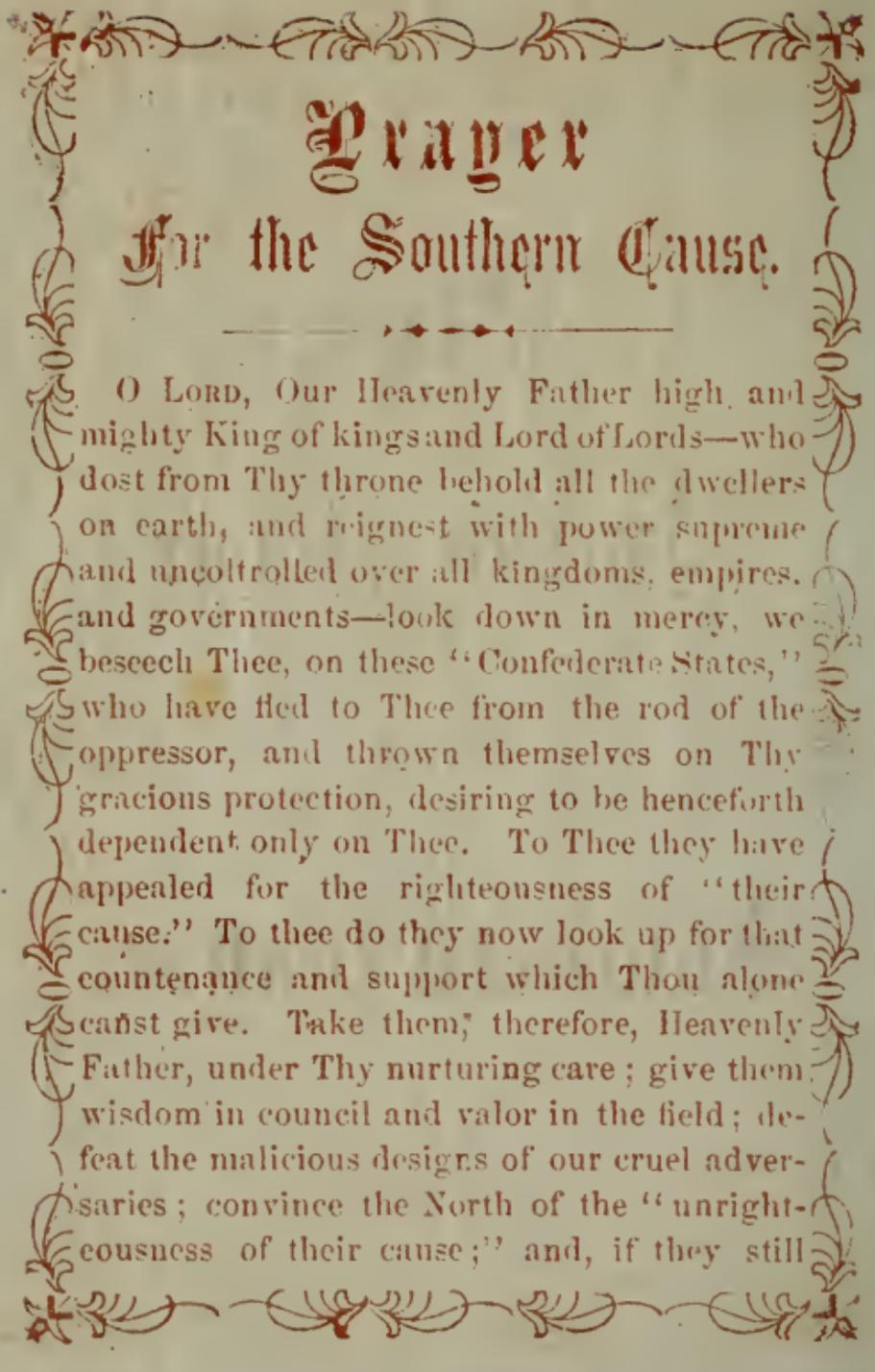




Patriotic Prayer

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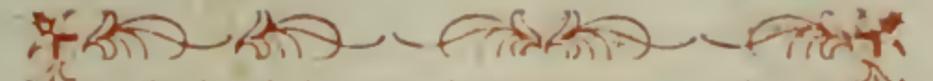
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Prayer

For the Southern Cause.

O LORD, Our Heavenly Father high and mighty King of kings and Lord of Lords—who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth, and reignest with power supreme and uncoltrolled over all kingdoms, empires, and governments—look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these “Confederate States,” who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor, and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee they have appealed for the righteousness of “their cause.” To thee do they now look up for that countenance and support which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince the North of the “unrighteousness of their cause;” and, if they still

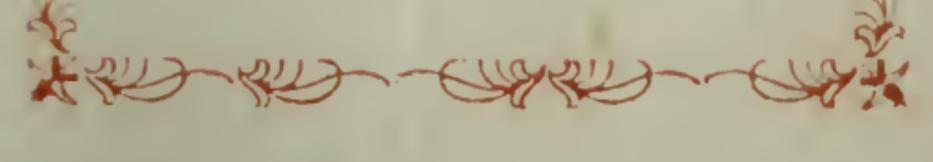


persist in their sanguinary purposes, oh! let the voice of Thine own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop their weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle.

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of that honorable assembly: enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation,—that the scene of blood may be speedily closed,—that order, harmony, and peace may be effectually restored.—and truth and justice, religion and piety prevail and flourish among Thy people.

Preserve the health of their bodies and the vigor of their minds: shower down upon them and the millions they represent such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world: and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come.

All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Saviour. Amen.



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