lord, with might, by thy 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, wherein we live. O destroy in us every vicious inclination, every evil habit, and rebellious notion, that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and against the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. And however it goes with us, as to the concerns of this present time, O that we may 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.

(Occasional prayers.)

Day by day we magnify thee, O Lord, who makest every day of our lives still a further addition to thy mercies. We bless thee for our last night's preservation and protection, and for the rest and refreshment

which thou hast given us therein. O cause us to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee do we trust; cause us to know the way wherein we should go, for we lift up our souls to thee. 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 see thy power, to own thy presence, to admire thy wisdom, and to love thy goodness in all thy creatures. And by all the comforts of creatures, O draw our hearts still nearer to thyself the blessed Creator of every comfort; and let our meditations of God be sweet as well as frequent, that delighting ourselves in the Lord, thou mayest give unto us the desires of our hearts. Such mercy and grace we beg for ourselves, and all ours, and thine every where, in our great Mediator's form of prayer.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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#### FRIDAY EVENING.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. There be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.—*Psalms* iv and cxxxiv.

## PRAYER.

O LORD, our God, thou art most high and mighty, most wise, and holy, and good! Thou art, and for ever wast, and for ever shalt continue, unspeakably blessed and glorious, above all that we are able to express or to conceive. Thou humblest thyself even to behold the things that are in heaven, to take notice of the worship of those blessed creatures above. O how wonderful is thy condescension then, to look down upon us, poor sinful worms, that dwell here in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust! Lord, what is man that thou takest knowledge of him, and the son of man that thou makest account of him! Thou dost not at all need us, nor any thing of ours, O blessed God; but we all stand in great and continual need of thee, our only sovereign good; in need of thy mercy and forgiveness, thy grace and guidance, thy blessing and assistance.

The desire of our souls, therefore, is to thy name, O Lord, and to the remembrance of thee. Our eyes are towards thee, and all our expectation is from thee: and still we wait, and call, and depend upon thee, till thou have mercy upon us, according to our several necessities; and according to the riches of thy grace, and the multitude of thy mercies. O remember not against us our former iniquities; enter not into judgment with us, according to the desert of our sins; but according to thy mercy remember thou us. For thy goodness' sake, O Lord, blot out our transgressions as a cloud; and justify us freely by thy grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ. And bless us, holy God of our salvation, in turning us from all our iniquities, and giving us grace, to repent and amend our lives according to thy holy word.

To this end, be thou pleased to enlighten our darkened minds with the beams of thy saving truth, that we may not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is—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. Yea, sanctify us wholly, that we may, as we ought, sanctify thy blessed name.

(Occasional prayers.)

The same things also we beg 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. Enlarge the borders of thy church, and make additions to it daily of such as shall be saved. O that all who are called Christians, may be truly Christians, both in their right believing and their holy living. Advance the interest, and extend the limits of thy Son's kingdom, and may all nations flow into it, as to their rest. Bless our land, and endue our rulers, with wisdom from on high. Give our judges the spirit of discernment, and aid and countenance our magistrates in the faithful execution of their office. Make them all men fearing God, and eschewing evil. And O that all who are called to serve at thy altar, may be blessed with skilful understandings, and compassionate hearts, and exemplary lives. Make them wise to win souls, and faithful, industrious and successful in their sacred office, as workmen that need not be ashamed. Bless and prosper all the places of learning and education; and make all this people the Lord's people; that they may all know thee from the greatest to the least; and so order their conversation aright, that they may see the salvation of God. 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. Give unto all that mourn in Zion, beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness. O Lord! continue thy gracious favor to us, and thy father-

ly care over us this night. And so discharge us from our sins, and supply us still with thy grace, that we may finish our course with joy, and in the end of our lives find the greatest of all mercy, to be received into thy glory: which we beg for the all-sufficient merits of our only Redeemer; for whom, and to whom, with thee, O everlasting Father, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, in the unity of the ever glorious Trinity, be all praise, and honor and glory ascribed of us, and of all the Israel of God, now and for evermore.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON.

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father have I made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained

you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, That ye love one another.—*John xv, 1—17.*

#### P R A Y E R .

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, through whose merciful kindness we are preserved from day to day, we approach thy throne of grace this morning, 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.

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-offer-

ings 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 requisite 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 morning 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 day, 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, or 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.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## SATURDAY EVENING.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON.

THE Lord reigneth: let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world; the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil; he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. *Psalms xcvi.*

### PRAYER.

O GOD, thou hast made, and thou upholdest all things by the word of thy power. Darkness is thy pavilion. Thou walkest upon the wings of the wind. All nations before thee are as nothing. One generation passeth away, and another cometh; and we are hastening back to the dust whence we were taken. The heavens we behold will vanish away like the cloud that covers them; and the earth we tread will dissolve like a morning dream; but thou art, from everlasting to everlasting,



God over all, unchangeably the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Infinitely great and glorious as thou art, we are thy offspring and thy care. Thy hands have made us and fashioned us. Thou hast watched over us with more than parental tenderness. Thou hast held our soul in life, and not suffered our feet to be moved. Thy divine power has given us all things, not only necessary for life, but godliness. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all our iniquities; who healeth all our diseases; who redeemeth our lives from destruction; who crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth our mouth with good things, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

We raise this evening a fresh memorial, and inscribe it to the God of our salvation. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. We have passed, not only through another day, but through another week. The sun has not smitten us by day, nor the moon by night. We have been preserved in our going out, and coming in. But thine has been the vigilance, that turned aside the evils which threatened us. Thine have been the supplies that have nourished us. Thine the comforts that have indulged us. Thine the relations and friends that have delighted us. Thine have been the means of grace which have edified us; and thine the book, which, amidst all our enjoyments, has told us, that this is not our rest; and in all our successes, that one thing is yet needful.

Nothing can equal the number of thy mercies, but our imperfections and sins. These, O God, we would not conceal, or palliate; but confess them, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

In what a condition would we be this evening, were it not for the assurance that there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared, and that with thee there is plenteous redemption? Yet, while we hope for pardon through the blood of the cross, we pray to be clothed with

humility; to be quickened in thy way; and to be more devoted to the things that belong to our everlasting peace.

How soon has the week rolled away! Its days have fled like a dream, a vapor, a shadow. So will all our days flee; so will they all appear when the end arrives. O, help us to keep that end in remembrance; and endeavor to view things now, as they will appear from the borders of the grave. May we know how frail we are, that we may be cured of the folly of delay and indecision; and so number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

(Occasional prayers.)

May we call the approaching Lordsday a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and may we honor thee, in not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasures, nor speaking our own words. May the private moments of the day, be sacred; and the social—innocent and edifying. And may we keep our foot, when we go to the house of God, and offer not the sacrifice of fools.

Preserve us from trifling with the things of the soul and eternity, or trusting in those privileges, which unimproved, will only augment our guilt and our misery.

While we go to thy house in the multitude of thy mercies, may we in thy *fear* worship towards thy holy temple; for thou art greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints. O, let us not perish under means designed to save us. O, let not the savor of life unto life, prove to us only the savor of death unto death.

Make the place of thy feet glorious. Bring us to thy holy mountain, and if we are not made joyful in thy house of prayer, convince us, alarm us, humble us, banish the spirit of the world from our hearts, and fill us with all the fulness of God.

So we thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks for ever, we will show forth thy praise throughout all generations.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## SECOND WEEK.

## LORDSDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR PSALM CXXII.

*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.

*Ps. lxxxiv, 4.*—Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will still be 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.

*Is. 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.

*Is. 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.

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

## PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, Creator, Governor, and Upholder of all things, who, after making the heaven and the earth, didst rest the seventh day, and bless and sanctify it, teach us now, resting from our worldly labors, to devote the day to thy service. O thou, whose Son did, as on this day, rise again from the dead, grant us grace to rise from the death of sin, to the life of righteousness.

Help us now, in his name, to seek thy blessing on those holy duties to which the Lordsday is set apart.

We thank thee for the knowledge of Jesus Christ; for free justification and salvation through his life, death and resurrection. We praise thee for the gift of thy Holy Spirit. Blessed, for ever blessed, be thou, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for these thy benefits.

Great have been thy mercies to us; but with shame we confess that we have slighted thy goodness, and carelessly regarded thy great salvation. How many Lordsdays have we broken! how many invitations of mercy have we neglected! with how many warnings and threatenings have we trifled! how cold have been our prayers! how great our irreverence! how inexcusable our unbelief!

Forgive us, O forgive us all our negligences and infirmities, and all our sins. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him. Return again and bless us. Graciously be present with us, through all the solemn services of this day. Enable us to go to thy house in the spirit of prayer. Pour out upon us, and all that shall meet in thy name, the spirit of grace and supplication. Let none of us draw near to thee with our lips only, while our hearts are far from thee; but enable us to worship thee in spirit and in truth. Cause thy face to shine upon us. Prepare our hearts to receive thy holy word, that it may be sown in good ground, and bring much fruit to perfection.

Help all of us, not only to abstain from engaging in our usual business and occupation, but also keep us from worldly conversation, and from vain thoughts. Raise our affections to things above, and let our conversation be in heaven. Enable us to give this day to reading and hearing thy word, to meditation, self-examination, and prayer; and be thou with us, to bless us in our retired devotions.

And, Father of mercies, we beseech thee to bless all that minister in holy things. Multiply unto them thy grace, that they may be faithful, diligent, and laborious. Grant them humility, disinterestedness, watchfulness, and zeal; may all have grace to take heed to themselves, and to the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made them overseers, leading the church of God which he has purchased with his own blood. Stand by and strengthen them this day. Open thou their mouths, and enable them to testify boldly the gospel of the grace of God. We especially pray for him who ministers among us. May he this day be enabled to speak a word in season to us, and to all that hear him.

And, we beseech thee, grant that this thy Lordsday may be distinguished by great and singular mercies to thy church. Be thou with all Christian congregations meeting to worship thee. By the ministry of thy word this day, convert many sinners; heal those that have backslidden, strengthen those that are weak, and confirm those that are strong. Give thy holy word free course, and let it be glorified in every land, and among every people.

(Occasional prayers.)

Hear us, and answer us, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## LORDSDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR MATTHEW XIII. 1—23.

*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 the 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.

*Isa. 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.

*Tit. 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 for ever.

#### P R A Y E R .

O LORD, God of our salvation, we present our supplications before thee; knowing that thy arm is not shortened, that it cannot save, nor thy ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Let our prayer enter into thy presence, and incline thine ear unto our calling. Let not our iniquities separate between us and thee our God. Cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

We acknowledge, merciful Father, the imperfection of our best services, during the day which is now closing. The wanderings of our thoughts, the coldness of our devotions, our carelessness, and negligence, and hardness, are all known to thee. Pardon, O Lord, all our weaknesses and infirmities, and quicken us to greater diligence and fidelity in the performance of our duty to

thee, to our neighbor, and to ourselves. Enable us to devote ourselves, with all our powers and faculties, to thee and thy service. May we keep in lively remembrance the truths which have been delivered to us this day; that the words which we have heard with our outward ears, may be engrafted inwardly in our hearts, and bring forth in us the fruit of good living. Give us thy Holy Spirit, to enlighten our understanding, and purify our hearts; that all our wishes and desires may centre in what thou hast commanded. Make us instrumental, according to our ability and opportunity, in promoting the salvation of all men, and especially those who are the most closely united to us in the bonds of friendship and society. Be thou ever with us in the performance of our several duties; in prayer, to quicken our devotion; in praises, to heighten our love and gratitude; and in all our works, to set a bright example to those around us.

We intercede with thee, heavenly Father, for thy church militant on earth; for her ministers and people; and for all who call themselves christians. Guard thy flock, O thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, and lead them into green pastures, and beside the still waters of salvation.

(Occasional prayers.)

Almighty God, we commit ourselves to thy care and keeping this night. We are weak and defenseless, exposed to dangers on every side, and unable to help ourselves. Keep us outwardly in our bodies, during the unguarded hours of repose; that no evil may befall us, nor any alarm or terror disturb us. Keep us also inwardly in our souls; that no wicked or hurtful thoughts, no corrupt imaginations, no wiles of the adversary, may assail us. Defend us from all adversities; and bring us in peace and safety to the beginning of another day; that being refreshed in body, and strengthened by thy Spirit in the inner man, we may enter upon our respective

duties with increasing trust and confidence in thy mercy, and with renewed purposes of serving thee faithfully and truly to the end of our days. We ask these blessings for ourselves, and for all our friends, relatives, and brethren, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name and words we conclude our petitions:—

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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MONDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR JOHN III. 1—21.

*Psalms* 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.

*Psa.* 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 defense 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.

*Psa.* 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, 25.—I say unto you, take no thought for your life what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for the 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.

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father! thou art a God that hearest prayer; and we are encouraged to draw nigh unto thy throne of grace, most humbly beseeching thee to look upon us, according to thy tender mercy in Jesus Christ. We confess our daily offenses against thee in thought, word, and deed. If thou shouldst be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who might abide it! Deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us after our iniquities. We bless thee for that all-prevailing Advocate, Jesus Christ, the righteous: by his cross and intercession, Lord, deliver us.

We are now about to enter upon the worldly employments of another week; strengthen us with thy grace, that these may not withdraw our hearts from thee, nor make us negligent of our souls, and our salvation. May the influences of the Lordsday rest upon us through the week, and may the solemn and blessed truths which we heard yesterday, in the house of prayer, abide in our memories, and direct our conduct!

With many thanks for thy mercies during the past night, we now cast ourselves upon thy protection, not knowing what this day may bring forth, but trusting in that wisdom which cannot err, and in that love which cannot fail. Father, not our will, but thine be done! Preserve us from temptation; preserve us from sin; preserve us from our own evil hearts; and if we are permitted to see the close of this day, may it be our happiness to look back upon it as one in which we have walked with God.

Send thy good Spirit to direct us in the ways and works of godliness; purify our affections; enliven our devotion; teach us how to pray, and how to hear, and read, and profit by thy holy word. Make us christians, not only in name, but also in heart and in hope. Teach us the value of our souls, and of the salvation which has been wrought for them by Christ Jesus. May we

never be ashamed to confess him before men, but, amidst all discouragement and difficulties, give us boldness to show ourselves his true disciples.

Let our conversation be such as becometh his gospel; and whatsoever we do in word or in deed, let us do all in his name, giving thanks to God and the Father through him. Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our Redeemer.

(Occasional prayers.)

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

### MONDAY EVENING.\*

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR PSALM XCI.

*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!

*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.

*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.

*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 Pet. 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.

\*The second Monday in the month is extensively observed as a concert of prayer for Sunday schools.



## PRAYER.

O LORD our God! thou art infinitely great, and infinitely good. Thy glory is above all our thoughts, and thy mercies are over all thy works. And above all thy mercies, have we cause to admire, and bless, and praise thee for those mercies which, in so large a measure, and especial manner, thou hast been pleased still to vouchsafe unto us, who are daily objects of thy bounty, and who continue still the living monuments of thy goodness.

Thou didst create us, O Lord, after thine own blessed image, in a holy and happy estate; but we have made ourselves vile and miserable, averse to good and prone to evil. But thou hast so far declared thy willingness to be reconciled even to thy enemies, that thou hast sent thy only Son into the world, upon the great errand of our salvation; that whosoever believes in him, should not perish in their sins, but have everlasting life, for his sake. O Lord, we believe, help our unbelief; and give us true repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; that we may be of the number of those who do indeed repent and believe, to the saving of the soul.

And save us, O good Lord, from our sinful selves, and from the love and course of this present evil world, and from every self-destroying way which we are tempted to follow. Make us a way to escape out of all the snares of temptation, wherewith we have been entangled and held, and hindered in running the race set before us. Make thy ways plain before us. Strengthen and establish us, O Lord, that going forth in thy strength, we may do thy will to all well-pleasing; and continue in thy fear and love to our lives' end.

These things we beg, not for ourselves alone, but also in behalf of all for whom we ought to entreat thy mercy in our prayers. O bring nigh unto thee all those that are yet afar off; and make manifest the savor of thy knowledge in every place; that such as yet sit in dark-

ness and in the shadow of death, may come to see the light of thy truth, and the joy of thy salvation. O 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; but adorn the doctrine of God, our Saviour, in all things, and so put to silence the ignorance of foolish men by well doing.

Be gracious and favorable, O Lord, in an especial manner, to thy church. Arise, O God, and plead thy own cause, and maintain thy true and holy religion, which thou hast so long and so wonderfully owned and asserted. O let not the enemies of thy church ever have cause to say, that they have prevailed against thy people; but let all that espouse thy cause, and stand up for the honor and defense of thy truth, be still prevalent and prosperous in all their pious designs; and still have cause to say, the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servants.

Comfort all that want the comforts which we enjoy. Remember with the favor which thou bearest to thy people, our friends, our kindred after the flesh, and all whosoever are dear to us, on any other account. 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.

Hear us, O God of the spirits of all flesh; hear us for ourselves and others; others for themselves and us: and hear the Son of thy love, the lover of our souls, for us and all the members of thy church militant here on earth, whereof Christ Jesus in heaven is the glorious head. For him and to him with thine eternal self, most holy Father, and the blessed Spirit of grace, our Guide and Comforter, be all thanks and praise, and honor, and glory, humbly and heartily rendered and ascribed of us, and all thy people, now and for evermore.

(Occasional prayers.)

And on this day, set apart by many of thy people as a season of prayer for thy mercy on Sunday schools, we humbly implore thy blessing on all who are engaged in those schools as teachers, or learners. Enlighten by the Holy Spirit all teachers, that they may truly understand thy word. Make them the true friends of Jesus Christ. May they be endowed with his spirit of self-denial, patience, humility, and prayer. May they evermore copy the example of Him who, when on earth, said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me. While engaged in instructing the rising generation, in leading others to the cross of Christ, may they themselves be interested in thy promises, and sanctified in all their efforts to promote thy glory. And grant, O gracious God, that their labors may be attended with thy blessing. Do thou send down thy Spirit on all Sunday schools, that the rising generation may grow up in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and in preparation for great usefulness in the church, and in the state. May schools be established in all the destitute places of our land; and all the means used to enlarge and perpetuate these blessings be crowned with success. Never suffer the zeal of thy people to languish in this cause, or thy ministers to forget their obligations to use every influence in their power to promote the religious training of the rising generation. Hear and answer the prayers which this day may have been offered in behalf of Sunday schools; excite in all thy people a spirit of benevolence; and fill the earth with thy glory.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## TUESDAY MORNING.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR PSALM I.

*Isaiah* xxviii, 16.—Behold I lay in Sion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation.

1 *Pet.* ii, 6.—He that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

*Isa.* xiv, 22.—Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.

*Mark* iv, 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.

*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 always 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.

#### P R A Y E R .

OUR voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will we direct our prayer unto thee, O thou Most High! How does it become us to be thankful! Many, during the past night, have had no place where to lay their head. Many, the victims of disease, have been full of tossing to and fro, until the dawning of the day; so that their bed has not comforted them, nor their couch relieved their complaint. Many have been deprived of rest while watching over their connections in pain and sorrow. Many have slept the sleep of death. Others, whose lives are prolonged, have risen to be surrounded with want and woe: and thousands who have all things richly to enjoy, have risen to live another day without God in the world.

Thou, O God, hast remembered, and distinguished, and indulged us. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his holy name. O magnify the Lord, and let us exalt his name *together*.

Thy mercies have been new every morning, yea, every moment. All our desires have not been gratified; but it was love that denied us, when the accomplishment of our wishes would have proved our ruin or our injury; we have had our trials, but they have been few compared with our sins; they have been attended with numberless alleviations.

Thou hast often wiped away our tears; and restored peace to thy mourners. Thou hast never chastened us but for our profit. We believe that thou hast done all things well, and that thy work is perfect.

But, O what do we owe thee for the word of thy truth—the throne of thy grace—the Son of thy love—thy unspeakable gift; what do we owe thee, that we have any reason to hope that we are in Christ, and free from all condemnation; and that when he, who is our life, shall appear, we shall also appear with him in glory, and be for ever with the Lord!

Surely, gratitude becomes us that will not end in a morning acknowledgment with the lip, but such as will keep us in the fear of the Lord all the day long, and lead us to ask: what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me? We therefore, by the mercies of God, present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service.

(Occasional prayers.)

And now, O thou Author of all good, we come to thee for the grace another day will require, for we know not when we leave our apartments in the morning, what a day will bring forth. But we know that we are stepping into a wicked world, and that we carry about us an evil heart: we know that without thee we can do nothing. We, therefore, desire to commit ourselves into thy holy keeping. Hold *thou* us up, and we shall be safe. Preserve our understandings from the subtlety of error; our affections from the love of idols; our senses



from the ungovernable impressions of outward objects; our character from every stain of vice, and our profession from every appearance of evil. May the God of peace sanctify us wholly; and may our whole spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we engage in nothing on which we cannot implore thy blessing, and to which we cannot welcome thy inspection. Prosper us in our lawful undertakings, or prepare us for disappointment. Give us neither poverty nor riches. Feed us with food convenient for us, lest we be full and deny thee, and say, who is the Lord? or lest we be poor, and steal, and take the name of our God in vain.

May every creature be good to us, being sanctified by the word of God and prayer. Teach us how to use the world as not abusing it. Enable us to improve our talents, and to redeem our time. May we walk in wisdom towards them that are without, and in kindness towards them that are within; and do good as we have opportunity unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

And unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy: to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory, and majesty, dominion, and power, both now and ever.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

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## TUESDAY EVENING.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR 1 CORINTHIANS II.

*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 profit-

eth 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.

#### PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who, for our many sins committed against thee, mightest most justly have cut us off in the midst of our days, we humbly thank thee, that in the multitude of thy mercies thou hast hitherto spared us.

Accept, we beseech thee, our unfeigned sorrow for our past transgressions; and grant that we may never so presume upon thy mercy, as to despise the riches of thy goodness; but let a sense of thy forbearance and long-suffering work in us repentance and amendment of life, to thy honor and glory, and to our final acceptance in the last day, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Keep alive in us, O Lord, a true spirit of devotion: and preserve us from the great sin of praying to thee with our lips only, and not with our heart and mind.

Convince us of our entire dependence upon thee; quicken us in the pursuit of things eternal; that we may continually press forward to obtain the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Dispose us, we beseech thee, rightly to discharge all our duties. Watch over our path; compass us about with thy favor; preserve us in our going out and coming in; and direct all our steps in the way of thy commandments.

Make us truly honest and conscientious in all our dealings; diligent in the performance of our duty; innocent in our conversation; meek, charitable, and forgiving towards others; watchful over ourselves, and ever mindful of thy presence.

Sanctify unto us our trials and crosses, if it be thy good pleasure to afflict us; and give us such a measure of patience and godly resolution, that we may be willing to take up our cross daily, and to follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth.

(Occasional prayers.)

O Lord, if we have now asked any thing amiss, we pray thee pardon our ignorance and infirmity; and whatsoever is good for us, even if we ask it not, be pleased to grant to us, in the name and for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR 1 CORINTHIANS XIII.

*Rom. III, 10.*—It is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

*Ezek. XI, 19.*—But I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh.

*Psa. 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.

*Rom.* 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.

*Psa.* 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 no 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.

*Isa.* 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 for ever them that are sanctified.

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

#### PRAYER.

O THOU, whose name is Jehovah, the Most High over all the earth, we desire to adore the perfections of thy nature, and to admire the works of thy hands. May the united displays of thy greatness, and thy goodness, impress our minds, and influence our thoughts and affections, while we approach thee.

Heaven is thy throne, and the earth is thy footstool. The universe, with all its creatures, was made by thy word, and is upheld by thy power; and thou doest according to thine own will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; none can stay thy hand, or say unto thee, What doest thou?

But thou art the Father of mercies, the God of all grace, and the God of all comfort. Even we, poor,

mean, dying creatures, are not beneath thy care. Thou hast been mindful of us; thou hast visited us; and thy visitation hath preserved our spirits. The lines are fallen to us in pleasant places; yea, we have a goodly heritage; we live in a land of light; we have the Scriptures in our hands, and our ears hear the joyful sound of the gospel. We know that thou hast not spared thine own Son, but delivered him up for us all. We know that he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: that his blood cleanseth from all sin, and that whosoever believeth on him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

We come in *his* name, and make mention of his righteousness only. We plead the obedience and sufferings of *him* who magnified the law, and made it honorable. May we be justified by his blood; and may we be saved by his life. May we be joined to the Lord, and be of one spirit with him. May we deny ourselves, and take up our cross, and follow him. May the agency of thy Holy Spirit prepare us for all the dispensations of thy providence. May we be willing that the Lord should choose our inheritance for us, and determine what we shall retain or lose; what we shall suffer or enjoy.

If indulged with prosperity, may we be secured from its snares, and use its advantages as not abusing them. And may we patiently and cheerfully submit to those afflictions which are necessary to hedge up our way when we are tempted to wander, to excite an abhorrence of sin, to wean us from the present evil world, and to make us partakers of thy holiness. In whatsoever state we are, may we be therewith content.

May our friends and relations be fellow-heirs with us of the grace of life. Let our house be the tabernacle of the righteous: let our children and servants be a seed to serve thee: and among none of those who surround this family altar, may there be weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, when they shall see Abraham,



and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of God, and they themselves shut out.

Lord, help us all to view our religious opportunities as talents, for which we are accountable: to remember that our greatest danger results from our highest privileges; and to fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into thy rest, any of us should seem to come short of it.

(Occasional prayers.)

In the duties of this day, be graciously pleased to be with us. Preserve us from temptations, and the allurements of the world. Defend us from danger, and prepare us for whatever may be thy will in regard to us. In all circumstances may we evince the Christian spirit: be kept from anger, and pride, and ambition; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness. May we be diligent in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. May we rejoice with them who do rejoice, and weep with them who weep. Help us to provide things honest in the sight of all men; and to live peaceably with all. To the end of our lives may we be the humble and consistent followers of Jesus Christ, so that at last, through his merits, we may, with all thy people, be admitted to the joys of thy kingdom above.

And to the only wise God, our Saviour, be praise and glory everlasting.

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.      *Amen.*

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR 2 CORINTHIANS V.

*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 into their inward parts, and write it in their hearts: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

*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 always 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.

*Rom. 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.

*Rom. viii, 1.*—There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Jesus Christ, 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 his good pleasure.

#### PRAYER.

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, Maker of all things, and Judge of all men, we, the helpless creatures of thy bounty, and the humble dependants on thy will, desire now to offer up our acknowledgments to thee, for all thy goodness, and especially for thy over-ruling care and protection during the past day. We approach thy throne as unworthy sinners, and implore thy forgiving mercy. We lament the trespasses which we daily commit against thee. Thou knowest all our infirmities, and seest all our hearts, and searchest out all our ways. Pity, we beseech thee, our blindness and ignorance, and our proneness to err from the paths of uprightness. Our hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately

wicked; and we know not in how many things we constantly offend. But we beseech thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, to pardon whatever evil we have thought, or said, or done this day. Turn away thy face from the multitude of our iniquities, and enable us to examine our hearts and lives by the light of thine unerring word, that we may repent and turn from our transgressions, that iniquity may not be our ruin.

We pray thee to pour down upon us the gift of thy Holy Spirit, that we may amend our ways, and purify our hearts, and walk before thee in newness of life. Teach us to improve the means of grace and knowledge with which we are favored: Remembering always, that unto whom much is given, of them will much be required. Let us not bury the talent which thou hast bestowed upon us, lest we stand condemned as unprofitable servants. As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so let us walk in him. May we cultivate those tempers, and abound in those works, which the gospel requires. May the graces of meekness and patience, of kindness and forbearance, of benevolence and charity, be the ornaments of our lives. Being established in the love of God, may we also love our fellow-men with pureness and singleness of heart. And let us abound in all the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of God.

(Occasional prayers.)

We beseech thee, heavenly Father, to bless unto us the events of thy holy providence; and so to order all things, during the remainder of our days, that they may issue in our eternal good. Make us duly sensible at all times, of the shortness and uncertainty of human life. Teach us to realize the solemn truth, that we know not what a day may bring forth. Sanctify to us all the vicissitudes through which we are called to pass, whether prosperity or adversity, health or sickness, joy or sorrow. May we consider all things as coming from thy fatherly

hand; that we may neither repine under thy chastisements, nor prove forgetful of thy mercies. In cheerfulness and contentment; and in reconciliation with thee, our God, may we enjoy peace within ourselves, and live in perfect charity with all mankind.

We ask for all, for ourselves, and in behalf of those who are near and dear to us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR MATTHEW XVII, 1—13.

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 *Pet.* 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.

*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 water: 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 *Pet.* I, 3.—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. 4.—To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. 5.—Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

*Heb.* IV, 9.—There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God.

## PRAYER.

O MOST merciful God, behold with compassion thy weak and sinful creatures, waiting for thy blessing at the throne of grace. Grant us a spirit of prayer and supplication, that we may approach thee in a time acceptable, and offer unto thee the sincere devotions of humble and contrite hearts. And hear us, we beseech thee, in loving kindness; and in the multitude of thy tender mercies, draw nigh unto thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with the precious blood of thy dear Son.

We bow the knee before thee in the name of him, whom thou thyself hast made the Lord our righteousness. And through him we pray thee to show us thy mercy, and to grant us thy salvation.

May we now go forth to the discharge of our several duties, in thy fear, and in humble dependence on thy protection. Grant us thy Holy Spirit, to guide and direct us in all the relations of life, and to restrain us from every vain and sinful indulgence. Enable us to abstain from those luxuries and pleasures which turn away the heart from serving thee, and endanger the peace and welfare of the soul. Preserve us from the snares and enticements of the wicked. Keep our feet from falling, and our souls from death, that we may walk before thee in the light of the living. Dispose us, day by day, to give all diligence, to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. Grant that these, and all other heavenly dispositions, may be in us and abound, that we may not be idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

(Occasional prayers.)

Prepare us, O God, for the various changes of this mortal life. In every visitation, may we see thy overruling hand; that we may humble ourselves in adver-



sity, and receive thy bounties with devout and thankful hearts. Regard with compassion all sorts and conditions of men. Preserve the rich from temptation; and teach them to trust not in uncertain riches, but in thee the living God. To the poor, give contentment and submission; that they may be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee. Save and defend all the faithful in Christ Jesus. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given him; that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in him, and he in thee; that they also may be one, even as ye are one.

Comfort the afflicted; succor the tempted; strengthen the weak; instruct the ignorant; and reclaim the wandering: and grant unto all men, that godliness which is profitable unto all things; having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

#### THURSDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR MATTHEW XIX, 16—29.

*Psalm* XXXIV, 7.—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

*Psa.* 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.

*Deut.* XXXIII, 12.—The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long.

*Prov.* XVIII, 10.—The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth unto it, and is safe.

*Psa. xvi, 8.*—I have set the Lord always before me ; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

*Psa. 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 ?

*Matt. vi, 33.*—Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

*Isa. 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.

#### P R A Y E R .

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, who art our constant protector, and the giver of every blessing which we enjoy ; we humbly and heartily thank thee for thy mercies during the past day ; and we pray thee to preserve us through the night, and to cause thy peace at this time to rest upon us. We ask the forgiveness of all our sins. Remember not against us the transgressions of this day, or of our past lives : but grant unto us true repentance, and a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us a due sense of our great unworthiness, and of the manifold transgressions which we daily commit against thee. Help us to exercise that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation. And when we appear before thee, weary and heavy-laden with the burden of our sins, we beseech thee to show unto us the light of thy reconciled countenance, and grant us the comforts of thy Holy Spirit ; that we may go to our rest in peace, and in the hope of pardon of all our sins, through the all-prevailing merits of our dear Redeemer.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Let us remember, that we are daily and hourly drawing nearer to the grave. May we learn, by every instance of mortality, that our hold on life is feeble and uncertain, and that we know not how soon it may please thee to bring it to an

end. O blessed Lord, by whose mercy we have been spared another day, give us grace to redeem the time that yet remains, and to use all diligence to fill up the measure of our duties, and to finish the work which thou hast given us to do, before we be called hence, to give up our account to thee.

(Occasional prayers.)

Bless, we pray thee, all our relatives, friends, and brethren. Make them thy children by adoption and grace, and extend to them all the benefits of thy gospel. Have mercy on our native land; and continue to us, if it please thee, the blessings which we have so long and so unthankfully enjoyed. Save us from national judgments; and punish us not according to our deserts. But spare us, good Lord; spare us, for the sake of thy dear Son. Give wisdom and integrity, we beseech thee, to our civil rulers and magistrates. May they rule in thy fear, and seek thy glory. Endue them, and the people under them, with that righteousness which exalteth a nation; and save them from those sins which are a reproach to any people.

These and all other things needful for our bodies and our souls, for our temporal and eternal interests, we humbly ask, in the name of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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#### FRIDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR EPHESIANS IV, 1—16.

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. xxxiii, 11. 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. Ezek. xviii, 21. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN to profit withal. 1 Cor. xii, 7. He said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. xii, 9. Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Mal. ii, 10. God is no respecter of persons; Acts x, 34; but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance. 2 Pet. iii, 9. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for ALL. 1 Tim. ii, 5. He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of THE WHOLE WORLD. 1 John ii, 2. As by the offense 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. v, 18: 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—Rom. xi, 32—that he, by the grace of God, should taste death FOR EVERY MAN! Heb. ii, 9.

## PRAYER.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, grant us grace, at this time, to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service. Let us come before thee, under a grateful sense of all thy goodness. We will exalt thee: We will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things in thy righteousness. We will be glad, and rejoice in thy salvation. Every day will we give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

We commend ourselves, O God, to thy care and protection this day. Defend us with thy mighty power. Stretch forth thine hand to deliver us from every danger. Guide and direct us by thy good Spirit; that we may shun every evil way, and walk securely in thy commandments. Grant us grace, that we fall not under the power of temptation, nor indulge in any secret or open sin. Purify our hearts, and regulate our desires, and restrain our passions, that all our doings, being ordered by thy holy precepts, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Occasional prayers.)

We bless thee, O God, that thou hast caused thy holy scriptures to be written for our learning: and we beseech thee to grant, that they may prove profitable to us, for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that we may be perfected in obedience, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works. May we all be so taught of thee, that thy law may be written in our hearts; that we may call upon thee as our God, and be acknowledged as thy people.

Grant, O Lord, that the ministers of thy word may go forth into all the world, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. Grant that the dark and benighted regions of the earth may hear the voice of redeeming love. Hasten the day, O God, when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. May many people go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. Hasten the day, when the nations of the earth shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither learn war any more; when all may walk in the light of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Prepare us, O God, for the hour of death, and for the day of judgment; that when thy blessed Son, who has ascended into heaven, and sitteth on thy right hand, shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and dead, we may be ready to say, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.      *Amen.*



## FRIDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR 1 JOHN III.

*Jas. 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 Pet. 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.

*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 Pet. 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 awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we bless thee for another opportunity of coming into thy presence; and we beseech thee, of thy great

goodness, to accept our thanksgivings and receive our prayers. May we approach thy throne with due reverence and godly fear; knowing that thou art every where present, and searchest out all our ways; that there is not a word in our tongue, nor a thought of our heart, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

We acknowledge all our sinfulness. We have gone astray like lost and wandering sheep. But, O thou Shepherd of Israel, who didst come to seek and to save that which was lost, may we hear thy voice, and return unto thee. And we beseech thee to have compassion upon us; bind up the broken; reclaim the wandering, and restore us to the paths of righteousness and peace.

When compassed about with infirmities, and sorrows, and sufferings, may we repose in perfect confidence on thy promise, that thou wilt swallow up death in victory, and wipe away tears from off all faces. May we look upon our blessed Saviour as he is revealed to us, a King reigning in righteousness. May he be unto us, as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

(Occasional prayers.)

Have mercy, O God, upon the poor, the desolate, and the oppressed. Be thou the widow's God, and a father of the fatherless; and raise up, we beseech thee, friends and benefactors for the needy and the destitute; that they may be defended in all adversities, and provided for in all their necessities.

We pray for our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers. Have pity and compassion upon them; and grant them grace to see their wickedness, and turn from their sins. Forgive them, O Lord, in thy mercy; and grant us a spirit of forgiveness, that we may be ready to do unto others, as we would that thou shouldst do unto us.

Extend thy compassion, heavenly Father, to those who are spiritually blind and ignorant. Cause the

wicked to forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, that he may turn unto thee, and be abundantly pardoned.

Send out the light of thy everlasting gospel to the benighted heathen, and to all who are dwelling in darkness and the shadow of death. May the glad tidings of salvation be heard among them, as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## SATURDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR EPHESIANS II.

*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.

*Rom.* 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.

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast taught us, in thy holy word, to make prayers, and supplications,

and intercessions, and to give thanks for all men; we humbly beseech thee favorably to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty. We bless thee for thy great mercy, in opening a door of access to thy throne, through the intercession of thy dear Son, who is revealed to us as the way, the truth, and the life. We bless thee for thy gracious promise, that whatsoever we shall faithfully ask of thee in his name, shall be given unto us. We come before thee, pleading this thy unfailing assurance; and we beseech thee to look down upon us in mercy, and grant our petitions for Jesus Christ's sake.

We pray for thy holy church throughout the world. Inspire its ministers and members with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; that it may be delivered from all false doctrine, from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment; and grant that all those who confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in peace, and harmony, and godly love.

We pray for all Christian rulers and magistrates; beseeching thee so to direct and dispose their hearts, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

We pray for our common country; that its civil, religious and benevolent institutions, may enjoy thy blessing; that its schools and seminaries of learning may flourish and prosper; that health, and peace, and plentifulness may abound; that righteousness, which alone exalteth a nation, may prevail; and that sin, which is a reproach to any people, may not be our ruin.

We pray for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst give them thy heavenly grace; and especially to this family here assembled in thy name and presence; that with meekness of heart and due reverence, they may hear and obey thy commandments; truly serving

thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We pray for all those, who, in this transitory life, are in sorrow, sickness, or any other adversity. Of thy great goodness, O Lord, comfort and succor them. Show them the light of thy countenance; sustain them in all their trials, and make all things to work together for their present and eternal welfare.

(Occasional prayers.)

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## SATURDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—OR PSALM CXIX, 1—16.

*Acts* XXIV, 16.—Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense 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.

*Isa.* 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.

*Tit.* 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 straight 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?



## PRAYER.

IN an humble acknowledgment of our manifold sins and iniquities, which we from time to time, and more especially this day, have committed against thee, in thought, word, and deed, we now prostrate ourselves before thee, O Lord of heaven and earth, beseeching thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour, to be merciful unto us. Forgive us, O Lord, that we have not rendered unto thee according to thy mercy and loving-kindness; that we have been forgetful and disobedient, and have sinned against heaven; and in thy sight. Let thy Holy Spirit sanctify us throughout, and give us more and more grace and strength, whereby we may be enabled to subdue all our sinful and corrupt affections; grant that we may improve the remainder of our days with all possible care, and give all diligence to make our calling and election sure, that we may so persevere therein unto death, that at last we may attain everlasting life.

Accept our praises and thanksgivings for all thy mercies vouchsafed to us in this life, and for the hopes of a better. And now that we are going to take our rest and sleep, let us consider that thou, Lord, only makest us to dwell in safety; whether we sleep or wake, live or die, let us be found thine own, to thy eternal glory, and our everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ.

O our God, another week has just passed away, and we are still in the land of the living, while so many of our fellow-creatures have passed from time into eternity. Blessed be God for the continuance of life and health, and for prolonged opportunities of preparing for death and judgment.

O gracious God, let not this continuance of mercy increase our condemnation, by encouraging us to commit sin, because hitherto thine anger has been withheld from falling upon us. Let us not treasure up wrath unto our-

selves against the day of wrath; but teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. (Occasional prayers.)

Prepare us, most blessed God, by sleep and rest, to take our part in the duties of the Sabbath to-morrow. Give us that sense of sin which leads to a full confession of its guilt, and to faith in the atonement of Christ for its pardon. Give us that adoring gratitude for all thy mercies, more especially for the great mercy of a Saviour, which may incline us to praise thee with joyful lips. Give us that sense of the value of our souls, and of the greatness of thy salvation, which may lead us to seek life and mercy with all our hearts. O let not the coming Sabbath be defectively used, like those which are past; but let it be so improved, by public and private means of grace, as to advance our meetness for the service of that eternal Sabbath that remaineth for the people of God; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

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### THIRD WEEK.

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#### LORDSDAY MORNING.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM XIX.

##### PRAYER.

O THOU Lord of the Sabbath! enable us, on this morning of thy holy day, to worship thee in spirit and truth. May we find it good to draw near to thee in prayer. We thank thee for the consecration of one day in seven to thy immediate service. This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Grant us thy gracious presence and blessing. Take off

our thoughts from the vanities of time and sense, and place them upon divine and heavenly things. We would cease from our own works, as God on the seventh day did from his, and call the Lordsday a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and honor him, not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words; but delighting in the Lord. We confess before thee our manifold transgressions. With the leper under the law, we cry, unclean, unclean; and with the humble publican, God! be merciful to us, sinners. Like penitent Job, we would abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes. O thou God of salvation! have mercy on us. Make bare thine almighty arm for our deliverance; save us, or we perish. Make us the trophies of thy victorious grace. Wilt thou, who didst at first command light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. We bless thee, O God! for our creation and preservation; for the kind care thou hast taken of us from the commencement of our existence to the present moment. We thank thee especially for the gift of thy Son, and for the method of salvation by him. What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards us? We will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord. We would present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. When permitted to wait upon thee in thine earthly courts, grant us thy blessing. If thy presence go not with us, wherefore should we go up to thy house? Help us to keep our feet, when we go to the house of God, and to be more ready to hear, than to offer the sacrifice of fools. Be with all thy worshipping assemblies every where this day. Give them fellowship with thee in thine ordinances, and, while in thy banqueting-house, may thy banner over them be love. Let none be disposed unnecessarily to forsake the as

sembling of themselves together as the manner of some is. Impart unto the ministers of the gospel, a double portion of thy Holy Spirit. May they show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Bless the minister whom thou hast placed over us. Make him wise to win souls unto Christ. May this Lordsday be a spiritual birth-day to thousands. Open thou blind eyes, unstop deaf ears, and break hard hearts. Instruct the ignorant, reclaim the wandering, and edify thy people.

(Occasional prayers.)

We thank thee, gracious Father! for the mercies of the past night, and for the light and blessings of this holy morning. Let thy good providence preserve and defend us this day, and thy Holy Spirit guide and comfort us. Prepare us for all the duties and events of subsequent life, and, especially, for death, judgment and a happy eternity. And now, O thou prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God! hear our supplications, and grant us an answer in peace through Jesus Christ; to whom, as the Lamb that was slain to redeem us to God by his blood, be blessing, and honor, and glory, and power for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## LORDSDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN I, 1—18.

### PRAYER.

HOLY, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come! thy name endureth for ever, and thy memorial unto all generations. Help us, at the close of this thy holy day, to bow before thee with profound veneration. We thank thee for the Lordsday and its sacred privileges; that we have been permitted

to worship thee in the family, and in the house of our holy solemnities. Accept, through the mediation of the heavenly Advocate, our praises and thanksgivings; hear our supplications; and sanctify to us the instructions of thy word. May what we have this day heard, read and meditated upon, of a religious nature, deeply impress our minds and do us good, as thy word doth the upright in heart. If we have misspent or profaned any portion of thy holy day, pardon us, we beseech thee. May the services of thy people, in all parts of christendom, come up in acceptable remembrance before thee. Wherein their worship has been defective or defiled, forgive. Let what they have this day learned of God and his law, of their depravity and ruin, of Christ and his gospel, powerfully impress their hearts, and influence their practice. May thy word, this day dispensed, be 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. Cause a heavenly wind to blow, that dry bones may be enlivened, and the dead in trespasses and sins be quickened. Bless all thy churches. Build them up in the faith, order, and purity of the gospel. May all, who minister at thy holy altar, be richly furnished for the services of the sanctuary, and be inspired with an ardent love for the souls of men. Bless thy servant, who ministers in spiritual things unto us. May he be instant in season and out of season, laboring abundantly in word and doctrine, not teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, but the pure word of God.

(Occasional prayers.)

Succeed all attempts to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to save a perishing world. O Lord! graciously regard us, who are now worshiping before thee. Behold! we are vile, what shall we answer thee? Our sins are more numerous than the hairs of our heads, and testify against us. But O Lord! enter not into



judgment with us, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. With the disciple of Christ we pray, Lord! save or we perish. O thou who art exalted to give repentance to Israel and remission of sins! give us that godly sorrow which worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of. Pardon us we beseech thee, and accept us in thy beloved. We thank thee, heavenly Father! that thou hast so tenderly loved us, as to give thine only begotten Son to die for us. Praised be thy name, that eternal redemption may be obtained through the blood of sprinkling. We give thee thanks for the blessings of life, and of the past day in particular. We commit ourselves into thy hands for keeping this night. May we lie down to rest in safety, and in peace with God and man. Having been refreshed with sleep, bring us to behold the morning, rejoicing in its light and in thy loving kindness. Ever may we act in thy fear, and live to thy glory. When the evening of life shall arrive and we are called to close the day of toil and trouble, may we fall asleep in Jesus, and, in the morning of the resurrection, awake to a glorious and blissful immortality. Hear our prayer, O Lord! give ear to our supplications; in thy faithfulness answer us, and in thy righteousness. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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MONDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN IV, 1—26.

PRAYER.

THE heavens declare thy glory, O God, and the firmament sheweth thy handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge, and there is no speech nor language where their

voice is not heard. We behold displays of thy wisdom, power and goodness, in all thy works, from the largest to the least.

But thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name; and we can never be sufficiently thankful, for the revelation of thy will in the Scriptures of truth. We bless thee that these sacred Scriptures have been preserved, and translated, and published, and multiplied, so that we all have it in our possession, and can read, in our own tongue, the wonderful works of God. Here we see not only thy greatness, but thy grace; and not only thy pity, but thy rectitude; we see mercy and truth meeting together, righteousness and peace kissing each other. Here thou hast shined in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

For in Him thou hast reconciled the world unto thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. Thou hast made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. And thou hast raised Him up from the dead, and given him glory, that our faith and hope may be in God. May the hearts thus tenderly wooed, be effectually won. At the view of this infinite kindness, may we resign all our unworthy and suspicious thoughts; and placing our confidence in thee, return and say—Lord, I am thine, save me. Look thou upon me and be merciful unto me, as thou dost unto those that love thy name.

(Occasional prayers.)

Preserve us from a false estimate of the whole of our character, or of any part of it. May we regard our principles, as well as our conduct; our motives as well as our actions. May we never mistake the excitement of our passions, for the renewing of the Holy Ghost. May we never judge of our religion, by occasional impressions and impulses; but by our constant and

prevailing disposition. May our heart be right with God, and our life such as becometh the gospel.

May we maintain a supreme regard to another and a better world, and feel, and confess ourselves to be only strangers and pilgrims in this. How often by bodily infirmities and pains, by relative afflictions, and by dissatisfactions growing out of every enjoyment—how often have we been told—O, when shall we be taught, that this is not our rest? O God, not only command, but enable us, to arise and depart hence. Afford us all the direction, all the defense, all the support, all the consolation our journey will require. Give us, in large abundance, the supply of the spirit of Jesus Christ, that we may be prepared for every duty: that we may love thee in all our mercies; that we may submit to thee in every trial. May we trust thee when we walk in darkness, and have no light; and amidst all the changes of the present, and the uncertainties of the future, may our minds be kept in perfect peace, being stayed upon God.

Hast thou not made with us an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure? The very hairs of our head—are they not all numbered? Are not all thy ways mercy and truth? Lord, we believe, help thou our unbelief. And now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless, before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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MONDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—ISAIAH XXXV.

PRAYER.

O THOU exalted God and Father! we come loaded with thy mercies, to present to thee our evening sacri-

fice of prayer and thanksgiving. With more than parental solicitude thou hast watched over us this day, and brought us to see its close in peace and safety. How unworthy are we of all thy favors! We feel and acknowledge that this very day we have been guilty of many sins and shortcomings. Our hearts are ever prone to forget thee; and though the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving kindness, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Sprinkle our souls afresh with the atoning blood of Christ. Cleanse thou us from secret faults. We know that our sins are great, but thy mercy is greater, and hence we trust in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May we be enabled hereafter carefully to avoid whatever was wrong or sinful in us to-day. May we be more watchful against temptation, more zealous in thy service, more devout in prayer, more spiritual in our conversation, and more holy in our walk.

(Occasional prayers.)

We now retire to rest,—be pleased to throw the shield of thy protection over us this night. Give thy holy angels charge concerning us, that no evil, seen or unseen, may befall us. Help us to remember that as we now lay our bodies upon our bed of sleep, so we will soon have to be laid in our grave to awake no more until the morning of the resurrection. Let every future day and night of our lives be spent in such a manner, that whenever thou shalt call us hence, we may depart as peacefully as we now retire to rest. If this should be the night of our death, may we sleep in Jesus. Our God is ours, and we are his, what enemy have we to fear?

We would supplicate the same blessings for all that are near and dear to us, that we ask for ourselves. Have mercy upon our enemies, and bless their souls. May they not be thine enemies. May we be enabled

to act in such a manner towards them, that they may take knowledge of us, that we have been with Jesus, and have learned of him. Remember graciously all the sick and afflicted, and administer to their wants. Pity a world that lieth in sin, and send abroad thy light and truth into all the earth. May we be invigorated and refreshed by sleep, so that if it be thy will, we may behold the coming morning in health and peace, and be well prepared for the duties and labors of the new day. And now unto God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be present and eternal praises given.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## TUESDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MARK II, 1—17.

## PRAYER.

BLESSED be God, the Creator of heaven and earth! Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever! who hath created the day and the night, and divided the light and the darkness, and who hath ordained that as long as time shall be, they shall not cease; in order that mankind may rest in the hours of silent darkness and return by morning light to their daily avocations. Lord, how manifold are thy works; in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy goodness. For these thy mercies we should praise thee, before yet the sun arise, and draw nigh unto thee with the dawn of the morning. Therefore do we now again appear in thy presence, to praise thee for the quiet repose and refreshing sleep which in the past night we have enjoyed, and that we are this morning again permitted to rise in health and gladness. We beseech thee, preserve our souls this day as it were in the hollow



of thy hand and keep our bodies in health and safety, secure from the multiplied calamities which surround us. Be thou unto us a mighty protection and a strong stay, a preservation from stumbling and a help from falling, [Sir. xxxiv, 16,] that no calamity overtake us.

(Occasional prayers.)

O merciful God, grant that, as knowing the time, that now it is high time to arise out of the sleep of sin and unrighteousness, for now our salvation is nearer than when we believed, and since the night is far spent and the day is at hand, O grant, that we may therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, that we may walk honestly as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying, but that we may put on the Lord Jesus Christ in true faith and goodness. Waken us, O Lord, in the morning, and incline our ears to hear thy word, that we may receive the same in faith and treasure it up in our hearts—and complying with its directions, listen to the cries and supply the wants of the poor and distressed; and when again in days of distress we call upon thee, O lend a listening ear to the voice of our supplications, and despise not the prayer of our souls when death draws nigh. Early shall our prayers come before thee, incline thine ear to our cries, and in the morning fill us with thy grace, then shall we delight and rejoice in thee all our days.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

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## TUESDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MATTHEW XI.

### PRAYER.

O THOU powerful and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we would tender unto thee our heartfelt and grateful acknowledgments, that through

thy divine protection, this day has been spent free from all danger and harm. That we have not come into perils and dangers, threatening both body and soul, we have to attribute to thy mercy, for thou hast preserved us in all our ways. We beseech thee now furthermore pardon all the sins we have committed against thee in former times, and take us and all those who are near and dear unto us into thy keeping, this night and through the remainder of our pilgrimage here below. In mercy preserve us from all fear and distress, from the delusions and craftiness of the devil, wherewith he endeavors to subdue us both by day and by night; preserve us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the snares of the enemy: deliver us from the net and the snares laid to entrap our souls. Let not the temptations of the evil one be greater than our strength, but rescue us, O Lord, from every danger which may threaten either body or soul; for thou, Lord, art our rock and our fortress and our deliverer: our God, our strength, in thee will we trust, our buckler and the horn of our salvation and our high tower. [Ps. xviii, 3.] Therefore thou ever faithful God, let thy waking eyes be upon us, and prove thou our defense from the power and attacks of the great enemy; be our watch and guard, surround us with thy protection as with a wall, that nothing can harm us, for in thee alone is our salvation—to thee do we raise our eyes, from thee alone cometh our help. Our help cometh from the Lord who hath created heaven and earth. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Lift upon us the light of thy countenance, that we may not sleep the sleep of death, O thou that livest and reignest throughout eternity. (Occasional prayers.)

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. Amen.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM XXIII.

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and heavenly Father, who art about our path, and beholdest all our ways; we come to thee in the name of thy beloved Son, to supplicate thy mercy as we enter upon the duties of another day.

Thou, O Lord, art a shield for us, our glory, and the lifter up of our heads. We laid us down, and slept; we have awaked, for thou, Lord, hast sustained us. For restored light, for life, and health, and strength, we praise and bless thee. Thou, Lord, only, keepest us in safety, and free from evil. Thou providest for all our wants. May our souls, and all that is within us, magnify God for all his goodness, and especially for his wonderful mercy in redeeming sinners by Jesus Christ; for the light of that Sun of Righteousness, which arises with healing in his wings on benighted souls; for all the blessings of free salvation through him, all the means of grace, and the hope of future glory.

Sad are the returns which we have made for so many mercies. How ungrateful have we been! We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and rebellions. We were born in sin, and we find continually the flesh lust- ing against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, so that we cannot do the things that we would. We are guilty, sinful and weak. Lord, save us, or we perish. We entirely depend on thy mercy, in Christ Jesus, for the gift and continuance of every good, and for deliverance from all those evils which we have justly deserved.

For that mercy we now earnestly look to thee, O Father of mercies. Remember us, O Lord, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people. O visit us with thy salvation that we may see the good of thy chosen,

that we may rejoice in the gladness of thy people, that we may glory with thine inheritance. May the grace of God which bringeth salvation, teach us, and all men, to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world.

Give us grace to be continually looking to thee, through this day, for direction, assistance and strength. Be thou in all our thoughts, and let us acknowledge thee in all our ways.

Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that we may be humble, patient, gentle and full of love, even as he was. Teach us to be poor in spirit, and meek; to mourn for sin, and to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Grant that we may love that Saviour whom we have not seen, and believing in him may we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

And here, constrained by thy mercies, we would afresh present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service. We renew in thy presence all our solemn vows, renouncing the world, the flesh and the devil; and steadfastly purposing, by thy help, to keep thy holy will and commandments. We take thee, O God, for our portion, and thy laws as our rule, and thy service as our duty, entreating thee to give us grace that we may be wholly thine.

(Occasional prayers.)

May all mankind know and serve thee. Grant that the kingdom which is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, may be established in every land, in every heart.

Grant the abundance of thy Holy Spirit to the ministers of Christ every where, and especially to him who watches over our souls. Bless the place and the neighborhood in which we live, and prosper every effort to do good.

Lord, we beseech thee also to bless our more imme-

diate relations. Look upon them in mercy, and visit them with thy salvation. Hear these prayers, for the only sake of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—1 CORINTHIANS XV, 1—28.

#### PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God and most merciful Father! we adore thee as a being possessed of all possible perfections, excellence and glory. Who is like unto thee, O Lord! glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? We approach thee through Jesus Christ, who is Mediator between God and man. In the name of our great High Priest, who is passed into the heavens, we would come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. We thank thee, O Lord! that thou didst make man with such noble powers of body and mind. But we have to acknowledge that the crown is fallen from our head; woe unto us that we have sinned. Our hearts by nature are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who shall deliver us from the body of this death! Our flesh trembleth for fear of thee, and we are afraid of thy judgment. Praised be thy name, that thou hast not cut us down as cumberers of the ground, but that we have still a place in thy vineyard. Thou art waiting to be gracious, and calling by the voice of providence and thy glorious word, saying: "turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" O that we might obey thy calls, and turn and live! Give us repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ. May we have the blessedness of that man, whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Enable us



to exercise ourselves so as to have always a conscience void of offense towards God and towards man. O Lord! graciously regard those who are in a state of impenitence. Teach transgressors thy ways, and let sinners be converted unto thee. Quicken those who are dead in trespass and sins. Bless the aged. Support them in the decline of life, and let the evening of their days be tranquil and happy. Command thy blessing upon the middle aged and the rising generation. May parents instruct their children and their households after them, that they may keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. Comfort Zion, make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord, that joy and gladness may be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

(Occasional prayers.)

Great Author of our being and blessings! we thank thee for the favors, which thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us. From thine inexhaustible fulness, our daily wants have been supplied. We bless thee for the wonders of redeeming love, for the overtures of mercy, and for the means of grace. Make us wise unto eternal life. Help us to choose that good part, which shall never be taken away from us. We thank thee, O Lord! for the protection and blessings of another day and evening. We now commit ourselves into thy keeping for this night. May the holy angels encamp around our habitation and defend us. Permit us in safety to see another day, prepared for its duties and events. Guide, guard, and bless us in this state of trial, and at death receive us to mansions of glory, through the atonement and intercession of Jesus Christ. Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## THURSDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN x, 1—18.

## PRAYER.

O THOU high and lofty One that inhabitest eternity, whose name is holy! though thou art exalted as God over all, blessed for evermore; yet thou dost condescend to dwell with those, who are of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and the heart of the contrite. O Lord! in thine infinite condescension look down upon us now prostrate before thee. We humbly confess all our iniquities and guilt. We have erred and strayed like lost sheep. When we have known our Master's will, we have not been careful to perform it, and therefore deserve to be beaten with many stripes. O Lord! have mercy upon us miserable sinners. Spare thou us, who confess our faults. Let us know the plague of our hearts, and see what evil dwells within us. Give us the deepest penitence for sin, for a broken heart, O God! thou wilt not despise. May we think on our ways, and turn unto the Lord, from whom we have so ungratefully revolted. O for an interest in Christ, whose blood cleanseth from all sin. We would go unto the glorious Saviour, who hath said, come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Enable us at all times to possess the temper of christians, that we may manifest ourselves to be the disciples of the meek and lowly Jesus.

(Occasional prayers.)

O thou compassionate Father in heaven! be pleased to extend thy grace to the whole family of man. Give thy Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Let the gospel be preached to every creature under heaven, and be effectual to their conversion and salvation. Give to the ministers of the gospel ardent zeal in their divine

Master's service, and eminent success in their high calling. We give thee thanks for thy manifold goodness in redemption. We praise thee, O Lord, for the message of eternal life, published in the gospel; that we are come not unto mount Sinai, that burned with fire, and threatens death; but unto mount Zion, which proclaims mercy to every penitent. We bless thee, too, for the bounties of thy daily providence. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all our days. We render thee thanks for the mercies of the night past. We laid us down and slept; we awaked, because thou, Lord! hast sustained us. Go forth with us, we beseech thee, in the concerns of this day. Prosper us in our lawful undertakings. Guide us by thine unerring wisdom, all the days of our pilgrimage, and enable us at death to depart this life in the triumphs of a christian hope. And when absent from the body, may we be present with the Lord, and be permitted to celebrate for ever the praises of redeeming love. All which we ask in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ; to whom with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be equal and everlasting honors.

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.      *Amen.*

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## THURSDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MATTHEW XXI, 1—16.

## PRAYER.

SUPREMACY great and glorious God! before thee angels, veiling their faces, bow and worship. Permit us, who dwell on thy footstool, unworthy as we are, to approach thy sacred presence, through the atoning blood of Jesus. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High! to show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and

thy faithfulness every night. Blessed be God, who hath preserved us in our going out and coming in, the day past, and who daily loads us with benefits. We have been the recipients of thy divine bounty continually, and we would gratefully acknowledge the hand that has supplied us. Take care of us, O Lord! this night. Keep us as the apple of thine eye. Hide us under the shadow of thy wings. May we commune with our own hearts upon our beds, and meditate upon thee in the night watches. Permit us to behold the light of another day, better prepared to serve thee, than ever yet we have been. Be with us in all subsequent life. As thou hast guarded and blessed us in infancy, in youth, and in riper years; so do thou continue to be our guardian and benefactor. While we rejoice that thou hast given us birth and education in a land of gospel light and liberty, may we not abuse our exalted privileges and blessings. O Lord! we confess that we have ill-requited thee for thy goodness. We have been disobedient children. We have violated thy precepts, and despised thy mercy. Our trespasses have reached unto the clouds, and cry aloud for vengeance. It is thine amazing, thine infinite forbearance, that keeps us out of hell. Look in mercy upon us, O God of mercy! Turn us, and we shall be turned; draw us with the cords of thy love, and we shall run after thee; mould us into thine image, and we shall be holy. Lord! lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us, and put gladness into our hearts. Ever may we act as accountable creatures, and faithfully discharge the duties of our several relations in life. May we be dead to this world, and alive to God and divine things, and always live prepared for death, judgment and eternity.

(Occasional prayers.)

Bless the whole christian church; purge it from corruptions, heal its divisions, and increase its numbers. Pour out thy Holy Spirit and revive pure religion, and

undefiled before God and the Father, in this place. Let converts to Jesus be multiplied, and let many be added to the church, who shall finally be saved. Bless thy servant, who labors among us in word and doctrine. Make him faithful and successful, as an ambassador of Christ. Have compassion, O Lord! upon the whole family of man. By thy all-conquering grace suppress all vice, error and delusion. Plant Inmanuel's standard in every land. Let thy word have free course and be glorified; and let the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea, and all flesh see thy salvation. 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.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## FRIDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—PHILIPPIANS II, 1—17.

## PRAYER.

O THOU eternal God! with thee is the fountain of life. Thou art the Father of men and angels. Thou art the Governor of the universe, and the Judge of all. Thou dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: and there is not a word on our tongue, or a thought in our heart, but lo! O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. And thou art not a God that has pleasure in wickedness, neither can evil dwell with thee.

How then can we presume to enter thy presence, who have rendered ourselves guilty before thee, and have provoked thy righteous displeasure. O wretched creatures that we are! We have wearied thy patience, we have abused thy goodness, we have trampled on thy authority, and we have said unto God, depart from us, we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. We lie at



thy mercy. If thou pity us not, we are undone. But thou art longsuffering, not willing that any should perish. Hast thou not sworn by thyself, that thou hast no pleasure in the death of him that dieth? Hast thou not delivered up thine own Son for us all? And wilt thou not with him, also freely give us all things?

Through him as the way, the truth, and the life, may we return to thee; and find thee, waiting to be gracious, and exalted to have mercy upon us. Awaken our consciences. Enlighten us in the knowledge of sin and of ourselves. May we feel our personal depravity, misery, and helplessness. May we rejoice in the suitability, the all-sufficiency, and the perfect willingness of the Saviour; and find in him, for ourselves, individually, wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. As our Prophet, may we receive his instructions. As our High Priest, may we rely on his sacrifice and intercession. As our Prince, may we obey him. As our example, may we follow him: and whatsoever we do, in word, or deed, may we do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

May integrity and uprightness preserve us. May we be Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile; and herein exercise ourselves, to have always a conscience void of offense, towards God, and towards man. May the same mind govern us, and the same spirit actuate us, in prosperity and adversity; alone, and in public; in thy house, and in our own; may we fulfil our course with diligence and perseverance; and at last, finish it with joy. When we have passed the wilderness, and our eyes behold the swellings of Jordan, bid our anxious fears subside; and give us an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

But, O Lord, we would not reach that felicity alone. May we awaken the attention of others, and induce them to join us in the path of life; ever remembering, that if we convert a sinner from the error of his way, we

shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. May we therefore seek every opportunity of usefulness; may we walk in wisdom towards them that are without; holding forth the word of life, and adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

(Occasional prayers.)

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.      *Amen.*

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—PHILIPPIANS III.

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, dispose our hearts, we beseech thee, to close this day with serious reflection and fervent prayer. Receive with favor the supplications of thy servants; and look down upon us in compassion; not in thine anger, lest thou bring us to nothing.

We thank thee for the daily bounties and blessings which thou givest us to enjoy. Enable us to see thy hand, and to acknowledge thy providence, in all our concerns; and, with true devotion of heart, to trace up every stream of earthly comfort to the fountain of eternal love.

We bless thee especially, heavenly Father, for the word of revelation; for the light of the everlasting gospel, and for the redemption of the world by the death of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death of the cross, for us miserable sinners; who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us unto everlasting life. May we always remember the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which, by his precious blood-shed-

ding, he hath obtained for us. And may we give unto thee continual thanks; submitting ourselves to thy holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve thee, in true holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life.

(Occasional prayers.)

To the care and protection of thy good providence, we commend ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, this night. Be thou our refuge, and fortress, and house of defense, in whom we may trust. May we abide safely under thy almighty shadow. May thy truth and faithfulness be our shield and buckler. May no evil befall us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling. Be thou our continual ruler and guide: and teach us so to pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

We humbly beseech thee, O God, 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. We pray especially for thy church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who 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, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake; in whose all-prevailing words we sum up these our petitions:—

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## SATURDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—COLLOSSIANS II.

## PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed God, whose name alone is Jehovah; thou art the Most High over all the earth; unto thee would we look this morning, through Christ the Mediator, as unto the prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. We thank thee for thy merciful protection during the past night, and for the refreshing sleep which we have enjoyed. We laid ourselves down and slept, and rose again because the Lord hath sustained us. We thank thee for the light of another day, and for the measure of health with which we are permitted to behold it, and for all our mercies and comforts. But above all, we bless thee for the light of the gospel, and for the gift of him who is the light of the world. Grant us, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit, to enlighten our minds, and to sanctify our hearts, that we may perceive Christ to be the chief among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely; that we may receive him by faith, as the Lord our righteousness, and glorify his holy name by a godly walk and conversation.

We confess our manifold sins and transgressions. We have strayed from thy ways, O God, like lost sheep. We have done those things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have incurred thy displeasure. We deserve thy wrath. But O most gracious Father, have mercy upon us. Grant us true repentance for all our sins. Look thou upon us in the face of thine Anointed, and forgive us all our trespasses, and enable us by thy grace to adorn the doctrine of God, our Saviour, in all things.

(Occasional prayers.)

Preserve us this day, O Lord, from all evil, and

defend us from every danger to which we may be exposed. Give us a due sense of our dependence on thee, and of our indebtedness to thee, for every good gift we enjoy. Enable us this day to resist temptation, and overcome the evil desires of our own hearts. May we, in thy strength, discharge the duties incumbent on us, and do thy holy will in all things. May we, as a family, be devoted to thy service, and as individuals, may we be the objects of thy providential care, and the subjects of thy saving grace.

O heavenly Father, remember in mercy our absent relatives and friends. May they be interested in the covenant of redemption, and be made partakers of everlasting life. May their lives and health be precious in thy sight, and consecrated to thy service.

Bless all for whom we should pray. Have mercy upon all men, and especially the sick and afflicted. Heal and comfort them. Relieve them according to their necessities. Give them patience under their sufferings, humble resignation to thy will, and a happy deliverance from all their pains and sorrows.

Smile graciously upon thy church universal, and give grace to all who minister in holy things, to be faithful in the same. Let thy kingdom soon come. From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, may thy name be magnified.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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#### SATURDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—COLLOSSIANS III, 1—17.

#### PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art exalted far above all the blessings and praises which are offered to thee by the angels above;—how great is thy mercy in opening a



way for lost sinners to approach thee, and to spread their wants before thy footstool!

Great God, we might justly have been left under thy wrath for our ingratitude and rebellion,—having no way to escape, had not thine own arm brought salvation! Thou hast sent thine incarnate Son to seek and to save the guilty, and thou hast revealed thyself in him as a just God, and yet the justifier of the believer in Jesus; a just God, and yet the Saviour of sinners. O Lord, save us, we beseech thee; we fall as vile sinners at the footstool of thy sovereign mercy, loathing ourselves in our own sight, on account of our iniquities. We renounce all dependence on any merits of our own. We plead thy promises, and offer before thee no other sacrifice or righteousness, but the all-sufficient sacrifice and spotless righteousness of thy beloved Son, in whom thou art ever well pleased.

O thou Holy Spirit, whose province it is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, discover to us the pride of our nature, and the alienation of our hearts from God. Take of the things of Christ and exhibit them before us in all their fullness and sufficiency. Cause us to renounce our own wisdom and righteousness, and to be willing to receive pardon, and the hope of eternal life, as the gift of free unmerited mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Subdue our corrupt desires, and set our affections on heavenly things.

While passing through this wilderness, we would look up to thee, day after day, as our heavenly Shepherd. We have often erred and strayed from thy fold, yet now again we return to thee hungry and thirsty, weak and defenseless, diseased and perishing. O may we hear thy voice and follow thee, may we feed on thy precious promises,—may we drink of the waters of life,—may we be supported by thy grace and enjoy thy favor.

Our hope is in thee alone, and therefore we trust that thy goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and that we shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(Occasional prayers.)

With humble and heartfelt thanks for the mercies of the day that is past, we implore thy gracious protection during the dark and silent watches of the night. O thou keeper of Israel, who never slumberest nor sleepest, be thou about our path and about our bed. Defend us from all dangers, refresh our wearied bodies with sleep, and if it should please thy almighty providence to raise us up to behold the light of the returning sun, let us arise with thankful hearts, remembering that the day is the Sabbath of the Lord. O may our minds be solemnized, and may we rejoice and be glad in the day which the Lord has made. Be with all thy ministering servants on the morrow, and especially with him who ministers unto us. May they go forth in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace, preaching peace through the blood of the cross; and may the word of thy grace be as the rain that watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud; may it accomplish thy good pleasure, and prosper in the thing whereto thou shalt send it. All these things we ask for the sake, and through the intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom, in the unity of the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## FOURTH WEEK.

## LORDSDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ISAIAH LV.

O THOU King eternal, immortal, invisible, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, and whom no eye hath seen, or can see. Yet thou hast been pleased to reveal thyself to man; and by means of thy word, we behold thee in every character and relation that can suit our necessities, or encourage our hope. Thou art exalted above all blessing and praise: our goodness extendeth not to thee—but unless thine be extended to us, we are undone for ever. Without thee we can do nothing; we *are* nothing. In thee we live, and move, and have our being. We are poor and dependent; but as thou art able, so thou art willing, to take the charge of us; and here we are to praise thee; and to acknowledge that goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives.

We bless thee, that thou hast regarded our souls, as well as our bodies; and no less provided for our future interests, than our present. When there was no eye to pity us, thou didst remember us in our low estate; and when there was no arm to rescue, thou wast pleased to lay help on one that is mighty; and thou hast sent thy own Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. To him may we turn our hearts, and find in him the wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, which, as perishing sinners, we need. May we know that he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; and be able to rejoice in him as our sacrifice, our sympathizing friend, our almighty helper, and our lovely example. May we

drink into his spirit. May we transcribe the excellencies of his character into our own. May we place our feet in the very prints of his steps; and follow him till we shall be perfectly like him, and see him as he is.

We desire to acknowledge thee in the dispensations of thy providence; and to own thy agency in all the events that befall us, whether pleasing or painful. Thou hast a right to govern us; and thou knowest what will best advance our welfare. May we commit our way unto the Lord, and be able to say at thy footstool, in unfeigned submission, here I am, let him do what seemeth him good.

(Occasional prayers.)

We bless thee for the institutions of religion, in the use of which thou hast promised to draw near to those that draw near to thee. Quicken and elevate our souls, that rising above the formality of devotion, we may come even to thy seat, and enjoy a little of the blessedness of those that have entered thy temple above, and are singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. We are about to assemble in the house of prayer—pour upon us the spirit of grace and of supplication; and grant that we may hunger and thirst after righteousness. We are going to the house of praise—awaken in us every grateful and cheerful emotion, and may we speak to ourselves in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing, and making melody in our hearts unto the Lord. We are repairing to the house of instruction—enable us to receive the kingdom of God as a little child. Lead us into all truth. And let us be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

For this purpose, let thy presence go with us; and let thy word come to us in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance. Bless all the churches of the faithful; and the ministers of the everlasting gospel, of every name, and of every nation. Clothe thy minister—

ing servants with salvation; and let thy saints shout aloud for joy. May our country prosper in all her lawful interests, both domestic and foreign. Bless the chief magistrate of our nation, and all that are in authority; may they rule in thy fear, and be guided by thy counsel; and may the people lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

We especially invoke thy blessing, O Lord, to attend this day all the instructions imparted in Sabbath schools and Bible classes. We pray that thou wilt be graciously pleased to grant the influences of the Holy Spirit, that that instruction may be impressed deeply on the heart and may produce abundant fruit in the life. Give grace, Almighty God, to those who are teachers in those schools; that they may be deeply impressed with their responsibility; that they may be themselves thy children; and that they may engage in their work with an earnest desire to benefit those entrusted to their charge. May their minds be enlightened that they may understand thy holy word. May they see clearly the great plan of redeeming mercy. May they be enabled to present thy truth simply, clearly, with affection, and with prayer. May the sacred Spirit—the Comforter—be given them, to guide them into all truth. And do thou be pleased to bless all children in those schools. Preside over them and give to them thy Holy Spirit. Grant to them tender, teachable minds. May their hearts be given to the Saviour in their early years. May they come to him, who, when on earth, said, Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Take, O blessed Saviour, those lambs of the flock into thine arms. Defend them from the perils and temptations of life, and conduct thou them to the joys of thine everlasting kingdom. [May our own children be trained up in the knowledge of thy name; and whatever instruction in accordance with thy word may be imparted to them in



the family, the Sunday school, or the sanctuary, we pray that it may be attended with thy blessing, and be the means of fitting them for the duties of this life, and for the joys of thine eternal kingdom.]

These mercies, and all we need, we humbly ask in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our most gracious Lord and Redeemer.

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.      *Amen.*

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### LORDSDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—LUKE XIII, 1—17.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine unspeakable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace which thou hast bestowed upon us, and for the hope of glory which thou hast set before us. Heavenly Father, make us duly sensible of thy unspeakable gift, whereby we obtain the pardon of our sins, and all things necessary for our eternal salvation. We adore thee for the coming of thy blessed Son in the flesh to dwell among us; for the perfect example set before us in his holy life; for his painful atonement for the sins of the world; and for his glorious resurrection from the grave, whereby he hath given us assurance, that he is able also to raise our bodies from the dust, and to exalt us to his own right hand in the kingdom of heaven.

We pray thee, O Lord, to impress deeply on our minds the great and solemn truths revealed in thy word; that amidst the cares and occupations of the world, we may neither forget our Christian privileges, nor neglect the duties to which we are called. Convince us of the vanity of the world, of the shortness of

life, and of the unspeakable importance of preparing for eternity. Save us from the sins of indifference, carelessness, and levity, as well as from bold and presumptuous transgression. Purify our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, that we may be cleansed from every secret fault, and every unholy passion. And pardon, O Lord, the multitude of our past iniquities; our forgetfulness of thee and of all thy mercies, and the coldness and hardness of our hearts, in the midst of all thy bounties. Thou hast nourished and brought us up as thy children, and we have rebelled against thee. Thou hast sustained, and protected, and comforted us. Thou hast borne with our infirmities, and withheld thy chastening hand when we deserved nothing but punishment. Thou hast laid us under peculiar obligations to love and serve thee, and to praise and magnify thy holy name. But how little have we honored thee! How little have we done to glorify thee! O Lord, forgive our ingratitude to thee. Enable us to look up to Jesus, the great Mediator of the new covenant, for the remission of our sins, and for all the benefits of his glorious redemption.

(Occasional prayers.)

We intercede with thee, gracious God, for all our relatives, friends and brethren; and especially for those who are in sorrow, sickness, or any kind of trouble. Give them the consolations which thou alone canst bestow. Put into their hearts a holy trust in thee, and a sure hope in thy promises. And may those who are compassed with infirmities, and who feel that their outward man is perishing, be strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man; that so their light affliction, which is but for a moment, may work out for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Take us now, O God, under thy gracious care and protection this night. Let thy blessing attend us; and thy good Spirit rest upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## MONDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—LUKE IX, 1—27.

O THOU God of the morning, as well as of the evening! help us to worship and bow down, to kneel before the Lord our Maker, and to offer unto thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer. Thou hast prepared thy throne in the heavens, and thy kingdom ruleth over all. We rejoice, that thou hast proclaimed thyself the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty. O Lord! what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? We confess we are but sinful dust and ashes. We have apostatized from our Maker, and practically said, depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. If thou, O Lord! shouldst mark iniquities, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. Remit unto us all our sins, and be at peace with us in the blood of Christ. Dwell in us by thy Spirit, and cause the sacred fire of holy affection to glow in our hearts. Work in us, O God! both to will and to do of thy good pleasure, that we may work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Ever may it be, as our meat and drink to do the will of our Father in heaven; and ever may we resemble those blessed spirits above, whose love is most ardent, and whose obedience is perfect. In all that we do, may we aim to promote the glory of God, and to diffuse happiness around us. And may our path be as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. O Lord! as thou hast directed us, so we would make intercession for all men. Cause thy churches to revive and shoot forth as the branches of Lebanon, and kings to become nursing fathers, and queens nursing

mothers to the whole Israel of God. Roll on the golden age of light and love, when the holy and happy kingdom of Christ shall embrace the great family of man. Bless the ministers of religion. Give them the heart of the pious, the tongue of the learned, and the zeal of the faithful, and let their labors not be in vain in the Lord. O thou sovereign Ruler among the kingdoms of the earth! we pray thee to bless all nations, especially the land in which we live. Endue the President of the United States with patriotic principles. Ever may he know what the American Israel ought to do, and have a prevailing desire to promote the highest prosperity of this great nation. Incline all our officers to peace, and our executors of law to righteousness. May our judges honor justice in our courts of judgment.

(Occasional prayers.)

Accept, O Lord! our acknowledgments for all favors bestowed upon us. We thank thee for the capacities, intellectual and moral, with which thou has endued us. We rejoice in the overtures of mercy in the gospel, and in the weighty motives to persuade men to embrace the Saviour, and live. We bless thee for the guardian care thou didst exercise over us the last night. O thou Shepherd of Israel! praised be thy name, that we were preserved, while others slept the sleep of death, that no distressing accident befel us, and that thou hast opened upon us the eyelids of the morning in circumstances so favorable. We commit ourselves into thy hands for keeping this day, as unto a faithful Creator. To thee belong the issues of life and death. Give us grace to do all the work of the day in its day. May we persevere in well doing unto the end of life, and receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away. All which we ask in the name of our ascended and glorified Mediator. Now unto the Three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*



## MONDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—LUKE XII, 1—21.

O THOU infinitely glorious and merciful Lord God, thou art worthy to receive glory, honor, and power from all thy creatures, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created. We would close this day with the solemn acts of self-abasement and humiliation of soul, which our great sinfulness requires.

O Lord, when we examine into our own hearts and lives, how ill do we appear to requite thy love! Alas! the crown is indeed fallen from our heads, for we are sinners both by nature and by practice. We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, and have preferred the vanities and follies of this transitory world, to thy favor. Yea, even since the blessings of salvation, through our crucified Redeemer, have been set before us, how often have we made light of them, and given way to an evil heart of unbelief!—how often have we abused the mercy which we still implore, and forsaken the fountain of living waters, in order to seek happiness from the broken cisterns of earthly enjoyments and possessions!

Surely it is of thy mercies that we are not consumed, because thy compassions fail not! Thou art still the unchangeable God, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Thou hast set no bounds to thy mercy, but dost magnify the freeness and fullness of thy grace, by never rejecting the contrite sighs, or denying the humble requests of those who call upon thee through the merits of thy dear Son. O Lord, for his sake, we again implore thy pardoning grace. Thou knowest our iniquities, for they are not hid from thee. Remember them not against us, but according to thy mercy in Christ Jesus, remember thou us, O Lord. Wash away our guilt in the



fountain that is opened in his precious blood. Cover us with the robe of his justifying righteousness, and sanctify us by the purifying influences of his HOLY SPIRIT. So that being *washed*, and *justified*, and *sanctified* in the name of the LORD JESUS, and by the SPIRIT of our God, we may have comfortable evidence that thou hast adopted us into thy family, and bestowed upon us the glorious privileges of thy children.

Gracious God! we have from sad experience, great cause to lament our departure from thee, and our insufficiency to help ourselves. We need thy constant support and guidance. Leave us not to our own deceitful hearts. Quicken our souls which cleave to the dust. Renew them after thine own image. And may thy glory be the great object and aim of our souls. O that we may be kept in holy communion and fellowship with thee, and have some foretaste of that blessedness which is to be enjoyed hereafter around the throne of the Lamb.

(Occasional prayers.)

Into thy hands, O heavenly Father, we now commend ourselves, and all our personal and relative interests this night. Thou art the keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest. May we lay ourselves down in peace and take our rest, remembering that it is thou alone that makest us to dwell in safety. And should we be in mercy permitted to see another day, may we grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. Every mercy we ask for his sake, who, in compassion to our infirmities, hath taught us thus to pray :

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## TUESDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—HEBREWS I.

BEHOLD us, O good and gracious God, at the footstool of thy throne this morning. We come to present our humble, and sincere adorations to the Author of our life, and lengthener out of our days: for it is to thee that we are indebted for our preservation during the past night; and thou alone hast caused us to see the beginning of this day. Let thy gracious presence be with us during the course of it, and all the succeeding days and nights of our earthly pilgrimage. And to the end that thou mayest hear us, notwithstanding our unworthiness and sinfulness, look upon us, O God, in the face of thine Anointed; and cause us to be partakers of all the blessed fruits of his death and resurrection. We look to the unsearchable riches of Christ, that we may see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God; who not only created all things by Christ, but was in him reconciling the world unto himself; and hath now exalted him to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto his people, as well as the remission of all their sins. O that our bodies may henceforth be the temples of God, through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, and uniting us to Jesus Christ by a true and living faith. We would count all things but loss, that we may win Christ, and be found in him, not having our own righteousness, but the righteousness which is of God by faith: we would know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, and be made conformable unto his death. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, may we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord." Thou knowest, O God, and we would at the same time

acknowledge and confess, the weakness and corruption of our nature, and to how many dangers and temptations we are continually exposed. Lord, give us thy strength, and thy grace, to preserve and keep us at all times. Let neither the world nor the flesh this day seduce us from the path of duty: but, ever thinking and acting as under God's more immediate inspection, may we keep in the love and fear of all God's holy commandments. Teach us in every circumstance, O God, to know thy will, and give us inclination and ability to do it. Continue of thy bounty to provide for all our necessities; and support and comfort us under every disappointment and trial which thou mayest see proper to bring upon us.

May we live in thy fear, that we may die in thy favor, and so be made both happy and glorious through eternity.

(Occasional prayers.)

For thy distinguishing, although unmerited goodness and mercy towards us, and all who are near and dear to us, we once more offer up our united thanksgivings; saying at the same time: let every creature that is in heaven, and on the earth, give glory to God for ever and ever. And now, Lord, what wait we for? our hope is in thee. Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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TUESDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—HEBREWS II.

ETERNAL and unchangeable God! we adore thee as the supreme Majesty of heaven and earth. All nations before thee are as nothing; and they are counted to thee less than nothing and vanity. Hearken unto the voice

of our cry, our King and our God! for unto thee we will pray. We acknowledge, O God! the depravity of our nature, our sins have risen, as mountains, to separate between thee and us. We are polluted from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot; there is no soundness in us. Whither, O Lord! shall we go for cleansing? Wash us from sin and uncleanness in that fountain, opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Though our sins be as scarlet, may they be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, may they be as wool. May we abhor that which is evil, and cleave to that which is good. May we be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer. Divest us of pride, and clothe us with humility, and make us partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. We thank thee for thy written word, and that the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; that the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple, more to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter than honey, and the honeycomb. We bless thee for a preached gospel, and that it is the wisdom of God and the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth. May grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. May thy professing people be much in prayer, that they may obtain a blessing for themselves and a sinful, deluded world. Bless the ministers of religion. Make them burning and shining lights in thy golden candlesticks. Endue them with wisdom, prudence, and holy zeal. Bless the great council of our nation. Rule in the hearts of our rulers. May all who take part in civil affairs, be just, ruling in thy fear. Mercifully regard all the interests of our country, domestic and foreign. Exercise compassion towards all people, that dwell upon the face of the earth. Oh! let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the



just. Comfort all that are in trouble and affliction. Relieve the wants of the poor and needy, sustain those who are languishing on beds of sickness and sorrow, convert the unconverted, save the perishing, and fill the earth with thy glory.

(Occasional prayers.)

Bless our family with all needed temporal and spiritual favors. Let our lives, health, and happiness, be precious in thy sight. May the return of night remind us of the night of death, and that soon we must close our eyes upon all things here below. We praise thee for the protection, the supplies, and comforts of another day. To thy merciful care we commend ourselves this night. Defend our persons, dwelling, and possession. May we awake in the morning, and be still with God. Be pleased, O Lord! to accept this our evening service in the name of the blessed Jesus; in whose name and words we would continue to pray—

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON—HEBREWS III.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises, for thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To thy watchful providence we owe it,



that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling; but, that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these thy mercies, we bless and magnify thy glorious name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for his sake who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous and godly life; in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

But O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; we humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words and actions; and according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by him whom thou hast appointed the judge of quick and dead, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Occasional prayers.)

In particular, we implore thy grace and protection for this day. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see neces-

sary and convenient to us, we humbly beg through the merits and mediation of him who is God over all, blessed for evermore.

The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—HEBREWS IV.

O THOU that hearest prayer—through him who is the great Intercessor, let our prayer come before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. We praise thee for the blessings of thy providence which encompass us on every side, and are continued to us notwithstanding our unworthiness. Thou hast not only given us life and favor, but thy mercy hath preserved our spirit, and secured our personal and relative comforts.

But above all we thank thee for thine unspeakable gift. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Here our hopes find anchorage. Here believing we enter into rest. Here all our woes and wants obtain redress and supplies. O may our souls be united to this Saviour by a divine faith. May we be his disciples, and learn of him; his soldiers, and war under his banner; his beneficiaries, and live upon his fullness. When we think of our transgressions of thy law, may we remember *him* who is the end of the law for righteousness. When we feel our sins, may we think of *him* whose blood cleanseth from all sin: and when viewing our trials and duties our weakness makes us despond, may we hear the voice that cries, *my* grace is sufficient for thee.

(Occasional prayers.)

May we be followers of him who was meek and lowly in heart, who pleased not himself, who went

about doing good, who said, my meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Subdue in us the selfishness that is so common to our depraved hearts, and excite in us a disposition to seek after the welfare of others. May sentiments of benevolence and kindness mingle with all our thoughts, words, and actions; may we be good to the unfaithful and the unworthy, that we may be the children of our Father who art in heaven, for he maketh his sun to shine on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and unjust.

Yet may we especially do good unto them that are of the household of faith. May all who do the will of our heavenly Father be dear to our hearts. May we prefer Jerusalem above our chief joy. Let her become a praise in the whole earth. And from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, may thy name be great among the Gentiles, and in every place may incense be offered unto thee, and a pure offering. The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few; command their increase, and abundantly bless those who are already employed.

And may the sincerity of our prayers appear in our exertions and sacrifices. May we honor the Lord with our substance. In our respective stations, may we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. By every kind of consistent co-operation with our ministers, may we become helpers to the truth: and carrying the effects of the sermons we hear, and dispensing them among those who refuse to hear, win them without the word. May we never hide it in a napkin, because we have only one talent; but use what we have, that more may be given; and be concerned to obtain from the Judge of all, the approving sentence pronounced on Mary, she hath done what she could. May we never despise the day of small things; never grow weary in well doing; but cherish with patience as well

as with diligence, every serious conviction, every pious tendency, every godly impression.

And let us not labor in vain nor spend our strength for naught. May we be the honored instruments of saving some souls from death; and of producing joy in the presence of the angels of God, over one sinner that repenteth.

Above all, render us successful among those who are more fully under our instruction, influence and authority. May we rule well our own house; and have the pleasure to see all the members of the family, fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of Christ. Of whom, and through whom, and to whom are all things. To whom be glory for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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#### THURSDAY MORNING.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON—HEBREWS V.

O God, our heavenly Father, we bless thee for the return of this morning light. We bless thee for thy guardianship and care during the hours of darkness. Enable us, we beseech thee, to devote the first fruits of the day to thee. Accept our humble thanks for all thy mercies, and especially for the gift of thine incarnate Son. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, that he hath redeemed us, and raised up a mighty salvation for us; that the day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. We thank thee for that revelation, by which the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ are made known to us. We thank thee for the gracious offers of salvation, through his name and mediation; and for that atoning sacrifice, through which our sins, though they be as scarlet, shall be as white as snow, and though they be

red like crimson, shall be as wool. We thank thee especially for the sure word of prophecy, whereunto we are admonished to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in our hearts. And we beseech thee, O God, to grant us grace, that we may not receive this revelation in vain; that we may not be of the number of those who choose darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil:—but enable us to walk as becometh the children of light.

Guide and direct us, heavenly Father, in the duties of this day. May a sense of thy continual presence abide with us, to restrain every evil passion and propensity, and to support and encourage us in the discharge of our respective duties. Let thy fatherly hand be ever over us. Let thy Holy Spirit be ever with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Occasional prayers.)

We commend to thy fatherly care and protection, all our friends and relatives. Give them grace as they may severally stand in need; and order all things for their present and eternal good. Show the light of thy countenance to those who are weary and heavy-laden with the burden of their sins; and comfort and sustain those who are suffering under any temporal calamity. May they receive thy chastisements as the loving correction of a kind and beneficent parent, who dost chasten them for their profit, and correct them that they may live. And in the days of their prosperity, give them a grateful sense of all thy mercies; and teach them, as dutiful children, and the humble partakers of thy bounty, to ascribe all the honor and glory to thee, their gracious benefactor, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*



## THURSDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—HEBREWS VI.

O THOU King of glory, we desire to approach thy divine Majesty with reverence and godly fear, and to worship thee in the beauty of holiness. Every perfection adorns thy nature and sustains thy throne. The heavens are thine; the earth also is thine: the world is thine, and the fullness thereof. Thy power formed the universe from nothing. Thy wisdom has managed all its multiplied concerns, presiding over nations, families, and individuals, and numbering the very hairs of our head. Thy goodness is boundless; 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. Thy loving kindness is great, and the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wing.

O, teach us to place our happiness in thyself. May we never seek the living among the dead, nor ask with the deluded many, who will show us any good? But, may we prize the light of thy countenance; implore the joy of thy salvation; and passing by the attractions of creatures, be able to say, whom have I in heaven but thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

Thou hast been infinitely more attentive to our happiness than we ever have been, or ever can be. Thou madest man upright, and when, by voluntary transgression, we fell away from thee, thou didst not treat us with the severity we deserved. In thy love and pity thou wast pleased to provide for us a Saviour, who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, and put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Apply this redemption to our hearts, by the justification of our persons, and the sanctification of our natures.

We confess our transgressions—have mercy upon us. We are heavy laden—give us rest. We are ignorant—make us wise unto salvation. We are helpless—let thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. We are poor and needy—bless us with all the unsearchable riches of Christ. May we run and not be weary, and walk and not faint. And though perplexities, and trials, and dangers await us, yet may we travel on, unchecked and undismayed, knowing, thou hast said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Thus far, blessed be thy name, thou hast led us on, and we have found thee faithful to thy promises. We have had our sorrows; but thou hast been a very present help in every time of trouble. We have had our fears; but thou hast not suffered the enemy to triumph over us. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. Thy vows are upon us, O God: we will render praises unto thee, for thou hast delivered our souls from death: wilt not thou deliver our feet from falling, that we may walk before God in the light of the living?

(Occasional prayers.)

We would feel the connections which unite us to others, and by sympathy, and prayer, and praise, make their miseries and mercies our own. We would rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep. Provide support and employment for the poor. Make the widow's heart to sing for joy; and in thee may the fatherless find mercy. Visit those who are on beds of sickness, and prepare them for thy pleasure; that if they live, it may be to serve thee. Bless our nation. May every department of the nation be under the control of infinite wisdom and goodness; and let righteousness and peace be the stability of our times. Do good, in thy good pleasure, unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem: and may all our churches, like the original disciples, continue steadfastly in the apostles' doc-

trine, and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Protect and refresh us through the night season: and then cause us to hear thy loving kindness in the morning: for in thee do we trust: cause us to know the way wherein we should go, for we lift up our souls unto thee. We implore it through the intercession of thy dear Son, and our Saviour.

And blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## FRIDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ROMANS XIV.

O THOU who hearest prayer, and unto whom all flesh should come! graciously assist us to call upon thy great and holy name this morning. O Lord! thou art incomprehensible in thy nature, infinite in thy perfections, and unwearied in thy goodness. Thy providential care extends to all thy creatures. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. We acknowledge the purity, equity and fitness of thy laws, and the clemency of thy government. We acknowledge the grace and glory of thy gospel, and the freeness and richness of thy salvation. O that all would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. But, alas! we have forsaken the God who made us, and lightly esteemed the Rock of our salvation. We have been wise to do evil, but to do good, we have had no knowledge. O Lord! righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face. We humbly pray thee, lay not judgment to the line, nor righteousness to the plummet; for in thy sight shall no

man living be justified. Forgive us, we beseech thee. Impress thine image upon us, and make us the monuments of thy mercy, and the trophies of thy victorious grace. Break the fatal enchantment of sin, that holds down our affection to this world. Enkindle within us a flame of divine love, that shall never be extinguished. O for more love, faith and hope.

(Occasional prayers.)

Extend thy compassions to all men. Enlighten the Gentile world with a knowledge of the truth. May the Son of righteousness arise upon them with healing in his wings. Let the wilderness and the solitary place be glad for them, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose. Let Zion share in the blessings of her Lord and Saviour. We rejoice that the church lies near thy heart, and that her name is engraven on the palms of thy hands. Furnish all the churches with suitable guides. Give unto all destitute flocks pastors after thine own heart—men of understanding and piety. May the ministers of the gospel cry aloud and spare not, lift up their voice like a trumpet, and show thy people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins, and thus clear their own skirts from the blood of souls. O thou great Fountain of love! compassionate all those who are persecuted, enslaved, or in prison. Pity the sick and the afflicted, the poor and the needy, the tempted and the disconsolate, the widow and the fatherless. May thy blessings, O Lord! rest upon our family, and may all who appertain to it belong to the household of faith, and be numbered with thy jewels, when thou shalt make them up. We thank thee for all thy mercies. Thou hast soothed our sorrows: healed our diseases, and richly supplied our wants. Praised be thy name for the blessings of the night, that our repose was quiet and undisturbed, and that thou hast caused the day-spring to know his place. This day grant us thy presence, shield us from all dangers, and

administer to our temporal and spiritual necessities. Be with us and bless us all the days we are permitted to live upon the earth: and when we drop this veil of flesh, may our souls rise to regions of eternal blessedness and glory. This our morning sacrifice, we offer in the name of thy beloved Son, our great High Priest above, to whom be rendered unceasing praises.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN V, 1—30.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, we desire to acknowledge thy being and agency; to adore thy perfections, and to admire the works of thy hands. Thou hast appointed the moon for seasons, and the sun knoweth his going down. The day is thine; the night also is thine: and thou makest the outgoings of the morning and the evening to rejoice. To that throne, from which none were ever sent empty away, we again approach for mercy and grace to help in time of need. Let our prayer come before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Preserve us from formality in these exercises in which we daily engage; and alarm our fears, lest we should provoke thee to say: in vain do they worship me.

For this purpose, enable us to realize thine all-seeing eye, to remember with *whom* we have to do: may we deeply feel the guilt of the sins we confess, and hunger and thirst after the blessings we implore. And while we review the numberless blessings we have received from thy hands, may we be more than ever sensible of our unworthiness, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may be disposed to show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by



giving up ourselves to thy service, and walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

He that is our God is the God of salvation, and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death. We bless thee this evening as the preserver of men. Another day has been added, by thy good providence, to the season of thy long-suffering, and the time of our preparation for eternity. We lament that the design of our being placed and continued here, has been so imperfectly subserved; that in so many things we have offended, and in all, come short of the glory of God. We cannot answer thee for one of a thousand of our transgressions: our only relief is, that there is forgiveness with thee; and that with thee there is plenteous redemption.

But while we hope in thy mercy, we would not abuse it. We would not sin that grace may abound; or be evil, because thou art good. But since thou art good, and ready to forgive, we would the more sincerely grieve, that ever we have offended a Being, so worthy of our devotedness, and be the more concerned in future, to walk so as to please thee.

Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Set a watch, O God, upon our mouth; keep the door of our lips. And in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by thy grace, may we have our conversation in the world, and in the church, and in the family.

(Occasional prayers.)

We again commend ourselves to thy care. As thou hast been through the day our sun and our shield, be thou through the night, our shade and our defense. Undisturbed by anxieties, unalarmed by fears, undistressed by pain or indisposition, may we retire and enjoy repose. Prepare us for the night of death, the morning of the resurrection, and the day of judgment.

And all we implore is, through the mediation of Him

who bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be endless prayers.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN XIV.

OUR voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will we direct our prayer unto thee and will look up. Lord! teach us to pray in faith, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them who diligently seek him. O thou eternal Father! we have sinned against heaven and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy children. We have acted the part of prodigals. We have gone far from our heavenly Father's house, and wantonly rioted in the vanities and follies of the world. We would repent and return; O! have compassion upon us. Hide thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Enable us to lay aside every weight, and the sin which 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. Fulfil in us all the pleasure of thy goodness, and the work of faith with power. Help us to set our affections on things above, and to withdraw them from things below; and to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Ever may we live mindful of the day of judgment, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and

to be admired in all them that believe in that day. Bless all our dear absent friends and relatives with the same favors we ask for ourselves. Forgive our enemies, and reward our benefactors.

(Occasional prayers.)

Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Rectify every thing which is amiss in the christian church, in doctrine, practice, and discipline. Give unto them who mourn in Zion, beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Have compassion, O God! upon impenitent sinners. Show them that they stand on slippery places, and turn their feet unto thy testimonies before they are beyond the reach of mercy, where no place for repentance can be found, though they seek it carefully with tears. O! pluck them, we beseech thee, as brands out of the burning, and save them from everlasting destruction. Bless our highly favored country. May it ever be the residence of freedom, peace, and happiness, and a safe retreat for the persecuted and oppressed. Make all who are in places of public trust faithful to the public interest. Bless, we pray thee, the whole family of man with knowledge, righteousness and salvation. O thou God of mercies! we thank thee for the blessings we have enjoyed. Thou hast been to us a bountiful benefactor. We have been fed and clothed and sustained by thee, and are under ten thousand obligations of gratitude to the Father of mercies. We praise thee that thou didst keep us during the silent watches of the night, and hast lifted upon us the light of this new day in circumstances of comfort. Be with us during this day, and all the days and nights of our earthly existence. Guide us in the path of duty and salvation. As our Lord has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## SATURDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—1 CORINTHIANS I.

O GOD, thou art the God of all the families of the earth; for they are formed by thy will, and supported by thy providence. But thou art, in a peculiar manner, the God of those families, in which thy name is known, and loved, and honored. Thou blessest the habitation of the just. Whatever be the disposition of others, we desire to say, as for us, and our house, we will serve the Lord. Thy yoke is easy, thy burden is light; thy work is honorable and glorious; and in keeping thy commandments there is great reward. Thou art the best of all masters; thou hast promised to bear with our infirmities, and to suffer us to want no good thing.

Already thou hast laid us under infinite obligations, as the God of providence and of grace; thou hast dealt well with thy servants, O Lord. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

By thy good hand upon us, we have been conducted through the perils, not only of another day, but another week; a period, during which many have been carried down to their graves, and we have been brought so much nearer to our own. Impress us with the lapse of time, and so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Many have been involved in perplexities, and exposed to want; many have been confined to the house of mourning, or the bed of sickness; but we have been indulged with liberty, and ease, and health, and strength; we have seen thy loving-kindness every morning, and thy faithfulness every night; and have had all things richly to enjoy.

But, O how little have we been affected by these instances of thy undeserved goodness; how imperfectly have we improved our religious privileges; how negligent have we been in seizing opportunities of doing good

to the bodies and souls of our fellow-creatures—and how well does it become each of us to exclaim: behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? wherefore I abhor myself, repenting in dust and ashes.

We appear before thee, this evening, in our trespass; enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord. Our only hope is, that to the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving-kindness, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.

And may a confidence in thy goodness, instead of encouraging us to sin, that grace may abound, inspire us with that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto life. May we be attentive to our condition, and study our character; may we bridle our tongue, and keep our heart with all diligence.

May we watch and pray in future, lest we enter into temptation. And do thou keep us by thy power; uphold us by thy free Spirit; and not only restrain us from sin, but mortify us to it.

(Occasional prayers.)

May sleep refresh our bodies, and fit them for thy service on the ensuing day; and may thy grace prepare our minds. May we repair to the hallowed exercises of devotion, as the hart panteth after the water brooks. May we call the Sabbath a delight, and be glad when they say to us: let us go into the house of the Lord.

And O thou God of all grace, do as thou hast said; fulfil thy word unto thy servants, upon which thou hast caused them to hope. Bless abundantly the provisions of thy house, and satisfy thy poor with bread. Clothe thy ministers with salvation, and let thy saints shout aloud for joy.

And to the God of all grace, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, both now and for ever.

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*



## FIFTH WEEK.

## LORDSDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM LXXXIV.

O THOU, Lord of the Sabbath, who hast set apart this day for thyself, and hast commanded us to keep it holy to thy name, look down upon a family of sinful creatures who are assembled together to acknowledge thy goodness in bringing us to see it.

We adore thee for thy patience and forbearance in not dealing with us according to our deserts, nor rewarding us according to our iniquities. And we beseech thee to pour down upon us the abundance of thy grace, that we may rest this day according to thy commandment. So frame our minds that thy Sabbath may not be a weariness, but a delight to us. Let us honor thee, by not doing our ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words.

Bless us, O Lord, with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus: bless us 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 the robe of that righteousness, which is by faith of Jesus Christ, unto all and 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; let them bring us to thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacle. May we go to thy house of prayer, with the voice of joy and praise, with the multitude that keep holy-day. There may we give thee the glory which is due unto thy name, and worship thee in the beauty of holiness. May we

see thy power and thy glory, as thy servants see them in the sanctuary; and be satisfied with the goodness of thy house.

Grant, O Lord, that the Scriptures, which thou hast caused to be written for our learning, may be applied to our hearts in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. May we so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through a crucified Redeemer.

(Occasional prayers.)

Hear our prayers, O God, for all christian ministers; [especially for *him* whom thou hast appointed over us;] and endue them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit. Give unto them the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind. Make them able ministers of the New Testament, faithful stewards of thy mysteries. Help them to take heed to themselves and to the doctrine; that, according to thy promise, they may both 'save themselves and those who hear them.

We beseech thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all they who confess thy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in harmony and godly love. May numbers be added to it, every Lords-day, of such as shall be saved.

Look in mercy upon such as have hitherto neglected thy Sabbaths. Teach them to improve those that remain; and so to redeem the time which they have lost, that they may be numbered among thy true people.

Remember for good as many as, through sickness, or any other impediment, may be prevented from attending the ordinances of thy house. Let thy presence be with them in their private meditations, even as with those who shall assemble together in the place where thy honor dwelleth.

We pray thee, also, to have compassion upon those who as yet belong not to thy visible church.

O Thou who art a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel, shine upon the nations which are sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

Greatly increase the number of those who shall go forth into all the world, to preach the gospel to every creature. Let nation after nation be converted to the christian faith, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy glory, as the waters cover the sea.

Hear, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, these our imperfect petitions; and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*



## LORDSDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MATTHEW XXII, 1—22.

HOLY, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who humblest thyself to listen to the adorations of the heavenly hosts above; how great is thy condescension in regarding the feeble thanksgivings and supplications of sinful mortals! But thy ways are not as our ways, neither are thy thoughts as our thoughts. Thou hast, of thine infinite goodness, made known unto us the mysteries of thy grace. Thou hast revealed thyself as delighting in mercy, and being glorified in the salvation of sinners through Jesus Christ our Lord. Enable us to take shelter in this thine appointed refuge; and finding pardon and acceptance with thee, may our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise ascend up before thee, perfumed

with the incense of his merits, and be heard, accepted and answered by thee.

We bless thy name for having placed our dwelling where the bright beams of thy glorious gospel shine forth,—and for the many seasons and means of grace which thou hast afforded us,—and especially for the opportunities we have enjoyed this day of waiting upon thee in the ordinances of thine own appointment. But alas! O Lord, the review of even this day fills us with shame and confusion of face; for what coldness of affection, what wandering of thought, what want of reverence, of love and of gratitude, have we betrayed in all our religious services! Surely, we are altogether unprofitable servants.

But we desire now to cast ourselves at thy footstool, beseeching thee, O Lord, for Christ's sake, to pardon all our iniquity, yea the iniquity of our holy things. Wash us in the fountain of his atoning blood,—clothe us with the robe of his justifying righteousness,—and sanctify our hearts by the purifying grace of his Spirit. O shine upon us, and give us clearer views of the truth as it is in Jesus. And may it influence our tempers and dispositions, our life and conduct, that in all things we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Gracious God, let not the word of thy truth which we have heard this day with our outward ears, return unto thee void. Enlighten our understandings, and open our hearts to receive it in love and in power.

Grant that we may not only “read and mark” but also “learn and inwardly digest” those Holy Scriptures which are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. O Lord, bless us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Make known unto us his power and glory, and may we find in Him all our fresh springs of grace and strength, of consolation and joy.

(Occasional prayers.)

Blessed Lord, hear the prayers which have been offered up this day for all sorts and conditions of men. To thee the secrets of their hearts are open, and thou knowest their several characters and wants; strengthen the weak,—comfort the afflicted,—instruct the ignorant,—take away the heart of stone,—and cause the impenitent sinner to cry for mercy. Inspire continually thy universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord. Bless the labors of thy ministering servants. May the seed which they have sown, bring forth fruit to the praise and glory of thy grace. And O let thy ways be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations; let both Jews and Gentiles be gathered into the Redeemer's kingdom, and let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from all iniquity.

We now commit ourselves into thy care and fatherly protection. Watch over us during the dark and silent hours of the night, and refresh our wearied bodies with sleep; and if it be consistent with thy good pleasure, raise us up in health and safety to enjoy the light of another day. O Lord, establish thy kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, within our hearts. Water our souls with the dew of thy blessing, that we may grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be enabled to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.

Blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things: and blessed be thy glorious name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled with thy glory.

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.      *Amen.*



## MONDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MARK XII, 28—44.

O GOD, thou art our God; early will we seek thee. Thou art good, and doest good to all; thy mercy is over all thy works.

Unworthy as we are to offer unto thee any sacrifice, thou hast appointed unto us a great High Priest, in whose name we come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may find mercy and grace to help in time of need.

Grant that the frequency and earnestness of our prayers may be proportioned to the greatness of our wants. Make us rejoice in every opportunity of worshipping thy divine Majesty, and preserve us from the sin of drawing near to thee with our lips, while our hearts are far from thee.

(Occasional prayers.)

We humbly thank thee, O Lord, that thou hast preserved us through the night past, and hast renewed unto us thy goodness this morning. Take us again into thy guidance and protection during the day; and so govern us by thy grace, that we may neither think nor speak, nor do any thing this day which may displease thee or wound our own souls. Assist us to be sincere and hearty in dedicating ourselves, our souls and bodies, to thy service. Preserve us from the power of evil; from the sin that doth so easily beset us; from the lusts of the flesh, and the vanities of a wicked world.

Send thy good Spirit to direct and guide us in the ways and works of godliness: purify our affections; enliven our devotion; teach us how to pray, and how to hear, and read, and profit by thy holy word. Make us christians, not only in name, but also in heart and in hope. Teach us the value of our souls and the salvation which has been wrought for them by Christ Jesus. May we never be ashamed of confessing him before

men; but, amidst all discouragements and difficulties, give us boldness to show ourselves his true disciples.

Let our conversation be such as becometh his gospel; and whatsoever we do in word or in deed, let us do all in his name, giving thanks to God and the Father through him. And let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our Redeemer.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## MONDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MATTHEW XVIII, 1—20.

BLESSED and glorious God! Thou art the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father of mercies, and God of all grace. Thou searchest the hearts and triest the reins of all men. As we now come to seek thy grace, and beg thy presence, acceptance and blessing, look down upon us in tender mercy. O let thy Spirit help our infirmities, and teach us how to pray. Harken unto the voice of our cry, our King and our God, for unto thee will we pray; our voice shalt thou hear in the morning, and in the evening will we direct our prayer unto thee. We are not worthy, O Lord, of the least of thy mercies, and yet how bountifully hast thou bestowed them upon us! Open thou our lips, and our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Lord, we would lie in the dust and cry, unclean, unclean! we have a sinning and a sinful nature; we were shapen in iniquity, and in sin were we conceived. And, O God, how deeply aggravated are all our sins! they have been committed against light and conviction, against promises and vows, and against manifold experiences of thy grace and love. O cast an eye of pity upon us; we are vile; what shall we answer thee?

Lord, we would abhor ourselves and repent in dust and ashes.

And as our sins are many, so, O Lord, are our necessities; we come to thee for the supply of them all. Bless us, O our God, with the pardon of all our iniquities. Let our transgressions be forgiven, and our sins covered. We have no merit to plead, but we cast ourselves upon thy mercy and grace in the Redeemer; we plead his atoning blood which was shed for the remission of sins; we have sinned, but Christ has died, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. O justify us freely by thy grace, through the redemption that is in Christ. Look upon us in the face of thine Anointed, and accept us in the Beloved. Create clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us; help us to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts, that the body of sin may be destroyed. Enlighten our minds, and grant us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. Subdue and renew our wills. Cast down all lofty imaginations, and bring every thought into subjection to the obedience of Christ. Help us to love our enemies, and if we have aught against any man, help us to forgive, as God, for Christ's sake, forgiveth us. Enable us to bless them that curse us, and pray for them that despitefully use us.

(Occasional prayers.)

Help us all, O Lord, duly to consider our latter end, and diligently prepare for the same. Whatsoever our hands find to do, may we do it now, without delay, and with all our might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge in the grave, whither we are all hastening. O Lord, regard in mercy our absent friends and relatives; pity and relieve the poor and distressed; comfort those who mourn; bless our land and all its rulers. Pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of thy glorious kingdom. Accept our thanks for the mercies of this day. Take us under thy protection this

night; sustain us in sleep, and raise us up in the morning, and when we awake, may we be still with thee. All which we beg in the name, and through the mediation of Christ our Saviour.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

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## TUESDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MATTHEW XXV, 1—30.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the whole family in heaven and earth were made. Thou hast said that thou wilt be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be thy people; dispose our hearts, by the gracious influence of thy Holy Spirit, to worship thee through one Mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thou art God, and there is none beside thee. Thou art the Creator of heaven and earth, the Lord of glory, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgressions, and sins, and wilt by no means clear the guilty. We bow and worship at thy footstool; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

We are invited to come to thee;—though we be guilty and sinful, we are freely offered pardon, peace and salvation; and thou givest us a hope full of immortality in Christ Jesus our Saviour.

What reward shall we render unto the Lord, for all his benefits? We desire now afresh to devote ourselves to thy service. We give up ourselves, our whole selves unto thee. God of peace, sanctify us wholly. God of our life, grant that our whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forgive us all our offenses, remember not against us our transgressions. Grant unto every one of us a saving interest in the death of Christ, full and free forgiveness of all our sins, and grace and strength to go and sin no more. Lord, help us to love thee, teach us to serve thee. Give us thy strength that we may overcome our corrupt nature. Grant that this day we may have power from on high to resist every temptation, to confess Christ before men, to labor steadfastly with a single eye to thy glory, to live in the spirit of prayer, in faith, humility, self-denial, and love, and to walk before thee in that narrow way which leads to eternal life. Fill us with love to others. Teach us to do good to all men, and to seek according to our means to visit and relieve the fatherless and the widows in their affliction: and do thou keep us unspotted from the world.

Lord, for thy name's sake, hear us. We beseech thee, according to thy infinite mercy, give us grace to serve thee constantly and unfeignedly. Herein art thou glorified, that we bear much fruit. For thine own glory, grant us thy Spirit, that we may bring forth all the fruits of righteousness.

(Occasional prayers.)

And hear us farther in behalf of our relations and friends, our neighborhood, our minister, and all for whom we ought to pray. Help those that are weak. Comfort those that are cast down. Heal those that are sick. Relieve those that are in distress. Be merciful unto thy church. O bless us, and cause thy face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Bring the Gentiles to Christ. Gather thy people Israel into thy fold. Give wisdom and power to every effort of christian love for spreading thy gospel. Bless all societies formed for this end, and let those who support and conduct them, have thy direction and guidance. Lord, grant that the power of the cross of Christ, may at length fully triumph over



all error and superstition, all idolatry, and delusion, and sin.

Gracious Lord, not for our worthiness, but for the name's sake of Jesus Christ alone, hear these our prayers, which we sum up in his own words.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## TUESDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MATTHEW XXV, 31—46.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, according to thy gracious promise, give us thy Holy Spirit to help our infirmities, and enable us, in the name, and through the mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, to call upon thee.

Great is thy goodness to us sinners, in that we, who have grievously offended thee, have such a Mediator, who ever liveth to make intercession for us. Without a Saviour we can have no hope; for we have sinned against thee, and done evil in thy sight day by day.

We confess and mourn before thee the manifold sins of the past day. We daily offend thee by pride, impenitence, unbelief, forgetfulness of thee, and in many other ways: leaving undone the things which we ought to have done, and doing those things which we ought not.

Lord, let thy Holy Spirit convince us of our sinfulness. We pray that we may see more of the extent of our iniquities, and feel more of their guilt. Thus may we be led to hate sin, and to feel the need and value of that Saviour who came to seek and to save that which was lost. Grant that we may be partakers of his great salvation. Whatever else we lose, may we win Christ and be found in him.

Lord, we are unclean; if thou wilt, thou canst make us clean. We believe that thou art able, we believe

that thou art willing. Lord, help our unbelief; Lord, make us clean.

Give us, we beseech thee, such a sense of thy mercy in free forgiveness, through the blood of Christ, that we may be constrained to present our bodies a living sacrifice unto thee. Enable us daily to crucify the lusts of the flesh. Give us such a measure of thy grace, that all the powers of our minds, all the affections of our hearts, and all the talents entrusted to us, may be unreservedly engaged for thee. Lord, incline us to spend ourselves and be spent for thee; strengthen our desire to do so, and enable us ever hereafter to bring this desire to good effect.

(Occasional prayers.)

Let the number of thy willing and devoted servants be every where increased. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth. Pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, that all the ends of the earth may remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations may worship before thee.

Bless the land in which we dwell; its government, the ministers of Jesus Christ, and all its people. May we be a people fearing God and working righteousness. Look with especial favor on our relatives and friends, our family-connections and acquaintances. May they all be partakers of the grace of Christ here, and of his glory hereafter.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits. All the temporal mercies granted so abundantly to us, our food, our clothing, our home, our friends, the daily provisions for our various necessities, these are from thee, who openest thy hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness. But, above all, blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ Jesus. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.

These prayers and praises we offer up in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of perishing sinners: trusting only in his mediation and merits.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ISAIAH LIX.

O LORD God Almighty, we thank thee for having preserved us through the past night, and for granting us health and strength for our duties on this day. Blessed be the Lord for all his mercies; for giving us food to eat and raiment to put on, and for delivering us from many evils which our sins have justly deserved.

We thank thee especially, O Lord, for the gift of Jesus Christ thy Son. We confess before thee our exceeding guilt, and we pray thee, for Christ's sake, to pardon our offenses, and to receive our souls when we die.

(Occasional prayers.)

We beseech thee also, for his sake, to grant unto us the help of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to follow our Saviour's example, and to do whatsoever he hath commanded. May we be patient, humble, kind, and merciful; endeavoring to do good unto all men, and forgiving those who trespass against us, even as we hope to be forgiven. Grant us grace this day diligently to perform its duties, and to be true and just in all our dealings, doing unto others as we would they should do unto us; and help us, O Lord, to restrain our tongue, and to subdue our evil tempers, and to live in temperance, soberness and chastity. Save us from those sins which in times past have most easily beset us; strengthen us, O Lord, for all that awaits us; carry us through all

our difficulties and troubles, and help us, day by day, to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. These prayers we humbly offer up in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM LIII.

O THOU, who art the God of all the families of the earth, who didst favorably notice Abraham's commanding his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord; be thou present with us now, and enable us by thy Holy Spirit, and through thy Son's intercession, to worship thee in spirit and in truth.

We come before thee acknowledging that we were all born in sin, the children of wrath, and have in common a corrupt nature, and a continual propensity to depart from thee. And O how often have we offended thee, by actual transgressions!

Even in the day that is past, by vain thoughts, by idle words, by sinful indulgences, we have grieved thy Spirit, and we have incurred thy displeasure. Our only refuge is in thy promised mercy in Christ Jesus. We cast ourselves wholly on that mercy. Fixing all our hopes on our Saviour Jesus, we confess our guilt, and earnestly pray that his blood may cleanse us from all sin.

And give us, we beseech thee, the comfortable assurance that our sins are forgiven. Let thy Holy Spirit bear witness with our spirits that we are children of God. Plentifully impart to us the gift of thy Spirit, that we may bring forth love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, meekness, long-suffering, forbearance and temperance. Grant that we may so copy the example of our Saviour, as to be epistles of Christ, known and

read of all men; and have clear evidence of our own salvation. Teach us so to live, that we may glorify thee who hast bought us with a price of such amazing value as the blood of thine own Son.

O that all now kneeling together may indeed obtain mercy in Christ Jesus, be passed from death unto life, and love and serve thee unfeignedly. But, O Lord, how cold is our love to thee! how dead are our hearts! Help us to love thee; to love God with all our strength. Shed abroad the love of God in our hearts, by giving us the Holy Ghost: and may we be taught of God to love one another. Be thou present with us in our more retired devotions;—praying in our closet, to our Father which is in secret, may we find his presence and blessing there.

(Occasional prayers.)

Bless, O Lord, all that are near and dear to us. Give them thy grace, ever guide them here by thy counsel, and may none of them be wanting in thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all in authority; Lord, may their counsels be so ordered by thee as may be most for the good of our country.

Give, we beseech thee, to all the ministers of Jesus Christ, every where, true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and may they set it forth in their lives accordingly. Make them wise to win souls. Lord, call forth and send out many faithful laborers to the work of the ministry. Bring it to pass that the distant isles shall wait on thee, and the Gentiles come to thy light. Bless every Society established for benefiting the bodies or the souls of men, and especially those in which we are more immediately engaged and interested.

Thanks be unto thee, Holy Lord God, for all thy goodness towards us. How multiplied are thy mercies every day! How excellent is thy loving kindness! We bless thee for all thy long-suffering and forbearance to-



wards us. We bless thee for the infinite mercies of redeeming love. We bless thee for the knowledge of thy salvation, and for the light of thy truth; for protection from every danger during the night, and provision for all our wants by day. Thou hast spread our table with food, and thou givest us every needful good. Accept these our prayers and our praises, which we offer up in and through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.      *Amen.*

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#### THURSDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—LUKE XVIII, 1—17.

ALMIGHTY and adorable God, permitted by thy kindness to come again into thy presence, we would begin the day with praise to thee, who hast given us a night of mercy. Bless the Lord, O our souls: and all that is within us, bless his holy name!

We would sanctify all the employments, and all the events of this day, by placing ourselves and them in thy care, humbly and earnestly beseeching thee to overrule all things concerning us to thy glory, and the good of our souls. Unto thee do we lift up our eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens! O take us into thy protection, bodily and spiritually. We are ignorant, let thy Spirit teach us; we are guilty, let us obtain pardon through the blood of thy Son; we are wandering sheep, let thy love lead us to the Saviour's fold; we are in danger from enemies who lie in wait for our souls;—what then is our hope? Truly our hope is even in thee. Hold up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not; keep us as the apple of thine eye; hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

We are in the midst of an ensnaring world; O thou

God of all grace, preserve us from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life! Teach us that the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; while only they who do thy will abide for ever. Let us place thee, O our unerring director, always before us; be thou at our right hand continually, lest we make shipwreck of faith and of a good conscience. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation! for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake.

(Occasional prayers.)

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## THURSDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ROMANS III.

O God, thy greatness is unsearchable. Thy name is most excellent in all the earth. Thou hast set thy glory above the heavens. Thousands minister unto thee, and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before thee. We feel ourselves in thine awful presence to be nothing, less than nothing, and vanity: nor do we presume to approach thee because we are deserving of thy notice—for we have sinned—we have incurred thy righteous displeasure—we acknowledge that thou art justified when thou speakest, and just when thou judgest.

But our necessities compel us; and thy promises encourage us. Thou art nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and savest such as be of a contrite spirit. Thou hast provided and revealed a Mediator, who has not only obeyed but magnified the law and made it honorable; and thou hast made us accepted in the Beloved.

O look thou upon us, and be merciful unto us, as thou art unto those that love thy name! Convince us of sin both in its penalty and in its pollution; and may we mourn over it with godly sorrow. Give us faith in

the Lord Jesus Christ; and believing may we have life through his name.

Our souls cleave unto the dust; quicken thou us according to thy word. May we not only live in the Spirit, but walk in the Spirit. May the same mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; and may we feel it to be a precious privilege to go about doing good.

As he suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should tread in his steps; may we be willing to suffer like him. When reviled, may we revile not again, but commit ourselves to him that judgeth righteously. Whoever may be the instrument of our grief, may we never lose sight of an overruling agency in preparing and presenting it; but be able to say, the cup which my Father giveth me shall I not drink it? In patience may we possess our souls.

(Occasional prayers.)

We live in a world of changes, and have here no continuing city—may we seek one to come; and have our minds kept in perfect peace, being stayed upon God. Be with us to the end of our journey; and after honoring thee by the life we have lived, may we glorify thee by the death we shall die. When heart and flesh fail, be thou the strength of our heart and our portion for ever; at death may we fall asleep in Jesus; and in the morning of the resurrection, may he change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like his own glorious body; and so may we be for ever with the Lord.

Who can understand his errors? Forgive, O God, the sins of the past day, in thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We bless thee for our preservation in our going out and our coming in, and in all our ways; and we bless thee for all the supplies and indulgences which thy good providence has afforded us.

And now, O thou keeper of Israel, we commit our souls and our bodies to thy all-sufficient care. Suffer no evil to befall our persons, and no plague to come

nigh our dwelling. May our sleep be sweet; or if thou holdest our eyes waking, may we remember thee upon our bed, and meditate on thee in the night-watches.

And with the innumerable company who never slumber nor sleep, and who rest not day and night, we would join in ascribing blessing and honor and glory and power unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## FRIDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ROMANS VI.

OUR Father, &c.

O God, heavenly Father, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee, accept our hearty thanks for all thy mercies, and especially for the rest and refreshment of the past night. With this renewed token of thy goodness, give us newness of heart to serve thee. Look with favor upon our earnest desires, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty, to be our unfailing defense and protection. Help us to amend our ways and our doings; that we may obey thy voice, and walk in the way that thou hast commanded us. Turn us from all our sins, that we may keep thy statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, and save our souls alive.

O blessed Jesus, grant us grace, so to confess thee before men, that thou mayest confess us before thy Father in heaven. Make us watchful and circumspect, that we fall not again into our former transgressions. Endue us with strength and fortitude, to take up our cross daily and follow thee, whithersoever thy voice shall call us. May we be strong, O Lord, in the power of thy might. May we put on the whole armor of God,

and fight manfully against our spiritual enemies. With the girdle of truth; the breast-plate of righteousness; the shield of faith; the helmet of salvation; and the sword of the Spirit; may we be able to stand against the fiery darts of the wicked, and all the wiles of the adversary.

O holy, blessed and eternal Spirit; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in all the pursuits of this day. Quicken us to renewed diligence in our several duties; and make us just and upright in all our dealings; and charitable, kind and compassionate in all the relations of life.

(Occasional prayers.)

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, at all times, and under all circumstances, duly sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and of the transitory nature of all earthly things. Thou hast made our days as it were a span long; and our age is even nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living, is altogether vanity. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Guide us by thy powerful hand, as we pass through this vale of misery; that so we may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; that when our probation shall be closed, we may be gathered in peace to our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; the witness of the Spirit that we are the children of God.

All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

The grace of, &c. *Amen.*



## FRIDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN XIX, 1—18.

O GOD, the day is thine; the night also is thine. Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. The heavens declare thy glory; the earth is full of thy riches, and so is the great and wide sea. Thou art the maker, and sustainer, and proprietor of all things. We are the creatures of thy power, and the beneficiaries of thy bounty. But we have sinned against heaven and before thee, and are not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth which thou hast shown us. We are of those that rebel against the light; for we have resisted the dictates of our consciences; the demands of thy law; the admonitions of thy providence; and the calls of the gospel of peace. We have made light of those things into which angels desire to look: we have neglected thy great salvation; and we deserve that thy wrath should come upon us as children of disobedience.

Yet we are in the land of the living, and under a dispensation of hope. We flee for refuge to that dear Saviour who said, I will deliver from going down into the pit, I have found a ransom: and who himself bore our sin in his own body on the tree. O that we may be found in him, and know the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death. May we not only be justified by his blood, and saved from wrath through him; but may we derive from him an influence, that shall subdue our iniquities, and change us into his own image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

(Occasional prayers.)

Deliver us, we pray thee, from the views and dispositions of men of the world. May we never look for that on earth, which can only be found in heaven. Born

from above and bound for glory, may we feel that we are but pilgrims, and pass the time of our sojourning here in fear. Reminded—and O how often are we reminded!—that here we have no continuing city, may we seek one to come: and in all the changing scenes of time, know in ourselves that in heaven we have a better and an enduring substance.

Cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. To thy wisdom we must repair for direction, or we shall every moment go astray. Thy power is our only safety. O thou that savest by thy right hand them that put their trust in thee, keep us as the apple of thine eye, and hide us under the shadow of thy wing. Be thou our strength in weakness, and our victory in conflict. May we never deny thee. Establish our hearts with grace, and deliver our feet from falling; and may we be sincere and without offense until the day of Christ.

These are great blessings for us to ask—but we are for ever undone without them—and thou hast encouraged us to hope. We plead thy command and thy promise—ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. No suppliant, however unworthy or guilty, was ever rejected or insulted at thy footstool. And we come in the name of him who made intercession for transgressors. Him thou hearest always—and to him, with the Father, and to the Holy Spirit, be praises for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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#### SATURDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—LUKE XV, 1—24.

O GOD! thou art our God, early will we seek thee; our fathers' God, and we will exalt thee. We rejoice,

that in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, we are to make known our request unto God. We acknowledge, O Lord! that we have sinned against the light of nature, and against thy written law and gospel. We have been vain in our imaginations, and our foolish hearts have been darkened. We have been lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. And, by our iniquities, we have exposed ourselves to thine everlasting displeasure. But, behold, O God our shield! and look upon the face of thine Anointed, and have mercy on us. May the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge our consciences from dead works to serve the living God. Search us, O God! and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Permit us not to spend the golden hours of time in the pursuit of vanity, but excite us to live as citizens of the spiritual Jerusalem, and to form our hearts and lives to the temper and manners of the heavenly world.

(Occasional prayers.)

Jesus, thou Son of David! have mercy upon all men. Graciously regard those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Teach the moralist the necessity of vital godliness, and the hypocrite the deceitfulness of his heart, that he may stand amazed. Accomplish all thy predictions relative to the latter day glory of the church. May a way be opened for the introduction of the gospel into all lands. Raise up and prepare many to obey the command of their ascended Saviour: "go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature." We bless God for the religious instructions afforded us. We thank thee that thou didst, at sundry times, and in divers manners, speak in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, and in these last days hast spoken unto us by thy Son Jesus Christ and his apostles. Ever may we take thy word as a lamp unto our feet, and a

light unto our path. Glory to God in the highest, for a plan of redemption, and the overtures of grace in the gospel. O! let us not despise the proffers of salvation, and reject a crucified Saviour. We praise thee for the mercies of the night; that while many were full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day, we enjoyed quiet repose. Cause us to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee do we trust; cause us to know the way wherein we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto thee. Establish thou thy covenant with this family, for an everlasting covenant even the sure mercies of David. Prepare us for the vicissitudes of this mortal state, and when we come to die, may we die in the Lord, and be blessed for ever. Be pleased, gracious God! to accept our persons and services in the Beloved. Now blessing and honor, and glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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### SATURDAY EVENING.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM III.

INFINITELY powerful and glorious God! in the name of our great High Priest, who is passed into the heavens, we draw near unto thee this evening. May we come unto thee, as children unto a father, who is able and ready to assist them. Indite our petitions for us, and enable us to present them before thee in faith. Thy throne, O God! is for ever and ever; the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. We adore the wisdom of thy purposes, the holiness of thy ways, and the riches of thy grace. We rejoice, that in Christ Jesus, mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have embraced each other. Where sin hath abounded,

grace can now much more abound. Deal with us according to the tenor of the everlasting covenant of grace. Wash away our sins in the blood of the immaculate Son of God, that we may be presented spotless before thy throne in glory. Subdue our vile passions, and make us willing captives of the Prince of peace. May the same mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus. Let us die daily unto sin, and live unto God. May we walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil; and may we not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Graciously regard, O God! all the sons and daughters of affliction. Be thou a father to the fatherless, and a judge of the widows in thy holy habitation. Give redemption to the captives, loose the bands of wickedness, undo heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free. Pity the sick, and heal their diseases. Furnish the destitute with food and raiment. Be a guide to them who travel by sea or land. Give to all repentance, pardon and salvation. Bless our American republic. We thank thee for all our civil, religious and literary privileges; and that thou hast given us a good land, and crowned it with many blessings. Thou hast not dealt so with any nation. May our country continue to be under the care of thy watchful providence. May we be a holy, that we may be a happy people. May all our friends and relatives be the objects of thy favorable regard. Let them be enriched with the blessings of thy heavenly grace. May Zion awake and put on her strength; arise, and shake herself from the dust, and put on her beautiful garments. Preserve the church from all dangers within and without. Extend her boundaries from sea to sea, and from the rivers to the ends of the earth. Make all the ministers of religion faithful and zealous. Let the heathen, now shrouded in the gloom of moral death, be irradiated with the light of the gospel. O Lord! how



long shall darkness, ignorance, and superstition, so awfully reign? Arise, O thou most mighty! in thy strength, and convert, and save a perishing world.

(Occasional prayers.)

Now, Lord! what wait we for? Our hope is in thee. We thank thee, thou Guardian of man! for the salvation and blessings of another day and week. Watch over us for good this night. Let thy holy angels pitch their tents around our habitation, and may we dwell in security. Prepare us for the duties and services of thy holy day. May it be a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Superintend all our changes in mercy, and when time with us shall be no longer, receive us to mansions of eternal blessedness. Now to the Lamb, that was slain to redeem us to God by his blood, be power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing for ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## SIXTH WEEK.

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### LORDSDAY MORNING.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM LXXIII.

O LORD, we desire to begin the day and the week with thee. Let a solemn sense of thy presence be upon our minds; and while we offer our supplications, in the name of our only Mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ, comfort our hearts by the assurance that thou art nigh unto all them that call upon thee, even all such as call upon thee faithfully.

We acknowledge before thee, O Lord, how unworthy we are to be numbered with thy children, for we have sinned against thee, and thy wrath might justly have consumed us in a moment, and have sent us down to

hell:—but thou hast had mercy on us, and hast made known unto us by thy word how we may be saved.

We thank thee, O Lord, for the opportunities which we are invited to enjoy this day;—of hearing those blessed truths, the knowledge of which is essential to the salvation of our souls. Oh! give us grace diligently to attend to thy word; enable us to understand it, and make us anxious to improve by it; that the sermons which we hear may not rise up against us at the great day.

Bless, O gracious God, the ministers of thy gospel, especially our own, who show unto us the way of salvation. Do thou teach them, that they may be able to teach us. O Lord, may thy word this day awaken our consciences, that we may see more evil in the nature of sin, more danger from the guilt of it, and be more earnest to secure an interest in Christ, the only Saviour.

(Occasional prayers.)

We beseech thee, O Lord, to keep us this day from all worldly thoughts and words; and may thy Spirit suggest such things to our minds as are suitable to this holy part of our time. Oh, may we keep thy Sabbath in a becoming manner, and love it as the best day of the seven, because it is a season dedicated to thy service! Preserve us, whilst in thy house, from a stupid and a wandering frame; strengthen our memory to retain what we hear, and make this day a time of real benefit to our souls, for which we may have reason to bless thee to all eternity, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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LORDSDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM LXIII.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we adore thee for thy tender compassion and loving kindness to us, and

to the whole family of mankind. We bless thee for the gift of thy dear Son, through whose atoning sacrifice we are brought near to thee, and by whose meritorious death and passion we are redeemed from death, and from the guilt and burden of our sins. We do not presume to come before thee, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We acknowledge and bewail our many and sore offenses, for which our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the painful death of the cross; and for which thou wast pleased to bruise him, and put him to grief. May we keep in lively remembrance the agonies which he endured for our sake. May we remember, that he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; that he was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities; that the chastisement of our peace was upon him; that by his stripes we are healed; and that upon him was laid the iniquity of us all. May we remember the exceeding great love of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, in dying for our sins, and the innumerable benefits, which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us. And may we offer unto thee, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly beseeching thee, at all times, to accept our poor and imperfect service, not weighing our demerits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Occasional prayers.)

Grant, heavenly Father, that the instructive lessons which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruits of good living; and that in all our walk and conversation, we may henceforth glory in nothing else but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Unto God's gracious care and protection, we now

commit ourselves, and all our relatives and friends, for this night. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace, both now and evermore.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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MONDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—1 PETER IV.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, &c.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; we, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises for thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To thy watchful providence we owe it, that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling, but that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these thy mercies, we bless and magnify thy glorious name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life; in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

But O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; we humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the con-

stant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and, according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by him whom thou hast appointed the judge of quick and dead, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Occasional prayers.)

In particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways, and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. The grace of our Lord, &c. *Amen.*

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#### MONDAY EVENING.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON—JAMES III.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, &c.

Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all



those who confess and forsake their sins; we come before thee under an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us a hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe to us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offense towards thee and towards men; that so we may be preserved, pure and blameless, until the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

(Occasional prayers.)

Accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts, and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us

evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities, for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

To our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy mercy in sending thine only Son into the world to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day.

We beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die: so that living and dying we may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son, Christ Jesus, in whose name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. The grace of our Lord, &c. *Amen.*

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## TUESDAY MORNING.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON—JAMES V.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, early in the morning do we flee unto thee. Our souls do wait for thee. In

thy word is our trust. Lord, what is man, that thou so regardest him? As high as the heaven is, in comparison with the earth, so great is thy mercy towards them that fear thee. As far also as the east is from the west, so far hast thou removed our sins from us. But, O God, we confess our unworthiness and acknowledge our frailty. We are but dust. Thou hast made our days as it were a span long, and our age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. At thy word all our days are gone. They come to an end, as a tale that is told. The grave must receive us. We must lie down in a place of darkness. But, O God, according to thy promise, thou wilt show wonders among the dead; and they shall rise up again and praise thee. Thou hast redeemed us; and thou canst restore us. Thou shalt show us the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, and as he was raised from the dead, even so we also may be raised from the death of sin, and walk in newness of life. Being planted together in the likeness of his death, may we also be made in the likeness of his resurrection. May our old man be crucified with him, that the body of sin may be destroyed, and that henceforth we may not serve sin. If we be dead with Christ, give us faith to believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; that death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. May we also ourselves be dead unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. May sin have no more dominion over us: but being made free from sin and become servants to God, may we have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

(Occasional prayers.)

Grant us grace, heavenly Father, to live this day to thy glory. In willing obedience to thy commandments; in patient and humble resignation to thy will; in unreserved confidence in thy justice, goodness, and wisdom; and under a grateful sense of all thy mercies; enable us to serve thee faithfully all the days of our life. We pray for our friends, relatives and benefactors; and for all whom we are bound to remember in our prayers. May we all be found at last among the happy number whose names are written in the book of everlasting remembrance, and who shall be thine in that day when thou makest up thy jewels, and when thou wilt spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. May we so follow the example of our crucified and risen Saviour, as to be made partakers of his blessed resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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TUESDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—2 PETER I.

O LORD our God! help us this evening to worship thee in the beauty of holiness. Thou hast never said to the seed of Jacob, seek ye my face in vain. We would therefore call upon thy great and holy name, believing that thou art, and that thou art a rewarder of them, who diligently seek thee. O Lord! we confess our sins of omission and commission. We have pursued too much the pleasures, honors and riches of the world. How often have we offended in thought, word and action! How stubborn have been our wills, how vain our thoughts and how earthly our affections! Our hearts cleave to the dust. We would feel, that we have offended, and that there is no help in ourselves. We would hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is

mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. Remember not the sins of our youth and riper years; but blot out all our transgressions, and give us the peace of God which passeth all understanding. O thou Physician of souls, heal our spiritual maladies; restore us to health and soundness, and to the joy of thy salvation.

(Occasional prayers.)

Teach transgressors thy ways, and turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the just. Suffer not those who are rich in this world, to be high minded, and to trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth them all things richly to enjoy. May they do good, and be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come; that they may lay hold on eternal life. Make all the poor in this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom. May every christian society flourish in knowledge, holiness and peace. Build thou the waste places of Zion. Give unto all destitute flocks pastors after thine own heart. Let thy ministering servants be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy. Send forth heralds of salvation to plant churches in the region of darkness and the shadow of death. Guide the public councils of our nation; overrule all our civil affairs for thy glory. Make all our colleges nurseries of piety, as well as of useful knowledge. Cast into them the salt of grace, that from these fountains may issue streams, which shall make glad the city of our God. Thanks to thy name, all gracious Father! for the blessings of thy good providence; that thou hast watched over us with paternal care, preserved us in existence, and supplied all our wants. We would rejoice, that Christ has died to redeem us, and that thou hast accepted his atoning sacrifice. We thank thee for the blessings of another day, that thou hast preserved us amidst dangers, that we are still in the land of the living, and in the enjoy-



ment of health, liberty and safety. O thou Guardian of men! take our family under thy protection this night. May our dwelling place be a safe and a quiet habitation. May the shadows of the evening remind us of the night of death, and the importance of preparing for it. Bring us to see the light of a new day, rejoicing in the loving kindness and tender mercy of our heavenly Father. May our days on earth be happy, and our eternity joyous. And glory be to God the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—1 JOHN I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, look in mercy upon our infirmities. We acknowledge our helplessness and dependence. Without thee we can do nothing. We are surrounded by dangers and temptations. But thou, O God, art able to sustain us. Thy hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is thy ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Have pity upon us, O God of our salvation. Let not our sins cause thee to hide thy face from us. In all our necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us. Give us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us in safety through all our temptations. Knowing that thou art rich in mercy to all who call upon thee in the name of thy dear Son; give us faith to believe thy word and to rely on thy promises; that our prayers may come up before thee as an acceptable offering, and that they may be heard and answered, through the merits and intercession of our blessed Saviour.

(Occasional prayers.)

O God, thou hast been found of them that sought thee not. Thou hast been made manifest to them that asked not after thee. May the sound of the everlasting gospel

be spread abroad from shore to shore; until all the nations of the earth shall worship before thee. Be thou exalted among the heathen. Let them that dwell in the wilderness kneel down before thee. Let the kings of the earth fall down at thy footstool. Let all the people of the earth do thee service.

We bless thee, O God, for having cast our lot in a land of gospel light and knowledge. May we be kept by thy grace, from any misimprovement of our great privileges. Grant that we, who profess to know thee, and to hope in thy mercies, may walk circumspectly in all thy commandments. Enable us to fulfil our respective obligations to thee and to each other. May no occasion be given to the enemies of religion to blaspheme thy holy name. May we show our love to thee, by following thy precepts, and living a life of purity and holiness. May we look away from the things which are seen, and are temporal, and fix our hopes, and affections, and desires, on the things that are not seen, and are eternal. And may we remember, that when our day of probation has passed away, we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, and be punished or rewarded according to what he hath done, whether it be good or whether it be evil. Direct us especially in all the duties of this day, 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.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—1 JOHN V.

O LORD God Almighty, we bless thee for all the mercies of the past day, and we pray thee now to take us

under thy care, and to deliver us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Preserve us, O Lord, both in body and soul, from every evil, and keep us from all sinful thoughts when we are about to close our eyes in sleep.

And pardon, we beseech thee, all our offenses, for the sake of Jesus Christ. We confess, O Lord, that we have this day left undone many things which we ought to have done, and done many things which we ought not to have done. Pardon all our pride and vanity, our idleness and self-indulgence, our impatience, fretfulness and discontent. Forgive, O Lord, all the rash and angry words which we have this day spoken, and all the sinful thoughts which have risen up in our minds, and which we have not been careful to resist. And especially, we pray thee, to pardon our forgetfulness of thee, our God, and our want of gratitude and love to Jesus Christ. For these, and all our other sins, which, from time to time, we have committed, we here implore thy pardoning love, in the name of our most merciful Saviour.

And since we know that our life is so short and uncertain, help us, day by day, to think of our latter end. O Lord, grant us grace so to live that we be not afraid to die; and do thou receive our souls at last into thine eternal kingdom.

Enable us this night to shake off all worldly cares and desires, and to meditate upon thee; let thy Holy Spirit be present with us, to purify our hearts, and to bring before us the things which concern our peace, and to inspire us with godly resolutions.

Above all things, make us rightly to understand thine infinite mercy in the redemption of mankind by Jesus Christ, and diligently to avail ourselves of all our privileges, as his disciples, and thy children by adoption and grace.

(Occasional prayers.)

O heavenly Father, we commit ourselves to thy holy

keeping this night, and desire to rest securely under the shadow of thy protection. Defend us from all perils and dangers, and especially from those which may assault and hurt the soul. Prepare us, by comfortable repose, for the duties of the morrow; and grant that we may rise disposed and strengthened for thy service, as faithful and diligent disciples of thy blessed Son; in whose words we further pray:

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## THURSDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—REVELATIONS IV.

O LORD, thou art the God whose we are, and whom we ought to serve. For thou hast laid upon us all the obligations of thy laws, and all the endearments of thy love, to be faithful in the covenant of our God, and to abound in the work of the Lord. We desire to humble ourselves here before thee, that our lives have been so unserviceable to thee, and so full of provocation against thee; that we have lived to ourselves, more than to the Lord and Giver of our lives; and that we have served our own lusts and pleasures more than thy holy blessed will; which is the rule of all righteousness, and in the performance whereof, there is the greatest reward.

We have sinned against thee, our God, to the infinite wrong and damage of our own souls, and by our sins we have 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 thy throne of grace; that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need. In him, therefore, we beg, O 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 followers of Jesus Christ. O put such principles of grace and holiness into our hearts, as may make us hate all iniquity, and every false way. And put thy Spirit within us, causing us to walk in thy statutes, and to keep thy judgments, and to do them. 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 in the way of thy commands. O make our services acceptable to thee while we live, and our souls ready for thee when we die. 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. O make our passage safe and sure, through all the changes, troubles, temptations, and various conditions of this mortal life, to the unchangeable glories and felicities of life everlasting.

(Occasional prayers.)

Be merciful to us, good Lord, and bless us, and keep us this 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. O let us be in the fear of the Lord all the day long. 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 has loved and redeemed us; even the Lord our righteousness; in whose blessed name, and the words of prayer which himself has taught us, we continue praying our Father, &c.

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, be with us, and with all that belong to us, this day, and for evermore. *Amen.*



## THURSDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM CXXXIX.

IN an humble acknowledgment of our manifold sins and iniquities, which we from time to time, and more especially this day, have committed against thee, in thought, word and deed, we now prostrate ourselves before thee, O Lord of heaven and earth, beseeching thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour, to be merciful unto us. Forgive us, O Lord, that we have not rendered unto thee according to thy mercy and loving-kindness; that we have been forgetful and disobedient, and have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight. Let thy Holy Spirit sanctify us wholly, and give us more and more grace and strength, whereby we may be enabled to subdue all our sinful and corrupt affections; grant that we may improve the remainder of our days with all possible care, and give all diligence to make our calling and election sure, that we may so persevere therein unto death, that at last we may attain everlasting life.

(Occasional prayers.)

Accept our praises and thanksgivings for all thy mercies vouchsafed unto us in this life, and for the hopes of a better. And now that we are going to take our rest and sleep, let us consider that thou, Lord, only makest us to dwell in safety; whether we sleep or wake, live or die, let us be found thine own, to thy eternal glory, and our everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## FRIDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM CXLV.

O LORD God of our salvation! thou 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 ever live, and move, and are; and upon thee are we dependent for all the good that we have, or hope for. Accept our thanks for thy protection during the past night, and for the blessings we enjoy this morning. Thou hast given us the assurance of thy word, that if we commit our affairs to thee, and acknowledge 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; and to beg thy heavenly guidance and blessing, and to dispose of us and of all that concern us, to the glory of thy name.

O Lord, withdraw not thy tender mercies from us, nor the comforts of thy presence, nor the assistance of thy Spirit, for our great contempt and manifold abuses of all such grace and goodness. Never punish our past sins, by giving us over to the love and power of our sins; 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 of thy gracious acceptance of us, and thy merciful intentions towards us in the Son of thy love: that our souls may bless thee, and all that is within us may praise thy holy name.

And O that we may find the joy of the Lord to be our strength, to enable us to contend against our sins; especially the sins to which we are most addicted, and whereof we are in greatest danger; and to make us also more ready to every good work, and better disposed for all the duties which we owe to thee our God, to our neighbor and ourselves. May we always have a conscience void of offense towards God, and towards men. O help us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise; carefully redeeming the time that we have lost, and conscientiously improving all those seasons, and means of grace which thou art pleased to give us for

the profit and advantage of our souls. And while we are upon earth, O give us all things needful and convenient for our present pilgrimage; sanctify to us all our enjoyments, and all events 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 careful so to live by faith every day, that we may be prepared for the great day of thy appearing and glory.

(Occasional prayers.)

O gracious Father! keep us, we beseech thee, this day 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 defense 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 courses agreeable to thy will, and acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ; in whose sacred name and words we close these our imperfect requests to thee, our Father, who art in heaven, &c.

Let thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, thy love, O heavenly Father, thy comfortable fellowship, O holy blessed Spirit, be with us, and with all for whom we ought to beg thy mercy in our prayers, this day, and for evermore. *Amen.*

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FRIDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—PROVERBS VIII.

O GOD, whose blessed Son came into the world, to redeem us from sin and death, and was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life; grant us

grace, we beseech thee, to seek with earnestness and diligence, the benefits of this great salvation. May we look with humble trust and confidence, for the pardon of our sins, through the mediation of our ever blessed Redeemer; and may we obtain that lively hope, which is as an anchor to the soul, sure and steadfast. And having this hope, may we, through the sanctifying influences of thy Holy Spirit, purify ourselves, according to the pattern and example of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him, in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

We praise thee, O God, for all the manifestations of thy goodness to a lost and ruined world. Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Be it our delight to praise thee and glorify thy name. Let all the people come and worship before thee. Make bare thine holy arm in the eyes of all the nations. Let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of God. May the Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, have the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Though the mountains depart and the hills be removed, let not thy kindness depart from those who fear thee; neither let the covenant of thy peace be removed. As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so, O Lord God, cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee.

Put thy Spirit into the hearts of thy servants whom thou hast called to preach thy living word. May they go forth on this mission of mercy, guided by thy truth, sustained by thy power, and animated by thy Spirit. May they go forth, preaching repentance and faith for the remission of sins. May they go forth, making dis-

ciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; until the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of Christ, and righteousness and peace cover the face of the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

(Occasional prayers.)

We bless thee, heavenly Father, for the mercies bestowed upon us this day. We humble ourselves before thee as unworthy sinners, beseeching thee to watch over us this night, and to protect us from all the evils to which we may be exposed. Above all, keep us from sin, and from all the wiles of the adversary. Let us repose under the shadow of thy wing, till every danger be over, and we are brought again before thee, to renew our prayers and praises, and to enter again upon our respective duties.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father who, &c.      The grace of, &c.      *Amen.*

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ACTS XXVI, 1—29.

O ETERNAL and unchangeable Jehovah, who dwellest in light which no mortal eye can behold, and dost from thy sanctuary look down on the things that are in heaven and earth;—we adore thee that thou hast, in the riches of thy grace, opened a new and living way, whereby sinners may draw nigh to thee, and find thee to be a just God, and yet a Saviour, able and willing to save to the uttermost, all who come unto thee through thy incarnate Son.

O God, when we contemplate thine infinite holiness



and purity, and our own sinfulness and depravity, we have reason to loathe ourselves, and to repent in dust and ashes. O Lord, our heavenly Father, we mourn over and bewail at thy footstool, those sins which we, from time to time, have committed by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.

But to thee belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have sinned and rebelled against thee. We bless thee, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sins; that he has made reconciliation for iniquity, and has brought in everlasting righteousness; and that thy word which cannot err, declares, that "whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life;"—that "though our sins be as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool!"

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, cleanse us from our sins by thy most precious blood, and clothe us in the spotless robe of thy righteousness, that being justified and accepted by thy merits, we may have joy and peace in believing.

O holy and eternal Spirit, enable us, by our life and conversation, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we prove to those around us that we are the children of light; that we are sitting for instruction at the feet of the Lord Jesus, that we have received his precepts, are influenced by his grace, are following his example, and are pressing forward to his kingdom. Preserve us from imbibing the spirit and temper of those who fear not thee; but do thou increase within us the faith, the fear, and the love of thy holy name. Suffer us not to place our security in an arm of flesh, but teach us ever to look for it where alone it is to be found, in the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that being united to him by a living faith, we may obtain victory over the corruption of our hearts, the temptations of Satan, and the sinful cares and allurements of the

world. Let the language of our heart ever be—"Behold, God is our salvation, we will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord Jehovah is our strength and our song, he is also become our salvation!"

(Occasional prayers.)

Into thy hands we commend ourselves, and all that belong to us this day. We are short-sighted creatures, and therefore know not what it may bring forth. Keep us under the shadow of thine almighty wings. Guide and direct us continually by thy counsel, until thou hast brought us to thy glory.

O Lord, we now lift up our voices with thanksgivings to thee, for the multiplied favors both of providence and grace, which thou hast heaped on our undeserving heads. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the other blessings of this life, which thou hast given us richly to enjoy; but above all, we praise thee for the gift of thy Son,—for the word of thy gospel,—for the promise of thy Spirit,—for the means of grace,—and for the hope of glory. O Lord, help us to show forth our gratitude, not merely with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by bringing forth the fruits of righteousness and holiness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise of the glory of thy grace. Hear us, heavenly Father, and whilst thou hearest, have mercy on us. Pardon the iniquity of our holy offerings, and in all things enable us with the Psalmist to say,—“Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name, give glory, for thy loving mercy and thy truth’s sake.”

Now to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, the glorious unchangeable, and eternal Jehovah, be ascribed by us on earth, as by angels and glorified saints in heaven, everlasting praise!

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## SATURDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—REVELATIONS XXII.

O OUR God, another week has just passed away, and we are still in the land of the living, while so many of our fellow-creatures have passed from time into eternity. Blessed be God for the continuance of life and health, and for prolonged opportunities of preparing for death and judgment!

O gracious God, let not this continuance of mercy increase our condemnation, by encouraging us to commit sin, because hitherto thine anger has been withheld from falling upon us. Let us not treasure up wrath unto ourselves against the day of wrath; but teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

(Occasional prayers.)

Prepare us, most blessed God, by sleep and rest, to take our part in the duties of the Lordsday to-morrow. Give us that sense of sin which leads to a full confession of its guilt, and to faith in the atonement of Christ for its pardon. Give us that adoring gratitude for all thy mercies, more especially for the great mercy of a Saviour, which may incline us to praise thee with joyful lips. Give us that sense of the value of our souls, and of the greatness of thy salvation, which may lead us to seek life and mercy with all our hearts. O let not the coming Lordsday be defectively used, like those which are passed; but let it be so improved, by public and private means of grace, as to advance our meetness for the service of that eternal Sabbath that remaineth for the people of God; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

## PARTICULAR DAYS.

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### THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—ISAIAH V, 1—7; LUKE XIII, 6—9.

ETERNAL and unchangeable God, who guidest the stream of time, and directest the course of worlds according to thy pleasure, and who art, and ever shalt be, free from all variableness and shadow of turning! What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him? Man, at his best state, is altogether vanity; thou hast made his days as an hand-breadth, and as the stream of brooks they pass away. We who are children of the dust, fleeing as a shadow and continuing not, are reminded this day that another year hath passed away; we humble ourselves before thee, and confess, that it is of the goodness of our God, that we are not consumed, and his loving-kindness is not taken from us. Concerning this, day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. Hitherto hast thou brought us, O Lord, our faithful God. Thou hast, during the past year, forgiven us numberless offenses, and our hearts have experienced daily the awakening, enlightening, and consoling influences of thy Holy Spirit. And also in the concerns of this life thou hast crowned the year with thy goodness. Thou hast been with us in thy Providence, so that none of our wants has been left unsupplied. Thou hast covered our land with the shadow of thy wings, and bestowed many blessings upon us all; thou hast graciously preserved our lives, delivered us from dangers, and shielded us against calamities; thou hast been our very present help in time of trouble, and even by trials and sufferings thou hast sought

to draw us unto thee. For all these mercies we praise thy holy name; for the compassion which thou hast exercised towards us; for the long-suffering thou hast shown us; for thy faithfulness in providing for our poor, our widows, and our orphans; for the consolation which thou hast ministered unto the suffering, and vouchsafed unto those who have been deeply distressed for the salvation of their souls. And also for the relief which thou hast given the sick, and for the aid wherewith thou hast graciously sustained the dying, we bring thee the tribute of thanksgiving. May thy praise, O our Father, be heard in every temple, in every abode of man, throughout our whole land; unto thee may every tongue and every heart give glory, O thou, who art plentiful in mercy! Every hour of this closing year beareth witness of thy goodness and love; O that each might no less testify of our gratitude. But we have reason to be ashamed, for our conscience accuses, and our heart condemns us. We feel constrained, this day, to confess unto thee, who knowest all things, that we have neglected many duties, left undone much good that we ought to have done, and are chargeable with many sinful desires, words, and actions. We are sinners in thy sight, and O! how great hath been the danger to many of our number, of being overtaken by death, ere they were prepared for judgment. O Lord our God! who art merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, have mercy upon us all. Cast us not out of thy sight, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; blot them out, we beseech thee, for the sake of the meritorious sufferings and death of thy dear Son, that they may not be remembered against us at thy judgment-seat. May thy goodness lead us, this day, to repentance, that not one of us may close the year without putting off the old man, and thus enter upon the new year, having put on the new man, which after thee is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Our time is passing away; forsake us not, nor withdraw from us thy blessing. Continue thine all-powerful protec-



tion to city and country, to rulers and people, to churches and schools, to congregations and pastors, to parents and children, to the prosperous and the distressed, to the whole and the sick, to the living and the dying. Thou King eternal! thy years have no end, but ours flee as a shadow, and continue not. So teach us to number our days, that we may labor faithfully to fulfil thy commandments, ere the night cometh, so that we may be accounted faithful stewards when the day of reckoning shall come.

Abide with us, O Lord, by day and by night! Deliver us from all evil; evermore preserve our souls; watch over our outgoing and incoming, henceforth and for ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## LAST EVENING OF THE OLD YEAR.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM XC.

**ALMIGHTY** and eternal Lord of heaven and earth, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, who art the same, yesterday, and to-day, and for ever, and whose years fail not—from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Accept, we beseech thee, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for thy goodness and mercy, which have followed us all our days. We especially bless thee for delivering us from the perils and dangers of the year that is now drawing to a close. Not by our own strength, nor for our righteousness, have we been spared. But because thy compassions fail not, and for thy mercy's sake, we have not been consumed. We humble ourselves before thee, confessing and bewailing all that we have done amiss. According to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our offenses. Pardon and accept us, for the sake of thy only begotten Son, whom thou didst send into the world, to take our nature upon him, that he might redeem us unto thee by his blood.

Turn us from our iniquities; wash us thoroughly from our wickedness; and cleanse us from our sins; and let them all be buried with the closing year, to rise up against us no more for ever.

Keep us mindful, O Lord, as the years of our life pass away, that the end of all things is at hand; and make us sober and watchful unto prayer. May we never forget, that we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth, and that here we have no continuing city; and may we learn diligently to seek one to come. Our years pass away like a shadow, or a vapor, which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Lord, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Make us to know our end, and the measure of our days, that we may consider how frail we are, and may be admonished to redeem the time that remains. Give us grace to watch and pray, since we know neither the day, nor the hour, when the Son of man cometh. Above all, we beseech thee to preserve in our minds, a lively remembrance, that it is appointed unto us once to die, and after death the judgment; and that we shall, every one, receive the things done in the body, according to that we have done, whether it be good or whether it be evil. May we so regard thy threatenings and promises, that when we die, we may die the death of the righteous, and our last end be like his. Help us to fight the good fight, to finish our course, and to keep the faith, that there may be laid up for us a crown of righteousness, which thou, the righteous and merciful Judge, wilt give unto us in that day.

(Occasional prayers.)

Hear our intercession, O Lord, for all who are partakers of the same frail nature with ourselves. Take the little children into the arms of thy mercy, and bless and preserve them. Look in tender compassion upon those who are in the morning of their years. May they remember their Creator in the days of their youth,

before the evil days come and the years draw nigh, of which they shall say, there is no pleasure in them. May they grow in wisdom, as they grow in years, and in favor with thee and man. Mercifully regard, also, such as are in the strength and vigor of life; and dispose them to give unto thee the best of their days. Lastly, we pray thee to remember those whose strength is now but labor and sorrow. Enable them to bring forth fruit in their old age, according to the ability which yet remains. May they come to their graves at last, as a shock of corn cometh in his season. \* When their flesh and their heart fail them, be thou the strength of their heart, and their portion for ever. Grant all this, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit ourselves, and all for whom we are bound to pray. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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NEW YEAR.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—2 PETER III.

LORD our God! thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. We come into thy presence with thanksgiving, and magnify thy glorious name. We call to remembrance the unmerited goodness and faithfulness which, during the past year, and at all times, thou hast manifested toward us. Thou hast crowned the year with thy mercies, and satisfied us with the fatness of thy house. Thou hast prolonged our lives, and done us good; and to thy superintending care we owe it, that

we are now among the living. Thou hast blessed our efforts to obtain our necessary food, and established the work of our hands upon us. Thou hast refreshed our hearts with many enjoyments, and delivered us from distress and danger. Thou hast preserved peace to our land, and not withheld from thy church the preaching of that gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation, to all that believe.

O Lord, we are utterly unworthy of all the mercy and faithfulness which thou hast manifested toward us. We acknowledge our great guilt, in that we have often been unmindful of thy goodness, despised thy grace, and abused thy mercies. But thou art our Father and Redeemer, and thy tender mercies have been ever of old. Holy Father, enter not into judgment with thine unworthy and sinful children! Cease not to spare us, and withdraw not thy grace from us! Blot out our iniquities, through thy mercy in Christ, and let our guilt, like the year that is past, be buried in forgetfulness.

We have been redeemed by thy dear Son; we are called by his name; and we have come up higher to address our supplications through him unto thee. Grant that this new year may be rich in blessings unto us. Continue to uphold and guide us by thine Almighty hand. To thine all powerful protection we commend our whole land, earnestly praying that love, and sincerity, and mutual confidence may dwell in our midst, and that peace may not depart from our borders. Pour out thy blessing abundantly upon the President of the United States, upon the Governor of this State, and upon all others to whom important offices have been entrusted, and so replenish them with wisdom and strength, that they may discharge their duties in thy fear, and in accordance with thy will; that they may not fall into condemnation, but be a blessing to their fellow-citizens. May our people seek their highest honor, and their greatest happiness in wisdom and righteousness. Vouchsafe thy gracious protection to the churches and schools of our land. Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness

they may preach the gospel of the ever-blessed God. Grant that during the present year many souls may be comforted, edified and received in thy sanctuary, to the end that thy kingdom may be more and more established among us, and that thy church may be rooted and grounded in love, and grow up, in all things, into him which is the head, even Christ. Prosper every useful undertaking, every honest occupation, and every institution that tends to promote order, equity, and happiness among men. Bless the relations of domestic life! May harmony, fidelity, and godliness be a bond of union to husbands and wives; and so direct and prosper the education of children, that they may also be thy children, and that not one of them may be finally lost. We beseech thee, gracious Father, to visit with thy strength and consolation all who have entered upon this year with tears and anxiety; all who are poor and destitute, sick or in temptation. Refresh them with the consolations of thy word, and enable them from day to day, to experience, that whoso putteth his strength in the Lord shall be safe.

Teach us all, O Lord, to consider that we have here no continuing city, that we may seek one to come. Accompany thy word with thy grace, that we may now again unreservedly consecrate ourselves to the Prince of Peace, and improve this year to our everlasting good. If thou hast determined to call us hence during the course of this year, may thy good and gracious will be done. Thou wilt be near us in the hour of death; thou wilt fill our departing spirit with the consolation and hope of the gospel of reconciliation; thou wilt make us to fall asleep in Christ, unto eternal life.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## NEW YEAR MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ECCLESIASTES XII.

OF old thou hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall



perish, but thou shalt endure; as a vesture shalt thou change them and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. May our minds be filled with elevation and grandeur at the thought of a being with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years are as one day; a being, who, amidst all the revolutions of empire and the lapse of ages, feels no variableness nor shadow of turning. How glorious, with immortality attached to them, are all thy attributes! and how secure are the hopes and happiness of all those who know thy name, and put their trust in thee!

May we rejoice, that while men die, the Lord liveth; that while all creatures are found broken reeds and broken cisterns, he is the rock of ages, and the fountain of living waters. O that we may turn away our hearts from vanity; and among all the dissatisfactions and uncertainties of the present state, look after an interest in that everlasting covenant which is ordered in all things and sure. May we seek after a union with thyself, as the strength of our hearts and our portion for ever, and be partakers ourselves of the immutability we adore; for thou hast assured us that while the world passeth away and the lusts thereof, he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

We thank thee that thou hast revealed to us that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. In his name we come. O receive us graciously. Justify us freely from all things. Renew us in the spirit of our minds; and bless us with all the spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Suffer us not to neglect the claims of eternity in the pursuit of the trifles of time; but knowing how frail we are, may we be wise enough to choose that good part which shall not be taken away from us. May thoughts of death and eternity so impress our minds, as to put seriousness into our prayers and vigour into our resolu-

tions; may they loosen us from an undue attachment to things seen and temporal; so that we may weep as though we wept not, and rejoice as though we rejoiced not.

And remembering that the present life, so short, so uncertain, and so much of which is already vanished, is the only opportunity we shall ever have for usefulness, may we be concerned to redeem the time. May we be alive and awake at every call of charity and piety. May we feed the hungry and clothe the naked; may we instruct the ignorant, reclaim the vicious, forgive the offending, diffuse the gospel.

As we have entered on a new period of life, may we faithfully examine ourselves, to see what has been amiss in our former temper or conduct; and in thy strength may we resolve to correct it.

Prepare us for all the duties of the ensuing year. All the wisdom and strength necessary for the performance of them must come from thyself; may we therefore live a life of self-distrust, of divine dependence, and of prayer; may we ask and receive, that our joy be full; may we live in the Spirit, and walk in the Spirit.

If we are indulged with prosperity, let not our prosperity destroy us or injure us. If our relative comforts are continued to us, may we love them without idolatry, and hold them at thy disposal; and if they are taken from us, may we be enabled to say, the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Fit us for all events. Nothing can befall us by chance. Thou hast been thus far our helper; thou hast promised to be with us in every condition; thou hast engaged to make all things work together for our good; all thy ways are mercy and truth. May we therefore be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, may we make known our requests unto God; and may the

peace of God that passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Bless, O bless the young! May each of them, this day, hear thee saying, my son, give me thy heart; and from this day may they cry unto thee as the guide of their youth. Regard those who have reached the years wherein they say, we have no pleasure in them. If old in sin, may they be urged to embrace, before it be for ever too late, the things that belong to their peace; and if old in grace, uphold them with thy free Spirit, and help them to remember that now is their salvation nearer than when they believed.

Bless all the dear connections attached to us by nature, friendship, or religion. Grace be to them, and peace be multiplied.

Let our country share thy protection and smiles. Bless all our rulers and magistrates.

Bless all our churches and congregations. Bless all thy ministers; may thine ordinances in their hands be enlivening and refreshing, and thy word effectual to wound and to heal.

May this be a year remarkable for the conversion of souls and the extension of the gospel. Bless all missionary societies; and let the circling months see the banner of the Redeemer carried forward, till all nations are subdued to the obedience of faith.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## NEW YEAR EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—PŒALM CIII, 1—22.

GREAT and eternal God! we bow before thee at the close of this first day of the new year with the deepest reverence for thy majesty and glory, and with unfeigned thanksgiving for thy goodness and mercy. Surrounded by every temporal and spiritual blessing, how could we

be otherwise than joyful in the God of all our mercies? What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits? O that thy goodness may lead us all to true repentance and a life of sincere obedience and piety. Lord, we know that our responsibilities are great; for of him to whom much is given, much will be required. Thou hast given us much; may we so use thy gifts, that when called to render up an account of our stewardship, we may do it with joy, and not with grief. Blessed with health and happiness, we have entered upon this new year; but we do not know that we shall live to see its close. We cannot tell what a day or night, yea, a single hour may bring forth; how much less what may occur in a whole year? We commit our ways to the Lord, assured that he will bring it to pass. If God be for us, who, or what, can be against us? All things shall work together for good to them that love the Lord. This year some of us, perhaps all of us may die. Before another new year's day dawns upon the earth, we may be numbered with the pale nations of the dead. Grant, O Lord, that we may lay to heart those solemn admonitions: "Set thy house in order, for thou shalt die and not live!" "Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." May we take warning by the example of the foolish Virgins, and never be satisfied with having simply the lamp of a profession, without the oil of grace in our hearts.

Our time is precious. May not a day nor an hour of this year be misspent, or sinfully squandered away. Help us to be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Whatsoever our hands find to do, may we do it with our might, knowing that there is no knowledge, nor wisdom, work nor device in the grave whither we are going. Lay us out for usefulness. May we in our several spheres accomplish a great work for God and souls this year.

Bless the land in which we live. Make it Immanuel's

land. Fill it with thy glory. Continue to us our precious civil and religious privileges, and make us and all the citizens of this country sensible of their greatness, and our responsibilities to thee in view of them. May peace and prosperity, health and plenty be our happy lot this year. Bless our civil rulers and all that are in authority among us. May they rule in thy fear, and remember that they are accountable unto thee for the manner in which they discharge their duties. May all our people "be subject to the powers that be," and love law and order.

In mercy remember thy church and all the ministers of thy holy religion. Say to Zion, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." May the church be greatly prospered this year in all parts of the earth. May genuine revivals be multiplied every where, and tens of thousands be savingly converted to thee. May thy ministers all be men after thine own heart, and be abundantly successful in accomplishing the work which thou hast given them. Bless our dear minister. Encourage his heart and strengthen his hands. May our congregation be richly blessed this year, and may we all act our parts well. And now we beseech thee to pardon the sins of this day—to fill our hearts with love, joy, peace and hope in believing—and in great mercy do thou watch over us for good this night. With this new year, we would commence a new life and live more devotedly to thee than we have ever done. And at last, when all our years and days on earth are ended, take us one and all to thyself in heaven, and we will praise thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*



## CHRISTMAS.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN I, 1—28.

O God, our Creator and Father! We, thy redeemed children, cast ourselves, in spirit, before thy throne, this day, filled with joy and fervent devotion. For O! how great is that mystery of thy wisdom, that mystery of thy love and compassion, of which we are reminded this day! Unto subjects of thy government, deserving of punishment, thou givest thine only begotten Son, to be their Saviour. Unto our lost race thou sendest good tidings of great joy; for thou offerest us forgiveness, instead of that punishment which we had deserved, and life instead of that death which had been our merited portion, and happiness, in the place of that misery, which we had brought upon ourselves. And he whom thou lovest, and whom all the angels worship, cometh unto us to do thy will; leaving that glory which he had with thee, he becomes a man, and is not ashamed to call us brethren. Who can measure the greatness of love like this? Can seraph near thy throne, can men who dwell in houses of clay? O Lord, what is man that thou art mindful of him, that thou doest such great things for him! What are we, that thou shouldst devise such wondrous plans for our salvation, as to send from heaven him who shares thy majesty with thee, that he might be manifested in our nature.

Our God and Father! We cannot render thee the praise that is due to thy name. We cannot love thee with that love wherewith thou hast loved us. We pray thee to accept what we have to give! We are thine—thine by creation and by redemption. May our hearts be thine also, and our whole life devoted to thee. To magnify thy love and our blessedness, to extol thee as a God of infinite compassion and mercy, and to live to thy praise, this, O Lord, shall be now, and evermore, our most delightful employment. In order that we may be enabled to carry this purpose into effect, we pray thee, Father, to perfect thy

work of love; to add grace to grace; having granted us thy Son, grant us, with him, also thy Holy Spirit. Then will the hours which we spend, this day, in thy house, be hours of preparation for heaven, restoring us to the ordinary pursuits of life, in a better and happier frame of mind; for we shall be able to say: Unto us also the Saviour is born.

O our Father, bring us all to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, who alone can teach us the way of truth; who is our deliverer from the power and guilt of sin, our comforter, who leadeth, by faith, unto thee, our Father, the heart that is burdened with guilt; and who, in the hour of death, is our strength and song, and our salvation.

Do thou, Lord Jesus, who appearedst on earth to become the author of a new creation, grant that we may celebrate this holy day, which commemorates thy birth as man, rejoicing in the light which thou hast brought; feeling the constraining power of that love wherewith thou hast loved us, and blessed with that peace, which thou givest unto all that love thine appearing. O may we feel that through thee alone we have been begotten again unto a lively hope, and made heirs of everlasting life.

We bow before thee full of joyful emotions, and call upon our souls, and all that is within us, to give glory to God in the highest.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## CHRISTMAS MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—MATTHEW II, 1—23.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly beseech thee to accept our hearty thanks for the manifold mercies which thou hast poured upon us.

We bless thee, especially, for sending thy well beloved Son, to take our nature upon him, and to be made in the likeness of sinful flesh.

We rejoice that unto us a child is born; that unto us a Son is given. And we would join the multitude of the heavenly host, in ascribing glory to thee in the highest; peace on earth; good will toward men.

We praise thee for revealing to us the way in which mercy and truth have met together; in which righteousness and peace have kissed each other. And we account it a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Help us, O Lord, to employ this day in meditating on this great mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh, which thy holy angels desire to look into.

O thou great and glorious Redeemer, who art Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, we praise thee; we bless thee; we worship thee; we glorify thee; we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, King of kings, and Lord of lords, Emmanuel, God with us. 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.

But chiefly, at this time, we adore thee for leaving the glory which thou hadst with the Father before the world began. We know thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, that though thou wast rich, yet for our sakes thou didst become poor, that we, through thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech thee, by the mystery of thy holy incarnation and nativity, good Lord, deliver us. O Son of David, have mercy upon us. Thou, who didst come that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly, be gracious unto us.

Thou who wast called Jesus, that thou mightest save thy people from their sins, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Give unto us grace, Almighty God, that we may

cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility.

As he came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and hath left us an example to do unto others as he hath done unto us, so may we rejoice to take his yoke upon us, and to learn of him, who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest unto our souls. Grant, that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, and follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; ever remembering that he gave himself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity, and to purify us unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Have compassion, also, on those who have never heard of the coming of our blessed Lord in the flesh. In him who hath arisen to rule over the Gentiles, let the Gentiles trust, and find his rest to be glorious.

Mercifully with thy favor look upon the whole christian world. May all that name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Especially preserve them from turning this season into an occasion of revelling and unholy mirth. Let them rejoice, as christians, in Christ their Saviour; and let thy grace teach them to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

And, as at thy first coming, O Lord Jesus Christ, thou didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee, we beseech thee, finally, to grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries, may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; that, at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we further pray:

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## CHRISTMAS EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—1 JOHN IV.

O HOLY and merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and yet long-suffering towards sinners, we approach thy throne, acknowledging our unworthiness, and putting our whole trust and confidence in the promises which thou hast made unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have greatly provoked thee to anger by our manifold offenses; and, were not judgment thy strange work, we should long since have received at thy hands the just reward of our evil-doings.

But thou declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Thou hast not stretched forth the right hand of thy majesty to avenge thee of thine enemies; but with thine own arm thou hast wrought out redemption for us. Thou hast not sent thy Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

We bless thee for revealing to us this great mystery, which was hid for generations, but is now made manifest unto the sons of men. We rejoice that unto us was born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Our souls do magnify the Lord, and our spirits do rejoice in God our Saviour.

Blessed be thou, the God of Israel, for visiting and redeeming thy people, and raising up a horn of salvation for them; for performing the promise made unto their fathers, and for remembering thy holy covenant.

Praised be thy name, for sending forth, in the fulness of time, thy only begotten Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Glory be unto thee, for causing thy loving-kindness toward us to appear. Not by works of righteousness



which we have done, but according to thy mercy, hast thou saved us.

O thou, who wast in Christ reconciling the world unto thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, forgive us all our trespasses. Through him who was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, and came to seek and to save that which was lost, have mercy upon us.

And, since thy blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; and that, when he shall come again, in power and great glory, we may be made like unto him, in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

Let the same mind, also, be in us, which was in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, and thinking it not robbery to be equal with God, yet made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was found in fashion as a man, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

Help us continually to follow the example of his great humility. In lowliness of mind may we esteem others better than ourselves. And give us grace so to walk in all holiness of living, that we may not be ashamed before him at his coming.

We pray likewise, O heavenly Father, that, through thy tender mercies, the Day-Spring from on high, which hath visited us, may arise, and shine upon the nations that are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace.

Grant that it may both be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and be the glory of thy people Israel.

Raise up faithful and able ministers of the New Testament, to go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people, by the remission of their sins.

Pour down thy grace and heavenly benediction upon

all who are called christians. May the children of Zion be joyful in their King! And may they so truly follow the blessed steps of their Lord and Master, that they may be saved by him in the great day of his appearing and glory. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## GOOD FRIDAY.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—MARK XV, 1—42.

HOLY and gracious God! who condemnest sin, but yet hast pity on sinners! we worship thee in the deepest reverence. Heavy is the load of that sin, which weighs us down; mighty to impel us to evil is that corruption which dwelleth in us; great is the misery to which we have brought ourselves; and dark the night which awaits us in eternity. How can we find peace and deliverance, save by faith in thy grace, which hath accomplished an atonement for us through Christ.

We must despair in our sins, except thou bestow upon us thy free grace. Have mercy upon us, and grant, that through the blood of thy Son every penitent heart may find peace.

We cannot overcome the evil that is in us, except thou strengthen us. Have mercy upon us, and let us so experience the power of Christ's death, that henceforth, crucified with him, we may not serve sin, but live unto him who died for us.

In our misery there is none to help us, except thou stretch forth thine hand and raise us up. Have mercy upon us, and grant that, in every sorrow of this life, we may be comforted by fixing our thoughts upon our suffering Redeemer.

We must be eternally lost, if there be none to intercede for us at the judgment-bar. Have mercy upon us, and

graciously hear our advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous, who, seated at thy right hand, maketh intercession for us.

Lord Jesus, thou Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, be thou our advocate.

By thy love unto death, even the death of the cross;

By the terrors that encompassed thy soul;

By the sufferings which thou didst endure in thy body;

By the bitter agony of thy death;

Have mercy upon us, O Lord Jesus.

When the stings of conscience fill us with anguish; when, accused by our own thoughts, our heart condemns us; do thou have pity upon us, and speak peace unto our souls.

In every time of temptation, when sinful desires would prevail, and we are in danger of falling away from thee, do thou strengthen us, that sin may not triumph over us.

When we are afflicted, and made to drink the cup of sorrows, do thou comfort us, and enable us to derive encouragement from contemplating thy meek and patient suffering on the cross.

When we are in the agony of death, and fears beset our soul, and our flesh and heart are failing, be thou near, to sustain and strengthen us in that last conflict.

When thou shalt come to judgment, and we stand before thee to receive our sentence, do thou, Lord Jesus, be gracious unto us! Preserve us from everlasting torments, O thou Redeemer of our souls!

Hear us, O Lord! Grant, O thou mediator between God and man, who hast accomplished the work of reconciliation, that none of us may forfeit the blessings purchased for us by thy bitter sufferings and death, but that they may redound to the eternal salvation of us all!

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## GOOD FRIDAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN XIX, 31—42.

O THOU King eternal, immortal and invisible! We bless thee for the revelation which thou hast given us; and that in thy word we can view thee as the father of mercies and the God of all grace. All thy works and ways correspond with the names thou hast assumed, and demand and justify our confidence in thee. We praise thee for the displays of thy goodness in the productions of nature and the bounties of thy providence; 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.

Herein thou hast commended thy love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

We find ourselves this morning at the foot of his cross, where angels are desiring to look into these things—and if they who need no repentance, study the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow, how much more should we, to whom they are not only true and wonderful and sublime, but all important and infinitely interesting! Help us, O Lord, to turn aside and see this great sight; and not suffer a dying Saviour to address us in vain—is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if ever there was sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Here may we see the value of our souls in the price paid for their deliverance; and instead of neglecting them for the vanities of time and sense, may we regard them according to the estimation in which they were held by him who gave his life a ransom for many. Here may we contemplate the evil of sin, and abhor it; here look upon him whom we have pierced, and mourn. Yet remembering that he was not only slain by us, but for us, may we rejoice in our tears; and by believing enter into rest.

With humble and holy confidence may we be enabled to say, surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

May we never degrade his death, by fearing that it will not be available for guilt so great and aggravated as ours, even if we depend upon it, and plead it before God; but be fully persuaded that his blood cleanseth from all sin, and that by once offering up himself he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Yet, O God, never suffer us to sin that grace may abound. May we never crucify the Saviour afresh, and put him to an open shame. May he never be wounded in the house of his professing friends. Rather may we live only and wholly for him who died for us, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

May our old man be crucified with him, and the body of sin be destroyed, that henceforth we may not serve sin. May we be planted together in the likeness of his death. As he suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps, may we learn of him submission, and meekness and forgiveness of injuries: when reviled, may we revile not again: when suffering may we threaten not, but commit ourselves to him that judgeth righteously.

As thou hast made his soul an offering for sin, may he see his seed, and prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord prosper in his hand. May he see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; and by his knowledge may he justify many, having borne their iniquities.

Yea, having been lifted up from the earth, may he draw all men unto him. May all kings fall down before him, and all nations serve him; and in all the earth which he has purchased with his own blood, may there be one Lord, and his name one.

And when he who made himself of no reputation, but took upon him the form of a servant, and became obe-



dient unto death, even the death of the cross, shall come in his glory, with all the holy angels, may we be enabled to say, even so, come Lord Jesus; and unite with those who will be eternally employed in saying—

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, and to his Father, be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

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## GOOD FRIDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ISAIAH LIII.

O THOU, whose name alone is Jehovah, the most high over all the earth: we desire to adore thy perfections, and to admire thy works, which are sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Thou art the only wise God. Thy power is almighty. Whither can we go from thy presence, or whither can we flee from thy Spirit? Thou art holy in all thy ways. And such is thy purity, that even the heavens are not clean in thy sight.

How shall we come before the Lord, or bow before the high God? We have no offering of our own to bring. No man can redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him. The blood of bulls and of goats could not take away sin. The law itself made nothing perfect—but the bringing in of better hope did, by the which we draw nigh to God.

Yes, blessed be thy name, thou hast shown us what is good; and we behold the Lamb of God, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Here a foundation is laid for our hope, in connection with the highest glory of all thy perfections; and we rejoice to think that while pleading for salvation by the

blood of the cross, we ask thee not to deny thyself, or to trample on thy holy law: for here thy law is magnified and made honorable; here all thy attributes are developed and harmonized: mercy and truth meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Here weary and heavy laden, may we come for relief and find rest unto our souls. May we take fresh views of this adorable sacrifice under a sense of our constant unworthiness and ill-desert; and in all our approaches to thee may we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

May we not only rely upon his cross, but glory in it. Yea may we joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. And may we be able, individually to say, I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

We are thankful that as he atoned for our guilt, so he procured for us the grace of life, that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles, and that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. May we never separate the pardon and sanctification which thou hast joined together. May we prove that he gave himself—not only for our sins, but that he might deliver us from this present evil world; yea, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

And O that in every future moment of our existence, we may be constrained to live not to ourselves, but to him that died for us and rose again. As he so loved us, may we also love one another; and never deem any thing too great to do or to suffer, while endeavoring to seek and to save that which is lost.

Smile upon our rulers and our country. Let all the churches of the faithful be edified and multiplied. Bless

all the ministers of the everlasting gospel, and may they increasingly determine to know nothing, save Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Increase the number of those who love his salvation; and as he gave himself a ransom for all, may it be testified in due time; that he may have the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession, and reign King of kings, and Lord of lords.

In his words we conclude our devotions:

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## E A S T E R .

SCRIPTURE LESSON—LUKE XXIV, 13—48.

GLORY be to thee, our God, who art, and wast, and shalt be, from everlasting to everlasting. Praise and honor be to thee the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory; for this is the day which thou hast made for us, that we might rejoice and be glad in it. Praise and thanksgiving be to thee, that thy beloved Son appeared among us, not only that he might take away sin, by offering himself a willing sacrifice for us, but that he might bring life and immortality to light, and re-open heaven for all who believe in his name! Thou hast not left his soul in the realms of death, nor suffered thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast fulfilled unto him the promise that thou wouldst show him the path of life, and hast made the Captain of our salvation perfect through sufferings. Thanks and praise be to thee that through the resurrection of Jesus his innocence is established, his dignity made manifest, and his work glorified as thy work; that instead of the crown of thorns, he wears a crown of glory, and that, as the Lord of the living and the dead, he hath received power, as the Captain of salvation, to bring many sons unto glory and eternal life.

O Lord, our gracious God! forgive, we beseech thee, our transgressions and our omissions of duty, by which we have made ourselves unworthy of such unspeakable kindness and compassion. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we may know what is the hope of our calling. Help our infirmities, that with our whole heart we may rejoice in that glorious gospel, which banishes every doubt, turns our fears into gladness, and ministers unto us abundantly an entrance into the everlasting kingdom of glory. Grant, O Lord, that when we praise thee because Jesus was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification, we may be made partakers of his resurrection, and thus walk in newness of life. When we rejoice that thou, according to thine abundant mercy, hast begotten us again unto a lively hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away; O, then, may we purify ourselves, even as he is pure, and seek those things that are above, and lay up treasure in heaven! When temptations assail us, and we are in danger of sinning against thee, do thou make us steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. May all the joys with which thou crownest us in this life, be made livelier and stronger by the blissful thought, that they are but the foretaste of greater joys to come. Amidst all the sufferings of this period of probation may we be refreshed by the delightful and consoling conviction, that through them our Father is preparing his children for a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. When we mourn at the graves of those whom we had loved, may our hearts find comfort in the promise, that them which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him. And when we ourselves shall be called out of this world, may our departing spirit abundantly enjoy that assured hope, by which

we are enabled to say: I know that my Redeemer liveth: O death, where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory. Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

O thou God of peace and consolation, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon all, who, on this day of rejoicing, are burdened with sorrows and care; upon all who are oppressed by their fellow-men; upon all who suffer for the sake of truth and conscience; upon all who are surrounded by temptations to sin; upon all who are ready to despair of thy grace; upon all that are sick, or tormented by the fear of death; upon all who stand at the entrance of the dark valley. May Christ be in them all the hope of glory, that the trial of their faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire, may be found unto praise, and honor, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Unto thee, our God and Father, who hast loved us, and hast given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy; to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## EASTER SUNDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN XX, 1—18.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, &c.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we bless thee for thy great goodness in permitting us again to behold the return of this sacred day. We praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as the very Paschal



Lamb foreshadowed in the scriptures, and offered on the cross, as a propitiation for the sins of the world; who, by the shedding of his own precious blood, has overcome death, and by rising from the grave, is made the first fruits of them that sleep, and has opened unto us the gate of everlasting life.

We confess that we are by nature dead in trespasses and sins, and cannot, by our own power, raise ourselves to newness of life. But, blessed be thy name, that thou hast, of thy abundant mercy, begotten us again to a lively hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all those who are kept by thy power through faith unto salvation.

Give us grace, heavenly Father, so to bewail our sinfulness, and so to meditate on thy wondrous love, that we may find our hearts dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We beseech thee, gracious God, to grant us thy special blessing this day. May the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in us, and direct us in all our duties. 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.

Since Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast: not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. May we fervently join in the prayers and praises of thy people in the courts of thy sanctuary.

Grant also to all those who shall assemble with us in thy house of prayer, that they may be plenteously endowed with thy heavenly grace, and be prepared, with meek heart, and due reverence, to hear and receive thy holy word, and to be meet partakers of thy holy mysteries.

(Occasional prayers.)

Pour down thy Spirit from on high on the ministers of thy blessed gospel: and, while they preach Jesus and the resurrection, let thy word, in their mouth, be as life from the dead; that so they, who are sleeping in their sins, may awake, and arise from the dead, that Christ may give them light.

And now, may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory for ever and ever. The grace of our Lord, &c. *Amen.*

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EASTER SUNDAY EVENING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN XX, 19—31.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, &c.

Most merciful God and Father, receive, we beseech thee, our hearty thanks for thy great goodness; and especially for the blessings and mercies bestowed upon us this day. We bless thee for the preaching of thy word, and for the administration of thy holy sacraments. We bless thee for thy gracious condescension, in having thy habitation among the sons of men, and in dwelling in the midst of the assemblies of thy people. Let thy blessing rest, we beseech thee, upon those whom thou hast called to minister in holy things; let them be clothed with righteousness; and let thy people rejoice in thy salvation. Grant that the words spoken in thy name, may not be spoken in vain. Grant us grace, so to hear and receive the godly counsel and instruction of those who are set over us in the Lord, that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom.

We bless thee, heavenly Father, for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the resurrection and the life; and for the gracious declaration, that whosoever liveth and believeth in him, shall never die. Grant us grace to humble ourselves before thee, knowing that thou art able to exalt us in due time. May we follow the example of thy dearly beloved Son, in patience, meekness and humility. And as he died and rose again for us, so may we, who are baptized into his death, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

We commend to thy rich mercies in Christ Jesus, all the nations that are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. May the Sun of Righteousness rise upon them, and the light of the everlasting gospel shine into their hearts, to give them the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on the house of Israel, and teach them by thy Spirit to know, that thou hast made that same Jesus, whom their forefathers crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Awaken the impenitent to a sense of their danger, by putting them in remembrance, that thou hast appointed a day in which thou wilt judge the world in righteousness, by him whom thou hast ordained, whereof thou hast given assurance unto all men, in that thou hast raised him from the dead.

(Occasional prayers.)

And now, O God, we commit ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, to thy holy keeping. Let us go to our rest in humble trust and confidence in thy unfailing mercy. And let us remember, as we close our eyes in sleep, that the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man, and shall come forth, they that have done good, to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil,

to the resurrection of condemnation. And may we be so prepared by thy grace, for this event, that when our mortal bodies shall be committed to the ground, they may rest in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

The grace of our Lord, &c. *Amen.*

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## ASCENSION DAY.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—MARK XVI, 14—19.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth. How great is thy power in heaven and on earth! We bow in spirit before the throne of thy majesty, and praise thee for that eternal salvation, which thou hast vouchsafed unto us in Christ thy Son. Thou deliveredst him for our offenses, and hast raised him again for our justification. That thy name might be glorified, and salvation and joy be our everlasting portion, thou hast exalted him to heaven, and given him a name, which is above every name. We whom he hath redeemed with his own blood, come to worship thee with praise and thanksgiving on this day, which commemorates his triumphant departure from the scene of his humiliation. We thank thee that thou hast so gloriously rewarded his great love to thee and toward men, and his obedience unto death, even the death of the cross. We thank thee that from his abasement he hath been raised to majesty on high, and that his sufferings have been changed into joy. We rejoice in him as our king, who liveth and reigneth with thee in that glory, which he had with thee before the foundations of the earth were laid, and who yet is not ashamed to call us his brethren. We rejoice in him as an all-sufficient Saviour, who entered in once into the holy place, to appear

in the presence of God for us, and who is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him. And we joyfully honor him whom thou, O Father, hast honored, and whom thou commandest all angels and men to honor.

Gracious God! May the grateful emotions of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight! Animate them through the influences of thy Spirit, that they may lead to those holy tempers and purposes which are pleasing unto thee, and that they may bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness in our lives. May we so keep in view the Saviour's glory, that our faith in thy holy government may be strengthened, and we be established in the conviction that thou art faithful to reward all that diligently seek thee, and do thy will. Implant deep in our hearts the blessed hope, that he is gone to prepare a place for his people in his heavenly Father's house, and that his victory is to all his faithful disciples a pledge and guarantee of their victory. Make this hope effectual to inspire us with courage when we encounter the temptations and sufferings by which we are surrounded in this life. Elevate our minds above all the allurements of this transitory scene, and by raising our thoughts to the invisible world, enable us to despise every sordid pleasure, every sinful desire. Grant that through faith in Christ, we may, while here below, taste the powers of the world to come; daily quicken our zeal to strive after increasing sanctification, to purify ourselves even as he is pure, and at all times to have our conversation in heaven. So replenish us with thy grace, that we may walk more and more worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, to the end that when our Lord shall come and bring his reward with him, we may appear before him with rejoicing, and be received into his everlasting kingdom.

Father, glorify in us thy name, and the name of thy Son Jesus! Amen.



## ASCENSION DAY.

OR THIS:

Lord Jesus Christ! we believe that thou camest forth from the Father into the world, and hast again left the world, and gone to the Father. Thou Son of the Most High, who no longer sojournest upon earth, poor and in the form of a servant, but art exalted to the right hand of the Father, to be Lord over all that is in heaven and upon earth! We pray thee, as our glorified Head, to draw us who are members of thy body, unto thee, that we may not set our affections on things on the earth, but seek those things which are above. And as, at thy departure from the earth, thou didst lift up thy hands over thy disciples to bless them, even so bless us also, and thy whole church, now that thou art seated on thy throne of grace. O thou who art made a High Priest for ever unto the children of men, manifest thy power from on high. Be gracious unto thy people, and evermore send them thy Holy Spirit. Bless thy church with pious and faithful ministers and officers; preserve us from all errors in doctrine; remove all hinderances to our salvation; protect, establish and extend thy kingdom upon earth, according to the greatness of thy power, until all thine enemies are laid low at thy feet.

O thou, whose mediation hath brought peace on earth! Give thy peace unto all who obey thy gospel, and according to thy long-suffering have mercy upon unconverted sinners, that they also may renounce the service of folly and of sin, and become the children of peace. O thou, who art the author and finisher of the faith of all that believe, and who wast thyself made to enter into thy glory through many sufferings, revive with thine abundant consolation, all who are in affliction or temptation, and arm them with courage and strength from on high, that they may war a good warfare, even unto the end. O thou Prince of life! how many hast thou already cheered and sustained on the bed of death; grant us

also thy encouraging and sustaining presence, in the last trying hour of this mortal pilgrimage. When our bodily eyes shall close, grant that with the eye of faith, we may behold the gates of heaven open to receive us, and view thee seated at the right hand of God; and graciously hear us, when with our expiring breath, we shall exclaim: Lord Jesus, receive our spirit! O thou Captain of salvation! already hast thou brought many sons to glory; even so lead us also, who still sojourn in this land of mortality and of conflict; enable us by thy Spirit, to overcome sin, and suffering, and death, and grant us abundantly, through thine atoning merits, an entrance into the kingdom of glory, where thou livest and reignest, in unity of spirit with the Father, in eternal majesty and power.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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#### ASCENSION DAY MORNING.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON—ACTS I, 1—14.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, &c.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son, Jesus Christ, with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven, permit us, we beseech thee, to draw near to thee in his all-prevailing name, knowing that he ever liveth to make intercession for us miserable sinners. May this great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, ever be our advocate with thee. Accept, we implore thee, his mediation in our behalf; and when thou hearest, have mercy upon us. May our sins, though many, be forgiven us, through the riches of thy grace. Excite in us that godly sorrow for sin, which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of. Give us that living faith which worketh by love, purifying the heart, overcoming the world, and bringing forth the abundant fruits of righteousness.

And, O thou, who hast ascended up on high, and hast led captivity captive, and hast received gifts for men, and hast given us apostles, and prophets, and evangelists, and pastors, and teachers, for the perfecting of thy saints, and for the edification of thy church; grant, we beseech thee, to all the ministers and stewards of thy word, the abundance of thy grace, that they may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy gospel, and to preach the glad tidings of salvation; until all men shall come, in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto the perfect stature of the fulness of Christ.

We bless thee, heavenly Father, for all thy various and great mercies; for the wonderful work of redemption; and for the hope set before us in the gospel. We bless thee for the privilege of meeting together for prayer and praise, on this memorable morning. Give us grace to celebrate, with grateful hearts, the exaltation of thy blessed Son to his eternal throne. May our thoughts also thither ascend, drawing up our affections and desires to heavenly things, and fitting and preparing us for the final enjoyment of thy presence in the mansions of glory.

(Occasional prayers.)

We intercede with thee, gracious God, for all who are near and dear to us. Look with pity upon those who have hitherto placed their hopes and affections on the objects of this world, and have neglected the things which belong to their eternal peace. Quicken them from the death of sin, unto a new and holy life. Make them wise unto salvation; and enable them hereafter to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. And to those who have known the power of thy word, and have turned their hearts from serving the vain idols of this world, to serve thee, the living God, give the abundance of thy grace. Keep them through thine own name from the evils and

temptations of this present life. Sanctify them through thy truth: and grant that, with them and all others who shall believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, we may have our perfect consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

The grace of our Lord, &c. *Amen.*

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### ASCENSION DAY EVENING.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON—HEBREWS X, 1—29.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ; thou hast ascended on high, “leading captivity captive, and giving gifts to men.” Thou art exalted far above all principalities and powers; and enthroned in the highest glory in thy heavenly kingdom, where saints and angels, and all the hosts of heaven admire and adore thee. Be thou exalted, Lord, and reign in the greatness of thy power and majesty, till thou hast brought all enemies in subjection under thy feet. But Lord remember us, now thou art in thy kingdom, where thou rulest and reignest on high. O regard the supplications, and relieve the necessities of thy poor subjects and servants here below. Save, Lord, and let the King of heaven hear us when we call. And O that we may feel the powerful attraction of thy grace and Holy Spirit; to draw up our minds and desires from the poor enjoyments here below, to those most glorious and everlasting attainments above, where thou sittest at the right hand of God. O let us lay up our treasure and have our conversation with thee in heaven; and so love thy appearing, and desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we may also appear with him in glory: and after our ascending and dwelling above in heart and spirit, we

may at last personally ascend, in soul and body, to be ever with the Lord; there, with thy whole triumphant church, to see and admire, and love and bless, and praise, and glorify thee throughout eternal ages.

Blessed Jesus, thou art an High Priest for ever exalted to the right hand of God to give repentance and remission of sins. Thou canst be touched with a feeling of our infirmities, for thou knowest that we are dust and ashes. Therefore we come boldly to thy throne of grace, that we may find mercy and obtain grace to help in time of need. O give us true repentance and remission of all our sins. Make us thine indeed. Help us to lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race set before us. Unto thee we would commit and commend ourselves this night. May we repose in perfect peace and safety beneath the shadow of thy wings. Remember all the sick and afflicted, the poor and needy, and such as are in any way in danger or distress. Let thine ears be open to their cries and thy hands to supply all their want. Have mercy upon our world, which lyeth in sin and wickedness. May thy gospel soon be preached to all men, and let the knowledge of the Lord soon cover the whole earth. Be our God and guide through life, and afterward receive us to thy glory for our blessed Redeemer's sake.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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WHITSUNDAY.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—ACTS 11, 1—47.

ETERNAL God! who workest all in all, diffusing happiness in heaven and on earth: unlimited is thy power, unsearchable thy wisdom, inexhaustible thy goodness. With heartfelt emotion we worship before thy glorious Majesty. With thanksgiving and joy we adore thee as



the first and eternal cause of all things; as the only and everlasting source of all light and life, of all power and happiness. We give thanks to thee with our whole heart, that when Christ our Saviour had returned to thee, thou didst visit thy people with new mercies, and establish, by the outpouring of thy Holy Spirit, the church of thy Son upon earth. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, be thou exalted in the congregation of thy people, that thou hast bestowed this inestimable gift upon sinful men. May all who name the name of Christ unite, with joy, to praise thee: for thy kingdom cannot be moved. Thy Son hath declared unto us: If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give his Holy Spirit to them that ask him. Trusting in this assurance, we beseech thee, in the name of Jesus, send him unto us from thy high and holy place, and with him grant us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, that so we may be more and more brought from darkness to light, and be completely delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. O Holy Spirit, vouchsafe unto us thy presence, and on this solemn day, bestow thy gifts upon us in abundant measure. Enlighten and inspire with holy zeal, the hearts of all, as thou didst on the day of Pentecost, our first-born brethren at Jerusalem. Thou Spirit of light! illumine our hearts, that we may attain unto a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Glorify him in us, that we may abide in him, who hath obtained for us an eternal inheritance in heaven above. Thou Spirit of life! awaken to the life that is of God all who are spiritually dead; and quicken more and more, all who have been brought from death to life. Forbid that any heart should resist thine influence, should quench or grieve thee, and thus come short of eternal salvation. Thou Spirit of power and of grace! help our infirmities when we engage in prayer, when there is need of watch-

fulness, when spiritual adversaries assail us. Be our shield when temptation is near, when sinful pleasures invite and allure us, and when the law in our members, warring against the law of our mind, threatens to bring us into captivity to the law of sin. O do thou stablish, strengthen, settle us, that we may be more than conquerors, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world, knowing that our body is to be thy temple. Thou Spirit of love! be gracious unto us, and unite us all in the bonds of Christian concord, that we may love one another in godly sincerity, and at all times be of one accord, and of one mind. Enable us, without any interruption, to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

O thou, who art our only sufficient Comforter in every time of need, deliver us from the fear of suffering and of death. Bind up the broken-hearted! Raise up those that are bowed down by sorrows and distresses. When we meet with severe trials, do thou arm us with patience and with firmness of faith; and when our end is at hand, minister encouragement to our souls, that we may triumph over the terrors of death. Thou Spirit of adoption! so sanctify our bodies and our souls, that we may be temples meet for thee to dwell in. Grant that in our hearts and in our lives, we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit which is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth, and thereby bear witness with our spirit, that we are indeed the children of God. And thus make us true followers of Christ, even his peculiar people, who show forth the praises of their Lord, and are worthy to enter upon the glorious Sabbath of the just made perfect, and to join them in praising thee, with the Father and the Son, for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## WHITSUNDAY MORNING.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—JOHN XIV, 15—31.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, &c.

O God, merciful Father, we give thanks to thee, for all the bounties of thy providence and grace; and especially for thy great goodness, in sending down the Holy Ghost, the blessed Comforter, to abide with thy church for ever, and to direct, sanctify and govern the hearts of thy people.

We wait this morning at thy footstool for new supplies of thy grace, to help our infirmities, to purify our thoughts and to endue us with a spirit of prayer and supplication. Grant, we beseech thee, that thy Holy Spirit may now rest upon us, as a Spirit of wisdom and understanding; a Spirit of counsel and strength; a Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; a Spirit of holy fear and reverence; a Spirit of truth, and love and unity; a Spirit of everlasting consolation.

(Occasional prayers.)

O blessed Jesus, who after thou hadst ascended up on high, didst shed upon thy holy apostles many excellent gifts, and who hast graciously promised to be with the ministers of thy church to the end of the world; we commend to thy heavenly grace, all those whom thou hast appointed and commanded to feed thy flock. Make them diligent in preaching thy word, and in dispensing thy holy sacraments; that they may teach the truth in love, and administer the wholesome discipline of the church, in thy fear, and to thy glory.

And to all thy people, extend the riches of thy grace. Pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh. Send out thy light and thy truth to the nations who have never heard thy name. Look with pity on thy ancient people Israel. Give them a new heart, and revive a right spirit within them, that they may hereafter confess thy name, and

keep thy statutes, and follow and obey thy ordinances. And shed abroad thy spiritual blessings on all the churches of thy saints throughout the world. May they be edified by thy truth; and walking in thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may they enjoy on earth an earnest and foretaste of the joys and consolations of thy church triumphant in heaven.

In thy all-prevailing name, O blessed Saviour, we offer these our prayers and supplications; ascribing to thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, equal adoration and praise, now and evermore.

The grace of our Lord, &c. *Amen.*

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## WHITSUNDAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ACTS X, 34—44.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed, &c.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by one Spirit unto thee, hear, we beseech thee, the voice of praise and thanksgiving with which we close this day. We bless thee for all the benefits bestowed upon us, and especially for the spiritual blessings sealed to us by the coming of the Holy Ghost. We bless thee for thy holy word, for thy ministry and ordinances, and for all the means of grace which we have been permitted to enjoy this day.

[Thanksgiving for Communion-day.]

We praise thee, O God, for opening unto us a fountain for sin and for uncleanness, and for purifying the humble and contrite soul, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. Make us all partakers of this heavenly gift. Grant that all sinful affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us.

Give us grace to put off, concerning the former conversation, 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, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name. Grant, we beseech thee, that as thou didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, so we, by the same Spirit, may have a right judgment in all things, and may evermore rejoice in his holy comfort.

O Lord God, inasmuch as the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal, let none receive his grace in vain. Have compassion on those who deny his eternal power and godhead, and show unto them who are thus in error, the light of thy truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Be merciful unto such as profess to believe in him, and yet in works deny him, and are doing despite unto his grace. Let them no longer grieve that Holy Spirit by which they are sealed unto the day of redemption, but give them strength ever hereafter to obey his godly motions in righteousness and true holiness.

Be gracious unto those whom the Holy Ghost hath made overseers to feed the church, and may they be faithful dispensers of thy holy word and sacraments, through the grace of our dear Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

O God, Holy Ghost, sanctifier of the faithful, visit us, we pray thee, as a family and household, with thy love and favor. Enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy, keep us steadfast in the faith, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end.

The grace of our Lord, &c. *Amen.*



## FAST DAY MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ISAIAH LVIII.

O THOU justly offended Sovereign; we desire to bow before thee, on this day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, with the deepest self-abasement. May we offer unto thee the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which, O God! thou wilt not despise. O our God! we are ashamed, and blush to lift up our faces to thee; for our iniquities are increased over our heads, and our trespasses are grown up into the heavens. We confess that we are by nature children of wrath even as others, and are under the curse of a broken law. We have wickedly and ungratefully departed from thee, the living God, and practically said, depart from us, we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. We have hated and despised reproof, and disregarded thy warnings and instructions, abused thy goodness, and slighted thy mercies. Thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, but we have rebelled against thee. It is of the Lord's mercies, that we are not consumed, because thy compassions fail not. Look down, O God! in mercy upon us miserable sinners. Pardon us through the mediation of Christ. Blot out all our transgressions, and be at peace with us. Wash us, and we shall be clean; purify us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Help us to keep such a fast-day, as thou hast chosen, and to rend our hearts, and not our garments; and turn unto the Lord our God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. We acknowledge, O Lord! that iniquity abounds, and the love of many waxes cold. We lament the profanation of thy holy name, and thy holy day; the disregard of thine authority, and the disobedience of thy sacred laws, and that such multitudes cast off fear, and restrain prayer before thee. Pour, we beseech thee,

upon thy people, a spirit of repentance and reformation. Let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just. May temperance and sobriety, industry and good habits, universally prevail. Behold thy people prostrate at the throne of grace, and hear their prayers, whether offered in the sanctuary, in the family, or in the closet. Spare thy people, O Lord! and give not thine heritage to reproach. We deserve all thy rebukes and chastisements. Thou wouldst be just, shouldst thou cast us off for ever. Return, O Lord! how long? and let it repent thee concerning us thy servants. O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice, and be glad all our days. Preserve us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noon day. Save us from the ravages of tempests and earthquakes, fire and water, persecution and the sword. Continue the health and happiness of thy people. Bless the people of this nation in all their interests and concerns. Ever may we remember, that righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Propitiously regard the President of the United States, all heads of department, and all in subordinate authority. Give them that wisdom which is from above, and is first pure, then peaceable, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. May they ever desire to promote the glory of God, and the highest interest of this people. Bless the Governor of this State, and the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of the government. Smile mercifully upon all the ministers of religion. May they not shun to declare all the counsel of God, whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear. Make them burning and shining lights in thy golden candlesticks, and instrumental of great good to Zion. May all our colleges, academies, and schools of learning, be nurseries of useful knowledge and of piety. Bless all the institutions of true religion, humanity and

benevolence. Graciously succeed all efforts to spread a knowledge of the gospel of Christ among the great family of man. Compassionate the circumstances of all people, and fill the earth with thy glory. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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## FAST DAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—JEREMIAH IX.

O GOD, thou hast established thy throne in the heavens, and thy kingdom extendeth over all. We prostrate ourselves before thee, deeply impressed with a sense of the vastness of thy agency and dominion. Thou changest the times and the seasons: thou removest kings, and settest up kings. Empires rise and fall, and fade and flourish, at thy bidding: and all nations are in thy hand but as clay in the hand of the potter.

But none of thy dispensations are arbitrary. Whatever thou doest, is done, because O Father it seemeth good in thy sight: and thy judgment is always according to truth. Thou art holy in all thy ways, and righteous in all thy works—and thou art good even in wrath. Thou rememberest mercy; and dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

Therefore it is that we have been this day humbling ourselves in thy presence.

For we acknowledge that we have been deeply guilty. Thou hast nourished and brought up children, but we have rebelled against thee. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but we have not known, we have not considered. Thou hast multiplied thy blessings but we have perverted them. Because of

swearing, the land has mourned. Pride has compassed us about as a chain. Discontent has rebelled against thine appointment. How has the love of money, which is the root of all evil, abounded among us. How have thy Sabbaths been profaned, and thine ordinances disregarded. How has the gospel been undervalued, neglected, despised!

And all our transgressions have been more aggravated than those of any other people, because thou hast favored us unspeakably more than all the families of the earth.

Therefore thou couldst easily and justly have destroyed us: but thou hast not stirred up all thy wrath. In all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, thou hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve. Yet thou hast testified thy displeasure; and visited us with thy judgments: so that when we looked for light and peace, we have seen darkness and trouble.

O let us not be inattentive to the design of thy dealings or insensible under thy rebukes. O let it not be said of us, as it was of the Jews, the harp and the viol, and the tabret and pipe, and wine, are in thy feasts, but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hand.

In the way of thy judgments, O Lord, may we wait for thee. Thou hast said, is any afflicted? let him pray. Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Fulfil the word unto thy servants, upon which thou hast caused us to hope. And O let not the calamity be removed only, but above all sanctified: let it appear that we have heard the rod, and him that appointed it: and be able to say, it is good for us that we have been afflicted.

For which purpose, bless, we beseech thee, the word of thy grace which has been spoken; and grant that the professed humiliation of the day may be real—for thou lookest to the heart. And let it also be universal: may

it extend from the highest to the lowest; may it pervade the city and the country; may it enter every church and every family—let none of us lose sight of ourselves in the public calamity. May each individual retire and ask, what have I done?—and what wilt thou have me to do?

Regard favorably the government under which we live. Bless the representatives of the people; and the magistracy of the land—may all be wise in council, exemplary in conduct, and faithful to their trusts.

And thus may we be reformed and not destroyed. Thus may we be a holy, that we may be a happy people, whose God is the Lord. Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish thou it.

And to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be rendered the kingdom, power, and glory for ever and ever.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

#### GENERAL HUMILIATION, PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING.

##### SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM XLVI OR LV.

MERCIFUL God, our Father in Christ, who hast promised that thou wilt regard the prayers of the destitute, and not despise their supplications! we come before thee to call upon thy name. And as thou hast given us commandment to pray not for ourselves only, but for all men, and hast graciously promised to hear our feeble



petitions, we would come in obedience to thy word, and humbly beseech thee to remember thy promise. Make thyself known every where, as the Father of all men, whom thy Son has purchased with his precious blood. Remember in mercy those who are yet covered with darkness, and to whom the light of thy gospel hath not penetrated, and let the light of the knowledge of thee, shine upon all the earth. Graciously remember all who profess to be disciples of thy Son, and grant that they may be Christians, not in name only but in deed. Destroy superstition, and overthrow the strongholds of unbelief. Let thy evangelical Zion be the object of thine especial care, and grant that all who profess to belong to her, may experience in their hearts the power of evangelical doctrine, unto the salvation of their souls.

We commend unto thee all the rulers of the earth; grant unto them a truly Christian spirit, and cause thy fear to be before their eyes and in their hearts. We entreat thee, for Christ's sake, to be especially mindful of our land; and as thou hast in times past, made thyself known unto this people as their God, we pray thee in times to come, to show thy favor unto them. Praise be to thee for the liberty that we enjoy; forbid that it should ever degenerate into licentiousness. Let thine eye be ever open toward this thy people. To this end inspire the President of the United States and all others in authority, with the spirit of wisdom and of thy fear. Grant that through their exertions, peace and unity may be preserved and diffused throughout this Republic, and that they may have the honor of thy name and the extension of the kingdom of thy Son at heart. Grant that the several confederated states may remain perpetually united together by the bond of love and peace, that their union may endure to the end of time. We commend unto thine especial favor the state in which we dwell! Direct our government by thy Spirit, that the effect of all its laws may be the welfare of the citizens. Grant

that equity and justice may be administered by our magistrates without respect to persons. Purify our land from vice, and grant that the peaceable fruits of righteousness may abound on every hand.

Have mercy upon our beloved congregation; may peace and brotherly love be preserved and increased in our midst; bless the officers of the church; bless parents and children, and especially our Sabbath schools. Graciously afford thy powerful protection unto all mothers, widows and orphans. Grant help to all that are in distress or danger, and have mercy upon all who cry unto thee. Graciously preserve us from national calamities; from war, scarcity and famine; from the rage of fire and of over-flowing floods; from pestilence and other plagues, and from all the calamities which our sins have deserved. Grant favorable seasons, that our store-houses may be replenished with the fruits of the earth. Bless the labors of the husbandman, and all pursuits by sea and land that are approved in thy sight.

Thou holy God! preserve us from all sin and wickedness, and assist us by thy good Spirit, that we may not forfeit thy blessings by transgression, nor bring upon us thy righteous chastisements. To this end enable us to make thy love our chief delight; to seek the gifts of thy Holy Spirit as our highest good; to esteem it our greatest honor to be regarded as thy children, and to be like unto thee; and to prize the robes of the Saviour's righteousness as our chief ornament. Preserve us, especially in the hour of death, from all assaults of the adversary, and increase our faith in thy Son Jesus, that we may overcome all the terrors of death. And when our tongue can no longer speak, then let thy Spirit make intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered, and teach every one to say in his heart: Abba! Father! into thy hands I commend my spirit. We beseech thee earnestly, our faithful God, that we may live in thy fear,

and die in thy grace, and go hence in thy peace, and rest in the grave under thy protection, and be raised up by thy power, and in the end inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, unto whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be adoration and praise, honor and glory, now and for ever.

Our Father who, &c.    The grace of, &c.    *Amen.*

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### THANKSGIVING DAY MORNING.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM CVII.

[To be used on the first Thursday of November, or on such other day as shall be appointed by the civil authority.]

MOST gracious God, by whose unspeakable mercy we are again permitted to present the annual tribute of our thanks and praise, we bless thee for the continual manifestations of thy goodness to us and to all the children of men. By thy wisdom, O Lord, thou hast founded the earth; by understanding thou hast established the heavens; by thy knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. We bless thee for the return of seed-time and harvest, and for crowning the year with the bounties of thy providence. We praise thee for all thy gracious dealings towards us, and we beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to receive the thank-offerings with which we come before thee this day.

We acknowledge, heavenly Father, the imperfection of our best services. We confess that we are sinners before thee, and altogether unworthy of thy mercies. But we know that thou art kind and beneficent, even to the unthankful and the evil. Thou makest thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust. Give us a due sense of thy wonderful condescension and forbearance, that our hearts may be moved to penitence and contrition for our

past negligence and sin, and excited to new diligence, zeal and devotion for the future.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour down upon the inhabitants of this land, the spirit of unfeigned gratitude and love for all thy mercies. May they enter thy gates with thanksgiving, and thy courts with praise. May they honor thee with all their substance, and with the first fruits of all their increase. And grant that they may show forth their devotion to thee, not only with their lips, but also in their lives. Preserve them from the unholy rejoicings of the sensual and profane; restrain every sinful and intemperate indulgence; and grant us all grace, heavenly Father, to use thy blessings without abusing them; with zeal for thy glory, submission to thy will, and a faithful adherence to the gospel of thy Son, with moderation and humility, with justice and purity, with charity, forbearance and brotherly love; that amidst these and all thy blessings, we may seek thy glory and the increase of thy kingdom.

Fill our hearts, O God, with a spirit of tenderness and compassion for all around us. May we rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep. May we be ready to impart of the abundance which thou hast given us, to the poor and needy; the distressed and the afflicted; the widow and the fatherless; and thus fulfil the law of pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father.

(Occasional prayers.)

Grant us, heavenly Father, a continuance of all thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose all-prevailing name and words we sum up our petitions:

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## THANKSGIVING DAY EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—PSALM CIV.

O LORD, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world; thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens! We will consider the works of thy hands; the heavens which thou hast made; 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 makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world!

We praise thee, O Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is comely. We thank thee for all thy manifold blessings; for the dispensation of thy grace, through the mediation of thy blessed Son; for the bounties of thy providence; for the plenty with which thou hast crowned the labors of the husbandman; for the preservation of our health; for the reign of peace, and for the enjoyment of our civil and religious liberties. We thank thee for the comforts and privileges, of which we have been permitted to partake this day. We acknowledge thy hand in every mercy, and desire to render back to thee the homage of gratitude and love. We acknowledge that every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. But we confess unto thee, O God, that our souls are burdened with iniquity; that we are frail and erring creatures; that our hearts are corrupt, and that our hands are not clean in thy sight. Look with pity upon all that we have thought, or said, or done, amiss this day. Be present with us, as we now present our supplications unto thee; and through the intercession of thy dear Son, grant unto us the par-



don of all our sins. Give thy Holy Spirit, to comfort the troubled mind, and soothe the pains, and wipe away the stains of guilt. May we retire to rest, in perfect charity with all men. May we be enabled, through thy help, to love our enemies; to bless them that curse us; to do good to them that hate us; and to pray for them which despitefully use us and persecute us; that we may be the children of our Father, who art in heaven. (Occasional prayers.)

We now commit all our concerns to thee, O God, for the year to come. Grant us thy blessings, both temporal and spiritual, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit ourselves. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## SACRAMENT, SABBATH MORNING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—MARK XV, 1—39.

O HOLY and gracious Lord God, who wilt by no means clear the guilty, yet sparest those who confess their sins unto thee, look down with compassion upon us, thy servants, who are now humbled before thee, imploring thy fatherly forgiveness. Spare us, good Lord, spare us, for we are miserable sinners! We cannot set all our transgressions in order before thee, nor confess them so truly as we ought to do; yet we desire not to cloak and dissemble them before thy face, O heavenly Father, trusting to thy word, that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Be

merciful unto us, we most humbly beseech thee; for we put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and not in any thing that we do. We have destroyed ourselves, but in thee is our help. Save, Lord, or we perish; for there is salvation in no other. To whom else should we go? Thou only hast the words of eternal life. Grant unto us, O Lord, we beseech thee, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and may serve thee with a quiet mind.

We praise thee, O God, for the multitude of thy blessings vouchsafed unto us, particularly for the many opportunities which thou affordest us of becoming wise unto salvation.

What shall we render unto thee this day, for all the benefits which thou hast done unto us? We will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. We will pay our vows in the courts of thy house, and in the presence of all thy people.

We give thee most humble and hearty thanks, O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that thou hast given thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, not only to die for us, but to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the holy sacrament of his body and blood. Dispose us religiously and devoutly to receive the same, in remembrance of his meritorious cross and passion; whereby alone we obtain the remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven. Teach us to consider the dignity of that holy mystery, and so to search and examine our own consciences, that we may come holy and clean to such a heavenly feast, in the marriage garment required by thee in Holy Scripture, and may be received as worthy partakers of that holy table.

May we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ, and drink his blood! May we dwell in Christ, and Christ in us! May we be one with Christ, and Christ with us!

Mercifully vouchsafe, O Lord, to extend unto all our

fellow-creatures the inestimable benefits of Christ's suffering and death.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all thy ministering servants, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; especially to such as shall assemble with us in thy holy temple, and shall come to the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ. And may numbers be added to thy church continually, of those who are willing to join themselves unto thee in an everlasting covenant, not to be forgotten:

Pitifully behold the sorrows of those who are filled with groundless fears, lest they should eat and drink unworthily. May they hear and receive the comfortable things which Christ our Saviour saith unto all who truly turn unto him. May they come unto him laboring and heavy laden with the burden of their sins, and so find rest unto their souls.

Finally, we beseech thee to have compassion upon those who shall most unthankfully refuse to come to thy table, though so graciously called and bidden. May they take heed, lest, by withdrawing themselves from this holy supper of their Lord, they provoke his just indignation against them. May they earnestly consider how little their excuses will avail before thee, and by thy grace be brought to a better mind; seriously remembering, that if they eat not the flesh of the Son of man, and drink not his blood, they have no life in them, and neither part nor lot in his salvation.

Grant this, O God of mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

## SACRAMENT, SABBATH EVENING.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON—ROMANS XII.

ALMIGHTY God and Father, 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, look in mercy upon us, thy servants, who earnestly desire thy pardon and forgiveness. Impute not unto us our manifold transgressions, but wash them away in the blood of thy beloved Son. Graciously vouchsafe to receive us to thy favor. Sanctify us and strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit; and at length bring us unto the kingdom of heaven, and to everlasting life.

We praise thee for thy promises of forgiveness to those who truly turn unto thee.

We bless thee for another day of sacred rest, which thou hast vouchsafed unto us, and for all the blessings of the same.

Above all things, we give thee most humble and hearty thanks for the redemption of the world by the death of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May we always remember the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which, by his precious bloodshedding, he hath obtained for us, and also his goodness and loving-kindness in instituting and ordaining holy ordinances as pledges of his love, to our great and endless comfort.

Grant that we, who have eaten and drunk in thy presence, may receive the strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the body and blood of Christ. Help us to remember the solemn vows which we have this day renewed in thy presence, and in the presence of all thy people; and enable us truly to perform them. May we go forth into the world bearing about us the marks of a crucified Saviour. Having enlisted ourselves again

under the banners of the Captain of our salvation, may we manfully fight the good fight of faith, and continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end. Grant that we may have power and strength to achieve victory, and to triumph over the devil, and the world, and the flesh. May we be encouraged in our holy warfare by the ensamples of the glorious company of the apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, the noble army of martyrs, and of all the holy church triumphant, who have been made more than conquerors through him who loved them, and bought them with his blood.

And when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe, may we sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all thy redeemed people, at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Grant, also, O Lord, we beseech thee, that those who have waited on thee this day in thy holy temple, and around thy table, may renew their spiritual strength.

May all men see that they are thy disciples, by the love which they have one to another. O God, who 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 love, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Let there be no schism in the body of Christ; but let the members have the same care one of another, knowing, that if any sin against their brother, and wound his weak conscience, they sin against Christ.

Convert the hearts of all those who are thrusting away from them thy great mercies: especially of such as have this day neglected thy ordinances, and turned aside from thy holy table.

And, if any have there appeared before thee with unclean hands and unsanctified hearts, without the marriage garment required by thee in holy scripture,



not discerning the Lord's body, may they search and examine their conscience, and repent; lest, after the taking of this holy sacrament, Satan enter into them as he entered into Judas, and fill them full of all iniquity, and bring them to destruction both of body and soul.

We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

The grace of our Lord, &c. *Amen.*

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#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION.

OUR Father in Christ! Thou hast made manifest thy power and faithfulness, and glorified thy name. Thou hast delivered the church of thy Son from the power of darkness. Thou hast broken the degrading chains of her bondage. Thou hast opened anew thy word of life unto the flock of Christ, and gathered together all who thirsted after righteousness, under the banner of the true and saving faith. Yes, it was thy work, and not the work of man. Thou didst raise up those faithful servants, who discerned and deeply lamented, the corruptions of the church. Thou gavest them light, and madest them partakers of liberty in Christ, that they might bring others to a knowledge of the same. Thou didst make them willing and arm them with courage, to stand forth in thy strength, as witnesses for thee, to assail the corruption which had found its way into holy places, and not to fear the enmity of the mighty of this world. They deeply felt that, trusting in their own strength, they could accomplish nothing, and would soon be overcome; but they trusted in thee, as their tower of defence, their trusty shield and weapon. And thou didst not suffer them to be discomfited. We will magnify this grace, while we have our being, and declare thy truth continually.

And thanks be unto thee, that thou hast since then,

preserved unto thy church the dearly purchased heritage, and made us partakers thereof also. We give thanks to thee, that we have thy word, free from additions of human invention, in its purity and its power; and that the sacred ordinances instituted by Christ are administered among us, as they were established by him.

Thou good and gracious God! Continue evermore to be the shield and buckler, the sure abode and salvation of thy church. Enlighten, sanctify, and bless her through thy word and ordinances. Enable her rightly to value the privileges which thou hast graciously bestowed upon her, that she may hold fast, and faithfully administer the treasure committed to her, and suffer none to spoil her of her crown. Purify her from all offenses, and graciously defend her from all schisms and divisions. Vouchsafe at all times to our congregations pious and faithful teachers, who shall proclaim thy word in its purity and integrity, constrained by the deep convictions of the heart; and accompany their preaching with the powerful influences of thy Spirit, that it may bring forth blessed fruit in the hearts and lives of christians. O Lord! grant that we may dwell in thy regenerated church, as thy regenerated children, walking worthily of the blessed gospel, and adorning its doctrines by a holy life. Help us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and never suffer us to become the slaves of men or of sin. May holiness be the ornament of thy house for ever, and to the glory of our God may the light shine from the candlestick of every congregation. Father of all men, have mercy upon all! Bestow the blessings for which we are permitted to praise thee, upon those of our brethren who are still destitute of them. Restrain every where, the kingdom of darkness upon earth, and make the light of thy truth more and more to fill the world. Convert those who hate thy word, and forgive them, seeing that

they know not what they do. Send help unto all that suffer tribulation, and oppression, and persecution for conscience' sake, and deliver them by thy mighty arm out of all their troubles. Give light to those who have gone astray; give assurance to the doubting, and strength to the weak, and render thy children more and more meek for their eternal and blissful inheritance. And thus bless us, and all men, in Christ our Lord, with understanding and wisdom, with faith and love, with peace in life, with hope in death.

Lord God Almighty, hear and answer our supplications.

Unto thee, the Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit, be praise, and honor, and adoration, and thanksgiving, in the church which is in Christ Jesus!

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

# OCCASIONAL

## PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

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### FOR THE EXTENSION OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, thou Father of light and of life! We offer thee adoration and praise, that thou hast sent into this world thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the blessed light of life, in order to make thyself known in him among all nations unto their salvation, and to save them, by a great deliverance, from the night of their sins. We render thanks and praise unto thee, that by thy holy gospel, thou hast called us also from darkness to light, and from the deep shadow of death to the joyful day of life! We rejoice and give praise to thee, that unto us the great mystery of godliness is disclosed. 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. We now have a God and Father; we know whence to obtain wisdom and strength to overcome sin, and are enabled to pass with safety and joy, even through the dark valley of the shadow of death, seeing that we shall walk before God in the light of the living, for ever!

We entreat thee, our Father in Christ, that in thy tender mercy thou wouldst cause this heavenly light to shine, at all times, within us and among us, that we may more and more know and honor thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent, and that, as becometh children of the light, we may let our light shine before men to the praise of thy name.

Build up more and more gloriously, thy kingdom of light and peace among all who are called after the name of Christ! May that kingdom come in every congregation, in every family, in the hearts of all christians, with increased demonstration of the Spirit and of power, and with more abundant fulness of its blessings.

We pray especially for the extension of thy kingdom in our land. O Lord, there are yet many places whence the voice of praise and thanksgiving ariseth not to thee, and where the voice of thy word is not heard. Give entrance unto thy light, that this darkness may be dispelled; grant unto thy servants an open door to preach thy gospel, that it may also reach those hearts that are afar off, converting all unto *thee*, that have gone astray.

Hear our supplication in behalf of our brethren in the faith. O Lord, forbid that they should any where, relapse into indifference and forget thee, the God of their fathers. Bestow upon them, through our instrumentality, the means of grace; open thou our hearts that we may realize that we are debtors to them, and may resolve to pay the debt of love which we owe them. Make us willing to do good, especially to them who are of the household of faith, until in every place of our land, inhabited by our brethren, the bread of life shall be broken and the voice of all unite to praise the beauty of holiness.

To this end pour out thy blessings upon the institutions which are principally subservient to the promotion of human happiness. Bless the church and her ministers! May all the preachers of thy word be men full of faith, and of the Holy Ghost: sincere, humble, godly, and persevering, strong to build up the kingdom of truth and of love. Bless the schools and their teachers! Increase their number, until they shall cover the length and breadth of the land; and may they all flourish and prosper, under the government of wise, active and faithful teachers, sensible of the dignity of their



office, and esteeming their work as their best reward. Bless the sacred institution of domestic life, and those who minister at its altar! May pure morals and genuine piety dwell in the bosom of our families; may all parents strive to bring up their children in the love and service of their Saviour; and may every earthly habitation become a nursery for our Father's house in heaven!

But thou, Oh Father of men, hast given thy Son unto the whole world, and it is thy will that through Jesus Christ all should be brought to the knowledge of thee. And therefore we come boldly unto thy throne of grace, to pray for the world, which knoweth thee not. Send the glad tidings of salvation through Christ unto all the ends of the earth, that the idols of the heathen may be cast down, that the kingdom of sin and pollution may be destroyed through the kingdom of thy grace, and that, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof, the hearts of men may bring unto thee, their God, a pure sacrifice of praise.

With gratitude and joy we see, that in many places the field is white for the harvest. Lord of the harvest, send laborers into the great harvest, and deign to accept our services also, that we may be co-workers with thee. Grant thy blessing unto us and all our fellow-christians in this glorious work of faith and love. Pour out upon all congregations the Spirit of prayer, that they may preserve this holy cause pure and uncorrupted; that it may continually advance, until the sympathies of every heart shall respond to its claims.

O God! Hear our prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ! Father, glorify thy name among all the inhabitants of the earth. Let the church of Christ spread from land to land, in the strength of this thy promise: "I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession:" until the redeemed of the Lord shall unite with the blessed choir of heaven in the song of praise: "The kingdoms of this

world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ." "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God, for ever and ever."

Our Father who, &c. The grace of, &c. *Amen.*

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#### FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

O FATHER of lights, and giver of all wisdom, bless every society formed for the conversion of Jews or Gentiles, and for the spread and advancement of thy truth, at home or abroad.

Look with favor on all missionaries now among the heathen. O prepare thy way in the wilderness. May every valley be exalted, and every hill be made low; may the crooked be made straight, and the rough places plain; and let thy word have free course every where and be glorified. May thy doctrine, constantly preached by thy servants, drop as the rain, and distil as the dew, and thy word never return unto thee void, but prosper abundantly, and accomplish all that for which thou dost send it. Give thy servants health and strength, vigor of mind, and devotedness of heart; and may they all be chosen vessels to bear thy name before the Gentiles. May the deadening influence of climate, heathen customs, and loss of means of grace, be more than counteracted by a special supply of thy Holy Spirit. Give them grace to be faithful unto death, and may they receive from the Saviour's hands the crown of life and glory. Grant that thousands and tens of thousands may rise up to call thee blessed. May the little leaven leaven the whole lump; and all nations whom thou hast made, fall down and worship before thee, and glorify thy name, through thy dear Son.

## BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT.

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did suffer death upon the cross: prepare us, we beseech thee, by thy grace, for the worthy celebration of that holy ordinance, which he has pleased to appoint for a continual remembrance of his death, for a pledge of his love, and for a sign and means of grace, to our great and endless comfort. Make us discern the Lord's body; and remember and adore the exceeding love of Christ our Saviour in thus dying for us. Give us repentance unto life, not to be repented of. Endue us with a lively faith, a perfect love, and a 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; and that, being continually refreshed and strengthened by thy grace, we may persevere in all godliness unto the end of our lives, and finally receive an everlasting recompense, through the merits of Jesus Christ.

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## FOR COMMUNION DAY—MORNING.

GRANT us grace, O heavenly Father, to prepare our hearts for a due reception of the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper. May we truly and earnestly repent of our sins. May we cherish a spirit of love and charity towards our neighbors. May we resolve, by thy help, to lead a new life, following thy commandments, and walking from henceforth in thy righteous ways. May we wash our hands in innocency, and so may we draw near in faith to thy holy altar, and take the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, to our great and endless comfort.

## AFTER COMMUNION.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for thy great mercy, in permitting us, on this day, to receive the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank thee for this comfortable assurance of thy favor and goodness; and for the blessed hope, that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the whole company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through grace of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## AFTER BAPTISM.

GRANT, O Lord, that the *child* this day dedicated to thee, and proclaimed a member of thy church by baptism, may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's mystical body, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children.

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## AFTER CONFIRMATION.

WE commend to thy mercy and grace, heavenly Father, all those thy servants, who have this day, in their own persons, renewed the promises and vows which they made, or which were made for them by their sureties, in baptism, and who have been confirmed by the laying on of hands. Direct, sanctify, and govern their hearts and bodies in the ways of thy

laws, and in the works of thy commandments; and defend them, O Lord, with thy heavenly grace, that they may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto thy heavenly kingdom.

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## FOR A NEW MARRIED PARTY.

BLESS those who have just entered a state honorable in all. May they remember the vows they have made at the altar; and in the discharge of their personal and relative duty, may they make thy word their rule, that mercy and peace may be upon them. May the husband love his wife even as himself; and may the wife see that she reverence her husband; and both walk together, as heirs of the grace of life, that their prayers be not hindered.

Preserve them from the evils which destroy or diminish the welfare and comfort of the condition in which thou hast placed them; and may they enjoy all the happiness derivable from prudence, temper, accommodation, real godliness, and the divine blessing.

May they expect to discern infirmities in one another; but may they be always most deeply conscious of their own. And let them not look for unattainable, by looking for unmingled bliss on earth; but remember that this is not our rest; and be prepared for difficulties, trials, changes, and final separation.

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## FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

GRANT, O Lord, thy heavenly grace, to the Sunday Schools and other institutions for the religious instruction of the children and youth of thy flock. Make the pastors and teachers of these children duly sensible of the great charge committed to their trust. Endue them



plenteously with thy heavenly gifts, and make them faithful in training up the young in thy fear and service; that they may from the heart believe in thee, the Lord their God, and worship and serve thee, their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; that they may renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful desires of the flesh, and keep thy holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of their life. Graft in their hearts the love of thy name; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and by thy great mercy, keep them in the same, that so, in the end, they may obtain everlasting life.

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#### FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

AND on this day, set apart by many of thy people as a season of prayer for thy mercy on Sunday schools, we humbly implore thy blessing on all who are engaged in those schools as teachers, or learners. Enlighten by the Holy Spirit all teachers, that they may truly understand thy word. Make them the true friends of Jesus Christ. May they be endowed with his spirit of self-denial, patience, humility and prayer. May they evermore copy the example of Him who, when on earth, said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me. While engaged in instructing the rising generation, in leading others to the cross of Christ, may they themselves be interested in thy promises, and sanctified by all their efforts to promote thy glory. And grant, O gracious God, that their labors may be attended with thy blessing. Do thou send down thy Spirit on all Sunday schools, that the rising generation may grow up in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and in preparation for great usefulness in the church, and in the state. May schools be established in all the destitute places of our land; and all the means used to enlarge and perpetuate

these blessings be crowned with success. Never suffer the zeal of thy people to languish in this cause, or thy ministers to forget their obligations to use every influence in their power to promote the religious training of the rising generation. Hear and answer the prayers which this day may have been offered in behalf of Sunday schools; excite in all thy people a spirit of benevolence; and fill the earth with thy glory.

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#### UNDER FAMILY AFFLICTION.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, our only help in time of need, we flee unto thee for succor in this season of tribulation and distress. Out of the deeps we call unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear our voice. O let thine ears consider well the voice of our complaint.

Thou art gracious and merciful; full of compassion and of great goodness. Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Blessed be thy name, that thou not only hast opened unto us a way of escape from the wrath to come, but hast mercifully ordained the sufferings of the present life to work together for good to them that love thee.

Thy wise providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth. Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without thy knowledge and appointment; and the very hairs of our head are all numbered. Thou assurest us, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, but for their profit, that they may be partakers of thy holiness. Whom thou lovest, thou chastenest; and scourgest every son whom thou receivest.

Thou afflictest us to humble us, and to prove us, and to know what is in our hearts; and whether we will love thee, and keep thy commandments, or no.

Give us grace therefore to consider, in this day of our adversity, wherefore thou contendest with us, and art wroth. Let us not despise thy chastening, nor faint when we are rebuked of thee; nor be weary of thy correction. But let us be still, and know that thou art God. In patience enable us to possess our souls. Grant that our tribulation may work patience; and patience experience; and experience hope; and let not our hope make ashamed; but let thy love be shed abroad in our hearts, through the Holy Ghost given unto us. Let us not cast away our confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. Though troubled on every side, let us not be distressed; though perplexed, let us not be in despair; though cast down, let us not be destroyed. And be pleased to cause our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, to work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Though no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; yet afterwards let it yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto us who are now exercised thereby. Grant that we may find it good to be afflicted, and see that thou, of very faithfulness, hast caused us to be in trouble.

We beseech thee, also, O Lord, to have compassion on our brethren and companions in tribulation.

Have mercy upon all sick persons; and make all their bed in their sickness. Eternal God, be thou their refuge, and place underneath them thy everlasting arms. Look graciously upon them, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen them, we beseech thee, so much the more continually, by thy grace and Holy Spirit, in the inward man. Give them unfeigned repentance for all the sins of their past lives, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that their sins may be done away by thy mercy, and their pardon sealed in heaven, before they go hence, and are seen no more.

May it please thee, likewise, to defend and provide

for the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed.

We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate. May it please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

[Hear us, especially, in behalf of thy servant, for whom we desire especially to pray. We look up unto thee, O thou compassionate Saviour, who wast thyself a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. O thou, who didst weep at the tomb of Lazarus, and art still touched with the feeling of our infirmities, mercifully behold the sorrows of our hearts, and graciously look upon our afflictions. O thou, who, of old, didst cure all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people, be gracious unto us. Let not this sickness be unto death; but for the glory of thy name. Speak the word only, and thy servant shall be healed. Have mercy upon *him*, O Lord, have mercy upon *him*; and not on *him* only, but on us also, lest we should have sorrow upon sorrow. If it be possible, let this cup pass away from us, without our drinking all its bitterness; but, if not, thy will be done. Only be pleased to sanctify this thy fatherly correction to *him*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and efficacy to *his* repentance; that, if it should be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear and to thy glory; or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful life is ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting.]

And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.

## UNDER AFFLICTION.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, look with pity, we beseech thee, upon us in our present sorrows. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit us with trouble, and to bring distress upon us. Remember us, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to us; endue our souls with patience under our affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort us with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 UNDER AFFLICTION.

O OUR heavenly Father! enable us in all our trials and afflictions to lie passive in thy hands; pardon thou our unbecoming fears, and strengthen the faith of thy wavering servants; compassionate our many and great frailties, and cheer our hearts in the hour of despondency; let a well-grounded hope of thy love and mercy be imparted under every conflict, and a prospect of heaven be afforded amidst all the sorrows and darkness of these wilderness scenes.

Lord! we trust we are thine: save us and sanctify us by every event and visitation which we are called to experience, while passing through a world of sorrow, sin, and death. And whether we live or die, may we be the Lord's.

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 UNDER AFFLICTION.

THINK, O God, for good upon the afflicted; especially him (*or her*) whom we now commend to thy compassionate regard. Comfort him upon the bed of languishing, and make all his bed in his sickness.



If the sickness be unto death, prepare him for the solemn event, and be with him in it. But we are allowed to implore deliverance, with submission; nothing is too hard for the Lord; Thou canst heal as well as wound—we therefore pray, if it be thy good pleasure, that Thou wilt put efficacy into the means; rebuke the disorder; renew the strength; and prolong the days of thy servant.

Above all, let the dispensation be sanctified to the sufferer and his connections; and may all have reason to acknowledge, in the review, it is good for me that I have been afflicted.

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## IN BEHALF OF ONE SICK.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, we fly to thee for succor in behalf of this thy sick servant, in this day of *his* tribulation and danger. We know, O God, that all things are possible with thee. We know that thy arm is not shortened that it cannot save, nor thy ear heavy that it cannot hear. We know that thou canst, if it be thy gracious will, speak the word only, and this thy servant shall be healed. And we beseech thee, merciful God, thus to interpose thy hand. Take away from us this cup of bitterness; and if it seem good to thee, alleviate *his* sufferings, remove *his* complaints, restore *him* to health, and grant *him* a longer continuance among us. But thy will, O Father, and not ours, be done. Enable us to submit with patience and resignation, to thy righteous dealing. And grant to this thy servant, grace, that *his* repentance may be perfect, *his* faith strong, *his* love fervent, and *his* hope steadfast; so that after *his* departure hence in peace, *he* may rest with thee for ever.

## FOR A BLESSING ON THE MEANS OF RECOVERY.

O ALMIGHTY God, by whose word man lives, and not by any human means alone, prosper, we beseech thee, the means which are used for the recovery of this thy sick servant. Let not *his* confidence in any human means, lessen *his* dependence upon thee. Make *him* sensible that every good gift is from above; that it is thou only who givest help in time of need. To thee, gracious God, we fly for succor in the day of our visitation: and may this thy sick servant look to thee for bodily, as well as spiritual strength and salvation. Let thine, O God, be the glory, and *his* the comfort, of the means used for *his* recovery. Let *him* own thee as the author of *his* mercies; to thee pay *his* vows and services; and to thy glory devote the remainder of *his* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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FOR ONE ABOUT TO DIE.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons, we humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, into thy hands; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that Immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and sinful world, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this, and every other spectacle of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord.

## IN BEHALF OF A SICK CHILD.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, thou art the fountain of all good, the refuge of the distressed, the friend and comforter of those who look up to thy throne for help. We would offer up our prayers unto thee in behalf of the child, on whom thou hast seen fit to lay thine afflicting hand. We beseech thee, if it be consistent with thy wise and holy will, to bless the means employed for his recovery, and to raise him up to health and strength. Suffer not the wishes of his parents to be disappointed; but in thy great mercy spare him, to be the comfort and support of their advancing years, and to glorify thy name by obeying thee and becoming useful in the world. But, whatever thou hast determined concerning him, thy will, O God, be done! Preserve us from fainting under thy chastisements; and, if thou takest him away from the world, vouchsafe to receive his soul into that blessed land, where sorrow and death are unknown. Into thy hands we commit him, ourselves, and all whom we love; and we humbly pray that, by all the dispensations of thy Providence, we may be trained up for that state, where thou wilt wipe away all tears from the eyes of mourners, and where pious friends and relations shall rejoice with each other for ever and ever, through thine unspeakable love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## IN BEHALF OF A SICK CHILD.

O ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon this child, now lying under thy hand in sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily disease; and save *his* soul for thy mercies' sake; that if it shall

be thy 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. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake.

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AFTER A FUNERAL.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, grant that the solemn services of this day may make us deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and of the transitory nature of all earthly things. Sanctify to us, and to all the friends and relatives of the deceased, this afflictive dispensation of thy providence. May the lively sense of the bereavement which we have sustained, lead us to cleave more closely to thee our God. In all our troubles, may our whole trust and confidence be placed in thy mercy. Awakened by this visitation to a realizing sense of our own danger, may we resolve to seek supremely those things which are above; to resign ourselves and all our concerns to thy disposal; and in the fulness of resignation, to say with holy Job: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

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UPON A BEGINNING OF RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again, we bless thy great goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this thy servant 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 to bless thy holy name for all thy goodness towards *him*, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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UPON RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety, we bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness *this* thy servant, who is now enabled to unite with us in returning thanks unto thee, for this thy great mercy. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his* heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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ABOUT TO GO UPON A JOURNEY.

O LORD, thou art the same God in all places: and no where can we go but thou art there. Both at home and abroad, on our way and at the end, thou art ever with us by the universal presence of thy grace, and thy good Spirit, to conduct and guide us continually; to protect and save us from all dangers and mischiefs; and to make our way prosperous, and all our affairs successful. O let the blessing of the Lord follow us, and rest upon us; and preserve our going out, and our coming in; and never leave us, nor forsake us, O Lord, but be our God and guide this day, in all this journey, and all our life long; which is but a pilgrimage and passage



through this world, in which we are continually hastening home, to the period of all our travels, to the place where we must take up our abode and dwell for ever.

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#### IN BEHALF OF ONE ABSENT AT SEA.

O ETERNAL God, who alone 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 we offer up our humble supplications. Guard *him*, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from pestilence and sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to *his* place of destination, and in thy good time, restore *him* in health and peace, to *his* home, *his* family, and *his* friends: and above all, give *him* a grateful sense of all thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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#### IN BEHALF OF ONE ABSENT ON A JOURNEY.

O FATHER Almighty, whose mercy is over all thy works, we commend to thy protection and care, thy servant, now absent from *his* home and family. Preserve *him*, we beseech thee, in all *his* journeyings; guard *him* in every danger and calamity; keep *him* in health and safety; and in thy good time, restore *him* again to the joys and comforts of *his* household; that *he* may praise thee for all thy mercies, and love and serve thee faithfully all *his* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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#### UPON HIS RETURN FROM A JOURNEY.

MERCIFUL Father, we bless thee for thy providential care in protecting this thy servant, in *his* late absence from *his* home and family. We thank thee for *his* preservation in *his* journeyings; for *his* exemption from danger, and sickness, and death; and for *his* safe return

to the joys and comforts of *his* household. May *he* ever praise thee for all thy mercies, and love and serve thee faithfully all *his* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## IN BEHALF OF A YOUTH GOING FROM HOME.

*(If with a view to Business.)*

O God, thou appointest the bounds of our habitation; and arrangest all our individual concerns; and it is thy pleasure not only that we should part at death, but often separate in life. When absent from each other in body, may we be present in spirit; and may our natural affection be strengthened and sanctified by inquiry, and correspondence, and divine remembrance at the throne of grace.

Regard the member of our family, who is now leaving the parental roof. In all his ways may he acknowledge thee; and be thou the guide and the guard of his youth. Secure him from the paths of the destroyer, and the evils of the world. May uprightness preserve him. In the situation he will be called to fill, may he be dutiful, and obliging, and diligent, and faithful: may he always remember, that the eye of God is upon him; and be not only amiable, but pious; and in favor with God, as well as man.

*(If with a view to School.)*

O thou God of providence and grace, we commend to thy care the dear child, about to leave our abode for a season, in order to receive needful instruction. Let his (*or her*) life be precious in thy sight. May he redeem his time, and acquire the improvement that will fit him for usefulness, in his day and generation. And O, let him be made wise unto salvation; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon him; that he may be a useful and ornamental member in thy church below, and hereafter a pillar in thy temple above, never more to go out.

## IN TIME OF POPULAR COMMOTION.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the Sovereign of the universe and rulest the children of men as seemeth good in thy sight. Look down, we beseech thee, in mercy, upon the world that lieth in wickedness. Restrain the inordinate passions of restless and ambitious men; incline them to peace and good will. Suffer not the wicked to accomplish their ungodly purposes; defeat the designs and machinations of those who would invade the equal rights or abridge the just privileges of the people. Arrest also, all tendencies to degeneracy, licentiousness, and anarchy. May law and order, justice and equity, and the sound principles of thy holy word prevail in our land, and in all the nations of the earth. Our trust is in thee; thou livest and reignest on high; O come down and live and reign also, among the people, and overrule their agitations to thine own glory and the furtherance of thy purposes of wisdom and mercy. Cause the wrath of man to praise thee, and the remainder of wrath do thou restrain. May peace and harmony take the place of discontent and commotion, and may love and good will animate the hearts of the children of men every where; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## IN TIME OF THREATENING WAR.

O LORD our God! thou art the God of peace and the Fountain of all love and mercy. Thou rulest in the armies of heaven, and doest whatsoever thou pleasest among the nations of the earth. In thee do we put our trust. We would live in peace and friendship in our own land and with all the earth. We have indeed nationally as well as personally deserved thy judgments; and shouldst thou scourge us with war and all its frightful concomitants and consequences, we could not charge thee with injustice. We have been proud

and self-sufficient; we have violated thy holy Sabbath and repaid thy numerous blessings with ingratitude. We have taken credit to ourselves and ascribed to our wisdom and skill what was the result of thy goodness and mercy. O Lord, enter not into judgment and deal not according to our offenses, but according to thine infinite compassion in Christ Jesus. Put an end to the agitations of unruly men; turn away from us the wrath we have merited; may both people and the government be influenced by thy good Spirit to peace and quiet. In thy good providence, remove all the causes of reasonable discontent; give us not over to the consequences of reckless passion and suffer no wrong principles, no erroneous policy, no false views of honor, and no unholy ambition to control the legislature of the states or of the federal government. Save us, we beseech thee, save us from war and its frightful horrors, and make us a holy, peace-loving, righteous people, whom thou wilt delight to bless, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace.

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## IN TIME OF WAR.

WE adore thee, O God, as the Lord of hosts. Great and mighty are thy armies, by which thou canst lay waste the guilty nations of the earth. We come unto thee in time of public calamity. We would mourn, O Lord, over the pride, and ambition, and envy, and revenge which agitate the bosoms of earthly rulers, and make them rush into wars, and thus hazard the property, the comfort, the blood, and the life of the children of men. In thy mercy, O Lord, remove the causes which lead to such great evils; subdue and change the wicked passions and designs of all ungodly men who rashly and corruptly exercise their influence and authority. O put to naught the counsels of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and will adopt no method to adjust disputes, but that of leading thousands into the field of battle,

and ushering multitudes unprepared into the presence of an offended and awful God.

O Lord, hear our prayers for peace. Teach rulers and people to cultivate harmony and love; make an end of tumult and bloodshed. Let all false ideas of dignity and glory be buried in the dust, and may all in authority see that it is their greatest glory to legislate and govern in the fear of the Lord and for the peace and quiet of the nation.

Oh, look in pity on those who are in the tented field, the fort, the ship of war, and the very arena of strife; have thy eye upon them for good; let them not forget that a day of judgment is nigh at hand; and above all things, preserve their souls; prepare them and us all for the peaceful abodes of heaven; forgive our sins and save us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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#### ANOTHER IN TIME OF WAR.

O ALMIGHTY God, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent, save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defense, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory, through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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#### IN TIME OF PESTILENCE.

O LORD God, the giver of our health, it is only of thy mercy that we have so much health continued, after the manner in which we have lived. And O how just were it with thee, utterly to take away that health from us which we have so greatly abused to a forgetfulness of thee, and wantonness against thee! How justly might-



est thou smite us with sharp and noisome diseases, which our nature most abhorreth: to hurry us out of the land of the living, and put a sorrowful end to our wretched days! But, O thou Hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble! regard not our ill deserts; but remember thy own tender mercies and gracious promises; and take pity on us, and turn away this plague from us. Put a stop to the raging pestilence, and say to the destroying angel: "It is enough;" that we may not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day: but with calmness in our minds, and gladness in our hearts, may serve thee faithfully and cheerfully all our days: and devote our spared lives, which we have begged at thy hands, and our health and every mercy, to thy honor and glory; through the strength and the righteousness of thy dear Son, our most compassionate and prevailing Mediator, Jesus Christ.

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## ANOTHER IN TIME OF PESTILENCE.

O ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of life and death, of sickness and health, regard our supplications, we humbly beseech thee; and, as thou hast thought fit to visit us for our sins with great sickness and mortality, in the midst of thy judgment, O Lord, remember mercy. Have pity upon us miserable sinners, and withdraw from us the grievous sickness with which we are afflicted. May this thy fatherly correction have its due influence upon us, by leading us to consider the frailty and uncertainty of our life; that we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom, which in the end will bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## IN TIME OF DEARTH AND FAMINE.

O God, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth bring forth her increase, behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people; increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we now most justly suffer for our sins, may, through thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty, for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## AFTER A RESTORATION OF PLENTY.

O MOST merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness, hast heard our prayers and supplications, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty, we give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## THANKSGIVING FOR PEACE.

GOD of salvation, with joyful hearts we would present the sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise for the return of peace. Blessed be thy name for hushing the storm of war and putting an end to the effusion of blood. It is the Lord who breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear asunder, and burneth the chariot in fire. To thy most holy name be all the glory. As thou hast made peace in our borders, and canst bring good out of evil, we pray that thou wilt overrule the late war to thy glory and the good of the nation. May the eyes of all be opened to behold the great guilt of those who occasion war, and by their evil passions and false views, lead to the wanton and wholesale destruction of human life and property.

We pray for the universal extension of the holy, wise,

and benign principles of the gospel of Christ. May these blessed principles enter into the legislatures, the cabinets, and palaces of all countries. Then shall wars cease to the ends of the earth, and peace and righteousness flourish among the nations. O Lord God of heaven and earth! we pray most earnestly for the universal reign of Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace; hasten the day when he shall rule among nations as he does in the hearts of his faithful followers. Teach us all to cultivate peace in our own bosom, and in our family, and our neighborhood, and make us heirs of the peaceful joys of heaven and immortality, for the Redeemer's sake.

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## IN TIME OF PEACE.

O THOU that stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people; we bless thee, that thou hast made peace in our borders, and called us to adore thee, as the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.

We lament the evils of war, both natural and moral: and confess with shame, that ever since man became an apostate from thee, he has been an enemy to his brother; and that from the death of Abel, our earth has been a field of blood. O let thy word be speedily accomplished. Let the nations learn war no more, but beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; and only emulate each other in husbandry, and commerce, and science, and religion.

O thou Prince of Peace, preside in every council. May all public teachers recommend peace. In private life, may we follow peace with all men; and cherish the principles and the dispositions, which will prepare us for that world, where we shall enter into peace and the sound of war will be heard no more.

## FOR RAIN.

WE confess, O Lord, that we have so greatly abused the comforts of thy good creatures, that thou mightest justly withdraw them from us, and make the heavens over us as brass, and the rain of our land dust, and the land itself to mourn, and all that grows upon it to wither. But O thou Father of mercies, who in judgment rememberest mercy, consult not now our demerits, but thy own mercies, how to use us. Thou that hast the treasures of heaven at thy command, be pleased now to open the windows of heaven, and cause the rain to come down in its season; making grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits of the earth for the service of men. And however thou art pleased to deal with us, O suppress all our repinings at any of thy dealings: and let them all amend and better us: and make us a people prepared to receive the mercies which we want, and wait and beg for, at thy gracious hands, upon the account of Jesus Christ.

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AFTER RAIN.

O GOD, thou art good and doest good. Thou hast again poured down thy blessing, and been better to us than our fears. Thou hast caused the clear shining after rain; so that in the meadows the hay appeareth; and in the fields, thou art preparing of thy goodness for the poor. Thou preservest man and beast. May we feel our entire dependence upon thee; and by prayer and praise, give thee the glory that is due unto thy holy name.

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FOR FAIR WEATHER.

How numberless are our wants and dangers! Our hopes are destroyed, not only by the deficiency, but the excess of our supplies. May the overflowing showers

cease, which damp the joy of the harvest; cause thy sun not only to rise, but to shine—give us the clear shining after rain, that the earth may yield her increase in maturity; and opportunity be afforded for the wholesome ingathering of grass for the cattle, and grain for the use of man: that there may be no complaining in our streets; but that we may eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Lord.

And O let us not forget our souls in our mindfulness of the body; nor expend all our concern upon the meat that perisheth—but be above all things, anxious to secure that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, and which the Son of man will give; for him hath God the Father sealed.

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## FAIR WEATHER AFTER MUCH RAIN.

O GOD, thou art good and doest good. Thou hast again surpassed our deserts, and been better to us than our fears. Thou hast caused the clear shining after rain; so that in the meadows the hay appeareth; and in the fields thou art preparing of thy goodness for the poor. Thou preservest man and beast. May we feel our entire dependence upon thee; and by prayer and praise, give thee the glory that is due unto thy holy name.

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## AFTER HARVEST.

ALMIGHTY God! in thy hands are the fruits of the earth; and thou who art infinitely good, hast again opened thy hand to satisfy the desire of every living thing. Thy protecting power hath blessed the seed of the husbandman, that the mower might fill his hand, and he that bindeth sheaves, his bosom. Thou hast crowned the year with thy goodness, thou hast brought forth food out of the earth, and hast permitted thy gifts to be gathered in safety, and in peace.



Lord, we are utterly unworthy of all this compassion, goodness, and faithfulness! We confess that we have not deserved the bountiful gifts of our God. Thy favored children we all are, but all are not thy grateful children. We are too unmindful of thy goodness; we do not give thee praise; we receive the gift and forget the Giver; we are not faithful stewards of the goods entrusted to us; we murmur and complain against thee. Alas! our hearts are not as faithful as our lands. Unto us belongeth shame in thy sight, and in our own. And yet thy compassions fail not, thy mercy is new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

Holy Father! give us thy Spirit, that we may duly acknowledge the riches of thy goodness, patience, and long-suffering, and be suitably affected by them.

Every harvest is a new miracle of thine all-preserving power and love, a new memorial of thy kind care and faithfulness, a new proof that thou hast thoughts of peace toward the children of men. And O! that each returning harvest may bring anew to our remembrance the declaration of thy word: Knowest thou not that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? Enable us to consider this in the exercise of true faith, that we may receive thy gifts with thanksgiving, and use them according to thy will. Preserve us from that levity that makes light of thy word, and despises thy commandments; from that pride which exalts itself before thee; from that envy which is grieved, when thou art good to others; from all intemperance which abuses thy gifts, and from that avarice which buries thy talent in the earth. Give us a wise and contented heart, a meek and humble spirit, that we may be satisfied with such things as thou shall see fit to bestow; that we may improve them wisely, and with believing hearts, put our whole confidence in thee. Mightily influence us all, as disciples of Christ, not to grow weary of well-doing, knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

O God, our Father! continue, in days to come, to extend unto us thy goodness, and let thine eyes be upon our whole land, that scarcity, famine, and other plagues may not visit us. Fill our rulers with that wisdom which is not of this world, and all the citizens of the land with reverence for thy laws; grant them obedient hearts, and the spirit of harmony, that righteousness and faith may exalt our nation and thy blessing be its chief good. To this end let the word of Christ dwell richly in all churches, schools, and families, and the fruit of the Spirit be every where manifest, which is in all goodness, righteousness and truth. Especially incline the hearts of our children unto thee, that they may early receive, and willingly admit, and faithfully preserve, the good seed of thy word, and be one day found as trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. Dispose the hearts of the rich that they may do good, and not forget to communicate, thus exercising pure religion and undefiled before thee, our Father. Make those, who are poor in this world, rich in faith, that they may reap a harvest of blessings in the world to come. All who are afflicted, revive by the heavenly dew of thy grace, and refresh the dying with that living water, that springeth up unto everlasting life. O God and Father of us all, who art rich to all that call upon thee! Grant according to thy great goodness, that we, who here sow in tears, may hereafter reap in joy, and on the great harvest-day of thy second advent, may come again with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us; yea, may be ourselves gathered, as blessed sheaves, into thy garner, through the merits of thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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AFTER A GOOD HARVEST.

AGAIN thou hast crowned the year with thy goodness. The grain might have perished in the earth, or have

failed of maturity, for want of the showers, and of the sunshine; but thou wast pleased to bless the springing thereof; and we saw first the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear. We hailed the valleys standing thick with corn, and heard the little hills rejoicing on every side. In due time the mower filled his hands, and the binder of sheaves his bosom; and the appointed weeks of harvest have been offered us to gather in the precious produce. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

We have again witnessed thy faithfulness and truth in the promise—while the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease—may we learn to trust thee in all thy engagements.

And make us thankful, that as we have no famine of bread, so we have no famine of hearing the word of the Lord. With regard to the soul as well as to the body, thou fillest us with the finest of the wheat.

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#### SPRING.

THOU art the fountain of life; in thee we live, move, and have our being—and the prerogative of that being is, that we are able to contemplate thy perfections, and rise from thy works—to thyself.

Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, and renewest the face of the earth; and, from apparent death all nature starts into re-animated vigor and joy. In what myriads of productions art thou displaying afresh, the wonders of thy wisdom, power, and goodness—the whole earth is full of thy riches.

While we partake of the general sympathy and delight, may we join with all thy works to praise thee. And, O thou God of all grace, bless us with the renew-

ing of the Holy Ghost, in all the powers of our souls. May old things pass away, and all become new in Christ; may the beauty of the Lord be upon us; and the joy of the Lord be our strength.

May the young remember, that they are now in the spring of life; and that *this* spring, once gone, returns no more. May they, therefore, eagerly seize, and zealously improve, the short, but all-important season, for the cultivation of their minds, the formation of their habits, the correction of their tempers, their preparation for future usefulness, and their gaining that good part which shall not be taken away from them.

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S U M M E R.

WE hail thee in the varying aspects of the year, and bless thee for all their appropriate influences and advantages. O, let us not view them and enjoy them as men only, but as Christians also; and ever connect with them, the better blessings of thy grace.

How wise, and useful, and necessary, are these intermingled rains and sunbeams; may Jesus, as the Sun of Righteousness, arise upon us with healing under his wings; and may he come down as rain upon the mown grass, and as showers that water the earth.

When we walk by the cooling brook—may we think of that river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God.

When we retire from the scorching warmth of the day, into the inviting shade—may we be thankful for a rest at noon, a shelter from the heat, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

May thy servants behold the moral fields, that are already white unto harvest, and be all anxiety to save the multitudes that are perishing for lack of knowledge.

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; we therefore pray, that thou wilt send forth laborers into thy harvest.

He that gathereth in summer, is a wise son; he that sleepeth in harvest, is a son that causeth shame. Now is our accepted time, now is our day of salvation. O, let us not waste our precious privileges, and in a dying hour exclaim: the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!

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#### A U T U M N .

How fleeting as well as varying are the seasons of the year! How insensibly have the months of spring and summer vanished! and nature has no sooner attained its maturities, than we behold its declension and decay. The fields are now shorn of their produce; the beauties of the garden are withered; the woods are changing their verdure, and the trees shedding their foliage—we also never continue in one state. Many of our connections and comforts have already dropped away from us; and the remaining are holden by a slender tenure; while we ourselves do all fade as a leaf, and in a little time, our places will know us no more.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the announcement of an inheritance that fadeth not away. O for a hope full of immortality! for a possession of that good part, which shall not be taken away from us!

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#### W I N T E R .

O THOU God of nature and providence; manifold are thy works; in wisdom thou hast made them all; and all are full of thy goodness. The welfare of thy creatures requires the severity of winter as well as the pleasures of spring. We adore thy hand in all. Thou givest snow like wool: thou scatterest the hoar frost like ashes. Thou sendest abroad thine ice like morsels: who can stand before thy cold?



But we bless thee, for a house to shelter us; for raiment to cover us; for fuel to warm us; and all the accommodations, that render life, even at this inclement season, not only tolerable, but full of comfort.

May we be grateful; and may we be pitiful. May we reflect on the condition of those who are the victims of every kind of privation and distress—and waste nothing; hoard nothing; but hasten to be ministers of mercy, and the disciples of him, who went abroad, doing good.

O, let the rich, *now*, deservedly prize their wealth, and use it as the instrument of usefulness. May they be willing to communicate, and ready to distribute; and enjoy the blessing of him that is ready to perish; and make the widow's heart to sing for joy.



#### FOR RELIGIOUS AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

WE thank thee, O Lord, for Bible, Missionary, Tract, and other kindred societies, which contemplate the diffusion of evangelic truth, the enlargement of thy kingdom, and the salvation of immortal souls. We greatly rejoice that these free voluntary associations have been preserved so long, and been made the means of so much good to the children of men. Glory to God, that through their instrumentality, accompanied by his smiles, so many portions of the earth, in the darkness of pagan idolatry, now enjoy the life-giving and sanctifying light of the gospel. Blessed be thy name that many have already cast their idols to the moles and bats, and now acknowledge Jehovah as the only object of their worship, and Jesus Christ as the only Savior of a perishing world. O Lord our God! we pray that all these societies may be controlled by thy gracious influences, and that they may grow in efficiency, purity and zeal, until the world shall be filled with the glory of God, and not one vestige of false religion shall remain among the

children of men. Have mercy, we pray thee, on all nations, and may the promised period soon arrive, when the heathen shall be given to Jesus for his inheritance, and the utmost ends of the earth for his possession. O Lord Jesus, thou King of glory! take unto thyself thy great power, and reign thou, King of nations as thou dost already, King of saints. Say to the North, "give up; and to the South, keep thou not back; bring my sons from far and my daughters from the ends of the earth." Soon may it be said in every land: the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! We ask it for Jesus' sake.

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#### FOR AN AFFLICTED MINISTER.

O LORD, we present our humble and earnest prayers in behalf of thy servant, our beloved minister, whom thou hast laid upon a bed of affliction. We pray, that he may be speedily delivered from this visitation, and be restored to usefulness in his holy calling. Give him patience and confidence in thee during his illness, and sanctify this sore trial to him and to us, so that we may all have cause to kiss the rod, and bless the hand that afflicts us. We thank thee that in our appeals, we are permitted to use arguments. For the honor of thy name, and for the furtherance of thy gospel, mercifully restore our minister to health. For the conversion of sinners and for the edification and comfort of saints, add many years to his life, that many more souls may be added as seals of his ministry. Prepare him and prepare us all for thy holy will. If he live, may it be for Christ, if he die may it be gain, everlasting gain to himself. May he shine in the heavenly world as the brightness of the firmament, for ever and ever. Hear us, we entreat thee, forgive our sins, and save us for Jesus' sake.

## PRAYERS AT TABLE.

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### BEFORE MEAT.

ALMIGHTY God! the eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Bless, we beseech thee, the provisions of thine earthly bounty, which are now before us; and let them nourish and strengthen our frail bodies, that we may the better serve thee, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

#### OR THUS:

Let thy blessing, Almighty God, descend on this portion of thy bounty, and on us, thy unworthy servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### OR THUS:

Almighty God, we beseech thee to pardon our sins: to bless the refreshment now before us, to our use, and us to thy service, through Jesus Christ.

#### OR THUS:

Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, enable us to receive these fruits of thy bounty with humility and gratitude, and give us grace, that, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to thy glory, and be accepted through the great Redeemer.

#### OR THUS:

Bounteous God, we acknowledge our dependence on thee, and our unworthiness of thy benefits. We pray thee to forgive our sins: to bless us in the reception of this food, and enable us to improve the strength we may derive from it to thy glory, for Christ's sake.

#### OR THUS:

Sanctify, O Lord, we beseech thee, these thy productions to our use, and us to thy service, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

OR THUS:

We bless thee, O God, for covering our table with plenty, and for the present opportunity of partaking of thy bounties. Nourish our bodies with these provisions of thy hand, and our souls with the bread of life, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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AFTER MEAT.

WHAT shall we render to thee, O God, for all thy benefits? Every day of our lives we are receiving fresh tokens of thy favor. O, let thy goodness lead us to repentance. And if we can do no more than express our gratitude, help us to do that in the sincerity of our souls, and thine shall be the glory, for ever, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OR THUS:

Accept, heavenly Father, our humble thanks for this, and for all thy blessings through Jesus Christ.

OR THUS:

We praise thee, O Lord, for the provisions of thy providence and grace, and in particular for this renewed token of thy favor. May we feel our increased obligations to be thine, and be fitted at length, to eat bread in thy heavenly kingdom, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

OR THUS:

We bless thee, O Lord, for this kind refreshment. Be pleased to continue thy favors, and feed us with the bread of life. Supply the wants of the needy, and enable us, while we live on thy bounty, to live to thy glory, for Christ's sake.

OR THUS:

We would praise and magnify thy holy name, O Lord, for this and all other blessings, bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR THUS:

O God, for all thy mercies; for the food that supports our bodies, and the grace that sustains our souls; we bless and praise thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## MORNING AND EVENING

# PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.

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### SUNDAY MORNING.

O LORD, my heavenly Father, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this holy day, defend me in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that I may fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger. May I remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. May I delight in the duties of thy house, and worship thee with a sincere and thankful heart. Help me in my efforts to do thy will, and to keep thy commandments; and may I never forget, that thou, God, seest me at all times.

O Lord, bless my parents, and all my dear relatives and friends. Bless my beloved minister, my Sunday school teacher, and the children of the Sunday school. O may we all so improve the privileges which we enjoy, that we may at last enter into that rest which remains for the people of God. Pardon all my sins, O Lord, and hear my prayer, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, my most blessed and precious Saviour, who hath taught us, when we pray, to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*



## SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD, my God, hear my prayer at the close of this sacred day; and accept my thanks for all thy mercies.

Forgive me for every wicked thought, for every wicked word, and for every wrong thing that I have done. Pardon all my sins, for Christ's sake; and help me to serve thee better in time to come. May I remember the good things I have heard and learned this day. May I love thy holy day more and more. And when all my days are ended, and I can no more go to thy house of prayer, O may I be among the saints and angels that for ever worship around thy throne.

I thank thee, O Lord, for all thy goodness to me this day. All that I have is from thee; O give me a grateful heart for every blessing. May thy mercies lead me to thyself, and may I show forth thy praise in doing thy commandments.

Keep me, O Lord, in safety this night, and let me see the light of another day, for the love of thy only Son, my Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father who, &c.

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MONDAY MORNING.

I THANK thee, O Lord, that I slept in safety last night, and that I am alive in health this morning. Though many children have died while I have been resting in my bed, and though many others are this morning in pain and sickness, thou hast kindly raised me up, and given me strength for a new day. Bless me to-day, O Lord, wherever I may be; bless me in my studies and in my plays; and keep me from doing any thing that thou hast forbidden. Save me from sin

and from every danger, and let me not forget that thine eye is upon me at all times. Help me to improve my time, and keep me from being disobedient to my parents and teachers. May I be kind to my companions, and respectful to all who are older than myself. And O may the thought that this day may be my last, make me careful to do nothing that will offend thee and hurt my soul.

Hear my prayer, I beseech thee, for Christ's sake, in whose words I would further address thee,

Our Father who, &c.

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#### MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD, I thank thee for having taken care of me this day, and I pray thee to forgive every thing I have done that has displeased thee. Give me thy grace that I may do wrong no more. Preserve me from all danger this night. When I lie down to rest may I remember that the time is coming when I shall lie down in the dust; and wilt thou help me always so to live, that I may never be afraid or unprepared to die; so that living and dying I may be thine, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour.

Our Father who, &c.

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#### [TUESDAY MORNING.

O God, my heavenly Father, may my first thoughts in the morning always be upon thee and thy great goodness to such a sinful child. May I remember that thou givest me my breath, and every comfort that I enjoy; and may I do nothing this day which would displease such a kind and merciful Being. Direct me in all my doings by thy Holy Spirit, and further me with thy continual help, that in every thing I do, I may

glorify thy holy name, and, finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour.

Our Father who, &c.

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TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, my heavenly Father, who hast kept me alive this day, and preserved me from danger, I pray thee to watch over me this night. Though I have sinned against thee so many times, do thou forgive me for my Saviour's sake, and keep me from doing wrong any more. May I grow better every day, and be more and more careful to avoid angry words, and a bad temper, and all disobedient actions. May I go to sleep this night with a happy and peaceful heart, and awake in the morning to thank thee for thy mercies. Bless my dear parents and friends, and make us all the followers of that Saviour who suffered and died that we might live for ever; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father who, &c.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, I come before thee this morning to thank thee for thy goodness during the night, and to ask for thy blessing upon me this day. Direct me in all my ways, and be graciously pleased to take me, and all who are near and dear to me, under thy kind care and protection. Help me, O Lord, to give up all my sinful desires and wicked habits, to believe in Christ my Saviour with all my heart, and obediently to keep his holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life. May I be truly a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor

of the kingdom of heaven. May I love thee more and more; and when all my days on earth have passed away, O receive me unto thyself in glory everlasting, for Jesus' sake.

Our Father who, &c.

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#### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O GOD, I bless thee for thy protecting care over me another day; may I rest in safety this night under thy watchful eye. The darkness is no darkness to thee, and thou seest me by night as well as by day. Wilt thou keep me from all danger, and permit me to see the morning light. Pardon my sins, O Lord, and give me grace to do thy will. Create in me a new and contrite heart; and help me to become like the holy child Jesus. Give me thy Holy Spirit, that I may love to do what is right, and fear and hate every thing that is wrong. May I trust in the Saviour for the forgiveness of my sins, and try every day to follow his blessed example. Bless my dear parents, and make me thankful to thee for such kind friends, and finally make us all a happy family in thy heavenly kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my precious Redeemer.

Our Father who, &c.

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#### THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, the maker of every thing in heaven and earth: the darkness goes away and the day-light comes at thy command. I thank thee that thou hast taken care of me the past night, and that I am alive [and well] this morning. Keep me, O Lord, this day from every thing that would do me harm, and give me every good thing that is needful and proper for my body and for my soul. Help me by thy Holy Spirit to

do what thou hast commanded, and make me always afraid to offend thee. Pardon my sins for the sake of thy beloved Son, who died for sinners, and now lives in heaven to pray for them and to save them. Be pleased, O Lord, to hear my prayers for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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## THURSDAY EVENING.

O GOD, the Father of heaven, how gracious art thou to permit me a sinful creature to pray to thee. I come now to implore thy protection over me this night. Defend me from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them, that I may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit me for the duties of another day. Make me ever mindful of the time when I shall lie down in the dust, and grant me grace always to live in such a state that I may never be afraid to die. I thank thee for the mercies and benefits of the past day, and pray that thy goodness may lead me to repentance for all my sins. I ask thy blessing upon my father and mother, [brothers and sisters,] and all my dear friends, and pray thee to make us thine here and for ever for Christ's sake.

Our Father who, &c.

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## FRIDAY MORNING.

O LORD God, who knowest all things, and seest by night as well as by day, I come before thee to offer up my morning praise for all thy mercies, especially for my preservation during the past night. I thank thee for all the blessings I enjoy, and above all for thy great love in redeeming the world through thy dear Son. May thy goodness lead me to repentance, gratitude and obedience. Direct me by thy Spirit that I may



always walk in thy holy way. Bless all my dear relations and friends. May they be happy both now and for ever. Help me to behave well to them all, to love all mankind, and to love thee, my God, more than all besides. And do thou, O Lord, be pleased to love and bless me as long as I live, and take me when I die to heaven. I ask every blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ the Saviour. *Amen.*

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## FRIDAY EVENING.

O LORD Jesus Christ, thou hast said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not;" and I come to implore thy blessing upon me this night. Thou hast suffered and died for my redemption, and I pray that I may cling to thy cross as all my hope. May I love thee with all my heart, and keep all thy commandments. May thy grace be sufficient for me in every time of need. May I never be ashamed of thee and thy gospel, and may I manfully fight under thy banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue thy faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end. Receive me, O Lord, into the arms of thy mercy; give unto me the blessing of eternal life, and make me a partaker of thine everlasting kingdom. Pardon the sins of this day, and make me, and all who are near and dear to me, obedient to thy will, that we may be happy here and for ever.

Our Father who, &c.

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## SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD, accept my thanks for keeping me alive through the darkness of the night, and for raising me up in safety this morning. Guard me this day from every evil, and let me not sin against thee. May I not

waste my precious time, but try to improve every hour. Bless me in my studies, and in my plays; and make me obedient to my parents and teachers, and kind and affectionate to [my brothers and sisters, and] all my companions. May I remember thee, my Creator, in the days of my childhood and youth. May I love the Saviour who died for me, and may the Holy Ghost ever dwell in my heart. Guide me, O Lord, this day, and all my life, by thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory, for Christ's sake.

Our Father who, &c.

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#### SATURDAY EVENING.

MY Father and my God, I thank thee for having taken care of me another day and another week. I pray thee to forgive me all that I have done that is wrong, and grant me thy grace, that I may avoid every thing that is sinful. Keep me safe this night while I sleep, and permit me to see the light of thy holy day. May the close of the day and the week remind me that the time will soon come when I shall lie down to sleep in the grave; and wilt thou help me so to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. O, when time with me shall be no more, may I enter that kingdom which Jesus has gone to prepare for all that love thee. Bless my dear friends, and make us all thy friends here, that we may enjoy thee for ever. Bless all children that are poor and needy, and make me thankful for every comfort, for Christ's sake.

Our Father who, &c.

## OCCASIONAL PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.

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FOR A LITTLE CHILD WHO HAS BEEN VERY DISOBEDIENT.

O LORD, I come to thee this night, confessing that I have been a very sinful child to-day, and praying thee to pardon me. I have done those things that I ought not to have done, and offended against thy holy laws. Forgive my disobedience to my dear parents, [or teacher,] and help me hereafter to be a good and obedient child. May I remember that thine eye is always watching over me, and that thou knowest all my thoughts and words and actions. Wilt thou help me to love, honor, and obey my father and mother, to respect and mind my teachers, and in all things to do thy will. May I never give way to angry feelings or an evil temper, but delight in being gentle, kind and dutiful. O Lord, keep and bless me this night; and when I wake in the morning, may my first thoughts be about thee, and my first wish to grow more and more like thine own children. Hear my prayer, I beseech thee, for Christ's sake.

Our Father who, &c.

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FOR A CHILD WHO HAS TOLD AN UNTRUTH.

O LORD, my God, I come to thee, feeling that I have done very wrong this day, and repenting of my sin. Thou art displeased with me for what I have done; but do thou have mercy upon me, and forgive me. When I am again tempted to tell that which is not true, may I remember that thou, God, seest me, and be kept by thy grace from deceit and falsehood. O Lord, before I close my eyes in sleep this night, do thou pardon

my sin, and take me again into thy favor. Bless, preserve, and keep me, and make me thine own child for ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father who, &c.

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### MORNING PRAYERS FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

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O LORD, I thank thee for taking care of me all last night, when I was asleep. I thank thee that I am alive and well this morning. Keep me from all danger this day. May I not do any thing that is wrong, but try to please thee and my dear parents by doing right; and may I at last go to heaven, and be happy for ever, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY Father, dearest friend!  
O may my prayers on high ascend;  
My thanks to thee are early giv'n,  
For all thy mercies sent from heav'n.

Thou hast preserved me through the night,  
And brought me to the morning light;  
Help me to prove my love sincere,  
While I thy holy laws revere.

Guide me through life by grace divine,  
In life and death I would be thine;  
At last receive me as thine own,  
And save my soul through Christ alone.

Forgive my foes, bless ev'ry friend,—  
Conduct them safely to the end;  
Unite us all in heaven above,  
To celebrate redeeming love. *Amen.*

I THANK thee, Lord, for quiet rest,  
And for thy care of me;  
Oh! let me through this day be blest,  
And kept from harm by thee.  
Oh, let me love thee! kind thou art  
To children such as I;  
Give me a gentle, holy heart,  
Be thou my friend on high!  
Help me to please my parents dear,  
And do whate'er they tell;  
Bless all my friends, both far and near,  
And keep them safe and well.

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## EVENING PRAYERS FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

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O LORD, I thank thee for thy care over me this day;  
and I pray thee to keep me safe this night. If I have  
done any thing that is wrong, forgive me, for Jesus'  
sake, and may I do so no more. Bless my dear father  
and mother, and all my friends, and make us all happy  
here and for ever. *Amen.*

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Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take. *Amen.*

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Thanks to thee, thou God of love!  
For all thy blessings from above;  
Pardon my sins for Jesus' sake;  
My all into thy keeping take. *Amen.*



Conduct me in thy righteous way,  
That I from thee no more may stray;  
Thy Spirit grant, and grace supply,  
That I to sin may daily die.

I would thy child for ever be,  
Help me, dear Lord, to look to thee;  
I trust in Christ, believe his word;  
May I find mercy through his blood. *Amen.*

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### GENERAL PRAYERS FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

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THOUGH, dearest Lord, thou dwell'st on high,  
Thou hear'st thy children when they cry;  
Then view me with thy smiling face,  
And ever guide me by thy grace.

For Jesus' sake my sins forgive,  
And to thy glory may I live;  
O make me lowly, pure in heart,  
Then take me to thee where thou art. *Amen.*

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My Saviour, who art meek and mild,  
Look down and see a little child,  
Obedient at thy footstool stay,  
And help me by thy grace to pray.  
Teach me to understand thy word,  
And wash me in thy precious blood.  
Thy faithful lamb I fain would be;  
Assist me, Lord, to look to thee. *Amen.*

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LORD, look upon a little child,  
By nature sinful, rude and wild;  
Oh! let thy grace descend on me,  
And make me all I ought to be.

Make me thy child, a child of God,  
Washed in the Saviour's precious blood,  
And my whole heart from sin set free,  
A little vessel full of thee;

A star of early dawn and bright,  
Shining within thy sacred light;  
A beam of grace to all around,  
A little spot of hallowed ground.

Dear Saviour, take me to thy breast,  
And bless me that I may be blest;  
Both when I wake, and when I sleep,  
Thy little lamb in safety keep. *Amen.*



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father God, who art in heav'n,  
To thy great name be rev'rence giv'n;  
Thy peaceful kingdom wide extend,  
And reign, O Lord! till time shall end.

Thy sacred will on earth be done,  
As 'tis by angels round the throne;  
And let us ev'ry day be fed  
With earthly and with heav'nly bread.

Our sins forgive, and teach us thus  
To pardon those who injure us:  
Our shield in all temptations prove,  
And ev'ry evil far remove.

Thine is the kingdom to control,  
And thine the power to save the soul;  
Great be the glory of thy name,  
Let ev'ry creature say—Amen.

## MORNING PRAYERS FOR INFANTS.

O GOD, my heavenly Father, bless me to-day, and make me a good child. Bless my father and mother, and sisters and brothers, and every body, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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HEAVENLY Father, I thank thee for taking care of me all the night ; please to take care of me all this day, and love me, and make me a very good child, for my dear Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

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HEAVENLY Father, I am glad to see the morning light. I thank thee for keeping me from harm all the night. O please to take care of me all the day long, and make me to be one of those good children whom the kind Saviour, Jesus, calls his lambs. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY God, my heavenly Father, the night and the day are alike to thee, for thou hast made them both. I should not be safe in the day, nor in the night, without thy kind care. I thank thee for thy care of me last night, and pray to thee to take care of me this day, and make me good ; that I may please thee ; and then I shall have a happy day. O hear my prayer for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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JESUS, Saviour, dearest Lord,  
Wash me in thy precious blood ;  
I thy little lamb would be,  
Help me Lord to look to thee.

*Amen.*

## FOR THE SABBATH MORNING.

O LET me be glad, heavenly Father, that the Sabbath has come ; let me love thy holy day ; and think of thee, and love to talk about thee. Jesus my Saviour said, "Suffer little children to come unto me;" O bring me to Jesus, that I may learn of him to be good, and that he may make me good, and take my soul to heaven when my body dies. Heavenly Father, grant my prayer for his sake. *Amen.*

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O HEAVENLY Father, bless this Sabbath day, and make my heart love it better than any other day, because I can go to church and to Sunday-school, and learn about thee, my kind creator God, and about Jesus the good Saviour, who loves to bless little children ; and to take them to heaven when they die. O let me love thee, Lord, this day and for ever. *Amen.*

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## EVENING PRAYERS FOR INFANTS.

O GOD, my heavenly Father, bless me—forgive me all I have done wrong this day. O take care of me, and my father, and mother, and sisters, and brothers, this night ; love us all for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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HEAVENLY Father, before I go to sleep I pray thee to forgive me for having done some naughty things this day. Take care of me this night, holy Father, and let me wake in the morning well. Make me a better child than I ever have been. Bless all my relations and friends, and may the blessed Jesus be our Saviour. *Amen.*

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## PRAYERS BEFORE AND AFTER MEALS.

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BEFORE MEALS.\*

O LORD, bless to my use the food now before me, and give me a thankful heart for all thy mercies, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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LORD! to the needy send relief;  
Assuage the sorrowing sinner's grief;  
Thy blessing now on us bestow,  
And all that we enjoy below.  
May all the strength derived from food,  
Be giv'n to God and others' good;  
Till we at last with all the blest,  
Shall enter in eternal rest. *Amen.*

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## AFTER MEALS.\*

I THANK thee, O Lord, for this and every expression of thy goodness; may thy mercies lead me to thyself, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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I ACKNOWLEDGE thy great goodness, O Lord, with a thankful heart; may it lead me to be kind to others, especially to the needy, and at last do thou save me through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

\* When no blessing is asked and no thanks are returned at table by the parent, these short forms, or better ones, can be used by children, either silently or otherwise, as circumstances may permit.

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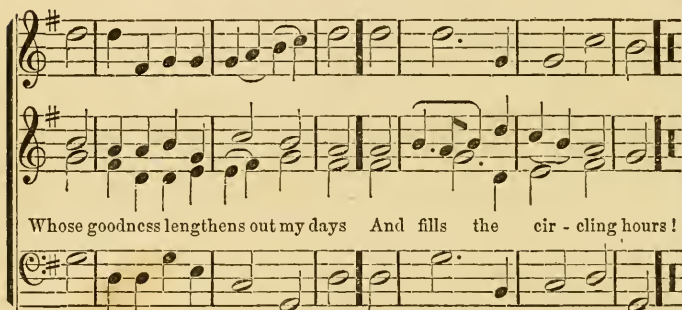
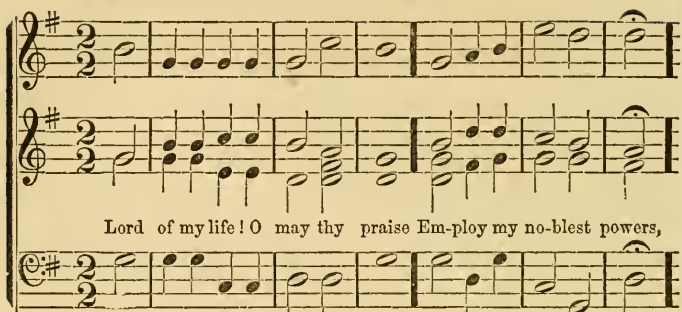


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# HYMNS AND TUNES.

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## PETERBOROUGH. C. M.



C. M.

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*Praise to God in the morning.*

- 1 LORD of my life, O may thy praise  
Employ my noblest powers,  
Whose goodness lengthens out my days  
And fills the circling hours!
- 2 Preserved by thine Almighty arm,  
I pass the shades of night,  
Serene and safe from every harm,  
And see returning light.
- 3 While many spent the night in sighs,  
And restless pains and woes,  
In gentle sleep I closed mine eyes  
And undisturb'd repose.

- 4 When sleep, death's semblance, o'er me spread,  
And I unconscious lay,  
Thy watchful care was round my bed  
To guard my feeble clay.
- 5 O let the same almighty care  
My waking hours attend ;  
From every trespass, every snare,  
My heedless steps defend.
- 6 Smile on my minutes as they roll,  
And guide my future days ;  
And let thy goodness fill my soul  
With gratitude and praise.

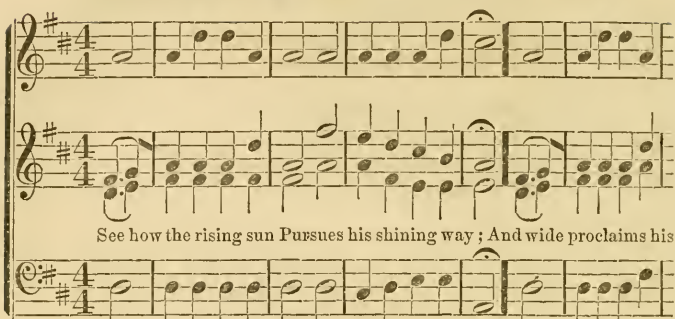
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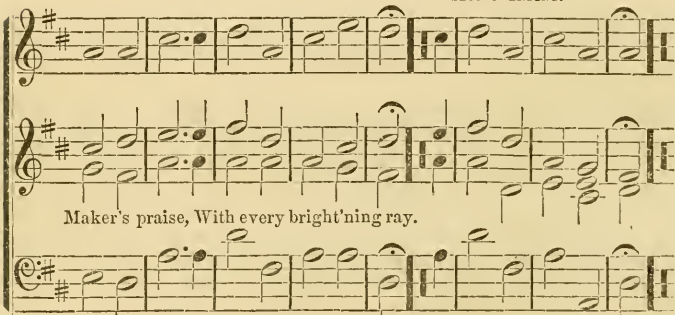
- 1 ONCE more, my soul, the rising day  
Salutes thy waking eyes ;  
Once more, my voice, thy tribute pay  
To Him who rules the skies.
- 2 Night unto night his name repeats ;  
The day renews the sound,  
Wide as the heavens on which he sits  
To turn the seasons round.
- 3 'Tis he supports my mortal frame ;  
My tongue shall speak his praise ;  
My sins would rouse his wrath to flame,  
And yet his wrath delays.
- 4 How many wretched souls have fled  
Since the last setting sun !  
And yet thou lengthenest out my thread,  
And yet my moments run.
- 5 Great God, let all my hours be thine,  
While I enjoy the light ;  
Then shall my sun in smiles decline,  
And bring a peaceful night.

## LABAN. S. M.

"FROM SPIRITUAL SONGS."



## SECOND ENDING.



3

S. M.

- 1 SEE how the rising sun  
Pursues his shining way ;  
And wide proclaims his Maker's praise,  
With every brightening ray.
- 2 Thus would my rising soul  
Its Heavenly Parent sing ;  
And to its great Original  
The humble tribute bring.
- 3 Serene, I laid me down  
Beneath his guardian care :  
I slept, and I awoke, and found  
My kind Preserver near.

- 4 O how shall I repay  
The bounties of my God?  
This feeble spirit pants beneath  
The pleasing, painful load.
- 5 Dear Saviour, to thy cross  
I bring my sacrifice:  
Cleansed by thy blood, it shall ascend  
With fragrance to the skies.
- 6 My life I would anew  
Devote, O Lord, to thee;  
And in thy service I would spend  
A long eternity.

## S. M.

4 *Prayer for spiritual light.*

- 1 WE lift our hearts to Thee,  
Thou Day-Star from on high;  
The sun itself is but thy shade,  
Yet cheers both earth and sky.
- 2 O let thy rising beams  
Dispel the shades of night;  
And let the glories of thy love  
Come like the morning light.
- 3 How beauteous nature now!  
How dark and sad before!  
With joy we view the pleasing change,  
And nature's God adore.
- 4 May we this life improve  
To mourn for errors past;  
And live this short revolving day  
As if it were our last.





## UXBRIDGE. L. M.

L. MASON.

A-wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of du - ty run;

Shake off dull sloth—and joyful rise To pay thy morning sa - cri - fice.

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L. M.

- 1 AWAKE, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth—and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 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.
- 3 Direct, control, suggest this day,  
All I design, or do, or say;  
That all my powers, with all their might,  
In thy sole glory may unite.

6

L. M.

- 1 GOD of the morning, at thy voice  
The cheerful sun makes haste to rise,  
And like a giant doth rejoice  
To run his journey through the skies.
- 2 O like the sun, may I fulfil  
Th' appointed duties of the day;  
With ready mind, and active will,  
March on, and keep my heavenly way.
- 3 Lord, thy commands are clean and pure,  
Enlightening our beclouded eyes;  
Thy threatenings just—thy promise sure;  
Thy gospel makes the simple wise.
- 4 Give me thy counsels for my guide,  
And then receive me to thy bliss;  
All my desires and hopes beside  
Are faint and cold compared with this.

7

L. M.

*Morning.*

- 1 ARISE, my soul! with rapture rise!  
And, fill'd with love and fear, adore  
The awful Sovereign of the skies,  
Whose mercy lends me one day more.
- 2 And may this day, indulgent Power!  
Not idly pass, or fruitless be;  
But may each swiftly flying hour  
Still nearer bring my soul to thee!
- 3 But can it be, that Power divine  
Is throned in light's unbounded blaze,  
And countless worlds and angels join  
To swell the glorious song of praise?
- 4 And will he deign to lend an ear,  
When I, poor abject mortal, pray?  
Yes, boundless goodness! he will hear  
Nor cast the meanest wretch away.
- 5 Then let me serve thee all my days,  
And may my zeal with years increase;  
For pleasant, Lord, are all thy ways,  
And all thy paths are paths of peace.

## MERIBAH. C. P. M.

MODERATO.

Once more my eyes be-hold the day, And

The first system of the hymn 'Meribah' is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three staves: a treble staff, a vocal staff with lyrics, and a bass staff. The tempo is marked 'MODERATO'. The lyrics for this system are 'Once more my eyes be-hold the day, And'.

to my God my soul would pay Its tri-bu-ta-ry lays:

The second system continues the hymn. It also consists of three staves. The lyrics for this system are 'to my God my soul would pay Its tri-bu-ta-ry lays:'.

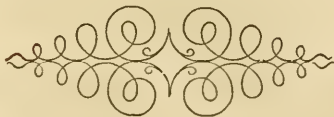
{ O may the life preserved by thee, } De-vot-ed to thy praise.  
 { With all its powers and blessings, be }

The third system concludes the hymn. It consists of three staves. The lyrics for this system are '{ O may the life preserved by thee, } De-vot-ed to thy praise. { With all its powers and blessings, be }'.

## 8

C. P. M.

- 1 ONCE more my eyes behold the day,  
And to my God my soul would pay  
Its tributary lays :  
O may the life preserved by thee,  
With all its powers and blessings, be  
Devoted to thy praise.
- 2 Beneath the shadow of thy wings,  
Israel's great keeper, King of kings,  
My weary head found rest ;  
No dire alarms, or racking pains,  
Devouring flames, or galling chains,  
Disturb'd my peaceful breast.
- 3 How many, since I laid me down,  
Have launch'd into a world unknown,  
To meet a dreadful doom !  
While some on watery billows toss'd,  
Or wandering on an unknown coast,  
Have sigh'd in vain for home.
- 4 But, I am spared to see thy face,  
A monument of saving grace,  
And live to praise thy name ;  
Still be thou near, my gracious Lord,  
To keep and guide ;—and by thy word,  
Peace to my soul proclaim.
- 5 Let me enjoy thy presence here,  
In every storm my heart to cheer,  
Till thou shalt bid me rise,  
Where sin and sorrow never come  
Till at my blest eternal home  
I wake in sweet surprise.



## WILMOT. 7s.

Arranged from WEBER.

Thou that dost my life pro-long, Kind-ly aid my morn-ing song;

Thankful from my couch I rise, To the God that rules the skies.

## 9

7s.

- 1 THOU that dost my life prolong,  
Kindly aid my morning song;  
Thankful from my couch I rise,  
To the God that rules the skies.
- 2 Thou didst hear my evening cry;  
Thy preserving hand was nigh;  
Peaceful slumbers thou hast shed,  
Grateful to my weary head.
- 3 Thou hast kept me through the night,  
'Twas thy hand restored the light:  
Lord, thy mercies still are new,  
Plenteous as the morning dew.



4 Still my feet are prone to stray ;  
O preserve me through the day  
Dangers everywhere abound ;  
Sins and snares beset me round.

5 Gently with the dawning ray,  
On my soul thy beams display ;  
Sweeter than the smiling morn,  
Let thy cheering light return.

## 10

7s.

1 NOW the shades of night are gone ;  
Now the morning light is come ;  
Lord, may I be thine to-day—  
Drive the shades of sin away.

2 Fill my soul with heavenly light,  
Banish doubt, and cleanse my sight ;  
In thy service, Lord, to-day,  
Help me labour, help me pray.

3 Keep my haughty passions bound—  
Save me from my foes around ;  
Going out and coming in,  
Keep me safe from every sin.

4 When my work of life is past  
O receive me then at last !  
Night of sin will be no more,  
When I reach the heavenly shore.



## HEBRON. L. M.

Three staves of music in 3/2 time, key of B-flat. The first staff is a single melodic line. The second and third staves are a two-part setting, with the second staff providing a harmonic accompaniment to the first. The lyrics 'An - oth-er fleeting day has gone, Slow o'er the west the shadows rise,' are written below the second staff.

An - oth-er fleeting day has gone, Slow o'er the west the shadows rise,

Three staves of music in 3/2 time, key of B-flat. The first staff continues the melody. The second and third staves continue the two-part setting. The lyrics 'Swift the soft stealing hours have flown, And night's dark mantle veils the skies.' are written below the second staff.

Swift the soft stealing hours have flown,  
And night's dark mantle veils the skies.

## 11

## L. M.

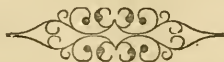
- 1 ANOTHER fleeting day has gone,  
Slow o'er the west the shadows rise,  
Swift the soft stealing hours have flown,  
And night's dark mantle veils the skies.
- 2 Another fleeting day has gone,  
Swept from the records of the year;  
And still with each successive sun  
Life's fading visions disappear.
- 3 Another fleeting day has gone,  
To tell thy secrets, O my soul;  
Faithful before th' eternal throne,  
Thy slightest folly 'twill enrol.

- 4 Another fleeting day has gone,  
To join the fugitives before :  
And I, when life's employ is done,  
Shall sleep, to wake in time no more.
- 5 Another fleeting day has gone,  
And soon a fairer day shall rise ;  
A day whose never-setting sun  
Shall pour his light o'er cloudless skies.
- 6 Another fleeting day has gone :  
In solemn silence rest, my soul ;  
Bend—bend before his awful throne,  
Who bids the morn and evening roll.

## 12

## L. M.

- 1 THUS far the Lord has led me on ;  
Thus far his power prolongs my days,  
And every evening shall make known  
Some fresh memorial of his grace.
- 2 Much of my time has run to waste,  
And I, perhaps, am near my home ;  
But he forgives my follies past,  
He gives me strength for days to come.
- 3 I lay my body down to sleep ;  
Peace is the pillow for my head ;  
While well appointed angels keep  
Their watchful stations round my bed.
- 4 Thus, when the night of death shall come,  
My flesh shall rest beneath the ground,  
And wait thy voice to break my tomb,  
With sweet salvation in the sound.



## ARLINGTON. C. M.

DR. ARNE.

Dread Sovereign, let my evening song, Like ho-ly in-cense rise;

The first system of the musical score for 'Arlington' consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The middle staff is an alto clef with the same key signature and time signature. The bottom staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics 'Dread Sovereign, let my evening song, Like ho-ly in-cense rise;' are written below the middle staff.

As - sist the offering of my tongue To reach the lof - ty skies.

The second system of the musical score for 'Arlington' consists of three staves, continuing the melody and harmony from the first system. The lyrics 'As - sist the offering of my tongue To reach the lof - ty skies.' are written below the middle staff.

13

C. M.

- 1 DREAD Sovereign, let my evening song  
Like holy incense rise;  
Assist the offering of my tongue  
To reach the lofty skies.
- 2 Through all the dangers of the day  
Thy hand was still my guard;  
And still to drive my wants away  
Thy mercy stood prepared.
- 3 Perpetual blessings from above  
Encompass me around;  
But O! how few returns of love  
Hath my Redeemer found!
- 4 What have I done for him who died  
To save my guilty soul?

Alas ! my sins are multiplied,  
Fast as my minutes roll !

- 5 Yet, with this guilty heart of mine,  
Lord, to thy cross I flee,  
And to thy grace my soul resign,  
To be renewed by thee.

## 14

C. M.

- 1 O LORD, another day is flown,  
And we, a lonely band,  
Are met once more before thy throne,  
To bless thy fostering hand.
- 2 And wilt thou bend a listening ear  
To praises low as ours ?  
Thou wilt ! for thou dost love to hear  
The song which meekness pours.
- 3 And, Jesus, thou thy smiles wilt deign,  
As we before thee pray ;  
For thou didst bless the infant train,  
And we are less than they.
- 4 O let thy grace perform its part,  
And let contentions cease ;  
And shed abroad in every heart  
Thine everlasting peace.

## 15

C. M.

- 1 LORD, thou wilt hear me when I pray ;  
I am for ever thine :  
I fear before thee all the day,  
Nor would I dare to sin.
- 2 And while I rest my weary head,  
From cares and business free,  
'Tis sweet conversing on my bed  
With my own heart and thee.
- 3 I pay this evening sacrifice ;  
And when my work is done,  
Great God, my faith and hope rely  
Upon thy grace alone.
- 4 Thus with my thoughts composed to peace,  
I'll give mine eyes to sleep ;  
Thy hand in safety keeps my days,  
And will my slumbers keep.



## LISBON. S. M

An - oth-er day is past, The hours for ev - er fled;

And time is bear-ing me a-way, To mingle with the dead.

16

S. M.

- 1 ANOTHER day is past,  
The hours for ever fled ;  
And time is bearing me away,  
To mingle with the dead.
- 2 My mind in perfect peace  
My Father's care shall keep ;  
I yield to gentle slumber now,  
For thou canst never sleep.
- 3 How blessed, Lord, are they  
On thee securely stay'd !  
Nor shall they be in life alarmed  
Nor be in death dismay'd.

17

S. M.

- 1 THE day is past and gone,  
The evening shades appear ;  
O may I ever keep in mind,  
The night of death draws near.
- 2 Lord, keep me safe this night,  
Secure from all my fears ;  
May angels guard me while I sleep,  
Till morning light appears.
- 3 And when I early rise,  
To view th' unwearied sun,  
May I set out to win the prize,  
And after glory run.
- 4 Lord, when my days are past,  
And I from time remove,  
O may I in thy bosom rest,  
The bosom of thy love.

18

S. M.

*Evening Thanksgiving.*

- 1 MY Maker and my King !  
To thee my all I owe ;  
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring  
Whence all my blessings flow.
- 2 Thou ever good and kind !  
A thousand reasons move,  
A thousand obligations bind  
My heart to grateful love.
- 3 Lord, what can I impart,  
When all is thine before ?  
Thy love demands a thankful heart ;  
The gift, alas ! how poor !
- 4 O let thy grace inspire  
My soul with strength divine ;  
Let all my powers to thee aspire,  
And all my days be thine.

## OTTO. 8s &amp; 7s.

H. B. O.

MODERATO.

Saviour, breathe an evening blessing, Ere re-pose our spirits seal:  
Sin and want we come confessing, Thou canst save, and thou canst heal,  
D. C. Angel-guards from thee surround us, We are safe, if thou art nigh.

Though destruction walk a-round us, Though the ar-row past us fly, D. C.  
Angel-guards from thee surround us, We are safe, if thou art nigh.

## 19

8s &amp; 7s.

- 1 SAVIOUR, breathe an evening blessing,  
Ere repose our spirits seal;  
Sin and want we come confessing,  
Thou canst save, and thou canst heal.  
Though destruction walk around us,  
Though the arrow past us fly,  
Angel-guards from thee surround us,  
We are safe, if thou art nigh.
- 2 Though the night be dark and dreary,  
Darkness cannot hide from thee;  
Thou art He, who, never weary,  
Watchest where thy people be;  
Should swift death this night o'ertake us,  
And our couch become our tomb;  
May the morn in heaven awake us,  
Clad in light and deathless bloom!

## 20

8s &amp; 7s.

*The light of the world.*

- 1 LIGHT of those whose dreary dwelling  
Borders on the shades of death !  
Come, and by thy love revealing,  
Dissipate the clouds beneath ;  
Thou, the heaven and earth's Creator,  
In our deepest darkness rise,  
Scattering all the night of nature,  
Pouring eyesight on our eyes.
- 2 Still we wait for thine appearing ;  
Life and joy thy beams impart,  
Chasing all our fears, and cheering  
Every poor, benighted heart :  
Come, and manifest thy favour  
To the ransom'd, helpless race ;  
Come, thou glorious God and Saviour  
Come, and bring the gospel-grace.
- 3 Save us, in thy great compassion,  
O thou mild, pacific Prince !  
Give the knowledge of salvation ;  
Give the pardon of our sins :  
By thine all-sufficient merit,  
Every burden'd soul release ;  
Every weary, wandering spirit  
Guide into thy perfect peace.

## 21

8s &amp; 7s.

- 1 PEACE be to this habitation,  
Peace to all that dwell therein,  
Peace the earnest of salvation,  
Peace the fruit of pardon'd sin,  
Peace that speaks the heavenly Giver,  
Peace to worldly minds unknown,  
Peace divine, that lasts for ever,  
Peace that comes from God alone.
- 2 Jesus, Prince of peace, be near us,  
Fix in all our hearts thy home ;  
With thy gracious presence cheer us,  
Let thy sacred kingdom come ;  
Raise to heaven our expectation,  
Give our favour'd souls to prove  
Glorious and complete salvation  
In the realms of bliss above.

## FRANKFORT. 7s.

S. MATHER.

What if death my sleep in-vade? Should I be of death a - fraid?

While en - cir - cled by thine arm, Death may strike, but can-not harm.

22

7s.

*Thoughts of death at night.*

- 1 WHAT if death my sleep invade?  
Should I be of death afraid?  
While encircled by thine arm,  
Death may strike, but cannot harm.
- 2 What if beams of opening day  
Shine around my breathless clay?  
Brighter visions from on high  
Shall regale my mental eye.
- 3 Tender friends a while may mourn  
Me from their embraces torn;  
Dearer, better friends I have  
In the realms beyond the grave.



- 4 See the guardian-angels nigh  
Wait to waft my soul on high !  
See the golden gates display'd !  
See the crown to grace my head !
- 5 See a flood of sacred light,  
Which no more shall yield to night !  
Transitory world, farewell !  
Jesus calls with him to dwell !
- 6 With thy heavenly presence blest,  
Death is life, and labour rest :  
Welcome sleep or death to me,  
Still secure, for still with thee.

## 23

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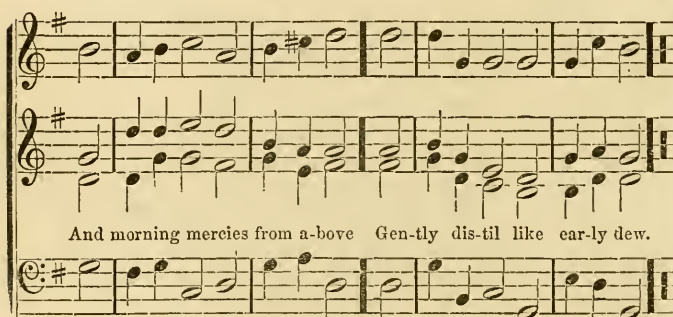
- 1 OMNIPRESENT God, whose aid  
No one ever ask'd in vain,  
Be this night about my bed,  
Every evil thought restrain.
- 2 Lay thy hand upon my soul,  
God of mine unguarded hours !  
All mine enemies control,  
Hell and earth, and nature's powers !
- 3 Loose me from the chains of sense,  
Set me from the body free :  
Draw with stronger influence  
My unfetter'd soul to thee.
- 4 In me, Lord, thyself reveal,  
Fill me with a sweet surprise ;  
Let me thee, when waking, feel,  
Let me in thine image rise.

## 24

7s.

- 1 SOFTLY now the light of day  
Fades upon my sight away ;  
Free from care—from labour free,  
Lord, I would commune with thee.
- 2 Soon, for me, the light of day  
Shall for ever pass away ;  
Then from sin and sorrow free,  
Take me, Lord, to dwell with thee !

## ROCKINGHAM. L. M.



25

L. M.

- 1 MY God, how endless is thy love !  
     Thy gifts are every evening new ;  
     And morning mercies from above  
     Gently distil like early dew.
- 2 Thou spread'st the curtains of the night,  
     Great Guardian of my sleeping hours ;  
     Thy sovereign word restores the light,  
     And quickens all my drowsy powers.
- 3 I yield my powers to thy command,  
     To thee I consecrate my days ;  
     Perpetual blessings from thy hand  
     Demand perpetual songs of praise.

## 26

L. M.

- 1 IN sleep's serene oblivion laid,  
I safely pass'd the silent night;  
Again I see the breaking shade,  
I drink again the morning light.
- 2 New-born, I bless the waking hour,  
Once more, with awe, rejoice to be;  
My conscious soul resumes her power,  
And springs, my guardian God, to thee.
- 3 O guide me through the various maze  
My doubtful feet are doom'd to tread,  
And spread thy shield's protecting blaze  
Where dangers press around my head.
- 4 A deeper shade shall soon impend,  
A deeper sleep mine eyes oppress;  
Yet then thy strength shall still defend,  
Thy goodness still delight to bless.
- 5 That deeper shade shall break away,  
That deeper sleep shall leave mine eyes;  
Thy light shall give eternal day,  
Thy love the rapture of the skies.

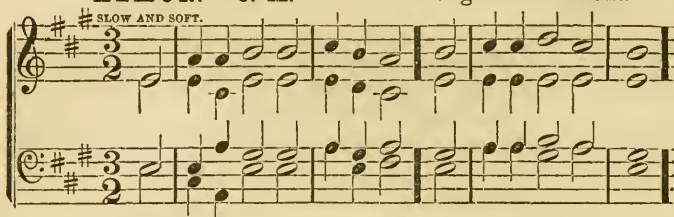
## 27

L. M.

- 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 guilt away,  
And turn my darkness into day.
- 2 When each day's scenes and labours close,  
And wearied nature seeks repose,  
With pardoning mercy richly blest,  
Guard me, my Saviour, while I rest;  
And, as each morning sun shall rise,  
O lead me onward to the skies.
- 3 And, at my life's last setting sun,  
My conflicts o'er, my labours 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.

## AZMON. C. M.

Arranged from GLASER.



Ho - san-na, with a cheerful sound, To God's up-hold-ing hand ;



Ten thousand snares attend us round, And yet se - cure we stand.

## 28

C. M.

- 1 HOSANNA, with a cheerful sound,  
To God's upholding hand ;  
Ten thousand snares attend us round,  
And yet secure we stand.
- 2 That was a most amazing power  
That raised us with a word ;  
And every day, and every hour,  
We lean upon the Lord.
- 3 The rising morn cannot assure  
That we shall end the day :  
For death stands ready at the door  
To hurry us away.
- 4 Our life is forfeited by sin  
To God's avenging law ;  
We own thy grace, immortal King,  
In every breath we draw.
- 5 God is our sun—whose daily light  
Our joy and safety brings :  
Our feeble frame lies safe at night  
Beneath his shady wings.

## 29

C. M.

- 1 ON thee, each morning, O my God,  
My waking thoughts attend;  
In thee are founded all my hopes,  
In thee my wishes end.
- 2 My soul, in pleasing wonder lost,  
Thy boundless love surveys;  
And, fired with grateful zeal, prepares  
A sacrifice of praise.
- 3 When evening slumbers press my eyes,  
With his protection blest,  
In peace and safety I commit  
My weary limbs to rest.
- 4 My spirit, in his hand secure,  
Fears no approaching ill;  
For, whether waking or asleep,  
Thou, Lord, art with me still.

## 30

C. M.

*God's presence is light.*

- 1 MY God, the spring of all my joys,  
The life of my delights,  
The glory of my brightest days,  
And comfort of my nights.
- 2 In darkest shades, if he appear,  
My dawning is begun:  
He is my soul's sweet morning-star,  
And he my rising sun.
- 3 The opening heavens around me shine  
With beams of sacred bliss,  
While Jesus shows his heart is mine,  
And whispers *I am his!*
- 4 My soul would leave this heavy clay  
At that transporting word,  
Run up with joy the shining way  
T' embrace my dearest Lord.
- 5 Fearless of hell and ghastly death,  
I'd break through every foe;  
The wings of love and arms of faith  
Should bear me conqueror through.



## WATCHMAN. S. M.

LEACH.

Welcome, sweet day of rest, That saw the Lord a - rise; Wel-

come to this re - viv - ing breast, And these re - joic - ing eyes.

31

S. M.

*The Sabbath welcomed.*

- 1 WELCOME, sweet day of rest,  
That saw the Lord arise;  
Welcome to this reviving breast,  
And these rejoicing eyes!
- 2 Jesus himself comes near,  
And feasts his saints to-day;  
Here we may sit, and see him here,  
And love, and praise, and pray.

- 3 One day amid the place  
Where God my Saviour's been,  
Is sweeter than ten thousand days  
Of pleasure and of sin.
- 4 My willing soul would stay  
In such a frame as this,  
Till call'd to rise, and soar away  
To everlasting bliss.

## 32

S. M.

- 1 JESUS we look to thee,  
Thy promised presence claim;  
Thou in the midst of us shalt be,  
Assembled in thy name.
- 2 Thy name salvation is,  
Which here we come to prove;  
Thy name is life, and health, and peace,  
And everlasting love.
- 3 Not in the name of pride  
Or selfishness we meet;  
From nature's paths we turn aside,  
And worldly thoughts forget.
- 4 We meet, the grace to take  
Which thou hast freely given;  
We meet on earth for thy dear sake,  
That we may meet in heaven.
- 5 Present we know thou art,  
But O thyself reveal;  
Now, Lord, let every bounding heart  
The mighty comfort feel.
- 6 O may thy quickening voice  
The death of sin remove,  
And bid our inmost souls rejoice  
In hope of perfect love.

## DUKE STREET. L. M.

J. HATTON.

ALLEGRETTO.

An - oth-er six days' work is done, An - oth-er

The first system of the musical score for 'Duke Street' consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 2/2 time signature. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 2/2 time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a half note B-flat4, and a half note C5. The second staff is also in treble clef with a key signature of two flats and a 2/2 time signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The third staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats and a 2/2 time signature. It provides a bass line. The lyrics 'An - oth-er six days' work is done, An - oth-er' are written below the second staff.

Sab - bath is be - gun: Re - turn, my soul, en -

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff continues the melody with a half note D5, a half note E-flat5, and a half note F5. The second staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The third staff continues the bass line. The lyrics 'Sab - bath is be - gun: Re - turn, my soul, en -' are written below the second staff.

joy thy rest, Im-prove the day thy God has blest.

The third system of the musical score concludes the piece. The top staff ends with a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note B-flat4. The second staff ends with a half note D5, a half note E-flat5, and a half note F5. The third staff ends with a half note G3, a half note F3, and a half note E3. The lyrics 'joy thy rest, Im-prove the day thy God has blest.' are written below the second staff.

## 33

L. M.

*The Lord's day.*

- 1 ANOTHER six days' work is done,  
Another Sabbath is begun:  
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest,  
Improve the day thy God has blest.
- 2 Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns  
So sweet a rest to wearied minds;  
Provides an antepast of heaven,  
And gives this day the food of seven.
- 3 O that our thoughts and thanks may rise,  
As grateful incense, to the skies;  
And draw from heaven that sweet repose  
Which none but he who feels it knows.
- 4 With joy, great God! thy works we view,  
In various scenes both old and new;  
With praise we think of mercies past,  
With hope we future pleasures taste.
- 5 In holy duties let the day,  
In holy pleasures pass away:  
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend,  
In hope of one that ne'er shall end.

## 34

L. M.

- 1 GREAT God! this sacred day of thine  
Demands the soul's collected powers;  
With joy we now to thee resign  
These solemn, consecrated hours:  
O may our souls adoring own  
The grace that calls us to thy throne.
- 2 All-seeing God! thy piercing eye  
Can every secret thought explore;  
May worldly cares our bosoms fly,  
And where thou art intrude no more:  
O may thy grace our spirits move,  
And fix our minds on things above!
- 3 Thy Spirit's powerful aid impart,  
And bid thy word, with life divine,  
Engage the ear, and warm the heart:  
Then shall the day indeed be thine:  
Our souls shall then adoring own  
The grace that calls us to thy throne.

## BARBY. C. M.

WM. TANSUR.

Lord, in the morn-ing thou shalt hear My voice as - cend - ing high ;

To thee will I di - rect my prayer, To thee lift up mine eye ;—

## 35

C. M.

- 1 LORD, in the morning thou shalt hear  
My voice ascending high ;  
To thee will I direct my prayer,  
To thee lift up mine eye ;—
- 2 Up to the hills, where Christ is gone  
To plead for all his saints,  
Presenting at his Father's throne  
Our songs and our complaints.
- 3 Thou art a God, before whose sight  
The wicked shall not stand ;  
Sinners shall ne'er be thy delight,  
Nor dwell at thy right hand.



- 4 But to thy house will I resort,  
    To taste thy mercies there ;  
I will frequent thine holy court,  
    And worship in thy fear.
- 5 O may thy Spirit guide my feet  
    In ways of righteousness,  
Make every path of duty straight,  
    And plain before my face.

## 36

C. M.

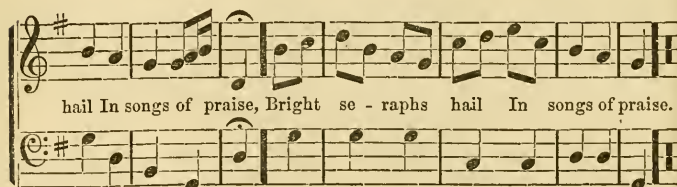
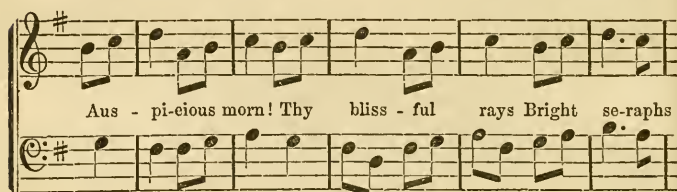
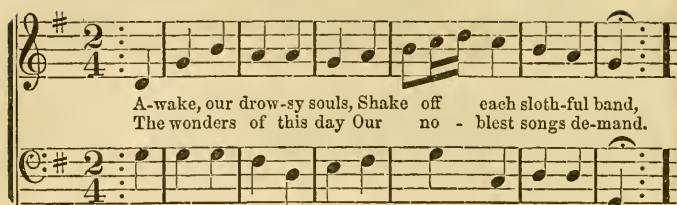
- 1 AGAIN the Lord of life and light  
    Awakes the kindling ray ;  
Dispels the darkness of the night,  
    And pours increasing day.
- 2 O what a night was that which wrapt  
    A sinful world in gloom !  
O what a Sun, which broke, this day,  
    Triumphant from the tomb !
- 3 This day be grateful homage paid,  
    And loud hosannas sung ;  
Let gladness dwell in every heart,  
    And praise on every tongue.
- 4 Ten thousand thousand lips shall join  
    To hail this welcome morn,  
Which scatters blessings from its wings  
    To nations yet unborn.

## 37

C. M.

- 1 COME, let us join with sweet accord  
    In hymns around the throne ;  
This is the day our rising Lord  
    Hath made, and call'd his own.
- 2 This is the day which God has blest,  
    The brightest of the seven ;  
Type of that everlasting rest  
    The saints enjoy in heaven.

## CARMARTHEN. H. M.



38

H. M.

- 2 At thy approaching dawn,  
Reluctant death resign'd  
The glorious Prince of life,  
Its dark domains confined :  
Th' angelic host  
Around him bends,  
And 'mid their shouts  
The Lord ascends.
- 3 All hail, triumphant Lord,  
Heaven with hosannas rings ;  
While earth in humbler strains  
Thy praise responsive sings :  
Worthy art thou,  
Who once wast slain,  
Through endless years  
To live and reign.

- 4 Gird on, great God, thy sword,  
 Ascend thy conquering car;  
 While justice, truth, and love  
 Maintain the glorious war;  
 Victorious, thou  
 Thy foes shalt tread,  
 And sin and hell  
 In triumph lead.
- 5 Make bare thy potent arm,  
 And wing th' unerring dart  
 With salutary pangs  
 To each rebellious heart.  
 Then dying souls  
 For life shall sue,  
 Numerous as drops  
 Of morning dew.

## 39

H. M.

- 1 WELCOME, delightful morn!  
 Thou day of sacred rest;  
 I hail thy kind return;  
 Lord, make these moments blest.  
 From low delights,  
 And mortal toys,  
 I soar to reach  
 Immortal joys.
- 2 Now may the King descend,  
 And fill his throne of grace;  
 Thy sceptre, Lord, extend,  
 While saints address thy face;  
 Let sinners feel  
 Thy quickening word,  
 And learn to know  
 And fear the Lord.
- 3 Descend, celestial Dove,  
 With all thy quickening powers;  
 Disclose a Saviour's love,  
 And bless these sacred hours:  
 Then shall my soul  
 New life obtain,  
 Nor Sabbaths be  
 Indulged in vain.

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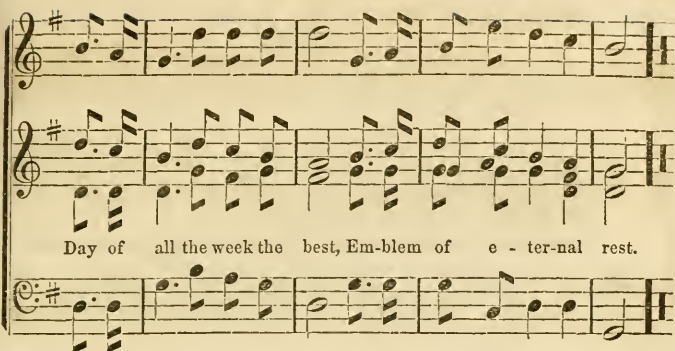
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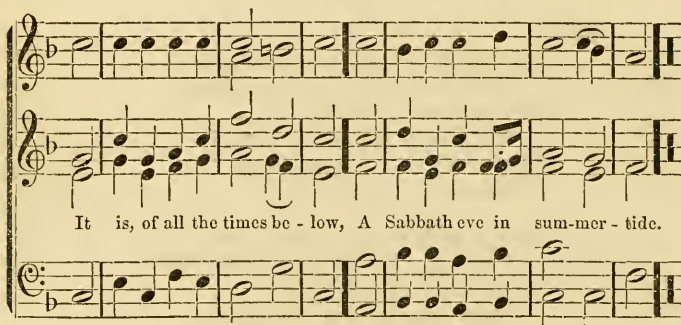
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- 1 SAFELY through another week,  
     God has brought us on our way;  
 Let us now a blessing seek,  
     Waiting in his courts to-day;  
 Day of all the week the best,  
     Emblem of eternal rest.
- 2 While we seek supplies of grace,  
     Through the dear Redeemer's name;  
 Show thy reconciling face—  
     Take away our sin and shame;  
 From our worldly cares set free,  
     May we rest this day in thee.
- 3 Here we come thy name to praise;  
     Let us feel thy presence near:  
 May thy glory meet our eyes,  
     While we in thy house appear;  
 Here afford us, Lord, a taste  
     Of our everlasting feast.
- 4 May the gospel's joyful sound  
     Conquer sinners—comfort saints;  
 Make the fruits of grace abound,  
     Bring relief from all complaints:  
 Thus let all our Sabbaths prove,  
     Till we join the church above.



## STONINGTON. L. M.



41

L. M.

1 IS there a time when moments flow  
More peacefully than all beside ?

It is, of all the times below,  
A Sabbath eve in summer-tide.

2 O then the setting sun smiles fair,  
And all below, and all above,  
The different forms of nature wear  
One universal garb of love.

3 And then the peace that Jesus beams,  
The life of grace, the death of sin ;  
With nature's placid woods and streams,  
Is peace without, and peace within.

- 4 Delightful scene ! a world at rest,  
 A God all love, no grief nor fear ;  
 A heavenly hope, a peaceful breast,  
 A smile unsullied by a tear.
- 5 If heaven be ever felt below,  
 A scene so heavenly, sure, as this,  
 May cause a heart on earth to know  
 Some foretaste of celestial bliss.
- 6 Delightful hour ! how soon will night  
 Spread her dark mantle o'er thy reign ;  
 And morrow's quick returning light  
 Must call us to the world again.
- 7 Yet will there dawn at last a day,  
 A SUN that never sets shall rise ;  
 Night will not veil his ceaseless ray ;  
 The heavenly Sabbath never dies !

## 42

L. M.  
*The Sabbath.*

- 1 OUR Sabbaths come so welcome on,  
 We wish them to remain a while,  
 But soon, alas ! their joys are gone,  
 And scarce "bequeath a parting smile."
- 2 Full many are the hours of grief  
 Allotted to the sons of men ;  
 Our Sabbaths bring a short relief,  
 Yet leave us but to mourn again.
- 3 Ye peaceful days ! and thou, blest sun !  
 Why roll ye in such haste away ?  
 Ye happy hours ! why flow ye on  
 So fast towards eternity ?
- 4 O if ye bring an endless day,  
 Speed fast along, nor ever cease ;  
 We'll gladly feel your joys decay,  
 In perfect and enduring bliss.

## ORTONVILLE. C. M.

Frequency the day of God returns To shed its quickening beams; And  
yet how slow devotion burns, How languid are its flames!  
How languid are its flames!

43

C. M.

- 1 FREQUENT the day of God returns  
To shed its quickening beams;  
And yet how slow devotion burns,  
How languid are its flames!
- 2 Accept our faint attempts to love;  
Our frailties, Lord, forgive:  
We would be like thy saints above,  
And praise thee while we live.
- 3 Increase, O Lord, our faith and hope,  
And fit us to ascend,  
Where the assembly ne'er breaks up,  
The Sabbath ne'er shall end;
- 4 Where we shall breathe in heavenly air,  
With heavenly lustre shine;  
Before the throne of God appear,  
And feast on love divine;
- 5 Where we, in high seraphic strains,  
Shall all our powers employ;  
Delighted range th' ethereal plains  
And take our fill of joy.

44

C. M.

*Evening twilight.*

- 1 I LOVE to steal a while away  
From every cumbering care,  
And spend the hours of setting day  
In humble, grateful prayer.
- 2 I love in solitude to shed  
The penitential tear,  
And all his promises to plead  
Where none but God can hear.
- 3 I love to think on mercies past,  
And future good implore,  
And all my cares and sorrows cast  
On Him whom I adore.
- 4 I love by faith to take a view  
Of brighter scenes in heaven;  
The prospect doth my strength renew  
While here by tempests driven.
- 5 Thus, when life's toilsome day is o'er,  
May its departing ray  
Be calm as this impressive hour  
And lead to endless day.

45

C. M.

*Lord's-day evening.*

- 1 WHEN, O dear Jesus, when shall I  
Behold thee all serene;  
Blest in perpetual Sabbath-day,  
Without a veil between!
- 2 Assist me, while I wander here  
Amid a world of cares;  
Incline my heart to pray with love,  
And then accept my prayers.
- 3 Spare me, my God, O spare the soul  
That gives itself to thee;  
Take all that I possess below,  
And give thyself to me.
- 4 Thy Spirit, O my Father, give,  
To be my guide and friend,  
To light my path to ceaseless joys,  
To Sabbaths without end.

## OLD HUNDRED. L. M.

MODERATO.

Our Father, throned above the sky, To thee our empty hands we spread;

Thy children at thy foot-stool lie, And ask thy blessings on their head.

46

L. M.

*Confidence in God.*

- 1 OUR Father, throned above the sky,  
To thee our empty hands we spread;  
Thy children at thy footstool lie,  
And ask thy blessings on their head.
- 2 With cheerful hope and filial fear,  
In that august and precious name  
By thee ordain'd, we now draw near,  
And would the promised blessing claim.
- 3 Does not an earthly parent hear  
The cravings of his famish'd son?  
Will he reject the filial prayer,  
Or give for bread the flinty stone?



- 4 Our heavenly Father, how much more  
Will thy divine compassions rise;  
And open thy unbounded store,  
To satisfy thy children's cries?
- 5 Yes, we will ask, and seek, and press  
For gracious audience at thy seat;  
Still hoping, waiting for success,  
If persevering to entreat.
- 6 For Jesus in his faithful word  
The upright suppliant has bless'd;  
And all thy saints with one accord  
The prevalence of prayer attest.

## 47

L. M.

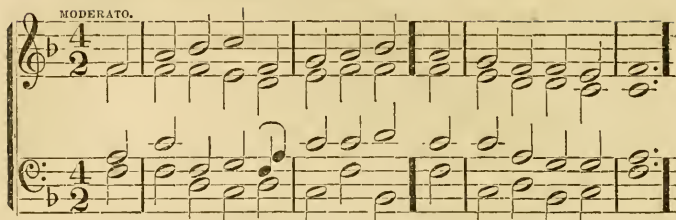
- 1 FATHER of all, thy care we bless,  
Which crowns our families with peace;  
From thee they spring, and by thy hand  
They have been, and are still sustain'd.
- 2 To God, most worthy to be praised,  
Be our domestic altars raised;  
Who, Lord of heaven, scorns not to dwell  
With saints in their obscurest cell.
- 3 To thee may each united house  
Morning and night present its vows;  
Our servants there, and rising race,  
Be taught thy precepts and thy grace.
- 4 O may each future age proclaim  
The honours of thy glorious name;  
While, pleased and thankful, we remove  
To join the family above.

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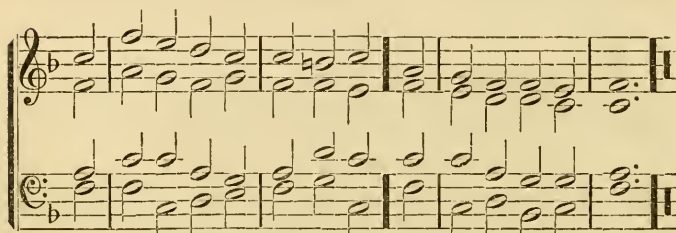
L. M.

- 1 FROM all that dwell below the skies,  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
Through every land, by every tongue.
- 2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends thy word;  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

## DUNDEE. C. M.



Au - thor of good, to thee we turn : Thine e - ver wakeful eye



A - lone can all our wants dis - cern, Thy hand a - lone sup - ply.

## 49

## C. M.

- 1 AUTHOR of good, to thee we turn :  
Thine ever wakeful eye  
Alone can all our wants discern—  
Thy hand alone supply.
- 2 O let thy love within us dwell,  
Thy fear our footsteps guide ;  
That love shall vainer loves expel,  
That fear all fears beside.
- 3 And O, by error's force subdued,  
Since oft, by stubborn will,  
We blindly shun the latent good,  
And grasp the specious ill ;—
- 4 Not what we wish—but what we want,  
Let mercy still supply :  
The good we ask not, Father, grant—  
The ill we ask—deny.

## 50

C. M.

- 1 GOD of our fathers! by whose hand  
Thy people still are blest,  
Be with us through our pilgrimage,  
Conduct us to our rest.
- 2 Through each perplexing path of life  
Our wandering footsteps guide;  
Give us each day our daily bread,  
And raiment fit provide.
- 3 O spread thy sheltering wings around,  
Till all our wanderings cease,  
And at our Father's loved abode  
Our souls arrive in peace.
- 4 Such blessings from thy gracious hand  
Our humble prayers implore;  
And thou, the Lord, shalt be our God  
And portion evermore.

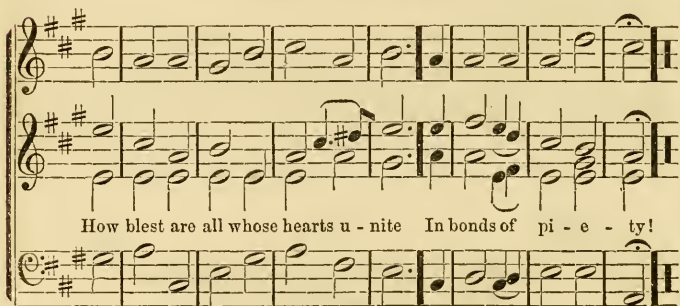
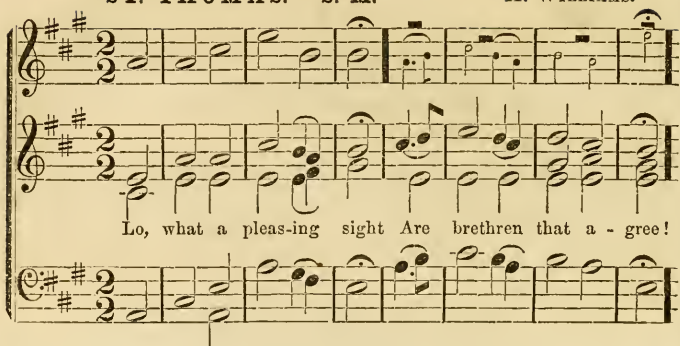
## 51

C. M.

- 1 LORD, with our household deign to stay,  
And bid our hearts rejoice;  
Our willing hearts shall own thy sway,  
And echo to thy voice.
- 2 With thee conversing, we forget  
All time and toil and fear;  
Labour is rest, and pain is sweet,  
If thou, our God, art here.
- 3 Thou callest us to seek thy face—  
Thy face with joy we seek;  
Wait for the whispers of thy grace,  
And hear what thou dost speak.
- 4 Thus would we every hour employ,  
Till we thy glory see;  
Till we partake our Master's joy,  
And find our heaven in thee.

## ST. THOMAS. S. M.

A. WILLIAMS.



## 52

S. M.

*Brotherly love.*

- 1 LO, what a pleasing sight  
Are brethren that agree!  
How blest are all whose hearts unite  
In bonds of piety!
- 2 From those celestial springs  
Such streams of comfort flow,  
As no increase of riches brings,  
Nor honours can bestow.
- 3 All in their stations move,  
And each performs his part,  
In all the cares of life and love,  
With sympathizing heart.

- 4 Form'd for the purest joys  
 By one desire possest,  
 One aim the zeal of all employs,  
 To make each other blest.
- 5 No bliss can equal theirs  
 Where such affections meet ;  
 While praise devout and mingled prayers  
 Make their communion sweet.
- 6 'Tis the same pleasure fills  
 The breast in worlds above,  
 Where joy, like morning-dew, distils,  
 And all the air is love.

## 53

S. M.

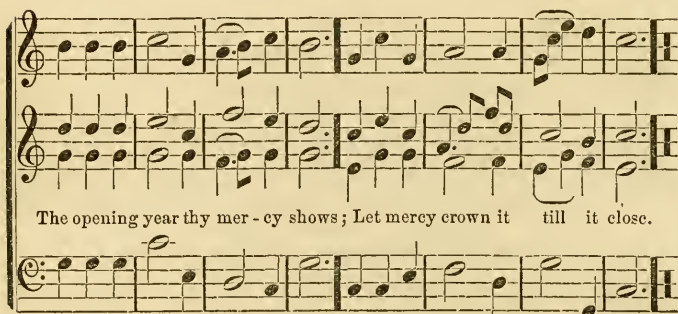
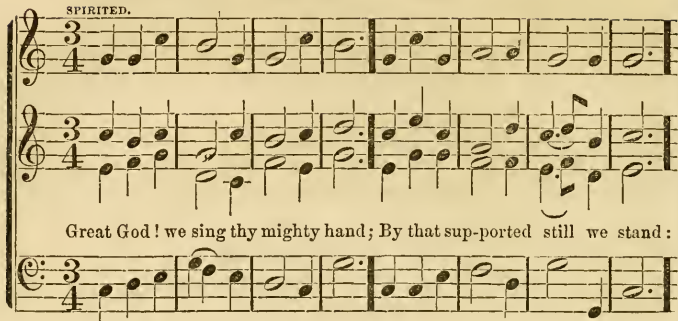
*Love to the brethren.*

- 1 BLEST be the tie that binds  
 Our hearts in Christian love ;  
 The fellowship of kindred minds  
 Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne  
 We pour our ardent prayers ;  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one,  
 Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes ;  
 Our mutual burdens bear ;  
 And often for each other flows  
 The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When we asunder part,  
 It gives us inward pain ;  
 But we shall still be join'd in heart,  
 And hope to meet again.
- 5 This glorious hope revives  
 Our courage by the way ;  
 While each in expectation lives,  
 And longs to see the day.
- 6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
 And sin, we shall be free ;  
 And perfect love and friendship reign  
 Through all eternity.



## MENDON. L. M.

SPIRITED.



54

L. M.

- 1 GREAT God! we sing thy mighty hand;  
By that supported still we stand:  
The opening year thy mercy shows;  
Let mercy crown it till it close.
- 2 By day, by night—at home, abroad,  
Still we are guarded by our God;  
By his incessant bounty fed—  
By his unerring counsels led.
- 3 With grateful hearts the past we own:  
The future—all to us unknown—  
We to thy guardian care commit,  
And peaceful leave before thy feet.

- 4 In scenes exalted or depress'd,  
Be thou our joy—and thou our rest;  
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,  
Adored through all our changing days.
- 5 When death shall close our earthly songs,  
And seal in silence mortal tongues,  
Our helper, God, in whom we trust,  
In brighter worlds our souls shall boast.

55

L. M.

*The changing seasons.*

- 1 GREAT God! let all our tuneful powers  
Awake, and sing thy mighty name:  
Thy hand revolves our circling hours,—  
Thy hand, from which our being came.
- 2 Seasons and moons, still rolling round  
In beauteous order, speak thy praise;  
And years, with smiling mercy crown'd,  
To thee successive honours raise.
- 3 To thee we raise the annual song,  
To thee the grateful tribute give;  
Our God doth still our years prolong,  
And midst unnumber'd deaths, we live.
- 4 Our life, our health, our friends, we owe  
All to thy vast, unbounded love;  
Ten thousand precious gifts below,  
And hope of nobler joys above.
- 5 Thus will we sing, till nature cease,  
Till sense and language are no more,  
And after death, thy boundless grace  
Through everlasting years adore.



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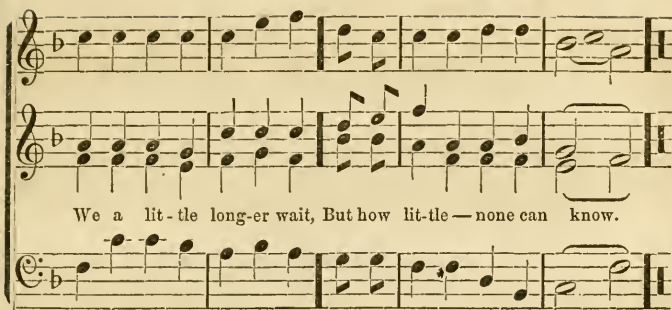
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Fix'd in an e - ter - nal state, They have done with all be - low ;



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1 WHILE with ceaseless course the sun  
 Hasted through the former year,  
 Many souls their race have run,  
 Never more to meet us here;  
 Fix'd in an eternal state,  
 They have done with all below;  
 We a little longer wait,  
 But how little—none can know.

2 Spared to see another year,  
 Let thy blessing meet us here;  
 Come, thy dying work revive,  
 Bid thy drooping garden thrive;  
 Sun of righteousness, arise!  
 Warm our hearts and bless our eyes:  
 Let our prayer thy pity move;  
 Make this year a time of love.

3 Thanks for mercies past received,  
 Pardon of our sins renew;  
 Teach us henceforth how to live  
 With eternity in view:  
 Bless thy word to old and young,  
 Fill us with a Saviour's love;  
 When our life's short race is run,  
 May we dwell with thee above.

## NEW YEAR. 5s &amp; 12s.

**BOLD.**

Three staves of music in 3/4 time, key of B-flat. The first staff has a 'BOLD.' marking above the first measure. The music consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Come, let us a - new Our jour - ney pur - sue,' are written below the second staff.

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5s & 12s.  
*A new year.*

- 1      COME, let us anew  
        Our journey pursue,  
        Roll round with the year,  
And never stand still, till the Master appear.
- 2      His adorable will  
        Let us gladly fulfil,  
        And our talents improve,  
By the patience of hope and the labour of love.
- 3      Our life is a dream,  
        Our time as a stream  
        Glides swiftly away;  
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay.
- 4      The arrow is flown,  
        The moment is gone;  
        The millennial year  
Rushes on to our view, and eternity's here.
- 5      O that each in the day  
        Of his coming may say,  
        "I've fought my way through,  
I've finish'd the work thou didst give me to do!"
- 6      O that each from his Lord  
        May receive the good word,  
        "Well and faithfully done!  
Enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne!"



## BALLERMA. C. M.

And now, my soul, an - oth - er year Of thy short life is past;

I can-not long con-tinue here, And this may be my last.

58

C. M.

*Reflections at the end of the year.*

- 1 AND now, my soul, another year  
Of thy short life is past;  
I cannot long continue here,  
And this may be my last.
- 2 Much of my dubious life is gone,  
Nor will return again;  
And swift my passing moments run,  
The few that yet remain.
- 3 Awake, my soul—with utmost care  
Thy true condition learn:  
What are the hopes?—how sure? how fair?  
What is thy great concern?

- 4 Behold, another year begins!  
 Set out afresh for heaven;  
 Seek pardon for thy former sins,  
 In Christ so freely given.
- 5 Devoutly yield thyself to God,  
 And on his grace depend;  
 With zeal pursue the heavenly road,  
 Nor doubt a happy end.

59

C. M.

*Praise for providential goodness.*

- 1 GOD of our lives, thy various praise  
 Our voices shall resound;  
 Thy hand directs our fleeting days,  
 And brings the seasons round.
- 2 To thee shall grateful songs arise,  
 Our Father and our Friend:  
 Whose constant mercies from the skies  
 In genial streams descend.
- 3 In every scene of life, thy care,  
 In every age, we see;  
 And, constant as thy favours are,  
 So let our praises be.
- 4 Still may thy love, in every scene,  
 To every age, appear;  
 And let the same compassion deign  
 To bless the opening year.

60

C. M.

- 1 AWAKE, ye saints, and raise your eyes,  
 And raise your voices high;  
 Awake, and praise that sovereign love  
 That shows salvation nigh.
- 2 On all the wings of time it flies,  
 Each moment brings it near;  
 Then welcome, each declining day!  
 Welcome, each closing year!
- 3 Ye wheels of nature, speed your course;  
 Ye mortal powers, decay;  
 Fast as ye bring the night of death,  
 Ye bring eternal day.

## TALLIS' EVENING HYMN. L. M.

TALLIS.

God of my life, to thee belong The thankful heart, the grateful song;

Touch'd by thy love, each tuneful chord Resounds the goodness of the Lord.

61

L. M.

*The barren fig-tree.*

- 1 GOD of my life, to thee belong  
The thankful heart, the grateful song;  
Touch'd by thy love, each tuneful chord  
Resounds the goodness of the Lord.
- 2 Thou hast preserved my fleeting breath,  
And chased the gloomy shades of death;  
The venom'd arrows vainly fly,  
When God our great Deliverer's nigh.
- 3 Yet why, dear Lord, this tender care?  
Why does thy hand so kindly rear  
A useless cumberer of the ground,  
On which no pleasant fruits are found?

- 4 Still may the barren fig-tree stand!  
And, cultivated by thy hand,  
Verdure, and bloom, and fruit afford,  
Meet tribute to its bounteous Lord.
- 5 So shall thy praise employ my breath  
Through life, and in the arms of death;  
My soul the pleasant theme prolong,  
Then rise to aid th' angelic song.

## 62

L. M.

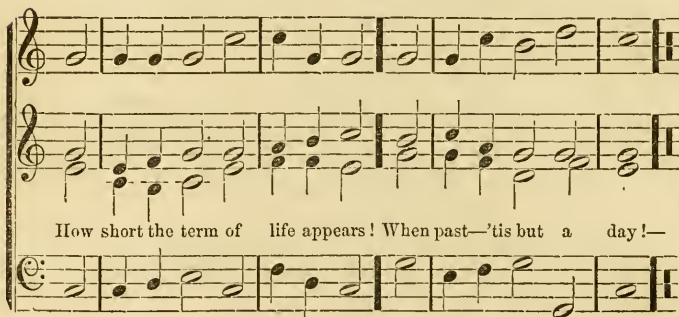
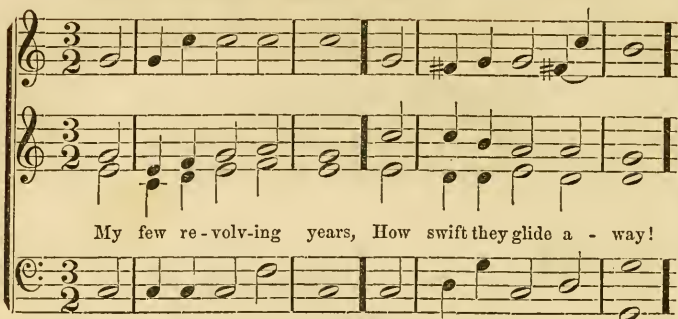
*The Christian pilgrimage.*

- 1 "WE'VE no abiding city here,"  
This may distress the worldly mind,  
But should not cost a saint a tear,  
Who hopes a better rest to find.
- 2 "We've no abiding city here,"  
Sad truth, were this to be our home;  
But let this thought our spirits cheer,  
"We seek a city yet to come."
- 3 "We've no abiding city here,"  
Then let us live as pilgrims do:  
Let not the world our rest appear,  
But let us haste from all below.
- 4 "We've no abiding city here,"  
We seek a city out of sight,  
Zion its name—the Lord is there—  
It shines with everlasting light.
- 5 O sweet abode of peace and love,  
Where pilgrims freed from toil are blest!  
Had I the pinions of the dove,  
I'd flee to thee, and be at rest.
- 6 But hush, my soul, nor dare repine!  
The time my God appoints is best:  
While here, to do his will be *mine*;  
And *his* to fix my time of rest.



## BOYLSTON. S. M.

L. MASON.



63

S. M.

*Rapid flight of time.*

- 1 MY few revolving years,  
How swift they glide away!  
How short the term of life appears!  
When past—'tis but a day!—
- 2 A dark and cloudy day,  
Made up of grief and sin;  
A host of dangerous foes without,  
And guilt and fear within.
- 3 Lord, through another year,  
If thou permit my stay,  
With watchful care may I pursue  
The true and living way!

64

S. M.

*God our Shepherd.*

- 1 THE Lord my Shepherd is  
I shall be well supplied:  
Since he is mine and I am his,  
What can I want beside?
- 2 He leads me to the place  
Where heavenly pasture grows,  
Where living waters gently pass,  
And full salvation flows.
- 3 If e'er I go astray,  
He doth my soul reclaim,  
And guides me, in his own right way,  
For his most holy name.
- 4 While he affords his aid,  
I cannot yield to fear;  
Though I should walk through death's dark shade,  
My Shepherd's with me there.
- 5 In sight of all my foes,  
Thou dost my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
And joy exalts my head.
- 6 The bounties of thy love  
Shall crown my future days;  
Nor from thy house will I remove,  
Nor cease to speak thy praise.

65

S. M.

*God the preserver of his people.*

- 1 TO God the only wise,  
Our Saviour and our King,  
Let all the saints below the skies  
Their humble praises bring.
- 2 'Tis his almighty love,  
His counsel and his care,  
Preserves us safe from sin and death,  
And every hurtful snare.
- 3 He will present our souls  
Unblemish'd and complete  
Before the glory of his face,  
With joys divinely great.

## MIGDOL. L. M.

MODERATO.

Great God, at whose all-powerful call  
At first a - rose this beauteous frame!

By thee the seasons change, and all  
The changing sea-sons speak thy name.

66

L. M.

*Seasons ordered by God.*

- 1 GREAT God, at whose all-powerful call  
At first arose this beauteous frame!  
By thee the seasons change, and all  
The changing seasons speak thy name.
- 2 Thy bounty bids the infant year,  
From winter storms recovered, rise;  
When thousand grateful scenes appear,  
Fresh opening to our wandering eyes.

- 3 O how delightful 'tis to see  
 The earth in vernal beauty dress'd!  
 While in each herb, and flower, and tree,  
 Thy blooming glories shine confess'd!
- 4 Aloft, full beaming, reigns the sun,  
 And light and genial heat conveys;  
 And, while he leads the seasons on,  
 From thee derives his quickening rays.
- 5 Indulgent God! from every part  
 Thy plenteous blessings largely flow;  
 We see, we taste;—let every heart  
 With grateful love and duty glow.

67

L. M.

*Autumn.*

- 1 GREAT God, as seasons disappear,  
 And changes mark the rolling year;  
 As time with rapid pinions flies,  
 May every season make us wise.
- 2 Long has thy favour crown'd our days,  
 And summer shed again its rays;  
 No deadly cloud our sky has veil'd,  
 No blasting winds our path assail'd.
- 3 Our harvest months have o'er us roll'd,  
 And fill'd our fields with waving gold;  
 Our tables spread, our garners stored!  
 Where are our hearts to praise the Lord?
- 4 The solemn harvest comes apace,  
 The closing day of life and grace:  
 Time of decision, awful hour!  
 Around it let no tempests lower.
- 5 Prepare us, Lord, by grace divine,  
 Like stars in heaven to rise and shine;  
 Then shall our happy souls above  
 Reap the full harvest of thy love.

## CORONATION. C. M.

O. HOLDEN.

When verdure clothes the fertile vale, And blossoms deck the spray,

The first system of the musical score for 'Coronation' consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The middle staff is also a treble clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'When verdure clothes the fertile vale, And blossoms deck the spray,' are written below the middle staff.

And fragrance breathes in every gale, How sweet the ver - nal day!

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C. M.

*Spring.*

- 1 WHEN verdure clothes the fertile vale,  
And blossoms deck the spray,  
And fragrance breathes in every gale,  
How sweet the vernal day!
- 2 Hark! how the feather'd warblers sing!  
'Tis nature's cheerful voice;  
Soft music hails the lovely spring,  
And woods and fields rejoice.
- 3 O God of nature and of grace,  
Thy heavenly gifts impart;  
Then shall my meditation trace  
Spring blooming in my heart.
- 4 Inspired to praise, I then shall join  
Glad nature's cheerful song;  
And love and gratitude divine  
Attune my joyful tongue.

69

C. M.

*Summer—A harvest hymn.*

- 1 TO praise the ever bounteous Lord,  
My soul, wake all thy powers;  
He calls, and at his voice come forth  
The smiling harvest hours.
- 2 His covenant with the earth he keeps;  
My tongue, his goodness sing:  
Summer and winter know their time,  
His harvest crowns the spring.
- 3 Well pleased the toiling swains behold  
The waving yellow crop;  
With joy they bear the sheaves away,  
And sow again in hope.
- 4 Thus teach me, gracious God, to sow  
The seeds of righteousness;  
Smile on my soul, and with thy beams  
The ripening harvest bless.
- 5 Then, in the last great harvest, I  
Shall reap a glorious crop;  
The harvest shall by far exceed  
What I have sow'd in hope.

## ONITIA. 7s.

THOMAS HASTINGS.

MODERATO.

Pleasing spring a - gain is here! Trees and fields in bloom ap-pear!

Hark! the birds, with art-less lays, War-ble their Cre - a - tor's praise!

## 70

7s.

- 1 PLEASING spring again is here!  
Trees and fields in bloom appear!  
Hark! the birds, with artless lays,  
Warble their Creator's praise!
- 2 Lord, afford a spring to me!  
Let me feel like what I see:  
Ah! my winter has been long,  
Chill'd my hopes, suppress'd my song.
- 3 How the soul in winter mourns,  
Till the Lord, the Sun, returns!  
Till the Spirit's gentle rain  
Bids the heart revive again!

- 4 O beloved Saviour, haste,  
 Tell me all the storms are past :  
 Speak, and by thy gracious voice  
 Make my drooping soul rejoice.

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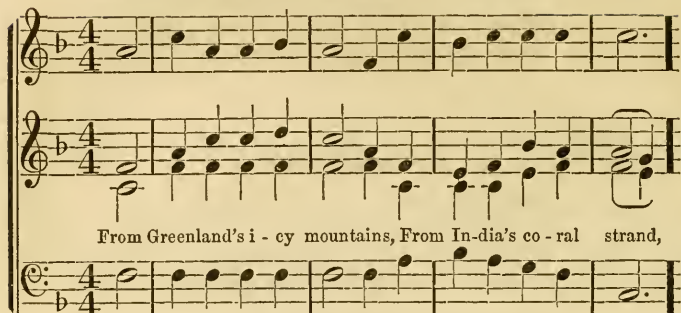
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*Jesus in the seasons.*

- 1 SPRING returns, and brings along  
 Life-invigorating suns :  
 Hark ! the turtle's plaintive song  
 Seems to speak his dying groans.
- 2 Summer has a thousand charms  
 All expressive of his worth ;  
 'Tis his sun that lights and warms,  
 His the air that cools the earth.
- 3 What ! has autumn left to say  
 Nothing of a Saviour's grace ?  
 Yes, the beams of milder day  
 Tell me of his smiling face.
- 4 Light appears with early dawn,  
 While the sun makes haste to rise ;  
 See his fleeting beauties dawn  
 On the blushes of the skies.
- 5 Evening with a silent pace,  
 Slowly moving in the west,  
 Shows an emblem of his grace,  
 Points to an eternal rest.
- 6 Winter has a joy for me,  
 While the Saviour's charms I read ;  
 Lowly, meek, from blemish free,  
 In the snowdrop's pensive head.

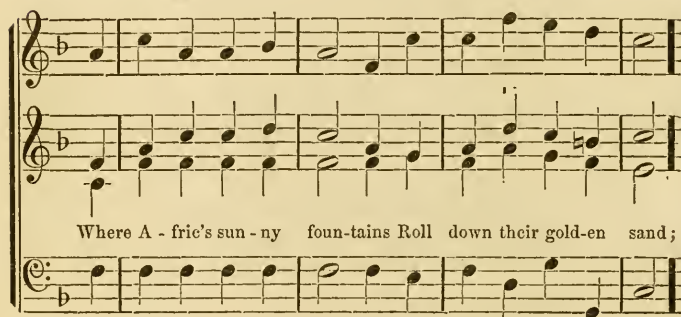


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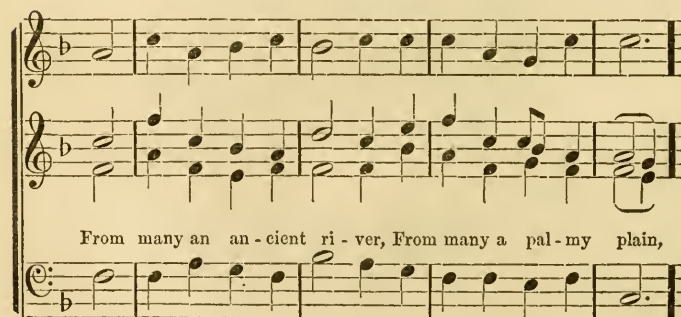
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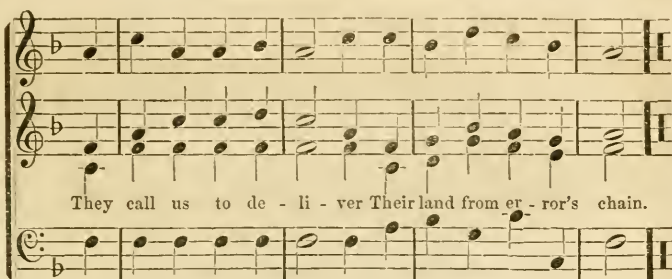
Where A - frie's sun - ny foun-tains Roll down their gold-en sand ;

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From many an an - cient ri - ver, From many a pal - my plain,

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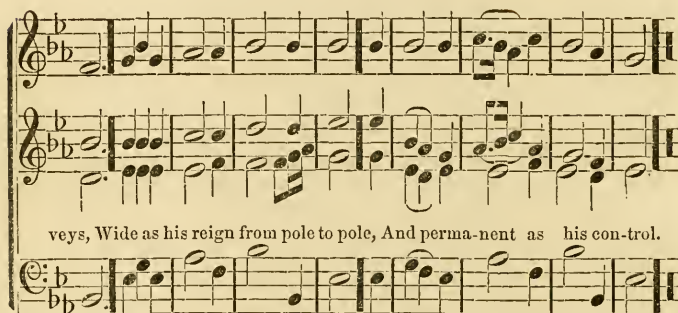
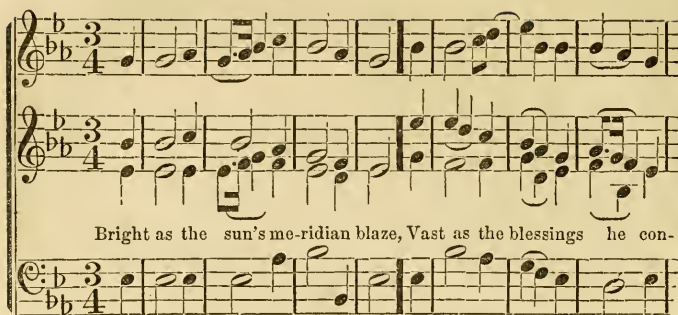
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- 1 FROM Greenland's icy mountains,  
From India's coral strand:  
Where Afric's sunny fountains  
Roll down their golden sand;  
From many an ancient river,  
From many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver  
Their land from error's chain.
- 2 What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle,  
Though every prospect pleases,  
And only man is vile;  
In vain with lavish kindness  
The gifts of God are strown;  
The heathen in his blindness  
Bows down to wood and stone.
- 3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted  
With wisdom from on high,  
Shall we to men benighted  
The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation! O salvation!  
The joyful sound proclaim,  
Till earth's remotest nation  
Has learn'd Messiah's name.
- 4 Waft, waft, ye winds, his story,  
And you, ye waters, roll,  
Till, like a sea of glory,  
It spreads from pole to pole;  
Till o'er our ransom'd nature,  
The Lamb for sinners slain,  
Redeemer, King, Creator,  
In bliss returns to reign.



## LUTON. L. M.

BURDER.



## 73

L. M.

- 1 BRIGHT as the sun's meridian blaze,  
Vast as the blessings he conveys,  
Wide as his reign from pole to pole,  
And permanent as his control :
- 2 So, Jesus, let thy kingdom come,  
Then sin and hell's terrific gloom  
Shall, at thy brightness, flee away,  
The dawn of an eternal day.
- 3 Then shall the heathen, fill'd with awe,  
Learn the blest knowledge of thy law :  
And antichrist on every shore  
Fall from his throne to rise no more.

- 4 Then shall thy lofty praise resound  
On Afric's shores—through India's ground,  
And islands of the southern sea  
Shall stretch their eager arms to thee.
- 5 Then shall the Jew and Gentile meet  
In pure devotion at thy feet ;  
And earth shall yield thee, as thy due,  
Her fulness and her glory too.
- 6 O that from Zion now might shine  
This heavenly light ; this truth divine :  
Till the whole universe shall be  
But one great temple, Lord, to thee.

74

L. M.

*Jesus shall reign.*

- 1 JESUS shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run ;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with grateful song ;  
And with united hearts proclaim  
That grace and truth by Jesus came.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns ;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 Where he displays his healing power,  
The sting of death is known no more :  
In him the sons of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.

75

L. M.

*The glory of God in his works and in his word.*

- 1 GREAT Sun of righteousness, arise !  
O bless the world with heavenly light !  
Thy gospel makes the simple wise :  
Thy laws are pure—thy judgments right.
- 2 Thy noblest wonders here we view,  
In souls renew'd and sins forgiven ;—  
Lord, cleanse my sins—my soul renew,  
And make thy word my guide to heaven.

## GREENVILLE. 8s, 7s &amp; 4s.

ROUSSEAU.

Sa - viour, vi - sit thy plan - ta - tion : Grant us, Lord, a gra - cious rain !  
D. C. Lord, re - vive us, Lord, re - vive us ; All our help must come from thee.

All will come to de - so - la - tion, Un - less thou re - turn a - gain.  
D. C.

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*Prayer for a revival.*

- 1 SAVIOUR, visit thy plantation :  
Grant us, Lord, a gracious rain !  
All will come to desolation,  
Unless thou return again.  
Lord, revive us !  
All our help must come from thee.
- 2 Keep no longer at a distance ;  
Shine upon us from on high,  
Lest, for want of thine assistance,  
Every plant should droop and die.  
Lord, revive us !  
All our help must come from thee.

- 3 Let our mutual love be fervent,  
 Make us prevalent in prayers;  
 Let each one esteem'd thy servant  
 Shun the world's bewitching snares.  
 Lord, revive us!  
 All our help must come from thee.
- 4 Break the tempter's fatal power;  
 Turn the stony heart to flesh;  
 And begin from this good hour  
 To revive thy work afresh.  
 Lord, revive us!  
 All our help must come from thee.

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- 1 YES! we trust the day is breaking;  
 Joyful times are near at hand:  
 God, the mighty God, is speaking  
 By his word in every land:  
 When he chooses,  
 Darkness flies at his command.
- 2 Let us hail the joyful season;  
 Let us hail the dawning ray:  
 When the Lord appears, there's reason  
 To expect a glorious day:  
 At his presence  
 Gloom and darkness flee away.
- 3 While the foe becomes more daring,  
 While he enters like a flood,  
 God, the Saviour, is preparing  
 Means to spread his truth abroad;  
 Every language  
 Soon shall tell the love of God.
- 4 God of Jacob, high and glorious,  
 Let thy people see thy hand;  
 Let the gospel be victorious  
 Through the world in every land;  
 And the idols  
 Perish, Lord, at thy command.

## WELLS. L. M.

ISRAEL HOLDROYD.

*SLOW.*

Now, in the heat of youthful blood, Re-mem-ber your Cre-a-tor God:

Behold, the months come hastening on,  
When you shall say, "My joys are gone."

78

L. M.

*A call to the young.*

- 1 NOW, in the heat of youthful blood,  
Remember your Creator, God:  
Behold, the months come hastening on,  
When you shall say, "My joys are gone."
- 2 God from on high beholds your thoughts;  
His book records your secret faults;  
The works of darkness men have done  
Must all appear before the sun.
- 3 Behold the aged sinner goes,  
Laden with guilt and heavy woes,  
Down to the regions of the dead,  
With bitterest curses on his head.



- 4 The dust returns to dust again ;  
The soul, in agonies of pain,  
Ascends to God, not there to dwell,  
But hears her doom, and sinks to hell.
- 5 God of the young ! turn off their eyes  
From earth's alluring vanities ;  
And let the warnings of thy word  
Awake their souls to fear the Lord.

79

L. M.

*Prayer of parents for their offspring.*

- 1 NOW, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
To whom we for our children cry !  
The good desired and wanted most,  
Out of thy richest grace supply.
- 2 Error and ignorance remove,  
The blindness of their hearts and mind ;  
Give them the wisdom from above,  
Spotless and peaceable and kind.
- 3 Unite what long has been disjoined,  
Knowledge and vital piety ;  
Learning and holiness combined,  
And truth and love let all men see.
- 4 Father, accept them through thy Son,  
And ever by thy Spirit guide !  
Thy wisdom in their lives be shown,  
Thy name confess'd and glorified.

80

L. M.

*Dangers of delay.*

- 1 WHY should I say 'tis yet too soon  
To seek for heaven or think of death ?  
A flower may fade before 'tis noon,  
And I this day may lose my breath.
- 2 What if the Lord grow wroth, and swear,  
While I refuse to read and pray,  
That he'll refuse to lend an ear  
To all my groans another day !
- 3 'Tis dangerous to provoke our God :  
His power and vengeance none can tell ;  
One stroke of his almighty rod  
Shall send young sinners quick to hell.

## DEVIZES. C. M.

TUCKER.

Ye hearts with youthful vi - gour warm, In smil-ing

crowds draw near; And turn from ev' - ry mor - tal charm,

A Saviour's voice to hear, A Sa-viour's voice to hear.

81

C. M.

*Youth invited to love Christ.*

- 1 YE hearts with youthful vigour warm,  
In smiling crowds draw near ;  
And turn from every mortal charm,  
A Saviour's voice to hear.
- 2 He, Lord of all the worlds on high,  
Stoops to converse with you ;  
And lays his radiant glories by,  
Your friendship to pursue.
- 3 "The soul that longs to see my face  
Is sure my love to gain ;  
And those that early seek my grace  
Shall never seek in vain."
- 4 What object, Lord, my soul should move,  
If once compared with thee ?  
What beauty should command my love,  
Like that in Christ I see ?
- 5 Away, ye false, delusive toys,  
Vain tempters of the mind !  
'Tis here I fix my lasting choice,  
And here true bliss I find.

82

C. M.

*Advantages of religion in youth.*

- 1 HAPPY is he whose early years  
Receive instruction well ;  
Who hates the sinner's path, and fear  
The road that leads to hell.
- 2 'Tis easier work, if we begin  
To serve the Lord betimes ;  
While sinners, who grow old in sin,  
Are harden'd by their crimes.
- 3 It saves us from a thousand snares  
To mind religion young ;  
With joy it crowns succeeding years,  
And makes our virtues strong.
- 4 To thee, Almighty God ! to thee  
Our hearts we now resign :  
'Twill please us to look back and see  
That our whole lives were thine.

## MONTVILLE. S. M.

With hum-ble heart and tongue, My God, to thee I pray;

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/2 time signature. The middle staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/2 time signature. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are written below the middle staff.

O bring me now, while I am young, To thee the liv - ing way.

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S. M.

*Prayer of a youth.*

- 1 WITH humble heart and tongue,  
My God, to thee I pray;  
O bring me now, while I am young,  
To thee the living way.
- 2 Make an unguarded youth  
The object of thy care;  
Help me to choose the way of truth,  
And fly from every snare.
- 3 My heart, to folly prone,  
Renew by power divine;  
Unite it to thyself alone,  
And make me wholly thine.

- 4 O let thy word of grace  
My warmest thoughts employ ;  
Be this, through all my following days,  
My treasure and my joy.
- 5 To what thy laws impart,  
Be my whole soul inclined ;  
O let them dwell within my heart,  
And sanctify my mind.

84

S. M.

*Prayer for children.*

- 1 GREAT God, now condescend  
To bless our rising race ;  
Soon may their willing spirits bend  
To thy victorious grace.
- 2 O what a vast delight  
Their happiness to see !  
Our warmest wishes all unite  
To lead their souls to thee.
- 3 Dear Lord, thy Spirit pour  
Upon our infant seed ;  
O bring the long'd-for happy hour  
That makes them thine indeed.
- 4 May they receive thy word,  
Confess the Saviour's name ;  
Then follow their despised Lord  
Through the baptismal stream.
- 5 Thus let our favour'd race  
Surround thy sacred board,  
There to adore thy sovereign grace  
And sing their dying Lord.





## ORLAND. L. M.

DR. ARNOLD.

**BOLD.**

When Israel through the de-sert pass'd, A fie - ry pil-lar

went be - fore, To guide them through the drea - ry waste,

And les - sen the fa - tiges they bore.

85

L. M.

*The usefulness of the Scriptures.*

- 1 WHEN Israel through the desert pass'd,  
A fiery pillar went before,  
To guide them through the dreary waste,  
And lessen the fatigues they bore.
- 2 Such is thy glorious word, O God !  
'Tis for our light and guidance given ;  
It sheds a lustre all abroad,  
And points the path to bliss and heaven.
- 3 It fills the soul with sweet delight,  
And quickens its inactive powers ;  
It sets our wandering footsteps right ;  
Displays thy love, and kindles ours.
- 4 Its promises rejoice our hearts ;  
Its doctrines are divinely true ;  
Knowledge and pleasure it imparts ;  
It comforts and instructs us too.
- 5 Ye favour'd lands that have this word,  
Ye saints who feel its saving power,  
Unite your tongues to praise the Lord,  
And his distinguished grace adore.

86

L. M.

*Divine authority of the Bible.*

- 1 'TWAS by an order from the Lord,  
The ancient prophets spoke his word ;  
His Spirit did their tongues inspire,  
And warm'd their hearts with heavenly fire.
- 2 The works and wonders which they wrought  
Confirm'd the messages they brought :  
The prophet's pen succeeds his breath,  
To save the holy words from death.
- 3 Great God ! mine eyes with pleasure look  
On the dear volume of thy book ;  
There my Redeemer's face I see,  
And read his name who died for me.
- 4 Let the false raptures of the mind  
Be lost, and vanish in the wind ;  
Here I can fix my hopes secure :  
This is thy word, and must endure.

HOWARD. C. M.

MRS. CUTHBERT.

*ALLEGRETTO.*

How shall the young se - cure their hearts, And

guard their lives from sin? Thy word the choic - est

rules im - parts, To keep the con - science clean.

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C. M.

- 1 HOW shall the young secure their hearts,  
And guard their lives from sin?  
Thy word the choicest rules imparts,  
To keep the conscience clean.
- 2 'Tis like the sun—a heavenly light,  
That guides us all the day;  
And, through the dangers of the night,  
A lamp to lead our way.
- 3 Thy precepts make me truly wise;  
I hate the sinner's road;  
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,  
But love thy law, my God.
- 4 Thy word is everlasting truth,  
How pure is every page!—  
That holy book shall guide our youth,  
And well support our age.

88

C. M.

- 1 GREAT God, with wonder and with praise,  
On all thy works I look;  
But still thy wisdom, power, and grace,  
Shine brightest in thy book.
- 2 Lord, make me understand thy law:  
Show what my faults have been;  
And from the gospel let me draw  
Pardon for all my sin.
- 3 Here would I learn how Christ has died  
To save my soul from hell;  
Not all the books on earth beside,  
Such heavenly wonders tell.
- 4 Then let me love my Bible more,  
And take a fresh delight  
By day to read these wonders o'er,  
And meditate by night.

## WOODSTOCK. C. P. M.

D. DUTTON, JR.

CHANTING STYLE.

How precious, Lord, thy sa - cred word! What

light and joy those leaves af - ford To souls in deep dis - tress!

{Thy precepts guide our doubtful way, } Thy pro-mise leads to rest.  
{Thy fear for-bids our feet to stray, }

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C. P. M.

- 1 HOW precious, Lord, thy sacred word  
 What light and joy those leaves afford  
 To souls in deep distress!  
 Thy precepts guide our doubtful way,  
 Thy fear forbids our feet to stray,  
 Thy promise leads to rest.



- 2 Thy threatenings wake our slumbering eyes,  
 And warn us where our danger lies ;  
     But 'tis thy gospel, Lord,  
 That makes the guilty conscience clean,  
 Converts the soul, and conquers sin,  
     And gives a free reward.

90

C. P. M.

*The excellency of Christ.*

- 1 O COULD I speak the matchless worth,—  
 O could I sound the glories forth  
     Which in my Saviour shine ;  
 I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings,  
 And vie with Gabriel while he sings,  
     In notes almost divine.
- 2 I'd sing the characters he bears,  
 And all the forms of love he wears,  
     Exalted on his throne :  
 In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,  
 I would, to everlasting days,  
     Make all his glories known.
- 3 Soon the delightful day will come  
 When my dear Lord will bring me home,  
     And I shall see his face ;  
 Then, with my Saviour, brother, friend,  
 A bless'd eternity I'll spend—  
     Triumphant in his grace.



## DOVER. S. M.

MODERATO.

Be - hold, the morn - ing sun Be - gins his glo - rious way ;

His beams through all the nations run, And life and light con-vey.

91

S. M.

- 1 BEHOLD, the morning sun  
Begins his glorious way;  
His beams through all the nations run,  
And life and light convey.
- 2 But where the gospel comes,  
It spreads diviner light,  
It calls dead sinners from their tombs,  
And gives the blind their sight.
- 3 How perfect is thy word!  
And all thy judgments just!  
For ever sure thy promise, Lord,  
And we securely trust.
- 4 My gracious God, how plain  
Are thy directions given!  
O may I never read in vain,  
But find the path to heaven.

## 92

S. M.

*Safety in keeping God's precepts.*

- 1 HOW perfect is thy word,  
Thy judgments all are just;  
And ever in thy promise, Lord,  
May man securely trust.
- 2 I hear thy word in love;—  
In faith thy word obey;  
O send thy Spirit from above,  
To teach me, Lord, thy way.
- 3 Thy counsels all are plain,  
Thy precepts all are pure;  
And long as heaven and earth remain,  
Thy truth shall still endure.
- 4 O may my soul, with joy,  
Trust in thy faithful word:  
Be it through life my glad employ,  
To keep thy precepts, Lord

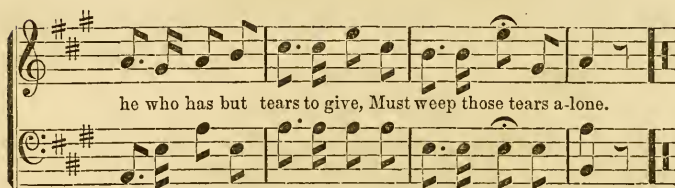
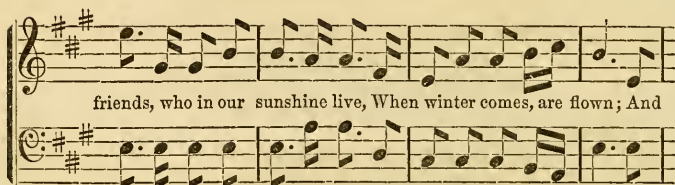
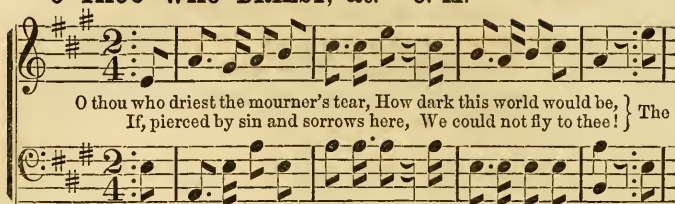
## 93

S. M.

*Invitation and warning.*

- 1 THE Lord declares his will,  
And keeps the world in awe;  
Amid the smoke on Sinai's hill  
Breaks out his fiery law.
- 2 The Lord reveals his face,  
And smiling from above,  
Sends down the gospel of his grace,  
Th' epistles of his love.
- 3 These sacred words impart  
Our Maker's just commands;  
The pity of his melting heart,  
And vengeance of his hands.
- 4 We read the heavenly word,  
We take the offer'd grace,  
Obey the statutes of the Lord,  
And trust his promises.

## O THOU WHO DRIEST, &amp;c. C. M.



94

C. M.

*Comfort in affliction.*

- 1 O THOU who driest the mourner's tear,  
How dark this world would be,  
If, pierced by sins and sorrows here,  
We could not fly to thee!
- 2 The friends, who in our sunshine live,  
When winter comes, are flown;  
And he who has but tears to give,  
Must weep those tears alone.
- 3 But thou wilt hear that broken heart,  
Which, like the plants that throw  
Their fragrance from the wounded part,  
Breathes sweetness out of wo.

- 4 When joy no longer soothes or cheers,  
 And e'en the hope that threw  
 A moment's sparkle o'er our tears,  
 Is dimm'd and vanish'd too!
- 5 O who could bear life's stormy doom,  
 Did not thy wing of love  
 Come brightly wafting through the gloom  
 Our peace-branch from above?
- 6 Then sorrow touch'd by thee grows bright  
 With more than rapture's ray;  
 As darkness shows us worlds of light  
 We never saw by day.

95

C. M.

*Comfort in sickness and death.*

- 1 WHEN sickness shakes the languid frame,  
 Each phantom pleasure flies;  
 Vain hopes of bliss no more obscure  
 Our long-deluded eyes.
- 2 The tottering frame of mortal life  
 Shall crumble into dust;  
 Nature shall faint; but learn, my soul,  
 On nature's God to trust.
- 3 The man whose pious heart is fix'd  
 Securely on his God,  
 In every frown may comfort find,  
 And kiss the chastening rod.
- 4 Nor him shall death itself alarm;  
 On heaven his soul relies;  
 With joy he views his Maker's love,  
 And with composure dies.





## BANGOR. C. M.

When lan-guor and dis-ease in-vade This trembling house of clay,

The musical score for 'BANGOR. C. M.' consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/2 time signature. The middle staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/2 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are written below the middle staff.

'Tis sweet to look up-on my pains, And long to fly a-way.

The musical score for the second system consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/2 time signature. The middle staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/2 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are written below the middle staff.

96

C. M.

*Affliction, or meditation on God's love.*

- 1 WHEN languor and disease invade  
This trembling house of clay,  
'Tis sweet to look beyond my pains  
And long to fly away.
- 2 Sweet to look inward, and attend  
The whispers of his love ;  
Sweet to look upward to the place  
Where Jesus pleads above.
- 3 Sweet to look back, and see my name  
In life's fair book set down ;  
Sweet to look forward, and behold  
Eternal joys my own.

- 4 Sweet to reflect how grace divine  
My sins on Jesus laid ;  
Sweet to remember that his blood  
My debt of suffering paid.
- 5 Sweet in his righteousness to stand,  
Which saves from second death ;  
Sweet to experience, day by day,  
His spirit's quickening breath.
- 6 If such the sweetness of the streams,  
What must the fountain be,  
Where saints and angels draw their bliss  
Immediately from thee !

97

C. M.

*At the funeral of a young person.*

- 1 WHEN blooming youth is snatch'd away  
By death's resistless hand,  
Our hearts the mournful tribute pay  
Which pity must demand.
- 2 While pity prompts the rising sigh,  
O may this truth, imprest  
With awful power,—“I too must die!”  
Sink deep in every breast.
- 3 Let this vain world delude no more ;  
Behold the gaping tomb !  
It bids us seize the present hour,  
To-morrow death may come.
- 4 The voice of this alarming scene  
May every heart obey ;  
Nor be the heavenly warning vain,  
Which calls to watch and pray.
- 5 O let us fly—to Jesus fly,  
Whose powerful arm can save ;  
Then shall our hopes ascend on high,  
And triumph o'er the grave.

## WINDHAM. L. M.

READ.

Sweet is the scene when Christians die, When holy souls re - tire to rest:

How mildly beams the closing eye ! How gently heaves th' expiring breast !

98

L. M.

*The peaceful death of the righteous.*

- 1 SWEET is the scene when Christians die,  
When holy souls retire to rest :  
How mildly beams the closing eye !  
How gently heaves th' expiring breast !
- 2 So fades a summer cloud away ;  
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er ;  
So gently shuts the eye of day ;  
So dies a wave along the shore.
- 3 Triumphant smiles the victor's brow,  
Fann'd by some guardian angel's wing :  
O grave ! where is thy victory now ?  
And where, O death ! where is thy sting ?

99

L. M.

*Death of an infant.*

- 1 SO fades the lovely, blooming flower,  
Frail, smiling solace of an hour ;  
So soon our transient comforts fly,  
And pleasure only blooms to die.
- 2 Is there no kind, no healing art  
To soothe the anguish of the heart ?  
Spirit of grace, be ever nigh :  
Thy comforts are not made to die.
- 3 Let gentle patience smile on pain,  
Till dying hope revives again ;  
Hope wipes the tear from sorrow's eye,  
And faith points upward to the sky.

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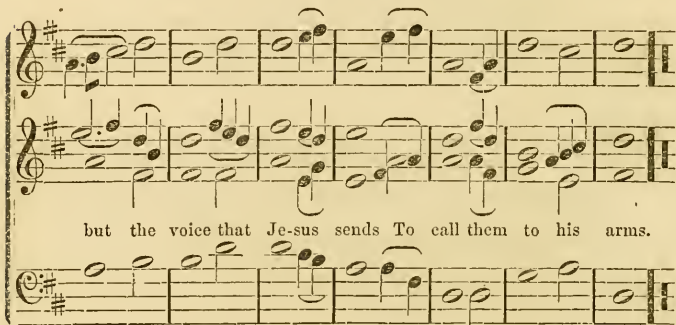
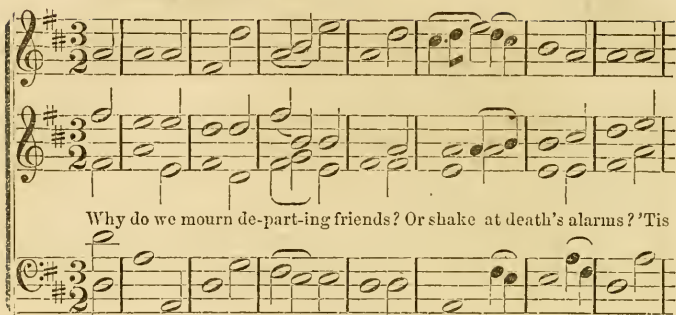
L. M.

*God appointeth affliction.*

- 1 NOT from relentless fate's dark womb,  
Or from the dust, our troubles come.  
No fickle chance presides o'er grief,  
To cause the pain, or send relief.
- 2 Look up, and see, ye sorrowing saints !  
The cause and cure of your complaints.  
Know, 'tis your heavenly Father's will :  
Bid every murmur then be still.
- 3 He sees we need the painful yoke ;  
Yet love directs his heaviest stroke.  
He takes no pleasure in our smart,  
But wounds to heal and cheer the heart.
- 4 Blest trials those that cleanse from sin,  
And make the soul all pure within,  
Wean the fond mind from earthly toys,  
To seek and taste celestial joys !

## CHINA. C. M.

SWAN.



101

C. M.

*The death and burial of a saint.*

- 1 WHY do we mourn departing friends?  
Or shake at death's alarms?  
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends  
To call them to his arms.
- 2 Are we not tending upward too,  
As fast as time can move?  
Nor would we wish the hours more slow,  
To keep us from our love.
- 3 Why should we tremble to convey  
Their bodies to the tomb?  
There the dear flesh of Jesus lay,  
His light dispell'd its gloom.



- 4 The graves of all his saints he bless'd,  
And soften'd every bed ;  
Where should the dying members rest,  
But with the dying Head ?
- 5 Thence he arose, ascending high,  
And show'd our feet the way ;  
Up to the Lord our flesh shall fly  
At the great rising-day.
- 6 Then let the last loud trumpet sound,  
And bid our kindred rise ;  
Awake, ye nations under ground,  
Ye saints, ascend the skies.

102

C. M.

*On the death of a child.*

- 1 LIFE is a span, a fleeting hour ;  
How soon the vapour flies !  
Man is a tender, transient flower  
That e'en in blooming dies.
- 2 The once lov'd form, now cold and dead,  
Each mournful thought employs ;  
And nature weeps her comforts fled,  
And wither'd all her joys.
- 3 But wait the interposing gloom,  
And lo ! stern winter flies ;  
And, dressed in beauty's fairest bloom,  
The flowery tribes arise.
- 4 Hope looks beyond the bounds of time,  
When what we now deplore  
Shall rise in full immortal prime,  
And bloom to fade no more.
- 5 Then cease, fond nature ! cease thy tears ;  
Religion points on high :  
There everlasting spring appears,  
And joys that cannot die.

## ROCHESTER. C. M.

How short and has-ty is our life! How vast our souls' af-fairs!

The musical score for 'ROCHESTER. C. M.' consists of three staves. The top staff is a single melodic line in treble clef. The middle staff is a harmonic accompaniment in treble clef, featuring chords. The bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are written below the middle staff.

Yet senseless mor-tals vain-ly strive To lav-ish out their years.

This block contains the continuation of the musical score. It follows the same three-staff format as the first block, with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics continue below the middle staff.

103

C. M.

*Frailty and folly.*

- 1 HOW short and hasty is our life!  
How vast our souls' affairs!  
Yet senseless mortals vainly strive  
To lavish out their years.
- 2 Our days run thoughtlessly along,  
Without a moment's stay;  
Just like a story, or a song,  
We pass our lives away.
- 3 God from on high invites us home,  
But we march heedless on,  
And ever hastening to the tomb,  
Stoop downwards as we run.

- 4 How we deserve the deepest hell,  
 That slight the joys above !  
 What chains of vengeance should we feel,  
 That break such chords of love !
- 5 Draw us, O Saviour, with thy grace,  
 And lift our thoughts on high,  
 That we may end this mortal race,  
 And see salvation nigh.

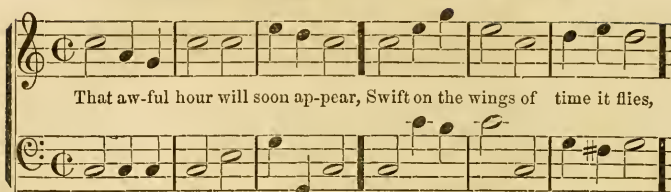
104

C. M.

*Time is short.*

- 1 THE time is short ! the season near  
 When death will us remove ;  
 To leave our friends, however dear,  
 And all we fondly love.
- 2 The time is short ! sinners, beware,  
 Nor trifle time away ;  
 The word of great salvation hear  
 While it is call'd to-day.
- 3 The time is short ! ye rebels, now  
 To Christ the Lord submit ;  
 To mercy's golden sceptre bow,  
 And fall at Jesus' feet.
- 4 The time is short ! ye saints rejoice—  
 The Lord will quickly come :  
 Soon shall you hear the Bridegroom's voice,  
 To call you to your home.
- 5 The time is short ! it swiftly flies—  
 The hour is just at hand,  
 When we shall mount above the skies,  
 And reach the wish'd-for land.
- 6 The time is short !—the moment near  
 When we shall dwell above,  
 And be for ever happy there  
 With Jesus, whom we love.

## FOREST. L. M.



105

L. M.

*Improving time.*

- 1 THAT awful hour will soon appear,  
Swift on the wings of time it flies,  
When all that pains or pleases here  
Will vanish from my closing eyes.
- 2 Death calls my friends, my neighbours hence,  
And none resist the fatal dart:  
Continual warnings strike my sense,  
And shall they fail to strike my heart?
- 3 Think, O my soul! how much depends  
On the short period of to-day:  
Shall time, which heaven in mercy lends,  
Be negligently thrown away?
- 4 Thy wasting minutes strive to use;  
Awake, arouse every active power;  
And not in dreams and trifles lose  
This little, this important hour!
- 5 Lord of my life, inspire my heart  
With heavenly ardour, grace divine;  
Nor let thy presence e'er depart,  
For strength and life and death are thine.

- 6 O teach me some celestial skill,  
 Each awful warning to improve ;  
 And, while my days are shortening still,  
 Prepare me for the joys above.

## 106

L. M.

- 1 LIFE is the time to serve the Lord,  
 The time t' insure the great reward ;  
 And while the lamp holds out to burn,  
 The vilest sinner may return.
- 2 Life is the hour that God has given  
 T' escape from hell, and fly to heaven ;  
 The day of grace—and mortals may  
 Secure the blessings of the day.
- 3 Then, what my thoughts design to do,  
 My hands, with all your might, pursue ;  
 Since no device, nor work, is found,  
 Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.
- 4 There are no acts of pardon pass'd  
 In the cold grave to which we haste ;  
 But darkness, death, and long despair  
 Reign in eternal silence there.

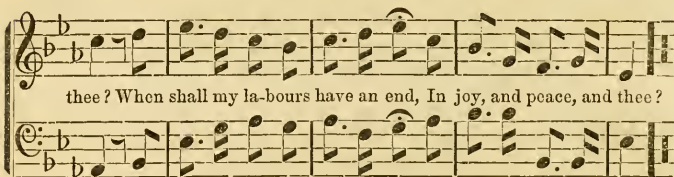
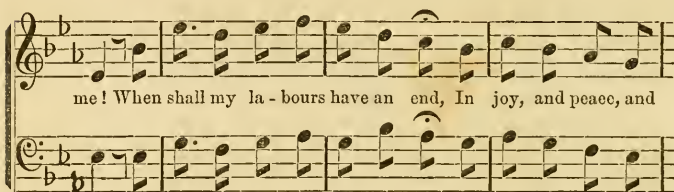
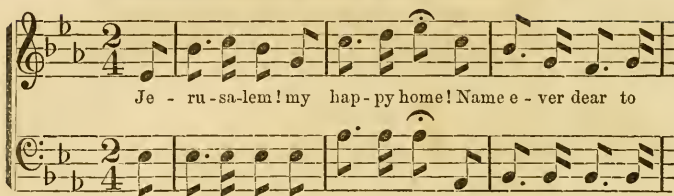
## 107

L. M.

*The soul's best portion.*

- 1 ALMIGHTY Maker of my frame,  
 Teach me the measure of my days ;  
 Teach me to know how frail I am,  
 And spend the remnant to thy praise.
- 2 My days are shorter than a span ;  
 A little point my life appears ;  
 How frail, at best, is dying man !  
 How vain are all his hopes and fears !
- 3 Vain his ambition, noise, and show :  
 Vain are the cares which rack his mind :  
 He heaps up treasures mix'd with wo,  
 And dies, and leaves them all behind.
- 4 O be a nobler portion mine !  
 My God, I bow before thy throne ;  
 Earth's fleeting treasures I resign,  
 And fix my hope on thee alone.

## RESIGNATION. C. M.



108

C. M.

- 1 JERUSALEM ! my happy home !  
Name ever dear to me !  
When shall my labours have an end,  
In joy, and peace, and thee ?
- 2 When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls  
And pearly gates behold ?  
Thy bulwarks, with salvation strong,  
And streets of shining gold ?
- 3 O when, thou city of my God,  
Shall I thy courts ascend,  
Where congregations ne'er break up,  
And Sabbaths have no end ?



- 4 There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,  
Nor sin nor sorrow know :  
Blest seats ! through rude and stormy scenes,  
I onward press to you.
- 5 Why should I shrink at pain and wo ?  
Or feel at death dismay ?  
I've Canaan's goodly land in view,  
And realms of endless day.
- 6 Apostles, martyrs, prophets there,  
Around my Saviour stand ;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.
- 7 Jerusalem ! my happy home !  
My soul still pants for thee !  
Then shall my labours have an end,  
When I thy joys shall see.

## 109

C. M.

*Banishment from God intolerable.*

- 1 THAT awful day will surely come,  
Th' appointed hour makes haste,  
When I must stand before my Judge,  
And pass the solemn test.
- 2 Thou lovely Chief of all my joys—  
Thou Sovereign of my heart—  
How could I bear to hear thy voice  
Pronounce the word—"Depart!"
- 3 O wretched state of deep despair,  
To see my God remove,  
And fix my doleful station where  
I must not taste his love.
- 4 O tell me that my worthless name  
Is graven on thy hands ;  
Show me some promise in thy book,  
Where my salvation stands !

## ZION. 8s, 7s &amp; 4s.

THOMAS HASTINGS.

*ANDANTE.*

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, Once for favour'd sinners slain:  
Thousand, thousand saints attending, Swell the triumph of his train:

Hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus now shall e - ver reign!

Hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus now shall e - ver reign!

110

8s, 7s &amp; 4s.

*Judgment.*

- 1 LO! he comes, with clouds descending,  
Once for favour'd sinners slain:  
Thousand, thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Hallelujah,  
Jesus now shall ever reign!

- 2 Every eye shall now behold him  
 Rob'd in dreadful majesty ;  
 Those who set at naught and sold him  
 Pierc'd and nail'd him to the tree,  
 Deeply wailing,  
 Shall the great Messiah see ?
- 3 Every island, sea and mountain,  
 Heaven and earth shall flee away ;  
 All who hate him must, confounded,  
 Hear the trump proclaim the day :  
 Come to judgment !  
 Come to judgment ! come away !
- 4 Now redemption, long expected,  
 See in solemn pomp appear !  
 All his saints, by man rejected,  
 Now shall meet him in the air !  
 Hallelujah !  
 See the day of God appear !
- 5 Yea ! Amen ! let all adore thee,  
 High on thine exalted throne ;  
 Saviour ! take the power and glory ;  
 Claim the kingdoms for thine own !  
 O come quickly !  
 Hallelujah ! Come, Lord, come !

111

8s, 7s &amp; 4s.

*The day of judgment.*

- 1 DAY of judgment—day of wonders,  
 Hark ! the trumpet's awful sound,  
 Louder than a thousand thunders,  
 Shakes the vast creation round !  
 How the summons  
 Will the sinner's heart confound !
- 2 See the Judge our nature wearing,  
 Cloth'd in majesty divine !  
 Ye who long for his appearing,  
 Then shall say, "This God is mine !"   
 Gracious Saviour !  
 Own me in that day for thine !
- 3 Under sorrows and reproaches,  
 May this thought our courage raise !  
 Swiftly God's great day approaches,  
 Sighs shall then be chang'd to praise !  
 May we triumph  
 When the world is in a blaze !

## WOODLAND. 8s &amp; 6s.

There is an hour of peaceful rest,  
To mourning wand'ers given;  
There is a joy for

souls distress'd,  
A balm for every wounded breast—  
'Tis found above—in heaven.

112

8s &amp; 6s.

*The heavenly rest.*

1 THERE is an hour of peaceful rest,  
To mourning wand'ers given;  
There is a joy for souls distress'd,  
A balm for every wounded breast—  
'Tis found above—in heaven.

2 There is a soft, a downy bed,  
'Tis fair as breath of even';  
A couch for weary mortals spread,  
Where they may rest the aching head,  
And find repose in heaven.

- 3 There is a home for weary souls,  
By sin and sorrow driven ;  
When toss'd on life's tempestuous shoals,  
Where storms arise and ocean rolls,  
And all is drear—but heaven.
- 4 There faith lifts up her cheerful eye,  
To brighter prospects given ;  
And views the tempest passing by,  
The evening shadows quickly fly,  
And all serene—in heaven.
- 5 There fragrant flowers immortal bloom,  
And joys supreme are given ;  
There rays divine disperse the gloom :—  
Beyond the confines of the tomb  
Appears the dawn of heaven.

113

8s &amp; 6s.

*Nothing like heaven.*

- 1 THIS world is poor from shore to shore,  
And, like a baseless vision,  
Its lofty domes and brilliant ore,  
Its gems and crowns, are vain and poor ;—  
There's nothing rich but heaven.
- 2 Empires decay and nations die,  
Our hopes to winds are given :  
The vernal blooms in ruin lie,  
Death reigns o'er all beneath the sky ;—  
There's nothing sure but heaven.
- 3 Creation's mighty fabric all  
Shall be to atoms riven,—  
The skies consume, the planets fall,  
Convulsions rock this earthly ball ;—  
There's nothing firm but heaven.
- 4 A stranger, lonely here I roam,  
From place to place am driven ;  
My friends are gone, and I'm in gloom,  
This earth is all a dismal tomb ;—  
I have no home but heaven.
- 5 The clouds disperse—the light appears,  
My sins are all forgiven,  
Triumphant grace hath quelled my fears ;—  
Roll on, thou sun ! fly swift, my years !  
I'm on my way to heaven.

## ELTHAM. 7s.

Who are these in bright ar - ray, This in - nu-mer-a - ble throng,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn 'ELTHAM. 7s.'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/2. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Round the al - tar night and day, Tun-ing their tri-um-phant song?

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

"Worthy is the Lamb, once slain, Blessing, honour, glory, power,

The third system of musical notation, continuing the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Wis-dom, riches, to ob - tain New do - mi-nion ev'-ry hour."

The fourth and final system of musical notation for this hymn. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



114

7s.

*The saints in heaven.*

- 1 WHO are these in bright array,  
This innumerable throng,  
Round the altar night and day,  
Tuning their triumphant song?  
"Worthy is the Lamb, once slain,  
Blessing, honour, glory, power,  
Wisdom, riches, to obtain  
New dominion every hour."
- 2 These through fiery trials trod,  
These from great affliction came;  
Now, before the throne of God,  
Seal'd with his eternal name,  
Clad in raiment pure and white,  
Victor palms in every hand,  
Through their great Redeemer's might,  
More than conquerors they stand.
- 3 Hunger, thirst, disease unknown,  
On immortal fruits they feed:  
Them the Lamb amid the throne  
Shall to living fountains lead.  
Joy and gladness banish sighs;  
Perfect love dispels their fears;  
And for ever from their eyes  
God shall wipe away their tears.

115

7s.

*Heavenly anticipations.*

- 1 IF 'tis sweet to mingle where  
Christians meet for social prayer;  
If 'tis sweet with them to raise  
Songs of holy joy and praise;—  
Passing sweet that state must be  
Where they meet eternally.
- 2 Saviour, may these meetings prove  
Preparations for above;  
While we worship in this place,  
May we grow from grace to grace,  
Till we, each in his degree,  
Fit for endless glory be.

FREDERICK. 11s.

KINGSLEY.

I would not live al-way: I ask not to stay Where storm af-ter

storm rises dark o'er the way; The few lu-rid mornings that

dawn on us here, Are e-nough for life's woes, full e-nough for its cheer.

116

11s.

*I would not live alway.*

- 1 I WOULD not live alway : I ask not to stay  
Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the way ;  
The few lurid mornings that dawn on us here,  
Are enough for life's woes, full enough for its cheer.
- 2 I would not live alway, thus fetter'd by sin ;  
Temptation without and corruption within :  
E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with fears,  
And the cup of thanksgiving with penitent tears.
- 3 I would not live alway : no—welcome the tomb !  
Since Jesus has lain there, I dread not its gloom ;  
There sweet be my rest, till he bid me arise  
To hail him in triumph descending the skies.
- 4 Who, who would live alway, away from his God ;  
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,  
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,  
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns ;
- 5 Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,  
Their Saviour and brethren, transported to greet :  
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,  
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul !

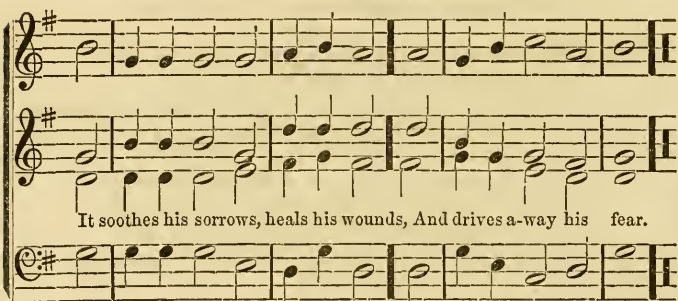
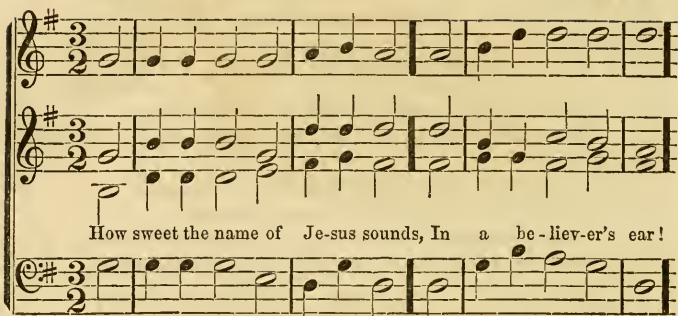
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11s.

*Precious promises.*

- 1 HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word !  
What more can he say than to you he has said ?  
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.
- 2 In every condition—in sickness, in health,  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
As thy days may demand, so thy succour shall be.
- 3 The soul that on Jesus has lean'd for repose,  
I will not, I cannot desert to his foes :  
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never—no, never—no, never forsake !

## MARLOW. C. M.



118

C. M.

*Christ precious.*

- 1 HOW sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary, rest.
- 3 By him my prayers acceptance gain,  
Although with sin defil'd;  
Satan accuses me in vain,  
And I am own'd a child.

- 4 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 5 Till then, I would thy love proclaim,  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy name  
Refresh my soul in death.

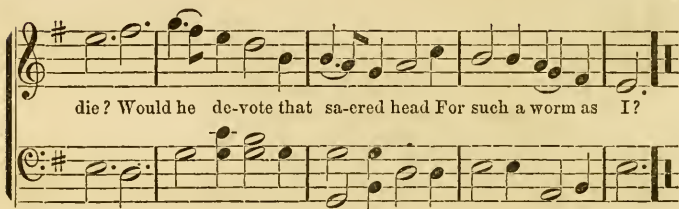
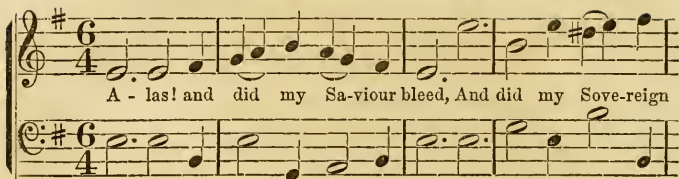
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C. M.

*God eternal and unchangeable.*

- 1 GREAT God, how infinite art thou!  
How frail and weak are we!  
Let the whole race of creatures bow  
And pay their praise to thee.
- 2 Thy throne eternal ages stood,  
Ere earth or heaven was made;  
Thou art the ever-living God,  
Were all the nations dead.
- 3 Nature and time all open lie  
To thine immense survey,  
From the formation of the sky,  
To the last awful day.
- 4 Eternity, with all its years,  
Stands present to thy view;  
To thee there's nothing old appears,  
To thee there's nothing new.
- 5 Our lives through various scenes are drawn,  
And vex'd with trifling cares;  
While thine eternal thought moves on  
Thine undisturb'd affairs.
- 6 Great God, how infinite art thou!  
How frail and weak are we!  
Let the whole race of creatures bow  
And pay their praise to thee.

## SUFFERING SAVIOUR. C. M.



120

C. M.

*Sorrow for the sufferings of the Saviour.*

- 1 ALAS! and did my Saviour bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groan'd upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut his glories in,  
When Christ the mighty Maker died  
For man the creature's sin!
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face,  
While his dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt my eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'Tis all that I can do.



121

C. M.

*The love of a dying Saviour.*

- 1 BEHOLD the Saviour of mankind  
Nail'd to the shameful tree!  
How vast the love that him inclin'd  
To bleed and die for thee!
- 2 Hark, how he groans! while nature shakes,  
And earth's strong pillars bend!  
The temple's vail in sunder breaks,  
The solid marbles rend.
- 3 'Tis done! the precious ransom's paid;  
"Receive my soul!" he cries:  
See where he bows his sacred head!  
He bows his head and dies!
- 4 But soon he'll break death's envious chain,  
And in full glory shine;  
O Lamb of God! was ever pain,  
Was ever love like thine!

122

C. M.

*Tribute to the Lamb.*

- 1 COME, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.
- 2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
To be exalted thus;  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
For he was slain for us.
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honour and power divine;  
And blessings more than we can give,  
Be, Lord! for ever thine.
- 4 Let all that dwell above the sky,  
And air, and earth, and seas,  
Conspire to lift thy glories high,  
And speak thine endless praise!

## ST. MARTIN'S. C. M.

TANSUR.



123

C. M.

*Walking with God.*

- 1 O FOR a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame,  
And light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.
- 2 Where is the blessedness I knew  
When first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view  
Of Jesus and his word?
- 3 What peaceful hours I then enjoy'd!  
How sweet their memory still!  
But now I find an aching void,  
The world can never fill.

- 4 Return, O holy Dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.
- 5 The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from thy throne,  
And worship only thee.
- 6 So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame!  
And purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

124

C. M.

*Christ's compassion.*

- 1 HOW condescending and how kind  
Was God's eternal Son!  
Our misery reach'd his heavenly mind,  
And pity brought him down.
- 2 This was compassion like a God,  
That when the Saviour knew  
The price of pardon was his blood,  
His pity ne'er withdrew.
- 3 Now, though he reigns exalted high,  
His love is still as great:  
Well he remembers Calvary,  
Nor should his saints forget.
- 4 Here we receive repeated seals  
Of Jesus' dying love:  
Hard is the heart that never feels  
One soft affection move.
- 5 Here let our hearts begin to melt,  
While we his death record,  
And with our joy for pardon'd guilt,  
Mourn that we pierc'd the Lord.

## ROTHERHAM. L. M.

WITH FEELING.

Show pi - ty, Lord! O Lord, forgive! Let a re - pent - ing sin - ner live:

Are not thy mer - cies large and free? May not the con - trite trust in thee?

125

L. M.

*Penitence.*

- 1 SHOW pity, Lord! O Lord, forgive!  
Let a repenting sinner live:  
Are not thy mercies large and free?  
May not the contrite trust in thee?
- 2 With shame my numerous sins I trace  
Against thy law, against thy grace;  
And, though my prayer thou shouldst not hear,  
My doom is just and thou art clear.
- 3 Yet save a penitent, O Lord!  
Whose hope, still hovering round thy word,  
Seeks for some precious promise there,  
Some sure support against despair.

- 4 My sins are great, but don't surpass  
The riches of eternal grace;  
Great God, thy nature hath no bound,  
So let thy pard'ning love be found.
- 5 O wash my soul from every stain,  
Nor let the guilt I mourn remain;  
Give me to hear thy pard'ning voice,  
And bid my bleeding heart rejoice.
- 6 Then shall thy love inspire my tongue,  
Salvation shall be all my song;  
And every power shall join to bless  
The Lord, my strength and righteousness.

## 126

L. M.

*Christ's intercession.*

- 1 HE lives, the great Redeemer lives,  
(What joy the blest assurance gives!)  
And now, before his Father, God,  
Pleads the full merit of his blood.
- 2 Repeated crimes awake our fears,  
And justice arm'd with frowns appears;  
But in the Saviour's lovely face  
Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace.
- 3 Hence, then, ye black, despairing thoughts!  
Above our fears, above our faults,  
His powerful intercessions rise,  
And guilt recedes and terror dies.
- 4 In every dark, distressful hour,  
When sin and Satan join their power,  
Let this dear hope repel the dart,  
That Jesus bears us on his heart.
- 5 Great Advocate, Almighty Friend—  
On him our humble hopes depend:  
Our cause can never, never fail,  
For Jesus pleads and must prevail.

## WATCHMAN, TELL US, &amp;c. 7s.

With deliberation, and rather ad. lib.

Solo.—SOPRANO.

Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to thy bo - som fly,

Solo.—TENOR.

While the bil - lows near me roll, While the tem - pest still is high;

Solo.—SOPRANO.

Hide me, O my Sa - viour, hide, Till the storm of life be past;

Solo.—TENOR.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!

CHORUS.

CHORUS.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!

CHORUS.



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7s.

- 1 JESUS, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the billows near me roll,  
While the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!
- 2 Other refuge have I none;  
Lo! I, helpless, hang on thee;  
Leave, O leave me not alone,  
Lest I basely shrink and flee:  
Thou art all my trust and aid,  
All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenceless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.
- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
Boundless love in thee I find:  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name:  
I'm all unrighteousness;  
Vile and full of sin I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to pardon all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound,  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of thee:  
Reign, O Lord, within my heart,  
Reign to all eternity.



## MARTYN. 7s.

B. S. MARSH.

Rock of a - ges, cleft for me ! Let me hide my - self in thee ;

The first system of the musical score for 'MARTYN. 7s.' consists of three staves. The top staff is a single melodic line in G major (one flat) and 6/4 time. The middle staff is a harmonic accompaniment in the same key and time, using chords. The bottom staff is a bass line in the same key and time. The lyrics are written below the middle staff.

\* Let the water and the blood, From thy wounded side that flow'd,

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. It begins with a small asterisk (\*) above the first note of the top staff. The lyrics are written below the middle staff.

Be of sin the per - fect cure ; Save me, Lord ! and make me pure.

The third system of the musical score concludes the piece. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the middle staff.

128

7s.

*Rock smitten ; or the Rock of Ages.*

- 1 ROCK of ages, cleft for me !  
Let me hide myself in thee ;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy wounded side that flow'd,  
Be of sin the perfect cure ;  
Save me, Lord ! and make me pure.
- 2 Should my tears for ever flow,  
Should my zeal no languor know,  
This for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and thou alone :  
In my hand no price I bring ;  
Simply to thy cross I cling.
- 3 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me !  
Let me hide myself in thee.

129

7s.

*Sun of Righteousness.*

- 1 CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night ;  
Day-spring from on high, be near ;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn,  
If thy light is hid from me ;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see ;—  
Till thy inward light impart  
Warmth and gladness to my heart.
- 3 Visit, then, this soul of mine ;  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief ;  
Fill me, radiant Sun divine ;  
Scatter all my unbelief ;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

## MIDDLETON. 8s &amp; 7s.

Come, thou fount of ev'-ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mer-cy ne-ver ceas-ing, Calls for songs of loud-est praise.  
D. C. Fill my soul with sa-cred plea-sure, While I sing re-deem-ing love.

Teach me some me-lo-dious measure, Sung by flaming tongues a-bove;  
D. C.

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8s &amp; 7s.

*Grateful recollections on the journey of life.*

- 1 COME, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Calls for songs of loudest praise:
- 2 Teach me some melodious measure,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Fill my soul with sacred pleasure,  
While I sing redeeming love.
- 3 Here I raise mine Ebenezer,  
Hither by thy help I've come,  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.
- 4 Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to save my soul from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.
- 5 O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrain'd to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee!

- 6 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
 Prone to leave the God I love—  
 Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,  
 Seal it for thy courts above.

131

8s &amp; 7s.

*Christ our friend.*

- 1 ONE there is, above all others,  
 Well deserves the name of Friend;  
 His is love beyond a brother's,  
 Costly, free, and knows no end.
- 2 Which of all our friends, to save us,  
 Could or would have shed his blood!  
 But this Saviour died to have us  
 Reconcil'd in him to God.
- 3 When he liv'd on earth abased,  
 Friend of sinners was his name;  
 Now, above all glory raised,  
 He rejoices in the same.
- 4 O for grace our hearts to soften!  
 Teach us, Lord, at length to love;  
 We, alas! forget too often  
 What a Friend we have above.

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8s &amp; 7s.

*Glory of Christ.*

- 1 JESUS, hail! enthroned in glory,  
 There for ever to abide;  
 All the heavenly host adore thee,  
 Seated at thy Father's side.
- 2 There for sinners thou art pleading,  
 There thou dost our place prepare:  
 Ever for us interceding,  
 Till in glory we appear.
- 3 Worship, honour, power, and blessing,  
 Thou art worthy to receive;  
 Loudest praises without ceasing,  
 Meet it is for us to give.
- 4 Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
 Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
 Help to sing our Saviour's merits,  
 Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

## SILVER STREET. S. M.

I. SMITH.

Come, ye that love the Lord, And let your joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet ac - cord, While ye sur-round the throne.

133

S. M.

*Heavenly joy on earth.*

- 1 COME, ye that love the Lord,  
And let your joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
While ye surround the throne.
- 2 Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God;  
But servants of the heavenly King  
May speak their joys abroad.
- 3 The God who rules on high,  
Who all the earth surveys,  
Who rides upon the stormy sky,  
And calms the roaring seas:



- 4 This awful God is ours,  
Our Father and our love;  
He will send down his heavenly powers  
To carry us above.
- 5 There we shall see his face,  
And never, never sin!  
There, from the rivers of his grace,  
Drink endless pleasures in.
- 6 Yea, and before we rise  
To that immortal state,  
The thoughts of such amazing bliss  
Should constant joys create.
- 7 The men of grace have found  
Glory begun below—  
Celestial fruit on earthly ground  
From faith and hope may grow.
- 8 Then let our songs abound,  
And every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high.

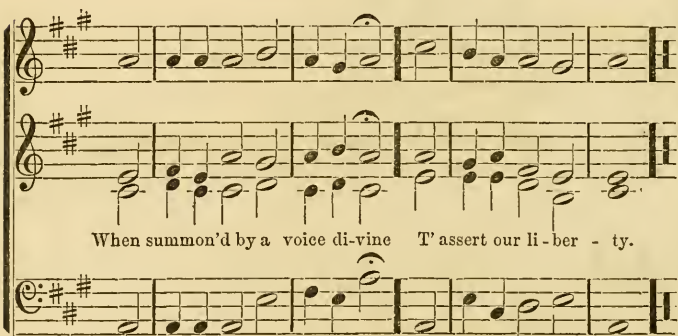
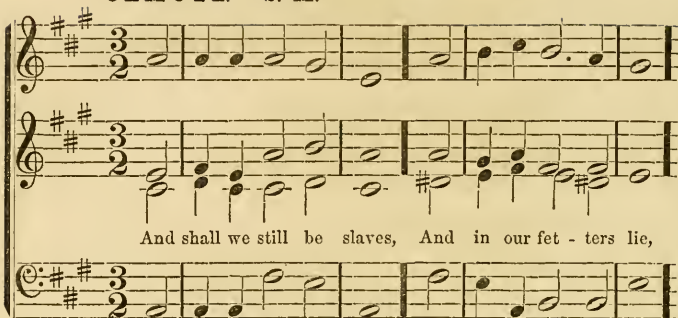
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S. M.

*The pleasures of conversion.*

- 1 HOW various and how new  
Are thy compassions, Lord!  
Each morning shall thy mercies show,  
Each night thy love record.
- 2 Thy goodness, like the sun,  
Dawn'd on our early days,  
Ere infant reason had begun  
To form our lips to praise.
- 3 Each object we beheld  
Gave pleasure to our eyes,  
And nature all our senses held  
In bands of sweet surprise.
- 4 But pleasures more refin'd  
Awaited that blest day,  
When light arose upon our mind  
To chase our sins away.

## OLMUTZ. S. M.



135

S. M.

*Freedom in the death of Jesus.*

- 1 AND shall we still be slaves,  
And in our fetters lie,  
When summon'd by a voice divine  
T' assert our liberty !
- 2 Did the great Saviour bleed,  
Our freedom to obtain?  
And shall we trample on his blood,  
And glory in our chain ?
- 3 Shall we go on in sin,  
Because thy grace abounds ;  
Or crucify the Lord again,  
And open all his wounds ?

- 4 Forbid it, mighty God !  
 Nor let it e'er be said  
 That those, for whom thy Son has died,  
 In vice are lost and dead.
- 5 The man that durst despise  
 The law that Moses brought,  
 Behold ! how terribly he dies  
 For his presumptuous fault.
- 6 But sorer vengeance falls  
 On that rebellious race,  
 Who hate to hear when Jesus calls,  
 And dare resist his grace.

136

S. M.

*Death temporal and eternal.*

- 1 O WHERE shall rest be found,  
 Rest for the weary soul ?  
 'Twere vain the ocean's depths to sound,  
 Or pierce to either pole.
- 2 The world can never give  
 The bliss for which we sigh :  
 'Tis not the whole of life to live,  
 Nor all of death to die.
- 3 Beyond this vale of tears  
 There is a life above,  
 Unmeasur'd by the flight of years—  
 And all that life is love.
- 4 There is a death whose pang  
 Outlasts the fleeting breath :  
 O what eternal horrors hang  
 Around the second death !
- 5 Lord God of truth and grace !  
 Teach us that death to shun :—  
 Lest we be driven from thy face,  
 And evermore undone.
- 6 Here would we end our quest—  
 Alone are found in thee  
 The life of perfect love—the rest  
 Of immortality.

## MORNING HYMNS.

137

C. M. PETERBOROUGH, (p. 306.)

*The fear of God.*

- 1 THRICE happy souls, who, born of heaven  
While yet they sojourn here,  
Humbly begin their days with God,  
And spend them in his fear.
- 2 So may our eyes with holy zeal  
Prevent the dawning day;  
And turn the sacred pages o'er,  
And praise thy name and pray.
- 3 Midst hourly cares may love present  
Its incense to thy throne;  
And, while the world our hands employs,  
Our hearts be thine alone.
- 4 At night we lean our weary heads  
On thy paternal breast;  
And, safely folded in thine arms,  
Resign our powers to rest.
- 5 In solid, pure delights, like these,  
Let all my days be passed;  
Nor shall I then impatient wish,  
Nor shall I fear the last.

138

C. M. PETERBOROUGH, (p. 306.)

*Morning prayer for Divine protection.*

- 1 TO thee let my first offerings rise,  
Whose sun creates my day;  
Swift as the gladdening influence flies,  
And spotless as his ray.
- 2 This day thy favouring hand be nigh,  
So oft vouchsafed 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 the grateful heart  
 That, without guilt, is gay.
- 4 Affliction shouldst thou please to send,  
 As sin's or folly's cure,  
 Patient to gain that blessed end,  
 May I the means endure.
- 5 Be this and every future day  
 Still wiser than the past;  
 That, from the whole of life's survey,  
 I may find peace at last.

139

C. M. PETERBOROUGH, (p. 306.)

*God's goodness renewed every morning and evening.*

- 1 GREAT God! my early vows to thee  
 With gratitude I'll bring;  
 And at the rosy dawn of day  
 Thy lofty praises sing.
- 2 Thou, round the heavenly arch dost draw  
 A dark and sable vail,  
 And all the beauties of the world  
 From mortal eyes conceal.
- 3 Again the sky with golden beams  
 Thy skilful hands adorn,  
 And paint, with cheerful splendour gay,  
 The fair ascending morn.
- 4 And as the gloomy night returns,  
 Or smiling day renews,  
 Thy constant goodness still my soul  
 With benefits pursues.
- 5 For this will I my vows to thee  
 With evening incense bring;  
 And at the rosy dawn of day  
 Thy lofty praises sing.

## EVENING HYMNS.

140

C. M. ARLINGTON, (p. 318.)

*Evening prayer and praise.*

- 1 INDULGENT Father, by whose care,  
I've pass'd another day,  
Let me this night thy mercy share ;  
O teach me how to pray.
- 2 Show me my sins, that I may mourn  
My guilt before thy face ;  
Direct me, Lord, to Christ alone,  
And save me by thy grace.
- 3 Let each returning night declare  
The tokens of thy love ;  
And every hour thy grace prepare  
My soul for joys above.
- 4 And when on earth I close mine eyes  
To sleep in death's embrace,  
Let me to heaven and glory rise,  
To see thy smiling face.

141

C. M. ARLINGTON, (p. 318.)

- 1 NOW from the altar of our hearts  
Let incense flames arise ;  
Assist us, Lord, to offer up  
Our evening sacrifice.
- 2 Awake, our love, awake our joy ;  
Awake, our hearts and tongue :  
Sleep not when mercies loudly call,  
Break forth into a song.
- 3 Minutes and mercies multiplied  
Have made up all this day ;  
Minutes came quick, but mercies were  
More fleet and free than they.
- 4 New time, new favours, and new joys  
Do a new song require ;  
Till we shall praise thee as we would,  
Accept our heart's desire.



- 5 Lord of our time, whose hand hath set  
New time upon our score,  
Thee may we praise for all our time,  
When time shall be no more.

## 142

C. M. ARLINGTON, (p. 318.)

- 1 IN all my vast concerns with thee,  
In vain my soul would try  
To shun thy presence, Lord, or flee  
The notice of thine eye.
- 2 Thy all-surrounding sight surveys  
My rising and my rest,  
My public walks, my private ways,  
And secrets of my breast.
- 3 My thoughts lie open to the Lord,  
Before they're form'd within;  
And ere my lips pronounce the word,  
He knows the sense I mean.
- 4 O wondrous knowledge, deep and high,  
Where can a creature hide?  
Within thy circling arms I lie,  
Enclos'd on every side.
- 5 So let thy grace surround me still,  
And like a bulwark prove,  
To guard my soul from every ill,  
Secur'd by sovereign love.

## 143

C. M. ARLINGTON, (p. 318.)

- 1 IN mercy, Lord, remember me,  
Through all the hours of night,  
And grant to me most graciously  
The safeguard of thy might.
- 2 With cheerful heart I close my eyes  
Since thou wilt not remove;  
O in the morning let me rise  
Rejoicing in thy love!
- 3 Or, if this night should prove the last,  
And end my transient days,  
Lord, take me to thy promis'd rest,  
Where I may sing thy praise.

## 144

C. M. ARLINGTON, (p. 318.)  
*Saturday night.*

- 1 BEGONE, my worldly cares, away,  
Nor dare to tempt my sight;  
Let me begin th' ensuing day,  
Before I end this night.
- 2 Yes, let the work of prayer and praise  
Employ my heart and tongue :  
Begin, my soul ;—thy Sabbath-days  
Can never be too long.
- 3 Let the past mercies of the week  
Excite a grateful frame ;  
Nor let my tongue refuse to speak  
Some good of Jesus' name.
- 4 On wings of expectation borne,  
My hopes to heaven ascend ;  
I long to welcome in the morn,  
With thee the day to spend.

## 145

L. M. HEBRON, (p. 316.)

- 1 GLORY to thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light :  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings  
Beneath thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
The ill 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  
Rise glorious at the judgment day.
- 4 Lord, let my soul for ever share  
The bliss of thy paternal care :  
'Tis heaven on earth, 'tis heaven above,  
To see thy face and sing thy love !

146

L. M.      HEBRON, (p. 316.)

- 1 GREAT God, to thee my evening 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 every gently rolling hour,  
Are monuments of wond'rous grace,  
And witness to thy love and power.
  - 3 Thy love and power, celestial guard,  
Preserve me from surrounding harm:  
Can danger reach me while the Lord  
Extends his kind, protecting arm?
  - 4 Let this blest hope my eyelids close;  
With sleep refresh my feeble frame:  
Safe in thy care may I repose,  
And wake with praises to thy name.
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## SABBATH MORNING.

147

C. M.      BARBY, (p. 334.)

*The resurrection Sabbath.*

- 1 BLEST morning, whose first dawning rays  
Beheld our rising God;  
That saw him triumph o'er the dust,  
And leave his dark abode!
- 2 In the cold prison of the tomb  
Our dear Redeemer lay,  
Till the revolving skies had brought  
The third, th' appointed day.
- 3 Hell and the grave unite their force  
To hold our God in vain;  
The sleeping conqueror arose,  
And burst their feeble chain.

- 4 To thy great name, almighty Lord,  
 These sacred hours we pay,  
 And loud hosannas shall proclaim  
 The triumph of the day.

148

C. M. BARBY, (p. 334.)

*Lord's-day morning.*

- 1 ON this sweet morn my Lord arose  
 Triumphant o'er the grave!  
 He dies to vanish all my foes,  
 And lives again to save.
- 2 This is the day for holy rest,  
 Yet clouds will gather soon,  
 Except my Lord becomes my guest,  
 And put my harp in tune.
- 3 No heavenly fire my heart can raise,  
 Without the Spirit's aid;  
 His breath must kindle prayer and praise,  
 Or I am cold and dead.
- 4 On all the flocks thy Spirit pour,  
 And saving health convey;  
 A sweet, refreshing Sunday shower  
 Will make them sing and pray.
- 5 Direct thy shepherds how to feed  
 The flocks of thine own choice;  
 Give savour to the heavenly bread,  
 And bid the folds rejoice.

149

C. M. BARBY, (p. 334.)

*Christ's resurrection and our salvation.*

- 1 THIS is the day the Lord hath made,  
 He calls the hours his own:  
 Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad,  
 And praise surround the throne.
- 2 To-day he rose and left the dead;  
 And Satan's empire fell;  
 To-day the saints his triumphs spread,  
 And all his wonders tell.

- 3 Hosanna to th' anointed King,  
To David's holy Son ;  
Help us, O Lord, descend and bring  
Salvation from thy throne.
  - 4 Blest be the Lord who comes to men  
With messages of grace ;  
Who comes in God his Father's name,  
To save our sinful race.
  - 5 Hosanna in the highest strain  
The church on earth can raise ;  
The highest heavens in which he reigns,  
Shall give him nobler praise.
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## SABBATH EVENING.

150

L. M. STONINGTON, (p. 340.)

*The eternal Sabbath.*

- 1 THINE earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,  
But there's a nobler rest above ;  
To that our longing souls aspire,  
With ardent hope and strong desire.
- 2 No more fatigue, no more distress,  
Nor sin, nor hell, shall reach the place ;  
No groans to mingle with the songs,  
Which warble from immortal tongues.
- 3 No rude alarms of raging foes ;  
No cares to break the long repose ;  
No midnight shade, no clouded sun  
Obscures the lustre of thy throne.
- 4 Around thy throne, grant we may meet,  
And give us but the lowest seat ;  
We'll shout thy praise, and join the song  
Of the triumphant, holy throng.

## FAMILY RELIGION.

151

L. M. OLD HUNDRED, (p. 344.)

- 1 THOU, Lord, through every changing scene,  
Hast to the saints a refuge been ;  
Through every age, eternal God !  
Their pleasing home—their safe abode.
  - 2 In thee our fathers sought their rest,  
And were with thy protection blest ;  
Behold their sons, a feeble race !  
We come to fill our fathers' place.
  - 3 Through all the thorny paths we tread,  
Ere we are number'd with the dead,  
When friends desert—and foes invade,  
Be thou our all-sufficient aid !
  - 4 And when this pilgrimage is o'er,  
And we must dwell on earth no more,  
To thee, great God ! may we ascend,  
And find an everlasting friend.
  - 5 To thee our infant race we'll leave ;  
Them may their fathers' God receive ;  
That voices, yet unform'd, may raise  
Succeeding hymns of humble praise.
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## THE SEASONS.

152

C. M. CORONATION, (p. 364.)

*Winter.*

- 1 STERN winter throws his icy chains,  
Encircling nature round ;  
How bleak, how comfortless the plains,  
Late with gay verdure crown'd !
- 2 The sun withdraws his vital beams,  
And light and warmth depart ;  
And drooping lifeless, nature seems  
An emblem of my heart.



- 3 My heart, where mental winter reigns,  
In night's dark mantle clad,  
Confin'd in cold, inactive chains,  
How desolate and sad!
- 4 Return, O blissful Sun, and bring  
Thy soul-reviving ray;  
This mental winter shall be spring,  
This darkness cheerful day.
- 5 O happy state, divine abode,  
Where spring eternal reigns;  
And perfect day, the smile of God,  
Fills all the heavenly plains!
- 6 Great Source of light, thy beams display,  
My drooping joys restore,  
And guide me to the seats of day,  
Where winter chills no more.

## EARLY PIETY.

153

C. M. DEVIZES, (p. 376.)

*The first great object.*

- 1 RELIGION is the chief concern  
Of mortals here below;  
May I its great importance learn,  
Its sovereign virtue know!
- 2 More needful this, than glittering wealth,  
Or aught the world bestows;  
Nor reputation, food, and health,  
Can give us such repose.
- 3 Religion should our thoughts engage,  
Amid our youthful bloom;  
'Twill fit us for declining age,  
And for the awful tomb.
- 4 O may my heart, by grace renew'd,  
Be my Redeemer's throne;  
And be my stubborn will subdu'd,  
His government to own.
- 5 Let deep repentance, faith, and love  
Be join'd with godly fear;  
And all my conversation prove  
My heart to be sincere.

## TIME—ETERNITY.

154

C. M. ROCHESTER, (p. 396.)

*Death at hand.*

- 1 THEE we adore, eternal Name !  
And humbly own to thee  
How feeble is our mortal frame,  
What dying worms are we.
- 2 Our wasting lives are shortening still,  
As months and days increase ;  
And every beating pulse we tell  
Leaves but the number less.
- 3 Dangers stand thick through all the ground,  
To push us to the tomb ;  
And fierce diseases wait around  
To hurry mortals home.
- 4 Great God ! on what a slender thread  
Hang everlasting things !  
Th' eternal states of all the dead  
Upon life's feeble strings.
- 5 Yet while a world of joy or wo  
Depends on every breath,  
Thoughtless and unconcern'd we go  
Upon the brink of death.
- 6 Waken, O Lord, our drowsy sense,  
To walk this dangerous road ;  
And if our souls are hurried hence,  
May they be found with God.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

155

C. M. MARLOW, (p. 410.)

*Breathing after holiness.*

- 1 O THAT the Lord would guide my ways,  
To keep his statutes still !  
O that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will !
- 2 Order my footsteps by thy word,  
And make my heart sincere ;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And, should I ere forget thy way,  
Restore thy wandering sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in thy commands;  
'Tis a delightful road:  
Nor let my lips, or heart, or hands,  
Offend against our God.

156

C. M. MARLOW, (p. 410.)

*Breathing after the Holy Spirit.*

- 1 COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all thy quickening powers,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.
- 2 See, how we grovel here below,  
Fond of these earthly toys!  
Our souls, how heavily they go,  
To reach eternal joys!
- 3 Dear Lord! and shall we always live  
At this poor, dying rate?  
Our love so cold, so faint to thee,  
And thine to us so great.
- 4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.

157

C. M. MARLOW, (p. 410.)

*Living near to God.*

- 1 O COULD I find, from day to day,  
A nearness to my God:  
Then should my hours glide sweet away  
And lean upon his word.
- 2 Lord, I desire with thee to live  
Anew from day to day;  
In joys the world can never give,  
Nor ever take away.
- 3 O Jesus, come and rule my heart,  
And make me wholly thine,  
That I may never more depart,  
Nor grieve thy love divine.

- 4 Thus till my last expiring breath,  
 Thy goodness I'll adore;  
 And when my flesh dissolves in death,  
 My soul shall love thee more.

158

C. M. ST. MARTIN'S, (p. 414.)

*Holy fortitude.*

- 1 AM I a soldier of the cross?  
 A follower of the Lamb!  
 And shall I fear to own his cause,  
 Or blush to speak his name?
- 2 Shall I be carried to the skies,  
 On flowery beds of ease,  
 While others fought to win the prize,  
 And sail'd through bloody seas?
- 3 Are there no foes for me to face?  
 Must I not stem the flood?  
 Is this vain world a friend to grace,  
 To help me on to God?
- 4 Sure I must fight, if I would reign;  
 Increase my courage, Lord,  
 To bear the cross, endure the shame,  
 Supported by thy word.
- 5 The saints, in all this glorious war,  
 Shall conquer, though they die;  
 They see the triumph from afar,  
 With faith's discerning eye.

159

L. M. ROTHERHAM, (p. 416.)

*Parting with carnal joys.*

- 1 I SEND the joys of earth away;  
 Away, ye tempters of the mind,  
 False as the smooth, deceitful sea,  
 And empty as the whistling wind.
- 2 Your streams were floating me along  
 Down to the gulf of black despair,  
 And while I listen'd to your song,  
 Your streams had o'en convey'd me there.
- 3 Lord, I adore thy matchless grace,  
 That warn'd me of that dark abyss,  
 That drew me from those treacherous seas,  
 And bade me seek superior bliss.

- 4 Now to the shining realms above  
I stretch my hands and glance mine eyes;  
O for the pinions of a dove  
To bear me to the upper skies.
- 5 There, from the bosom of my God,  
Oceans of endless pleasure roll;  
There would I fix my last abode,  
And drown the sorrows of my soul.

160

L. M. ROTHERHAM, (p. 416.)

*Crucifixion to the world by the cross.*

- 1 WHEN I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet?  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

161

L. M. ROTHERHAM, (p. 416.)

*Dismission, or a parting hymn.*

- 1 CHRISTIANS and brethren! ere we part,  
Join every voice and every heart;  
One solemn hymn to God we'll raise,  
One final song of grateful praise.
- 2 Christians! we here may meet no more,  
But there is yet a happier shore;  
And there, releas'd from toil and pain,  
Dear brethren, we shall meet again.
- 3 Now to our God, the Three in One,  
Be everlasting glory done;  
Raise ye, his saints, the sound again,  
Ye nations, join the loud Amen.

## 162

L. M. ROTHERHAM, (p. 416.)

*The Mercy-seat.*

- 1 FROM every stormy wind that blows,  
From every swelling tide of woes,  
There is a calm, a sure retreat,  
'Tis found beneath the Mercy-seat.
- 2 There is a place where Jesus sheds  
The oil of gladness on our heads,  
A place than all besides more sweet—  
It is the blood-bought Mercy-seat.
- 3 There is a scene where spirits blend,  
Where friend holds fellowship with friend.  
Though sunder'd far—by faith they meet  
Around one common Mercy-seat.
- 4 Ah! whither could we flee for aid,  
When tempted, desolate, dismay'd?  
Or how the hosts of hell defeat,  
Had suffering saints no Mercy-seat?
- 5 There! *there* on eagle wings we soar,  
And sin and sense seem all no more;  
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,  
And glory crowns the Mercy-seat.
- 6 O let my hand forget her skill,  
My tongue be silent, cold, and still,  
This bounding heart forget to beat,  
If I forget the Mercy-seat.

## 163

L. M. MIGDOL, (p. 362.)

*"Behold, I stand at the door."*

- 1 BEHOLD a stranger at the door!  
He gently knocks—has knock'd before,  
Hath waited long—is waiting still:  
You treat no other friend so ill.
- 2 O, lovely attitude, he stands  
With melting heart and loaded hands!  
O, matchless kindness! and he shows  
This matchless kindness to his foes!
- 3 But will he prove a friend indeed?  
He will; the very friend you need;  
The friend of sinners—yes, 'tis He,  
With garments dy'd on Calvary.



- 4 Rise, touch'd with gratitude divine ;  
Turn out his enemy and thine,  
That soul-destroying monster, sin,  
And let the heavenly stranger in.
- 5 Admit him, ere his anger burn,  
His feet departed ne'er return ;  
Admit him, or the hour's at hand,  
You'll at his door rejected stand.

164

L. M. STONINGTON, (p. 340.)

*The offer of pardon.*

- 1 I HEAR a voice that comes from far,  
From Calvary it sounds abroad ;  
It soothes my soul, and calms my fear ;  
It speaks of pardon bought with blood.
- 2 And is it true that many fly  
The sound that bids my soul rejoice,  
And rather choose in sin to die  
Than turn an ear to mercy's voice !
- 3 Alas for those !—the day is near  
When mercy will be heard no more ;  
Then will they ask, in vain, to hear  
The voice they would not hear before.
- 4 With such, I own, I once appear'd,  
But now I know how great their loss ;  
For sweeter sounds were never heard  
Than mercy utters from the cross.

165

L. M. ROTHERHAM, (p. 416.)

*The wanderer invited to return.*

- 1 RETURN, O wanderer, return,  
And seek an injur'd Father's face ;  
Those warm desires that in thee burn  
Were kindled by reclaiming grace.
- 2 Return, O wanderer, return,  
And seek a Father's melting heart ;  
His pitying eyes thy grief discern,  
His hand shall heal thy inward smart.
- 3 Return, O wanderer, return,  
Thy Saviour bids thy spirit live ;  
Go to his bleeding feet, and learn  
How freely Jesus can forgive.

- 4 Return, O wanderer, return,  
 And wipe away the falling tear:  
 'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn,"  
 'Tis mercy's voice invites thee near.

166

L. M. FOREST, (p. 398.)

*My Spirit shall not always strive.*

- 1 SAY, sinner, hath a voice within  
 Oft whisper'd to thy secret soul,  
 Urg'd thee to leave the ways of sin,  
 And yield thy heart to God's control?
- 2 Hath something met thee in the path  
 Of worldliness and vanity,  
 And pointed to the coming wrath,  
 And warn'd thee from that wrath to flee?
- 3 Sinner, it was a heavenly voice,—  
 It was the Spirit's gracious call;  
 It bade thee make the better choice,  
 And haste to seek in Christ thine all.
- 4 Spurn not the call to life and light;  
 Regard in time the warning kind;  
 That call thou may'st not always slight,  
 And yet the gate of mercy find.
- 5 God's Spirit will not always strive  
 With harden'd self-destroying man;  
 Ye, who persist his love to grieve,  
 May never hear his voice again.
- 6 Sinner—perhaps this very day  
 Thy last accepted time may be;  
 O shouldst thou grieve him now away,  
 Then hope may never beam on thee.

167

L. M. ROTHERHAM, (p. 416.)

*Hardness of heart lamented.*

- 1 O FOR a glance of heavenly day,  
 To take this stubborn heart away,  
 And thaw with beams of love divine  
 This heart, this frozen heart of mine!
- 2 The rocks can rend; the earth can quake;  
 The seas can roar; the mountains shake;  
 Of feeling all things show some sign,  
 But this unfeeling heart of mine.

- 3 To hear the sorrows thou hast felt,  
O Lord, an adamant might melt;  
But I can read each moving line,  
And nothing moves this heart of mine.
- 4 Thy judgments, too, which devils fear,  
(Amazing thought!) unmov'd I hear;  
Goodness and wrath in vain combine  
To stir this stupid heart of mine.
- 5 Eternal Spirit! mighty God!  
Apply to me the Saviour's blood;  
'Tis his rich blood, and his alone,  
Can move and melt this heart of stone.

168

C. M. AZMON, (p. 328.)

*Spiritual sloth deprecated.*

- 1 MY drowsy powers, why sleep ye so?  
Awake, my sluggish soul!  
Nothing has half thy work to do,  
Yet nothing's half so dull.
- 2 The little ants, for one poor grain,  
Labour, and toil, and strive;  
Yet we who have a heaven t' obtain  
How negligent we live!
- 3 We, for whose sake all nature stands,  
And stars their courses move;  
We, for whose guard the angel bands  
Come flying from above;
- 4 We, for whom God the Son came down,  
And labour'd for our good,  
How careless to secure that crown  
He purchas'd with his blood!
- 5 Lord, shall we lie so sluggish still!  
And never act our parts?  
Come, holy Dove, from the heavenly hill,  
Renew and warm our hearts.
- 6 Then shall our active spirits move,  
Upward our souls shall rise;  
With hands of faith and wings of love  
We'll fly and take the prize.

169

C. M. MARLOW, (p. 410.)

*Praise for the fountain opened.*

- 1 THERE is a fountain fill'd with blood  
     Drawn from Immanuel's veins :  
     And sinners plung'd beneath that flood,  
     Lose all their guilty stains.
- 2 The dying thief rejoic'd to see  
     That fountain in his day ;  
     O there may I, though vile as he,  
     Wash all my sins away !
- 3 Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood  
     Shall never lose its power,  
     'Till all the ransom'd church of God  
     Be saved, to sin no more.
- 4 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
     Thy flowing wounds supply,  
     Redeeming love has been my theme,  
     And shall be till I die.
- 5 Then in a nobler, sweeter song,  
     I'll sing thy power to save ;  
     When this poor, lisping, stamm'ring tongue  
     Lies silent in the grave.
- 6 Lord, I believe thou hast prepar'd  
     (Unworthy though I be)  
     For me a blood-bought free reward,  
     A golden harp for me !
- 7 'Tis strung and tun'd for endless years,  
     And form'd by power divine ;  
     To sound in God the Father's ears  
     No other name but thine.

170

C. M. HOWARD, (p. 382.)

*The delights of heaven inconceivable.*

- 1 NOR eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard,  
     Nor sense nor reason known,  
     What joys the Father has prepar'd  
     For those that love the Son.
- 2 But the good Spirit of the Lord  
     Reveals a heaven to come ;  
     The beams of glory in his word  
     Allure and guide us home.

- 3 Pure are the joys above the sky,  
And all the region peace;  
No wanton lips, nor envious eye,  
Can see or taste the bliss.
- 4 Those holy gates for ever bar  
Pollution, sin, and shame:  
None shall obtain admittance there,  
But followers of the Lamb.
- 5 He keeps the Father's book of life  
There all their names are found;  
The hypocrite in vain shall strive  
To tread the heavenly ground.

171

C. M. AZMON, (p. 328.)

*Prayer for a renewed heart.*

- 1 O FOR a heart to praise my God,  
A heart from sin set free!  
A heart that always feels thy blood  
So freely spilt for me!
- 2 A heart resign'd, submissive, meek,  
My great Redeemer's throne;  
Where only Christ is heard to speak,  
Where Jesus reigns alone.
- 3 O for a lowly, contrite heart,  
Believing, true, and clean;  
Which neither life nor death can part  
From him that dwells within.
- 4 A heart in every thought renew'd,  
And full of love divine:  
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good;  
A copy, Lord, of thine!
- 5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
Come quickly from above;  
Write thy new name upon my heart,  
Thy new, best name of love.

172

S. M. SILVER STREET, (p. 424.)

*Salvation by grace.*

- 1 GRACE! 'tis a charming sound!  
Harmonious to the ear!  
Heaven with the echo shall resound,  
And all the earth shall hear.

- 2 Grace first contrived the way  
To save rebellious man ;  
And all the steps *that* grace display  
Which drew the wondrous plan.
- 3 Grace led my roving feet  
To tread the heavenly road ;  
And new supplies, each hour, I meet,  
While pressing on to God.
- 4 Grace taught my soul to pray,  
And made my eyes o'erflow :  
'Twas grace which kept me to this day,  
And will not let me go.
- 5 Grace all the work shall crown,  
Through everlasting days ;  
It lays in heaven the topmost stone,  
And well deserves the praise.

173

S. M. OLMUTZ, (p. 426.)

*For diligence and watchfulness.*

- 1 A CHARGE to keep I have,  
A God to glorify ;  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky.
- 2 To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfil,—  
O may it all my powers engage,  
To do my Master's will.
- 3 Arm me with jealous care,  
As in thy sight to live ;  
And O, thy servant, Lord, prepare,  
A strict account to give.
- 4 Help me to watch and pray,  
And on thyself rely,  
Assured, if I my trust betray,  
I shall for ever die.

174

S. M. DOVER, (p. 386.)

*Lamb of God.*

- 1 NOT all the blood of beasts,  
On Jewish altars slain,  
Could give the guilty conscience peace,  
Or wash away the stain.



- 2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb  
Takes all our sins away ;  
A sacrifice of nobler name,  
And richer blood than they.
- 3 My faith would lay her hand  
On that dear head of thine—  
While as a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see  
The burden thou didst bear,  
When hanging on the cursed tree,  
And hopes her guilt was there.
- 5 Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove ;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing his bleeding love.

175

7s. ELTHAM, (p. 406.)

*The new member's declaration.*

- 1 PEOPLE of the living God,  
I have sought the world around,  
Paths of sin and sorrow trod,  
Peace and comfort nowhere found.
- 2 Now to you my spirit turns,  
Turns a fugitive unblest ;  
Brethren, where your altar burns,  
O receive me into rest !
- 3 Lonely I no longer roam,  
Like the cloud, the wind, the wave ;  
Where you dwell shall be my home,  
Where you die shall be my grave.
- 4 Mine the God whom you adore ;  
Your Redeemer shall be mine ;  
Earth can fill my soul no more,  
Every idol I resign.
- 5 Tell me not of gain and loss,  
Ease, enjoyment, pomp, and power ;  
Welcome poverty and cross,  
Shame, reproach, affliction's power.

- 6 "Follow me!" I know thy voice;  
 Jesus, Lord, thy steps I see:  
 Now I take thy yoke by choice,  
 Light 's thy burden now to me.

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*Taking up the cross.*

- 1 JESUS, I my cross have taken,  
 All to leave and follow thee;  
 Naked, poor, despis'd, forsaken,  
 Thou from hence my all shalt be;  
 Perish every fond ambition,  
 All I've sought, or hop'd, or known,  
 Yet how rich is my condition,  
 God and heaven are still mine own!
- 2 Let the world despise and leave me;  
 They have left my Saviour too;  
 Human hearts and looks deceive me—  
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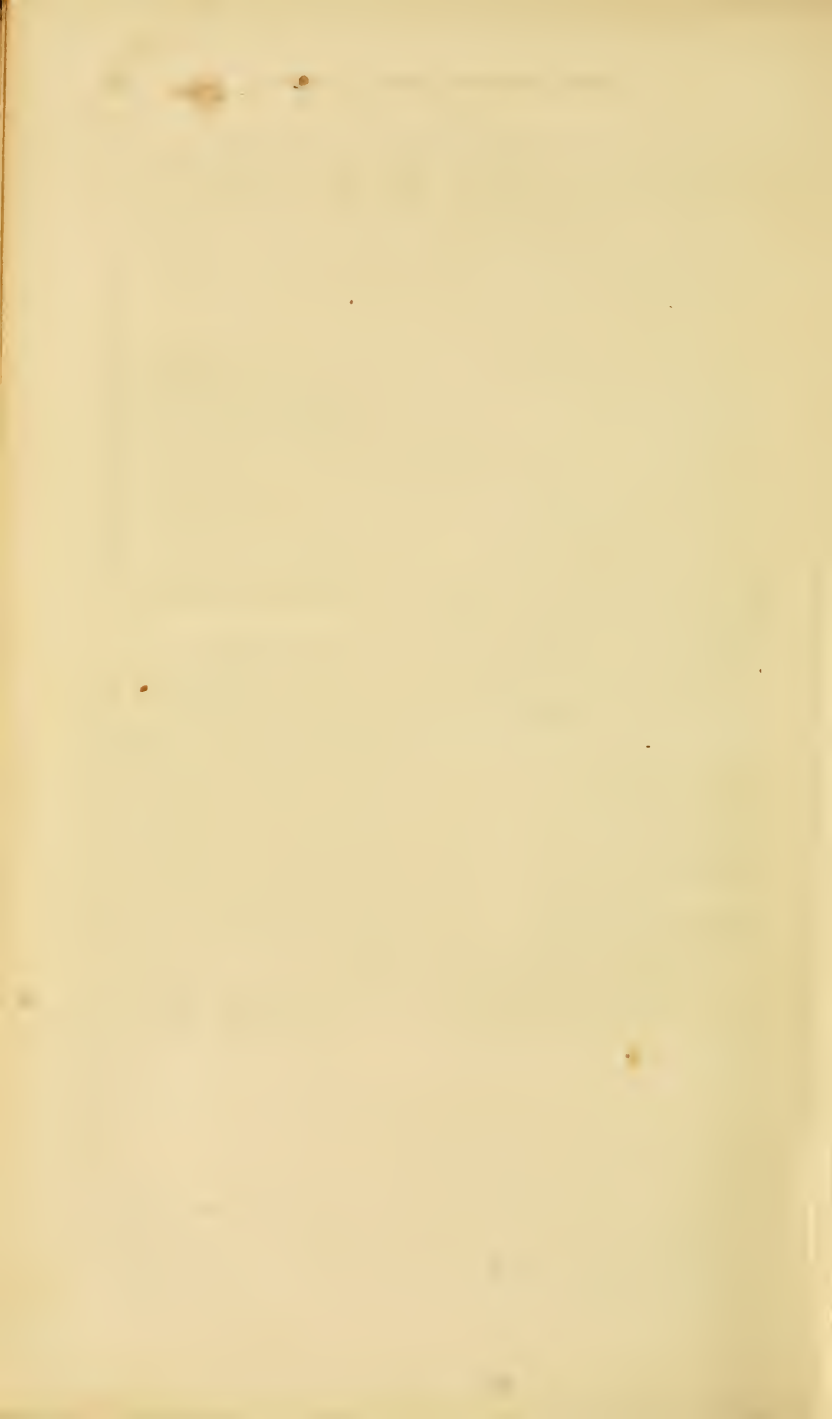
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