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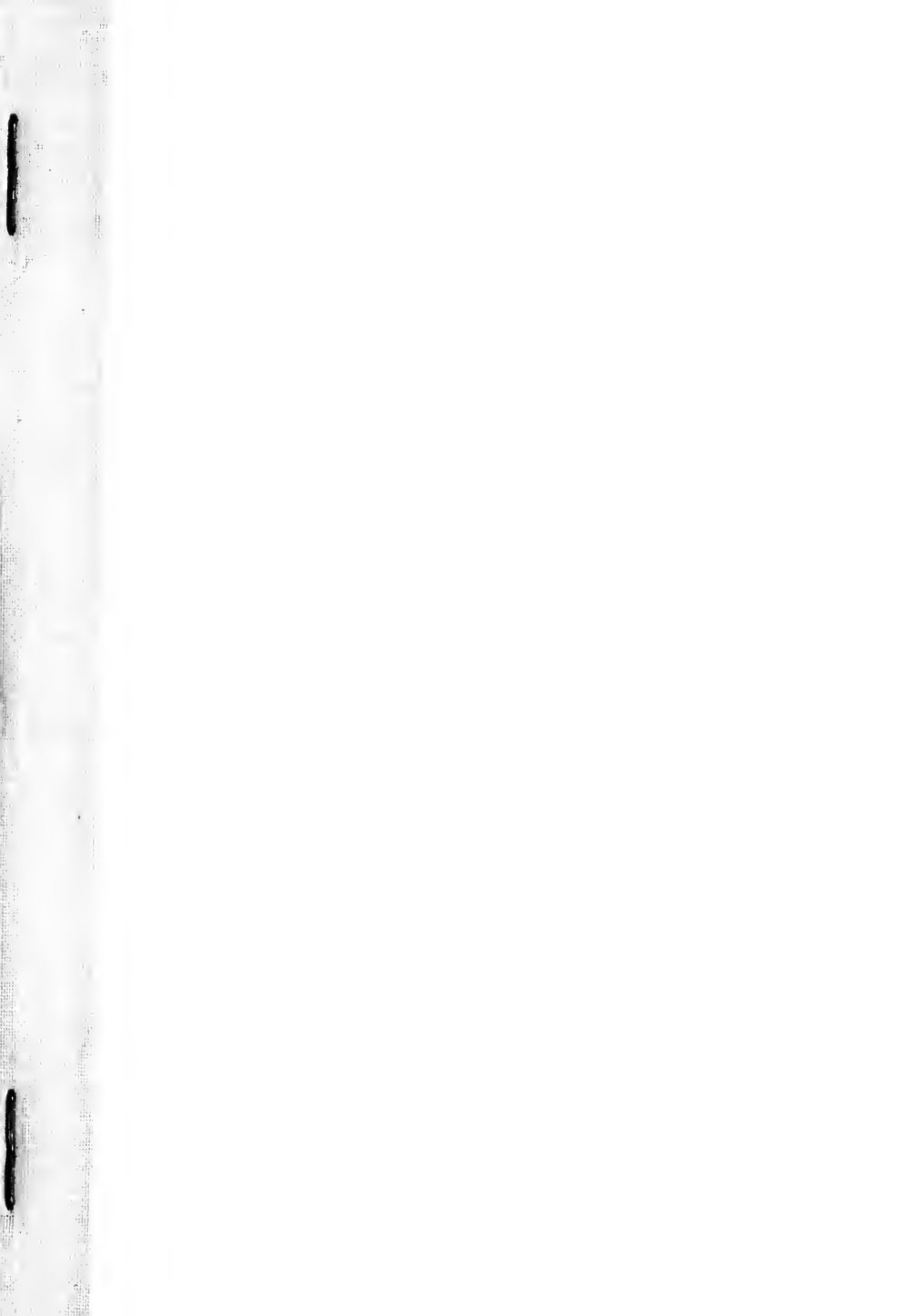


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Prayers from Many Sources

For Personal and Family Use

[NOTE. These prayers are arranged so that by choosing a prayer from each group it will be easy to secure considerable variety for personal or family prayer. Pronouns can easily be changed.]

The Lord's Prayer—"Our Father," etc.

Thanksgivings

I give Thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that Thou has vouchsafed to call me to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee; increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in me evermore. Grant that I may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, so that all sinful affections may die in me and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O offer unto Thee, O Lord, my praises and thanksgivings or all Thy mercies multiplied upon me, more than I can number and far greater than I can express. More especially do I praise Thee for these spiritual blessings which Thou has revealed to me in the life of Thy dear Son. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Thou, O God, has prepared for them that love Thee. Give me grace to love Thee more and more, till I come to Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks, O most merciful Father, for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men, for the blessings of this life, and for the promise of everlasting happiness. Especially do we praise Thee for the mercies which we have ourselves received from Thee during the past day. We thank Thee for every blessing of soul and body; and do Thou add this, O Lord, to Thy other mercies, that we may praise Thee not with our lips only, but with our lives, always looking to Thee as the Author and Giver of all good things. We ask it for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Morning Prayers

Our Father, the day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces. Let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. Amen.

O Almighty God and heavenly Father, Who by Thy Divine providence, hast appointed for each one of us our work in life, and hast commanded that we should not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving Thee; help us always to remember that our work is Thy appointment, and to do it heartily as unto Thee. Preserve us from slothfulness, and make us so to live that we may always be found striving earnestly to finish the work Thou hast given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Keep us just and truthful in all our dealings. Guard our spirits from anger. Make us pitiful towards all those who toil with us or for us. Teach us to be patient with those who are ignorant. Let us not forget to give the hand of friendship to those who are unfortunate or to those cast down by affliction. May everyone who has resolved on a better life find encouragement in our example and fellowship. Give us resignation to Thy will when losses and disappointments come to us. Be graciously pleased to take us and all things belonging to us under Thy fatherly care and protection. All this we ask in the Name of Him Who loved us, and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, go forth with us, we pray Thee, to the duties of this day, so that all may be done in Thy holy Name. Make us diligent to

perform whatsoever our hands find to do. Preserve us from covetousness and from complaint of our opportunities.

Our Heavenly Father,—with gratitude for Thy protection during the night watches, we begin the new life of a new day. Our path will be the busy thoroughfares; walk Thou with us unseen.

Let not our hearts cleave to worldly things, but through the sweet influence of Thy Spirit incline us to seek the things that endure. In times of temptation give us to know the right and the power to do it.

Let not trifles ruffle our tempers, nor disappointments unman us. Let not exacting duties make us selfish and churlish. Give to each of us a sunshiny face, a ready hand, and the joy of a word fitly spoken to some timid, discouraged soul.

Strength for the day's service give us in such measure as Thou willest. Pass by our sins of omission:—and, when the shadows fall, bring us again unsullied by word or deed to sweet, refreshing sleep; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, grant that each one who has to do with me to-day may be the happier for it.

Let it be given me each hour to-day what I shall say, and grant me the wisdom of a loving heart that I may say the right thing rightly.

Help me to enter into the mind of every one who talks with me, and keep me alive to the feelings of each one present.

Give me a quick eye for little kindnesses, that I may be ready in doing them and gracious in receiving them.

Give me quick perception of the feelings and needs of others, and make me eager hearted in helping them. Amen.

For Family and Friends

Almighty God, we beseech Thee to look upon this household and family: grant that every member of it may be taught and guided by Thee. Bless our relatives and friends: Thou knowest their several necessities. Bless the Ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments everywhere, especially * * * * *, and prosper every effort at home and abroad to advance Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regard, O Lord, with Thy favor all the members of this household. Bind us together in love, sympathy and forbearance. Brighten our daily existence with those endearing graces that come from Thee. Help us to live each for the other, and to find our happiness in doing good and denying ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let peace abound in our small company. Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Offenders ourselves, give us the grace to accept and to forgive offenders. Forgetful, help us to bear cheerfully the for-

getfulness of others. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom every family in heaven and earth is named; Grant unto our friends, and to all the members of this household, that, according to the riches of Thy glory, we may 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 God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who by the grace of the Holy Ghost hast poured the gifts of love into our hearts; Grant unto my friends and kindred, [especially * * * * *] health of body and soul, and every spiritual gift; that they may love Thee with all their strength, and with perfect affection fulfil Thy pleasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Thou, Who art the God of all the families of the earth; We beseech Thee to bless all our friends and kindred, wherever they may be, especially * * *; and grant that we may ever be knit together in the bonds of mutual love; and above all, that we may be members together of the mystical body of Christ; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Absent Ones

O God, Who art in every place and from Whose knowledge no space or distance can ever remove us, we know that those who are absent from each other are still present to Thee. Defend, we pray Thee, those dear ones [especially * * * *] from whom we are separated, in all their dangers, both of soul and of body. And grant that they and we, by drawing near to Thee, may be drawing near unto one another, bound together by the unseen chain of Thy love, in the communion of the Holy Spirit, in the holy fellowship of Thy Saints: that whether, or not, as seems best to Thee, we meet again, here upon earth, we may surely meet again at the Resurrection of the just; and go in together to that house of many mansions which Thou hast prepared for those who love Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Departed

Almighty and everlasting God, Who knowest the necessities of all Thy children; Have in Thy holy keeping those near and dear to me who have departed this life in Thy faith and love; especially * * * ; Grant that they may grow more and more into Thy perfect likeness; give them eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God that the souls of these, Thy servants, now delivered from the inquietude of this world may be permitted to behold the King in His beauty, who with Thee O Father, and Thee O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, Who knowest the necessities of all Thy children, we pray Thee to have in Thy holy keeping those precious souls, nearest and dearest to us, who have departed this life in Thy faith and love. Provide for all their needs, sustain and comfort them, protect them from all ill, and grant them eternal joy in Thy service. Give them peace and rest in Thy presence, and bring them to that glorious perfection promised to Thy saints; for the sake of him, who died and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those Who Suffer

Almighty and everlasting God, the Comfort of the sad, and the Strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee; that all may rejoice to find that Thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, remember in Thy mercy the poor and needy, the widow and the fatherless, the stranger and the friendless, the sick and the dying [and any such known to me, whom I name in my heart before Thee] and

those who do not pray for themselves and who have none to pray for them. Relieve their needs, sanctify their sufferings, strengthen their weakness; and in due time bring them out of bondage into the glorious liberty of the sons of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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suffer.
O Thou Who art Love, and who seest all the suffering, injustice, and misery which reign in this world; Have pity, we implore Thee, on the the work of Thy hands. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavy laden with error, labour and sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom of justice and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Lord, Who for our sakes wast content to bear sorrow and want and death, grant unto us such a measure of Thy Spirit that we may follow Thee in all self-denial and tenderness of soul. Help us, by Thy great love, to succour the afflicted, to relieve the needy and destitute, to comfort the feeble minded, to share the burdens of the heavy-laden, and ever to see Thee in all that are poor and desolate; Who art, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

[NOTE. Other prayers for the Suffering and the Departed are to be found in this book, pages 40, 48.]

Evening Prayers

O Lord our God, Who alone makest us to dwell in safety; Refresh with quiet sleep this night those who are wearied with the labors of the day; and mercifully protect from harm all who put their trust in Thee; that lying down in peace to take our rest, we may fear no evil, but confidently give ourselves into Thy holy keeping; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who art the life of mortal men, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead; We thank Thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly supplicate they merciful protection all this night. Bring us, we beseech Thee, in safety to the morning hours; through Him Who died for us and rose again, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Send Thy peace into my heart, O Lord, that I may be contented with Thy mercies of this day, and confident of Thy protection for this night, and having forgiven others even as Thou dost forgive me, may I go to my rest in tranquility and trust; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Forgive me, most gracious Lord and Father, if this day I have done or said anything to increase the pain of the world. Pardon the unkind word, the impatient gesture, the hard and selfish deed, the failure to show

sympathy and kindly help where I have had the opportunity but missed it; and enable me so to live that I may daily do something to lessen the tide of human sorrow, and add to the sum of human happiness; through Him Who died for us and rose again, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Merciful Father, to Whose house of many mansions Thy child shall one day approach alone, by lying down to sleep; let Thy gentle renewing hands be upon me, and Thy loving eyes behold me, as I go to sleep this night. Thou Who givest Thy beloved sleep, grant that I may rest at peace with Thee, and with all Thy creatures. Renew my body, and cleanse my heart and soul, by Thy creative power, and grant that the morning light may make me rejoice alike in rendering new service to Thee, and in being one day nearer to the vision of Thy face; for His sake Who died for us, and rose again, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With the night shadows, Lord, our hearts return to Thee. We have walked through unseen dangers, and Thou hast preserved us. We have been tempted, and Thou hast shown us the way of escape.

Pardon us in Thy loving kindness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, that we have sinned against Thee both by transgression and neglect, and help us with sincere repentance to forsake our sin.

We bring our fears and perplexities, our doubts, and

cares, to leave them at Thy mercy seat. Grant us to rest this night with quiet hearts through faith in Thine abiding care.

Remember all who are in need. Quicken Thy Church with divine life. Have all our dear ones in Thy holy keeping, and grant them gifts according to Thy love. And may the quiet of the evening and the sleep of the night bring strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Abide with us good Lord, this night and for ever. May we lay us down with all trust in Thy goodness and in perfect charity with all men, and be raised up again to praise Thee for all Thy mercies through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Save us, O Lord, waking, Guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen.

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

Benedictions

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

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. Amen.

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, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Thanksgivings

O God, Who art near us always, we would thank Thee for all the good gifts with which Thou hast filled our lives; for blessings all about our path, for love that makes life beautiful, for all thoughts that uplift and gladden us, for disappointment and failure which humble us, for pain and distress which teach us our need, but most of all for our hope in Thee, and the fulness of joy which Thy presence brings.

Let us never doubt that having led us thus far, Thou wilt lead us to the end, and that Thou hast in store for us that perfect gladness of which we see some glimpses here. We all wish to serve Thee; show to each of us how we shall do it best. Look upon all of us who kneel here this day; use us as Thou wilt. Let us have no lower aim, let none of us measure ourselves by others, or by any narrow and common standard of

good, but let our lives be beautiful on all sides and full of this desire to be perfect as Thou art perfect.

We ask, knowing how poor and weak we are, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Heavenly Father, Whose gift is length of days, help us to make the noblest use of mind and body in our advancing years. According to our strength apportion Thou our work. As Thou hast pardoned our transgressions, sift the in-gatherings of our memory, that evil may grow dim and good may shine forth clearly.

We bless Thee for Thy gifts, and especially for Thy presence and the love of friends in heaven and earth. Grant us new ties of friendship, new opportunities of service, joy in the growth and happiness of children, sympathy with those who bear the burdens of the world, clear thought and quiet faith.

Teach us to bear infirmities with cheerful patience. Keep us from narrow pride in outgrown ways, blind eyes that will not see the good of change, impatient judgments of the methods and experiments of others. Let Thy peace rule our spirits through all the trial of our waning powers. Take from us all fear of death all despair or undue love of life, that with glad hearts at rest in Thee we may await Thy will concerning us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May my whole life, O God, be one thanksgiving unto Thee, for all which Thou hast given and for all which

Thou hast forgiven; for Thy hidden blessings and for those which in my negligence I have passed over; for every gift of nature or of grace; for my power of loving; for all which Thou hast yet in store for me; for everything, whether joy or sorrow, whereby thou art drawing me to thyself. Amen.

For Vision

Bless us, O God, with the vision of Thy being and beauty, that in the strength of it we may work without haste and without rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Master of Men, help us, as long as we live, to live nobly, to Thy praise and the good cheer of our fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, we pray Thee that Thou wilt open our eyes to behold the heaven that lies about us, wherein they walk who, being born to the new life, serve Thee with the clearer vision and the greater joy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

O God, open the eyes of our hearts that we may see the wonderful things out of Thy law; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our Great Companion, lead us ever more deeply into the knowledge of Thy life and ours, and

make us interpreters of life to our fellows, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who alone canst uphold the minds of men, without Whose beauty and goodness our souls are unfed, without whose truth our reasons wither and die, we consecrate our lives to Thy will. Give us such purity of heart, such depth of faith, such steadfastness of purpose, that in Thy good time, we may come to think Thine own thoughts after Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Maker and lover of beauty, we adore Thee for the splendor of the universe. Help us to use its wonders and its loveliness as an open door through which we shall enter into the imperishable beauty of Thy kingdom; through Him on whose face the full beauty of Thy being shone, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Open mine eyes, O Lord, to see Thy beauty, and seeing it to love it, and loving it to follow it, that so I may come at last to Thy heavenly kingdom, to see Thee face to face in Thy beauty, O King of kings; Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit art one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, sole master of the hearts of men, help us to think and work as men who walk in the light of the life lived in our midst and for our salvation by Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, Who alone canst master the hearts of men, give us the open vision of Thy being and purpose and so draw all our strength into Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, by Whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us to do; that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, in Whom is no darkness; Grant unto us Thy light that we may know Thy will, and by keeping it increase our light. Where there must need be darkness, grant to us that what we cannot see we may be content to trust Thee for; that in all our ways, being guided and guarded by Thee, we may be kept from falling, and pass at last through the gate of Death into the life eternal, through Thy mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, in Whom is no darkness at all, nor any shadow that is cast by turning, forgive our feverish ways,—our anxieties, our fears, our uncertainties. We are like children walking willfully and blindly in darkness while the world without is ablaze with light. Open our eyes that we may see Thee; and our

minds that we may understand and know Thee. Help us to make the great adventure of faith, and discover the secret of peace, in finding Thee, Thou great Companion of our souls. Amen.

O Jesus, our Master, do Thou meet us while we walk in the way, and long to reach Thy country, so that following Thy light we may keep the way of righteousness, and never wander away into the darkness of this world's night, while Thou Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, art shining within us. Amen.

For Faith and Trust

O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

Grant us, O Lord, in all our duties Thy help, in all our perplexities Thy counsel, in all our dangers Thy protection, and in all our sorrows Thy peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of Thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly

have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the Might of all them that put their trust in Thee; Grant that we may be more than conquerors over all that makes war upon our souls, and, in the end, enter into perfect peace in Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most loving Father, Who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our care on Thee Who carest for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that Love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested unto us in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, by all Thy dealings with us, whether of joy or pain, of light or darkness, let us be brought to Thee. Let us value no treatment of Thy grace simply because it makes us happy or because it makes us sad, because

it gives us or denies us what we want, but may all that Thou sendest us bring us to Thee, that knowing Thy perfectness, we may be sure in every disappointment that Thou art still loving us, and in every darkness that Thou art still enlightening us, and in every enforced idleness that Thou art still using us, yea, in every death that Thou art giving us life, as in His death Thou didst give life to Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Grant unto us, Almighty God, that when our vision fails, and our understanding is darkened; when the ways of life seem hard, and the brightness of life is gone, the wisdom that deepens faith when the sight is dim, and enlarges trust when the understanding is not clear. And whenever Thy ways in nature or in the soul are hard to be understood, then may our quiet confidence, our patient trust, our loving faith in Thee be great; and as children knowing that they are loved, cared for, guarded, kept, may we with a quiet mind at all times, put our trust in Thee. So may we face life without fear, and death without fainting. And, whatsoever may be in the life to come give us confident hope that whatsoever is best for us both here and here after is Thy good pleasure, and will be Thy law; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Right Thinking

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, from Whom all good things do come; Grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thine is the day, O Lord, and Thine the night; Grant that the sun of righteousness may abide in our hearts,

to drive away the darkness of evil thoughts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Work

O God, glorify us by letting us do Thy work, and, when it is done, bless us with Thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, help us so to think and so to live, that through our life and mind Thy being and purpose may be revealed to our fellows with convincing clearness and commanding beauty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Master of Men, Thou hast given us a work to do. Give us strength to do it with gladness and singleness of heart. And when it is done, grant us a place in Thy Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, Thou hast put into our hearts the desire to do perfect work in Thy name. Bring us, in Thy good time, to our heart's desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For A Joyful Religion

Almighty God, at Whose right hand are pleasures for evermore; We pray Thee to make our religion one of joy and brightness. Dispel from our minds all doubt, gloom and depression, and may we rejoice because we are Thy redeemed and forgiven children. Grant that day by day our lips may be singing Thy praises, and our hearts be gladdened in holy anticipation of the life that knows no ending; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Inspirer of the world's joys, Bearer of the world's pain; Make us glad that we are men, and that we have inherited the World's burdens. Deliver us from the luxury of cheap melancholy; and at the heart of all our trouble and sorrow, let unconquerable gladness dwell; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Courage

O God, Whose blessed Son was tempted in all things like as we are, have mercy upon our frailty. Out of weakness give us strength. Embolden us in the time of danger. Help us to do Thy work with good courage, and to continue Thy faithful Soldiers and servants unto our life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Perseverance

O Ever-blessed Father, Who dost keep Thy faithful in one holy fellowship; Grant, we pray Thee, to us Thy servants the support of Thine everlasting love. Assist us in the great fight against sin, and keep us safe amidst the dangers and temptations of this mortal life. Grant that we may never faint or fail through weariness of spirit; but so strengthen us through Thine eternal power that we, persevering in all good works, may finally receive the crown of everlasting glory, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who dost promise a crown of life to them that love Thee, give us grace to love Thee for what Thou art more than for all which Thou bestowest; and so loving Thee, to endure temptation and finish our course with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, Who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, that in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength; By the might of Thy spirit lift us, we pray Thee, to Thy presence, where we may be still and know that Thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Purity

O Eternal God, Who hast taught us by Thy Holy Word that our bodies are temples of Thy Spirit; Keep

us, we most humbly beseech Thee, temperate and holy in thought, word and deed; that we, with all the pure in heart, may see Thee, and be made like unto Thee in Thy heavenly Kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Against Idle Talk

Pardon, O Lord, I beseech Thee, my misuse of Thy most gracious gift of speech; set a watch upon the door of my lips, that I offend not with my tongue; that being careful to confess my own faults with penitence and not to publish my neighbor's failings with malice or derision, I may ever speak words of love and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Meekness

O Almighty Judge of men and angels, who art gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; Give to us, Thy servants, a meek and gentle spirit, that we also may be slow to wrath, and ready to show mercy and to forgive. Give us wise and patient hearts, that we may not be irritated and disturbed by every irritating accident. Deliver us from a peevish and contentious spirit. Give us that Christian charity which is not easily provoked; that we may follow peace with all men, bearing with the infirmities of one another, and forgiving one another's offences, as we desire to be forgiven of Thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

For the Love of God

O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace, Who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; Fill our hearts, we bessech Thee, with such love towards Thee, that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to Thy will. And grant that thus loving Thee, we may become daily more like unto Thee, and finally obtain the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Love of Men

O God, Who hast taught us to keep all Thy heavenly out charity are nothing worth; Send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Almighty and most merciful Father, Who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another; Give us also grace that we may fulfil it. Make

us gentle, courteous, and forbearing. Direct our lives, so that we may look each to the good of others in word and deed. And hallow all our friendships by the blessings of Thy Spirit, for His sake, Who loved us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who hast taught us to keep all Thy heavenly commandments by loving Thee and our neighbor; Grant us the spirit of peace and grace; that we may be both devoted to Thee with our whole heart, and united to each other with a pure will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, grant to us so to love Thee with all our heart, with all our mind, and all our soul, and our neighbor for Thy sake; that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness, and ill-will may die in us; and fill our hearts with feelings of love, kindness and compassion, so that, by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and good success of others, by sympathizing with them in their sorrows, and putting away all harsh judgments and envious thoughts, we may follow Thee, Who art Thyself the true and perfect Love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Release from Sin

O Lord, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins,

which by our frailty we have committed, especially * * * * . Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Strengthening the Will

O Almighty God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our Heavenly Father, Give us such a measure of Thy grace that forgetting those things which are be-

hind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, we may press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

O God, Maker and Master of all, give us or take from us whatever else shall please Thee, but give us a will like Thine own, that wearies not and wastes not, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the Sick

O God, Who has vouchsafed to mankind physical remedies that heal the body and spiritual remedies that heal the soul; Grant to Thy servant, for whom our prayers are desired, such gifts of Thy power that not only in *his* body, but also in *his* soul, he may experience Thy healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who canst banish all affliction both of soul and of body; Show forth the power of Thine aid upon those who are sick, that by the help of Thy mercy they may be restored to serve Thee afresh in holiness of living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Who art the only source of health and healing, of power and peace; Grant to us, Thy children, such a consciousness of Thy indwelling presence as

may give us utter confidence in Thee. In all pain and weariness and anxiety may we throw ourselves upon Thy besetting care, that knowing ourselves fenced about by Thy loving Omnipotence, we may permit Thee to give us health and strength and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our refuge and strength, Who art a very present help in trouble, we know that Thou wilt look graciously upon this Thy servant, and send him patience and comfort in this time of *his* great distress; and that Thou wilt strengthen *him* with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, and wilt enable *him* to rise above all pain and weakness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Eternal God, Who regarding the frailty of our nature dost strengthen it with the gift of Thy grace, so that by the saving remedies of thy loving kindness our souls and bodies are renewed; Mercifully regard this Thy servant, that, every cause of sickness being removed from his body, he may be restored to soundness of health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, Who art the giver of all health, and the strength of them that seek Thy aid; We pray that Thy help and goodness may mercifully be vouchsafed unto this Thy servant, that *he* being healed of *his* infirmities, may give thanks unto Thee in Thy Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For A Sick Child

O God, Whose dear Son Jesus Christ did heal many children who were sick, send Thy help to this child. Make *him* like Jesus, so that he will obey those who care for *him*. Help *him* to be quiet, and patient, and cheerful. Quickly take away *his* pain and make *him* well again; that all *his* life he may glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst show Thy love by restoring to health the little ones who were brought unto Thee; Give Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to the means now used for the healing of this Thy child; that *he* may be restored to health and strength; and spared to a life of usefulness; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost dost live and reign, one God world without end. Amen.

O Almighty God and merciful Father, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, upon the sick child for whom our prayers are desired. Visit *him* O Lord, with thy salvation, deliver *him* from *his* bodily pain and restore *him* to *his* former health, that *he* may live to Thee and Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For One in Great Pain

Gracious Father, Whose dear Son bore for us unspeakable agonies, being scourged, and crowned with

thorns, and nailed to the cross; Have mercy on Thy servant N * * * who is now in great suffering, and grant *him* grace to fix *his* eyes upon the cross, and to find strength there to copy the example of Him Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross; that, having fellowship with *his* divine Master in suffering, *he* may follow Him to His eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Merciful Father, we pray Thee to deliver Thy sick servant N * * * from all impatience and repining, from dejection of spirit and distrust of Thy mercies, from the fear of death, and from such extremity of sickness, anguish, or agony, as may in any way withdraw *his* mind from Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and immortal God, Giver of life and health; We beseech Thee to hear our prayer for Thy servant N., for whom we implore Thy Mercy; that by Thy blessing upon *him* and upon those who minister to *him* of Thy healing gifts, it may please Thee to restore to *him* health of body and of mind, that *he* may give thanks to Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O blessed Saviour, Who knowest how mortal man in his weakness shrinks from bodily discomfort and distress; Extend, we pray Thee, Thy loving kindness and tender mercy to Thy servant N * * * and grant him patience and hope. Thou canst relieve his suffer-

ings; Thou canst bestow strength when he is weak, courage when he desponds, and quietude instead of restlessness. Grant him Thy peace, Thy help, Thy pardon, and if Thou wilt, perfect soundness of health. But whatever trials or sufferings he may be called to bear, grant him a quiet mind through faith in Thee, the assurance of an holy hope, the comfort of Thy presence with him, and bring him at last to the land of unclouded light and joy; for Thy blessed Name's sake. Amen.

Hear us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and in our tribulations pity us; Grant unto us spiritual gladness, and give us everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Persons About to Undergo an Operation

O God, our Refuge in pain, our Strength in weakness, our Help in trouble, our Solace in tears, we come to Thee in our hour of need, beseeching Thee to have mercy upon this Thine afflicted servant. O loving Father, relieve *his* pain. Yet if *he* needs must suffer, strengthen *him*, that *he* may bear *his* sufferings with holy submission, and as *his* day is, so may *his* strength be. Let not *his* heart be troubled, but shed down upon *him* the peace which passeth understanding. Though now for a season, if need be, *he* is in heaviness through *his* manifold trials, yet comfort *him*, O Lord, in all *his* sorrows, and let *his* mourning be turned into joy, and *his* sickness into health; through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

We beseech Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, to fill the heart of Thy servant with utter trust in Thee, that *he* may have faith to say, "Though I am sometimes afraid, yet put I my trust in Thee." May *he* fell underneath *him* the everlasting arms, and rest in them. By those wounds and bruises which Thou bearest for us, look graciously upon the suffering body of this Thy servant and bless the means employed for *his* cure, and grant that *he* may so patiently endure all *his* sufferings that the wounding of *his* body may be for the health of *his* body and the salvation of *his* soul. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Recovery of A Sick Child

Blessed be Thy Name, O Father of mercies, that Thou hast heard us concerning this child and raised *him* up for Thy service and our comfort. Fill *his* heart with grace as Thou hast filled ours with joy. Let wisdom and goodness grow up with *him*, and make *him* willing and careful to honour and obey Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Recovery of A Sick Adult

O God, Whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of Whose goodness is infinite; We give Thee hearty thanks for the blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon Thy servant; and we humbly beseech Thee that, as Thou hast granted that for which we prayed, so Thou wouldest continue Thy goodness toward *him*, and pre-

pare *him* by Thy blessings in this life for the enjoyment of eternal happiness in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those Who Suffer

Almighty God, Whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified; Mercifully grant unto Thy servant, for whom our prayers are desired, that walking in the way of the Cross, *he* may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who in our tribulation are yet of good cheer because of Thy loving kindness, may find Thee mighty to save from all dangers; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast given such grace to Thy Saints that they have counted pain and suffering even unto death to be an high honor and a great glory; Grant us to take and esteem all troubles and adversities which shall come to us as opportunities profitable for us toward the obtaining of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Comfort us, we beseech Thee, gracious God, whensoever we are cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world. And grant that by

the energy of Thy Holy Spirit we may be enabled to go on our way rejoicing, and may at length appear before Thee in the city where the vision of Thy peace is manifested; through Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Eternal and unchangeable God, in Whom alone we find rest from our weariness and comfort for our sorrow, and from Whom alone cometh all true joy; Keep our hearts, we beseech Thee, ever fixed on Thee through life and death, waiting patiently for that glorious day when we shall rejoice in the fullness of Thy love for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most merciful God, the Helper of all men; So strengthen us by Thy power, that our sorrow may be turned into joy, and we may continually glorify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Strengthen us, O God, by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Grant us to be strengthened with might in the inner man, and to empty our hearts of all useless care and anguish. O Lord, give us heavenly wisdom, that we may learn above all things to seek and to find Thee, above all things to love Thee, and to think of all other things as being, what indeed they are, at the disposal of Thy wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is

over, and our work is done. Then of Thy great mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, gracious and merciful, full of compassion and of great kindness, we beseech Thee of Thy goodness to look upon the poor, the afflicted, the sick, the unhappy. Comfort them in all their troubles with the sweetness of Thy Holy Spirit; uphold them with Thy sure promises; fill their souls with knowledge of Thy love; turn their sufferings into blessings and for their affliction give them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; through Thy dear Son, Who for our sakes became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Comfort of the sad, and the Strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee; that all may rejoice to find that Thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have compassion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon all those whose hearts are touched with sorrow, whose spirits are troubled or cast down within them. O Lord, remember those to whom the burdens of this life bring dimness or darkness of soul. Send them help from above, and have mercy on all who suffer in body or mind, from whatever cause. O Lord, have mercy on them continually. Amen.

O most mighty, most merciful Father, look down in Thine infinite pity upon these bereaved ones, overwhelmed with the greatness and suddenness of this sorrow. Help them to bear the burden of this grief. Help them to realize that Thou lovest them. Let Thy love shine graciously upon them in this dark day. Grant unto Thy blessing of resignation and trust in Thee. Support and comfort them with thy Holy Spirit. And enable them so to do and to bear Thy holy Will, that after all the changes and trials of this mortal life they may, in Thy Paradise, be united again with loved ones gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Who in the time of our shadow and darkness canst be our only true and lasting light; Look upon us Thy sad children with Thy constant mercy, and give unto us the spirit of understanding promised by Thy dear Son. When our eyes no longer behold what we have loved, and when we listen for the footsteps of those who have gone out of our sight, and hear them not, what can we do but turn to Thee? And when our hearts fail us, and we sigh for that which cannot be, and no traveller comes back from that far country, and there are none to comfort us, make us to trust in Thee. Then comfort our souls with the words of Thy Son, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. Give us this comfort of Christ through the Spirit of truth, in Whom grant us all to

abide for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast taught us that they who mourn shall be comforted; Grant that in all our grief we may turn to Thee; and, because our need is beyond the help of men, grant us the peace of Thy consolation and the joy of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Holy Jesus, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon this thine afflicted servant. Thou wast a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief; Thou art touched with a feeling of our infirmities; Thou hast borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Thou knowest every pain and pang that rends the heart; Thou knowest the heaviness which boweth down Thy servant's soul; O Thou Whose soul was once exceeding sorrowful even unto death, look down in mercy upon *his* sorrow. Lift from *his* head the dark cloud of despair. Teach *him* to trust Thy word, and to believe in Thy promises, and let *him* not be cast down over much by the anguish of *his* own weak heart. Teach *him* to look from *his* own suffering to Thy blessed cross, and in Thine own good time may *he* there find healing and comfort and peace, knowing that Thou wilt never leave *him* nor forsake *him* until *he* enter at length into the joy of *his* Lord, and the perfect peace of Paradise, there to dwell with Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Amen.

For the Dying

O Almighty and everlasting God, Whose hands are the issues of life, and Whose infinite wisdom ordereth all things for the best to them that love Thee; help this Thy servant in *his* hour of need. Support *him* by Thy grace, confirm *his* faith, increase *his* hope, and perfect *his* love. Strengthen *him* with Thy Spirit in the inner man that Christ may dwell in *his* heart through faith. Make *him* to know the love of Christ that passeth knowledge. And when it shall please Thee to call *him* to thyself, carry *him* safely through the valley of the shadow of death, through which our loving Saviour hath passed before us. And finally receive *him* into those heavenly mansions which the same Lord has gone to prepare; where no fear shall trouble *him*, no pain distress *him*, no anxiety disturb *him*, no infirmity afflict *him*; where perfect security, pure delight, and unceasing joy await all who truly love Thee, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, we remember before Thee tonight those Thy children who are journeying in great bodily weakness, and drawing near unto the gates of death. We pray Thee that Thou wilt send Thy dear Son to meet with them in the way, and to abide with them, for the day is far spent; that He may break with them the bread of eternal life; that He may look upon them with the eyes of Thy mercy, and comfort them with a sense of Thy goodness. And fill the hearts of all

of us, we pray Thee, with such trust in Thee, that by night and by day, at all times and in all seasons, we may without fear commit those who are dear to us to Thy never-failing love, for this life and the life to come; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Immortality

Almighty God, Who through Thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech Thee to Thyself, carry *him* safely through the valley of the that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continued help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, Who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to fol-

low Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most merciful Father, Who hast been pleased to take unto Thyself the soul of this Thy servant [*or this child*]; Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served Thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with Thy blessed saints in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst take little children into Thine arms and bless them; Open our eyes, we beseech Thee, to see that Thou hast taken this child into the arms of Thine infinite love and hast bestowed upon *him* the blessing of Thy gracious favour; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who by Thy death didst take away the sting of death; Grant unto us Thy servants so to follow in faith where Thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in Thee, and awake up after Thy likeness; through Thy mercy, Who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

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For the Departed

Almighty and everliving God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace and the lights of the world in their several generations. Especially do we thank Thee for the life of this Thy servant whom Thou hast now taken from our sight; and we humbly beseech Thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in Thy faith, and obedience to Thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand, and hear that His most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

O God, the Lord of all mercy and forgiveness; Grant unto Thy servant, N * * * whom we have in remembrance, a time of refreshing, a quiet resting place, and the glory of light everlasting; through Him Who died and rose again for us, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, we remember before Thee all those whom Thou hast called out of our sight, especially * * *; Grant that all that is good in them may be expanded and ripened; deepen in them the knowledge and love of

Thee; may they have eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who didst reveal Thyself more fully to Thy disciples after Thou wast taken from them; Grant us faith to believe that no separation of time or place can sever Thy servants from their eternal union in Thee, Who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who knowest the necessities of all Thy children; Have in Thy holy keeping those who have departed this life in Thy faith and love, especially those most near and dear to us; grant that they may grow more and more into Thy perfect likeness; give them eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most merciful God, with Whom do rest in Paradise the spirits of those who have departed this life in peace and in Thy favor, we commend to Thy continual care and benediction the souls of all the dead in Christ, especially of those who were associated with us here on earth. ~~Give them spiritual refreshment and enjoyment of their rest and of Thy nearer presence.~~ Advance them in perfectness and blessedness, changing them from glory to glory. Maintain the communion of saints between them and us while we remain here.

Grant that in Thy good time we may be re-united with them in the land of rest; and finally bring them and us to the home of glory; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O God, Who knowest the necessities of all thy children, we pray Thee to have in Thy holy keeping those precious souls, nearest and dearest to us, who have departed this life in Thy faith and love. Provide for all their needs, sustain and comfort them, protect them from all ill, and grant them eternal joy in Thy service. Give them peace and rest in Thy presence, and bring them to that glorious perfection promised to Thy saints; for the sake of Him, Who died and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, give us grace to trust to Thy never-failing care and love those who are dear to us, for this life and the life to come; knowing that Thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, Thy servants who have departed hence in the Lord, especially * * *, and all others for whom our remembrance is due: give them eternal rest and peace in Thy Heavenly Kingdom; and to us such a measure of communion with them as Thou knowest to be best for us, and bring us all to serve Thee in Thine Eternal Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, we pray Thee, that Thou wilt open our eyes to behold the heaven that lies about us, wherein they walk, who being born to the new life, serve Thee with the clearer vision and the greater joy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, to Whom no prayer is ever made without hope of mercy, be merciful to the soul of Thy servant * * *, departed from this life in the Confession of Thy Name, that *he* may be joined to the company of Thy Saints; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Christ our Lord, the Giver of Salvation to the world, through Whom cometh life to all men, and rising again to the dead; in Thy Name we meet on the day of the passing from the earth of this Thy servant, meekly beseeching Thee to vouchsafe to *him* the abundance of Thy everlasting mercy, that freed from the stains of his mortal pilgrimage, he may enter on his inheritance of salvation for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Eternal Lord God, Who holdest all souls in life, we beseech Thee to shed forth upon Thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served Thee here and are at rest, may with them at length enter into Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, we pray Thee, that Thou wilt open our eyes to behold the heaven that lies about us, wherein they walk, who, being born to the new life, serve Thee with the clearer vision and the greater joy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, Thou God of Spirits and of all flesh, all Thy faithful people, those whom we have remembered and those whom we have not had in mind—, now departed this life in Thy faith and love. Do Thou Thyself give them rest there in the land of the living—in Thy Kingdom—from whence pain and sorrow and sighing have fled away, where the light of Thy countenance visiteth them and always shineth upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To Thy gracious keeping, O Father, we commit *our brother*. Keep *him* in Thy love; let Thy light shine upon *him*; put away from *him* all that is evil; strengthen in *him* all that is good; supply in *him* all that is wanting; and bring *him* into perfect sonship and fulness of joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God our Father, in Whose tender protection Thy children abide in whatsoever place or condition they may be, grant unto Thy servant N * * *, now departed out of this life, both peace and refreshment, and also opportunity for growth and enlightenment; through Him Who died and rose again for us, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Heavenly Father we rejoice in the blessed communion of all Thy saints, wherein Thou givest us also to have part. We remember before Thee all who have departed this life in Thy faith and love, and especially those most dear to us. We thank Thee for our present fellowship with them, for our common hope, and for the promise of future joy. O let the cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us for an example of godly life, and even now may we be refreshed with their joy; that so with patience we may run the race that yet remains before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, and obtain an entrance into the everlasting Kingdom, the glorious assembly of the saints, and with them ever worship and adore Thy glorious Name, world without end. Amen.

O eternal Lord God, Who holdest all souls in life; Impart, we beseech Thee, to Thy whole Church in paradise and on earth Thy light and Thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served Thee here and are at rest, may at the last enter with them into Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, Who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; Multiply, we beseech Thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of Thy love, that the good work which Thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ.

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And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe that we who now serve Thee here on earth, may at last, together with them, be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light ; for the sake of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Thou God of spirits and of all flesh, in Whose embrace all creatures live, in whatsoever world or condition they be ; I beseech Thee for *him* whose name and dwelling place and every need Thou knowest. Lord, vouchsafe *him* light and rest, peace and refreshment, joy and consolation, in Paradise, in the companionship of saints, in the presence of Christ, in the ample folds of Thy great love.

Grant that *his* life (so troubled here) may unfold itself in Thy sight, and find a sweet employment in the spacious fields of eternity. If *he* hath ever been hurt or maimed by any unhappy word or deed of mine, I pray Thee of Thy great pity to heal and restore *him*, that *he* may serve Thee without hindrance.

Tell *him*, O gracious Lord, if it may be, how much I love *him* and miss *him* and long to see *him* again ; and, if there be ways in which *he* may come, vouchsafe *him* to me as a guide and guard, and grant me a sense of *his* nearness, in such degree as thy laws permit.

If in aught I can minister to *his* peace, be pleased of Thy love to let this be ; and mercifully keep me from every act which may deprive me of the sight of *him* as

soon as our trial-time is over, or mar the fulness of our joy when the end of the days hath come.

Pardon, O gracious Lord and Father, whatsoever is amiss in this my prayer, and let Thy will be done; for my will is blind and erring, but Thine is guided by infinite wisdom and is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Memorial Day

O Almighty God, God of the spirits of all flesh; We give Thee thanks for all those who have laid down their lives for home and country; And we commend them to Thy fatherly care and protection, beseeching Thee that we, with them, may have our portion in the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Our Country

Almighty God, Who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favour, glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our lib-

erties; preserve our unity; fashion into one happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, to the end that there be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law we show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, Who fashionest the hearts of men, and considerest all their works; Grant, we beseech Thee, to us and to all the people of this land, the spirit of obedience to Thy commandments, that walking humbly in Thy fear, we may, under Thy mighty protection, possess our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Church Before and After Service

I. BEFORE SERVICE.

O heavenly Father, give me grace to worship Thee in spirit and in truth, to pray to Thee earnestly, to praise Thee heartily, and to hearken to Thy word with reverence and godly fear, for Jesus Christ. Amen.

II. AFTER SERVICE.

Almighty and most merciful Father, be pleased to accept the prayers and praises which I have now offered

up to Thee; and may I be a doer of Thy word, and not a hearer only. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For the Parish

O Almighty and most merciful God, with Whom nothing is small that touches the glory of Thy Son or the souls of thy people: Have in gracious remembrance, we beseech thee, this parish and its welfare. May faith and piety abound and true religion flourish and increase. May Thy ministry be holy and honorable and Thy worship abundant and joyful. May Thy house be beautiful, revered and beloved of all. Here let the schools of the young be such that our children may grow up in Thy faith and fear. Strengthen the authority of parents and the dutifulness of sons and daughters. Banish intemperance and vice. Gather in those who wander, recover the careless and establish the faithful. Turn the hearts of all who love and fear Thee to be one in Christ Jesus our Lord. And to Thy Name, Father, Son and Holy Ghost shall be the glory, world without end. Amen.

For Sunday Schools

Almighty and everlasting God, Who makest us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable unto Thy divine majesty; we make our humble supplications unto Thee for these Thy children. Let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let

Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in knowledge and obedience of Thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Regard, O Lord, with Thy favor all the members of this Sunday School. Bind us together in love, sympathy and forbearance. Brighten our daily existence with those little acts of kindness that come from Thee. Help us to live each for the other, and to find our happiness in doing good and denying ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Who knowest all our thoughts and actions; Grant that we may sincerely, faithfully, and honestly serve Thee in our daily work, and help us ever to prove ourselves Thy obedient and faithful children, like Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Sunday School Teachers

Almighty and merciful God, Who art the Fountain of all wisdom; Grant, we beseech Thee, to the teachers of this school Thy gifts of knowledge, patience and love. May they find their work a joy, and count all labor light that is undertaken out of love for Thee and Thy children. Guard them from the temptation to a careless and half-hearted service. May a sense of the solemn responsibility which is theirs be always present

with them. Bless their words and lives to the good of the pupils committed to their care; and may Thy Holy Spirit so enforce the teaching and example given by them that, at the last, theirs may be the reward which Thou hast promised those who turn many to righteousness. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For Any Guild or Society

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; Preserve every member of this guild from lukewarmness and halfheartedness. Stir up within us more life and zeal and devotion to Thee. Give to each the spirit of prayer, without which we cannot serve Thee truly. Make us forward and self-denying in good works. Help us to be patient and considerate of each other. Assist each according to her power and calling to do the work that Thou wouldest have done. Build us up more in faith and love and unity and holiness; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty and eternal God, we humbly pray Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing to this guild that all its members being inspired with lively faith and love may earnestly strive to promote the honour due to Thy dear Son, the spread of his Church and the gathering of wanderers into the fold. Give us grace to fulfil in our lives what we profess with our lips. Deliver us, O God, from

false doctrine and slackness of living; and grant that persevering unto the end, we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Almighty God, Who didst give such grace unto Thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by Thy Holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy holy commandment; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty and eternal God, we humbly pray Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing to this Brotherhood, that all its members, being inspired with lively faith and love, may earnestly strive to promote the honour due to Thy

dear Son, the spread of his Church and the gathering of wanderers into the fold; give us grace to fulfil in our lives what we profess with our lips; deliver us, O God, from false doctrine and slackness of living; and grant that persevering unto the end, we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Woman's Auxiliary

O Father of Lights, in Whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning, fill our hearts with such a pure and ardent love of the Truth that our first desire and purpose may be to give it to those who have it not; and grant that by the holiness and unselfish devotion of our own lives we may make our Creed beautiful in the eyes of those who are Christians, and may lead them to desire and accept the Faith of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Junior Auxiliary

O God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy dear Son. Grant that we who have received Him in our hearts may joyfully go forth with Him on many errands. Bless those who toil for Thee in far off places; comfort them in their loneliness; and unite our work to theirs. Accept our gifts; receive our prayers; and use us for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Girls' Friendly Society

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to bless us, and all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society. May its members be sheltered and protected evermore by Thy Fatherly love; and to its Associates vouchsafe the help and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit. Help us all to bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves, but for others, as members of one family in Christ; wash us from our sins in His precious blood; make us holy by the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit, and bring us all at last to the joy of Thy heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Extension of Thy Kingdom

Almighty God, Whose compassions fail not, and Whose loving kindness reacheth unto the world's end; We give Thee humble thanks for all the great things Thou hast done and art doing for the children of men; for the opening of heathen lands to the light of Thy truth; for making paths in the deep waters and highways in the desert; for knitting nation to nation in the bonds of fellowship; and for the planting of Thy Church in all the earth. O merciful Father, in Whom the whole family is named, fill full our hearts with grateful love for this Thy goodness, granting us grace henceforth to serve Thee better, and more perfectly to know Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. And we pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Missionaries

Almighty and most merciful God, we humbly beseech Thee, to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all our missionaries at home and abroad, especially * * *; and to crown their labors with success in the gathering of souls into Thy kingdom. Strengthen them, we pray Thee, with Thy good Spirit, and comfort them with a sense of Thy presence, that they may preach and teach to the upbuilding of Thy kingdom and the salvation of souls. Make us to realize that they are doing our work and grant us grace to support them out of the wealth of good things which Thou hast bestowed upon us; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in Thee; Send Thy blessing upon Thy servants who work among the poor and needy. Fill their hearts with a courage which never falters, a patience which never wearies, and a love which never fails. Give them the

constant vision of Thy glorious kingdom, and make them ever mindful of the promise of Thy dear Son; Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. All which we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Noon-Day Prayers

Blessed Saviour, Who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; through Thy mercies and merits Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty Saviour, Who at mid-day didst call Thy servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles; We beseech Thee to illumine the world with the radiance of Thy glory, that all nations may come and worship Thee, Who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Zeal

O Lord our Saviour, Who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; Grant that we whose lot Thou hast cast in so goodly an heritage may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means to extend to others what we so richly enjoy. And as we have entered into the labors of other men, may

we so labor that in their turn other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of Thy holy will and our own everlasting salvation. And to Thee with the Father and the Holy Ghost shall be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Church Unity

O Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast given the Comforter to Thy Church that He may abide with it forever; pour forth the blessing of Thy Spirit on all Gatherings of Christian people, for the glory of Thy Name and the benefit of Thy Holy Church. Defend their hearts from all hindrances of this world. Grant them steadfastness of faith, purity of love, sincere desire for peace, courage amidst difficulties, and such judgment and discretion that while they reverence the traditions of the past, they may be ready to seize the opportunities of the present for the edifying of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

Before Service in Church

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from Whom every good prayer cometh; Pour out Thy Spirit upon me and upon all who draw near to Thee in this holy place, that we may be delivered from all coldness of heart and wanderings of mind. Bless to us the minis-

try of Thy servants the clergy; and grant that we may all worthily show forth Thy praise, humbly learn Thy Word, and heartily render our thanks to Thee for all Thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Holy Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst command Thy disciples to partake of the holy Sacraments of Thy most blessed Body and Blood, I would in humble thankfulness obey Thy gracious command. Help me to draw near with faith, that I may take it to my comfort. May I find in it strength to withstand all temptations, and consolation in the midst of every trouble. May it bring peace and joy to my heart. May I realize Thy presence and learn new lessons of Thy love. Join me anew unto Thyself and to Thy Spiritual Body, the blessed company of all faithful people; and to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, shall be the glory, world without end. Amen.

O Prince of peace! Word of God! let there be silence in my soul when Thou comest to dwell with me. Let there be quiet in my memory and my imagination. Let my senses be held in check and the sights and sounds of earth be banished for the brief moments of Thy stay; lay Thy hand upon my troubled heart, say to its passions its cares and its restless desires, "Peace, be still," that in the stillness I may hear what the Lord God will speak concerning me.

After Holy Communion

I bless and adore Thee, Almighty God, who hast vouchsafed to feed us with this Heavenly and Spiritual Food making us verily partakers of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Let this Holy Communion be to me a guard and defence, a shield against temptation, a wall against evil, the nourishment of all good which thou hast wrought in me and the confirmation of all grace bestowed upon me. Grant me thereby quietness of heart, vigor of resolve, devotion to Thee, love and charity towards all men, and greater zeal for the spread of Thy Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let this Holy Communion be to me, O God, a beginning of better things, as if only now I began to know Thee. Let me now and henceforth forsake that which has tempted me. Let me now and henceforth do those things that I have perceived to be of Thy will for me; by the grace of the Holy Ghost, and the intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who art Love, grant to Thy children who eat of Thy Bread to bear one another's burdens in perfect good-will, that Thy peace, which passeth understanding, may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Grace Before Meals

V. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord:

R. And Thou givest them their meat in due season.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Thou openest Thine hand:

R. And fillest all things living with plenteousness. Holy Ghost;

(Then repeat Grace)

Bless, O Lord, we pray Thee, this food to the strengthening of our bodies; and grant Thy continual presence to the strengthening of our souls; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and us to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks for these and all Thy blessings; and pray Thee to make us ever mindful of the wants of others; like Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus, be our holy Guest,
 Our Morning Joy, our Evening Rest;
 And with our daily bread impart
 Thy love and peace to every heart. Amen.

Benedictions

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.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

The God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a little while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The God of Hope fill me with all joy and peace in believing, that I may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The God of Peace Himself sanctify me wholly, and may my spirit and soul and body be preserved entire without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The God of Peace Himself sanctify me wholly, and in all ways. Amen.

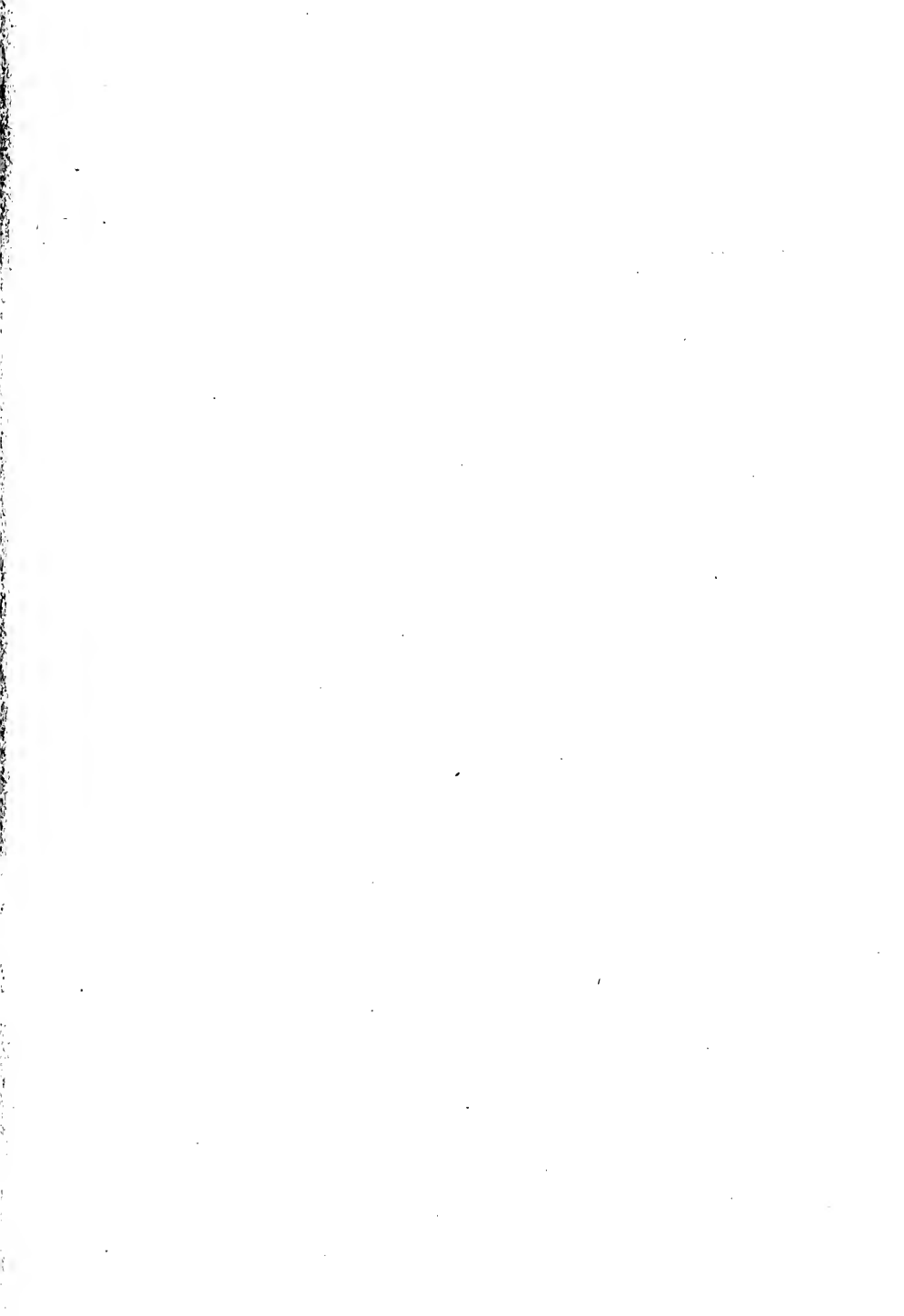
The God of Peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make us perfect in every good work to do His Will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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 evermore. Amen.

God give grace to the quick and to the dead rest, and forgiveness to the Church, and to the country peace and concord, and to us sinners life and endless glory. Amen.

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.



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