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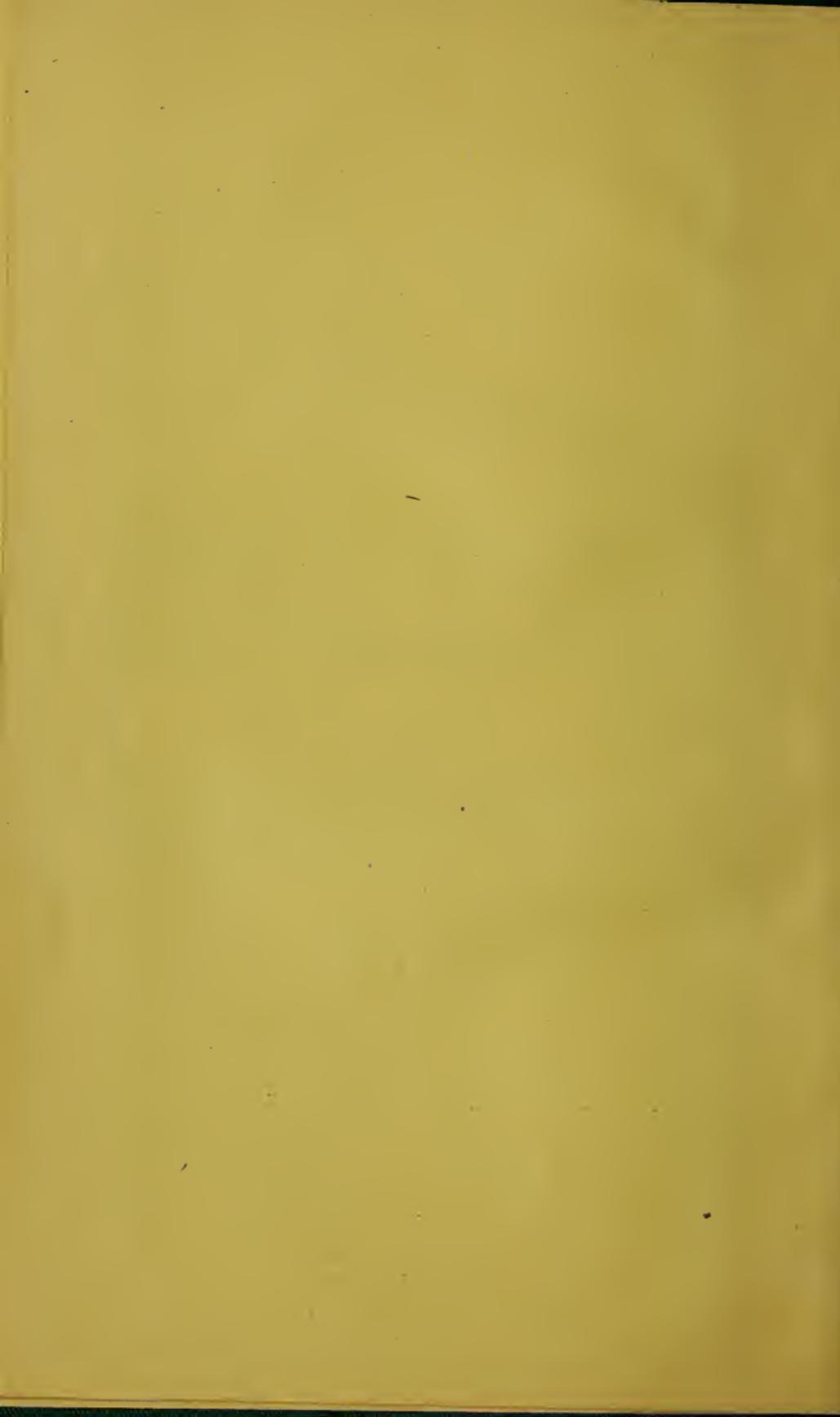
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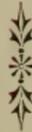


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on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the year of our Lord, 18 \_\_\_\_\_*

*\_\_\_\_\_, Pastor.*



# SWEET INCENSE :

## PRAYERS

FOR

VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN LIFE.

*Daniel Miller*

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING."



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## The Ten Commandments.

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or 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.

3. 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.

4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy : six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God : in it shalt thou do no manner of work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor the 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.

5. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

10. 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 anything that is thy neighbor's.

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### The Apostles' Creed.

I. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth :

II. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord :

III. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary :

IV. Suffered under Pontius Pilate ; was crucified, dead and buried ; He descended into hell :

V. The third day He rose from the dead :

VI. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth

at the right hand of God the Father Almighty :

VII. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

VIII. I believe in the Holy Ghost :

IX. I believe in the Holy Catholic Church : the communion of saints :

X. The forgiveness of sins :

XI. The resurrection of the body :

XII. And the life everlasting. Amen.

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### The Twenty-third Psalm.

The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul : he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies : thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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### PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.

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Lord, look upon a little child,  
By nature sinful, weak and wild:  
O lay Thy gracious hands on me,  
And make me all I ought to be. Amen.

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Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,  
Look upon a little child;  
Pity my simplicity,  
Suffer me to come to Thee.

Fain I would to Thee be brought;  
Gracious God, forbid it not:  
In the kingdom of Thy grace,  
Give a little child a place.

O supply my every want,  
Feed the young and tender plant,  
Day and night my keeper be,  
Every moment watch round me. Amen.

## Morning Prayers.

“Lord, I awake and see the light,  
 For Thou hast kept me through the night ;  
 To Thee I lift my hands, and pray,  
 Keep me from sin throughout this day ;  
 And if I die before 'tis done,  
 Save me through Jesus Christ Thy Son.”  
 Amen.

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I thank Thee, Lord, for having kept  
 My soul and body while I slept.  
 I pray Thee, Lord, that through this day,  
 In all I do, or think, or say,  
 I may be kept from harm and sin,  
 And made both pure and good within.  
 Let me in Thy blest love partake  
 In life and death, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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O God ! I thank Thee that the night  
 In peace and rest has passed away ;  
 And that I see my Father's smile,  
 In this fair light that makes it day.

Be Thou my guide, and let me live  
 As under Thy all-seeing eye ;  
 Supply my wants, my sins forgive,  
 And make me happy when I die. Amen.

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Now I awake to see the day,  
 I give my soul to Christ away ;  
 If I should die before the even,  
 I trust He'll take me up to heaven. Amen.

O God, my Father in heaven! I thank Thee that Thou hast preserved and kept me during the night that is passed, and permitted me to see the light of a new day. Be Thou with me this day, and fit me for its duties and privileges. Help me to love Thee above all things. Help me to love and obey my parents and teachers. Keep Thou me from evil, and incline my heart to that which is good, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### Evening Prayers.

Now I lay me down to sleep;  
 I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep;  
 If I should die before I wake,  
 I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take:  
 And this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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This night, my God! for Jesus' sake,  
 Thy blessing give to me;  
 Pardon my sins, and may I wake  
 A better child to be. Amen.

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Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me;  
 Bless Thy little lamb to-night;  
 Through the darkness be Thou near me,  
 Keep me safe till morning light.

All this day Thy hand hath led me,  
 And I thank Thee for Thy care;  
 Thou hast clothed me, warmed and fed me,  
 Listen to my evening prayer.

Let my sins be all forgiven ;  
Bless the friends I love so well ;  
Take me, when I die, to heaven,  
Happy there with Thee to dwell.

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Dear Father in heaven ! I thank Thee that Thou hast been with me during this day, and hast brought me safely to its close. Help me to be thankful for Thy watchful care over me. Be Thou now also with me during the darkness of the night. Watch over me and let no evil come nigh unto me. Give unto me sweet and refreshing rest, and grant that I may arise again in health and vigor. Help me to be Thy loving child, and to grow in grace daily. All this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### Prayer for a Sick Child.

O Lord God, I come to Thee for help and succor. Thou hast afflicted me. Help me to know that Thou meanest it well. Give me grace to bear my affliction with patience. Bless me, O Father, and restore me soon to health. Do Thou not forsake me, but give me an assurance of Thy loving kindness. Bless this illness to me, and help me to be a better child of Thine because of it, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## TABLE PRAYERS.

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O God our Father, the eyes of all Thy children wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their food in due season. We beseech Thee, sanctify these gifts of Thy hand to our invigoration and strength, and for Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Most merciful Father, we thank Thee for our daily bread, and pray for its sanctified use, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Almighty Father, we pray Thee, sanctify this food, that it may strengthen us to do and to endure Thy holy will perfectly, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Come, Lord Jesus, be Thou our guest,  
And bless what Thou prepared hast. Amen.

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Gracious Father, bless this food,  
For Thy glory and our good. Amen.

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O God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, enable us to enjoy these blessings of Thy bounty with grati-

tude. Give us grace that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to Thy glory, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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O Lord God, bless the gifts of Thy hand to our use, and us to Thy service, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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### **Before and After Church Service.**

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O God, we thank Thee for this privilege of meeting in Thy house. Help us to worship Thee acceptably. Bless Thy word to us all. Bless pastor and people, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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O Lord, grant us Thy Holy Spirit that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Open our hearts that we may receive Thy word, that it may make us wise unto salvation, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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O God, our Father, we come before Thee now, in this sacred place. Help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Make Thy word quick and powerful to the saving of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With light and comfort from above.  
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,  
O'er every thought and step preside. Amen.

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Come, Holy Spirit, come,  
Let Thy bright beams arise,  
Dispel the darkness from our minds,  
And open all our eyes.

Revive our drooping faith,  
Our doubts and fears remove,  
And kindle in our breasts the flame  
Of never-dying love. Amen.

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Gracious Spirit! Love divine!  
Let Thy light within me shine;  
All my guilty fears remove,  
Fill me full of heaven and love. Amen.

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Take my poor heart, and let it be,  
Forever closed to all but Thee!  
Seal Thou my breast and let me wear  
That pledge of love forever there. Amen.

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Almighty God, Thy word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dews of heaven descend,  
And righteous growth abound. Amen.

**BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.**

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**Prayer.**

Almighty God, my heavenly Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast spared me to see the light of this interesting day. From early childhood to this moment Thou hast watched over me and preserved me. Help me this day to remember Thy love and mercy. Thy goodness has ever been new unto me. In all times and seasons, in joy and in sorrow, Thou hast always been the same gracious Father unto me. All my wants have been supplied. Help me now to be devoutly thankful, and truly to love Thee. May Thy loving kindness draw my heart ever nearer to Thee. Remind me this day of the rapid flight of time, and so teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. Help me to remember that soon the days and years of this

life will be over. Help me so to live that when life's end comes, I may render my account to Thee with joy, and not with grief.

Lord, abide with me. Comfort me when in sorrow, and help me to be thankful when in prosperity. Blessed Savior, who art the Way, the Truth and the Life, help me to love and serve Thee, that I may after this short life be fitted for life everlasting, for Thy name's sake.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

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## ANNIVERSARY OF BAPTISM.

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*was baptized*  
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### Prayer.

Gracious God and Father, I thank Thee this day that I was early made a member of Thy kingdom by the holy sacrament of baptism. I thank Thee that I am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who has made full satisfaction for all my sins. I thank Thee that before I

could know Thee, I was brought to Thee in holy baptism, and that now I am in the covenant of grace. I thank Thee for the promises given to those thus brought to Thee. Help me to realize and renew the promises made in my behalf at my baptism, and to confirm them by a holy life. Grant unto me ever the renewal of the Holy Ghost, and the forgiveness of sins, so that I may live unto Thee, and not unto the world. Ever guide my steps that I may not wander away from Thee.

I thank Thee, O Father, for the great blessings which I enjoy as a member of the Church. Sanctify unto me the means of grace, that I may be fitted for Thy service here and for Thy glory hereafter. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, through this life, and bring me at last into Thy glorious kingdom in heaven, for Jesus' sake.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

## PRAYERS FOR CATECHUMENS.

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### Before Instruction.

Lord Jesus, Thou art the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man cometh to the Father but by Thee. Lead me in Thy way, guide me into Thy truth, and impart Thy life unto me. Help me to learn Thy word diligently and to ponder the same in a devout heart.

O God, I thank Thee that Thou hast brought me to this interesting and important period of my life. Hitherto Thou hast blessed me in many ways. Thou hast early brought me into Thy covenant by baptism. Thou hast given me numerous opportunities to learn of Thee and of the way of life. Bless the instructions I have hitherto enjoyed in the family, in the Sunday school, and in the church. Help me to be thankful for all of these blessings, and do Thou now graciously bless the instructions which are intended to prepare my heart for full membership in Thy Church. Enable me to realize my sinfulness, and my need of Thee, my God and my Savior. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Help me to be truly penitent for all

my sins, and do Thou graciously forgive them all for the sake of Christ's merits. Help me to depart from all iniquity, and to follow after righteousness and holiness all the days of my life.

O Lord, bless my pastor. Bless his instructions to me and to others. May Thy word make us wise unto salvation. Help us all to know our sins and miseries, and do Thou by Thy word and spirit show us how we may be delivered from them, that we may also show our thankfulness by leading holy and blameless lives before Thee. All of which I ask for Jesus' sake.

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My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine :  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away ;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine !

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire ;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
 And griefs around me spread,  
     Be Thou my guide ;  
 Bid darkness turn to day,  
 Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
 Nor let me ever stray  
     From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,  
 When death's cold, sullen stream  
     Shall o'er me roll ;  
 Blest Savior! then in love  
 Fear and distrust remove ;  
 O bear me safe above,  
     A ransomed soul.

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After Instruction.

I.

Almighty God, I thank Thee for the lessons I have been permitted to learn. Let the truth sink deep into my heart and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Let Thy Holy Spirit accompany the instructions received, and let them be a savor of life unto me. Give me a hungering and thirsting after Thy righteousness, O my Savior. Deliver me from my sins and cover me with Thy righteousness. Help me to renew my baptismal vows, and to consecrate myself entirely to Thy service. Accept my poor

heart, and make it throb with love to Thee. Thine, and Thine only, would I be, in time and eternity. Help me to be Thy faithful and obedient child. Help me to shun all evil associations, and to choose Thee as my guide and my everlasting portion, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## II.

Almighty God, most merciful Father, I beseech Thee to seal with Thy blessing the lesson of divine truth, that it may bring forth fruit unto everlasting life. I am ignorant, do Thou enlighten me; I am weak, do Thou perfect Thy strength in my weakness. Help me to be a doer of Thy word, and not a hearer only. Defend me against all the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. Renew me by Thy Holy Spirit, and help me daily to cultivate a habit of purity, and of devout, fervent prayer. Help me to find my true, abiding comfort in life and in death, by consecrating myself, with all that I possess, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God! I come—I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God! I come—I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God! I come—I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind!  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God! I come—I come!

Just as I am; Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God! I come—I come!

Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God! I come! I come!

## Before Confirmation.

## I.

O God, my heavenly Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast brought me to this important day. I thank Thee for all past mercies—for Thy care over me since childhood, for the leadings of Thy providence, for parents and friends, for daily food, for all the blessings of this life, but especially for the blessings of Thy grace. I thank Thee that Thou hast led my feet to walk in the way of life. I thank Thee for the blessings of holy baptism, and for Thy word which is able to make me wise unto salvation. I thank Thee for the instructions I have received from Thy servant. Do Thou abundantly reward him for his labor of love.

And now, O my Father, grant me Thy blessing this day. Sanctify the lessons I have learned, and grant me a clear understanding of Thy word. Help me now to renew the vows made in my behalf at my baptism, and to take them upon myself. Enable me now to confess Thee before the world. Do Thou strengthen me. Increase and confirm my faith in Thee. Let Thy Holy Spirit dwell richly in me and sanctify me. Make me Thine, entirely Thine. Shed

Thy love abroad in my heart, and help me to show my love for Thee by a holy walk and a godly conversation. O Lord, bless my fellow catechumens, and help all to yield themselves heartily to their blessed Savior who died for them.

Lord, I am Thine. Thou hast purchased me with blood divine. Do Thou now graciously accept of me, and let me be Thy child. Go Thou with me to the house of God, help me to fix my heart upon Thee and to perform my vow unto Thee, for Jesus' sake.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

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## II.

Almighty God, my heavenly Father, I thank Thee for bringing me to this decisive day. Hitherto Thou hast helped me. From my birth to this moment Thy fatherly care has watched over me. Through the holy Sacrament of Baptism, and through Thy Word and Spirit, Thou hast made me Thy child. This day I desire to renew and assume the covenant made in my behalf in my childhood. O most merciful Father, who is sufficient for these things ! Thou art the searcher of all hearts, and knowest me better than I know myself. Unworthy, sinful and weak,

I abhor my sins, and beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, pardon my sins and purify me from all inward uncleanness. May Thy Holy Spirit work in me to will and to do after His own good pleasure. Give me a healthful and chaste body, a pure and holy soul, a sanctified and humble spirit, and preserve my body, soul and spirit blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful Father, I am Thy child. Help me this day to dedicate unto Thee my body, soul and spirit, for this world and for that which is to come. O most merciful Savior, help me in this solemn hour. May I adoringly fix my heart and mind entirely on Thee. And when my lips utter the solemn vow, do Thou in mercy give me grace, faithfully and forever to keep what I pledge and promise. Living, may I live unto Thee, and dying, may I die unto Thee; therefore, whether living or dying, may I be Thine forever. O triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I believe in God the Father, etc.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

Lord, I am Thine, entirely Thine,  
Purchased and saved by blood divine;  
With full consent, Thine I would be,  
And own Thy sov'reign right in me.

Here, Lord, my flesh, my soul, my all,  
I yield to Thee, beyond recall;  
Accept Thine own so long withheld,  
Accept what I so freely yield!

Grant one poor sinner more a place,  
Among the children of Thy grace;  
A wretched sinner, lost to God,  
But ransom'd by Immanuel's blood.

Thine would I live, Thine would I die,  
Be Thine through all eternity;  
The vow is past beyond repeal,  
Now will I set the solemn seal.

Here, at that cross, where flows the blood,  
That bought my guilty soul for God,  
Thee, my new master, now I call,  
And consecrate to Thee my all.

Do Thou assist a feeble worm,  
The great engagement to perform;  
Thy grace can full assistance lend,  
And on that grace I dare depend.

## After Confirmation.

## MY CHRISTIAN OBLIGATIONS.

1. I have promised to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil.

2. I profess to believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. (Repeat the Apostles' Creed.)

3. I have promised to follow Christ and to keep His commandments all the days of my life.

Lord, have mercy upon me, and help me to keep these promises faithfully.

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Most merciful Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast given me grace to renew my vows before Thee, and admitted me into full communion with Thy Church. I beseech Thee, help me henceforth to be Thine in body, soul and spirit, in life and in death. Give me grace to walk in the Spirit, that I may not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Let Thy Holy Spirit purify my corrupt nature, succor me in all temptation, and assist me in all my religious duties. Make my will patient, my conscience pure, my temper bright and gentle. Empty me of self, and fill me with Thy Spirit. Increase my faith, mellow my judgment, stir my zeal, enlarge and

purify my heart. Let my life enforce what my lips have uttered. Do Thou choose for me the work I do, and the place in which I do it; and help me to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Keep me faithful unto death, and then give me the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
 All to leave and follow Thee;  
 Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,  
 Thou, from hence, my all shalt be!  
 Perish ev'ry fond ambition,  
 All I've sought, or hoped, or known,  
 Yet how rich is my condition,  
 God and heav'n are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me,  
 They have left my Savior, too;  
 Human hearts and looks deceive me—  
 Thou art not, like them, untrue;  
 Oh, while Thou dost smile upon me,  
 God of wisdom, love and might,  
 Foes may hate, and friends disown me,  
 Show thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,  
 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;  
 Life with trials hard may press me;  
 Heaven will bring me sweeter rest!

Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me,  
While Thy love is left to me,  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then, earthly fame and treasure!  
Come disaster, scorn and pain!  
In Thy service pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain.  
I have called Thee—Abba, Father!  
I have stayed my heart on Thee!  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,  
All must work for good to me.

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## PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION.

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### Before Communion.

Gracious and eternal God, in the name of my blessed Savior do I come before Thee and ask for Thy blessing. I humbly confess my sins and ask forgiveness for His sake. I have sinned in thought, word and deed, but I thank Thee for the promise of forgiveness for the sake of Christ's merits. Apply now the cleansing blood of Jesus to my soul, that it may be made white as snow.

I thank Thee, O my Savior, for the blessed sacrament which commemorates Thy dying love. I now come as a humble guest to Thy table, Lord. Help me to come with peni-

tence and faith. Grant that as I receive into my body the elements of bread and wine, my soul may be nourished with the Bread of Life. O do Thou quicken and nourish me, and help me to consecrate myself anew to Thy service.

O Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, be merciful to me, a sinner, and grant me Thy peace. Grant unto me grace to depart from evil and to follow Thee. Help me now to be in perfect charity with all men. Help me to exercise a forgiving spirit, that Thou mayest also graciously forgive me. Grant me now the true preparation of the heart, that I may worthily partake of this holy and precious feast, to the praise of Thy glorious grace, and to the salvation of my soul, for Jesus' sake. Bless all, O Lord, who shall this day approach Thy holy table. Help all to feel their sins and their unworthiness, and to plead the merits of our blessed Savior. Forbid, Lord, that any should eat and drink unworthily, not discerning the Lord's body. Help all to confess their sins, and do Thou mercifully forgive them for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

O God unseen, yet ever near,  
Thy presence may we feel;  
And thus inspired with holy fear,  
Before Thine altar kneel.

Here may Thy faithful people know  
The blessings of Thy love;  
The streams that through the desert flow,  
The manna from above.

We come, obedient to Thy word,  
To feast on heavenly food;  
Our meat, the Body of the Lord;  
Our drink, His precious Blood.

Thus would we all Thy words obey;  
For we, O God, are Thine;  
And go rejoicing on our way,  
Renewed with strength divine.

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#### After Communion.

O God, my dear Father in Christ Jesus,  
I thank Thee with all my heart for the  
blessings enjoyed this day. I thank Thee  
for the blessed memorial of Thy Son, my  
Savior. I thank Thee that Thou hast given  
me to have part in the holy communion of  
the body and blood of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ. Attend now the use of this  
holy sacrament with quickening power to

my soul, and keep me in everlasting union with Thy dear Son. Grant me grace that I may ever be faithful to Thee. Grant that the elements of the sacrament may with true effect represent to my soul the broken body and the shed blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May I be enabled to go many days in the strength received this day. Establish me in every good word and work, and confirm me to the end, that I may be blameless in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ. Help me to continue in His Holy fellowship unto the end.

Bless all who this day have been guests at Thy table. Confirm each one in his holy faith. Help us all to be thankful for the rich feast, and to manifest our gratitude by a godly life. May none crucify their Lord afresh, but may all walk more closely with their Savior. Assist us by Thy grace that we may all continue in Thy service unto death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*(Read Psalm 103.)*

**PRAYERS AT FESTIVALS.**

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**Advent.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, I thank Thee that after man, created in Thine own image, had fallen into sin and wandered away from Thee, Thou didst not leave him to perish in helpless misery, but didst provide a Savior and Deliverer. I thank Thee for the promise made unto the fathers by the mouths of the prophets and holy men of old, of the coming of Thy Son into the world to seek and to save the lost. I thank Thee for the advent of Thy Son, the Hope of Israel, the Desire of all nations, the Redeemer of the world, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Help me now, O God, to feel my need of the Savior, that I may be prepared for His coming. Help me to repent heartily and truly of all my sins, and so to humble myself, that when He cometh I may receive Him with childlike faith, and that I may share in the blessings and the glory of the coming of the Son of Man into the world. Amen.

## Christmas.

Almighty God, Eternal Father, I thank Thee that Thou didst so love the world as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. I thank Thee for the manifestation of the Son of God in the flesh. I thank Thee that He is not only the Savior of the world, but also my Savior. I thank Thee that Thou hast given me part in the great blessings which Thy Son has brought into the world as the Savior of men. Grant unto me now the precious gift of faith whereby I may know that the Son of God is come, that I may have part in His redemption.

I thank Thee, O blessed Jesus, that Thou didst take upon Thyself the nature of sinful man; that Thou didst make a full satisfaction for all my sins, and didst reconcile me to the Father. I thank Thee for the great joy which Thy coming into the world has brought to mankind.

O blessed Jesus, I thank Thee that Thou didst become a little child, so that we might become children of God. I pray that Thou mayest also be born in my poor heart. Grant me a childlike faith and unite me

with Thyself by the power of Thy grace. Let the Sun of Righteousness arise in my soul, with healings in His wings. Make me a true child of God, and an heir of life eternal.

O Lord God, let the glad tidings of salvation be diffused throughout the whole world. Hasten the time when the knowledge of Jesus shall cover the whole earth.

O bless Thy people this day. Bless all, great and small, who now rejoice in the birth of Jesus. Help all to receive the newborn King with open hearts, and to join in the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, good will to men." All of which I ask for His name's sake. Amen.

*(Read second chapter of Matthew and second chapter of Luke.)*

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### At the Close of the Year.

O God, my Father in heaven, I thank Thee that Thou hast brought me safely to the close of this year. I thank Thee for all Thy mercies, known and unknown. I thank Thee for the blessings of Thy merciful providence. Thou hast cared for me and spared me. Whilst others have been called to suffer heavy afflictions, and many have been

called to their account, Thou hast mercifully spared me, unworthy as I am.

I thank Thee for all the mercies and favors of the past year—for the comforts of this life, but especially for the blessings of Thy grace. I thank Thee for the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and for all the means of grace enjoyed during the past year. Grant that all the great blessings received may be wisely improved to the praise of Thy name, and to the salvation of my soul.

Forgive now, Lord, the sins of the past year. I humbly confess my shortcomings and sins, and beseech Thee for pardon. Blot out all my transgressions and my sins of omission, and remember them against me no more forever.

O Lord God, remind me this day of the rapid flight of time. So teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. Teach me to remember that soon I shall reach the last year of this life. Help me so to improve my time that I may be fitted for Thy service here, and Thy glory hereafter. Abide with me, and in the evening of life lead Thou me through the valley of the shadow of death into the haven of everlasting peace, and Thy great name shall have all the praise.

Father, bless now with me all Thy people. Remember in mercy and bless all those in affliction and sorrow of any kind. May their sorrowful experiences bring them nearer to Thee. Bless the world that lieth in wickedness. May the glorious cause of Christ be rapidly extended until all shall accept Him as their only Savior. Amen.

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### New Year's Day.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. With Thee there is no beginning of days nor end of years. A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou art the same unchangeable God, yesterday and to-day, and forever.

O God, I thank Thee that Thou hast permitted me to begin a new year. Help me to begin it in Thy name, and to spend its days and months in Thy service. Hitherto the Lord has helped me. Goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life. Be Thou still my guide and my help. The future is dark and unknown to me. Do Thou mercifully choose out all my ways for me. Grant unto me, O Lord, the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may walk in Thy way. Give Thine angels

charge over me that they may keep me in all my ways. Lead me by Thy Truth, Thy Word is truth.

O Father, lead me in the path of righteousness for Thy name's sake. Help me to shun the ways of sin. Help me to die daily unto sin and the world, and to become more alive in Christ Jesus. May this new year be to me a year of grace and salvation. As every passing year brings me nearer to death and eternity, grant that I may be better prepared for the solemn change. Should this be my last year on earth, may it be my best. Fit me daily for Thy service here below, that I may also be fitted for Thy glory in heaven above.

Bless, O Lord, all Thy people. May Thy kingdom be greatly extended during this year, and many souls be born unto Thee. Bless Thy Church. Grant that she may arise and shine in all her glory. Bless Thy word to the edification of Thy children, and to the conviction and conversion of many sinners. Bless those who are called to preach the gospel, and help all who hear it to obey the same. Hear me now, O Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Lent.

Almighty God, help me at this time to think of my sins, and do Thou give me true penitence for them. Grant unto me grace that I may be in a proper frame of mind to contemplate the sufferings of the Savior, in order to make an atonement for the sins of the whole race.

O God, I thank Thee for the precious promise of the forgiveness of sin. I now heartily confess all my sins, and do Thou graciously pardon me, for the sake of the sufferings of the Savior. Help me always to remember my sinful nature, and do Thou give me continuously a meek and penitent spirit. O Lord, give unto me the same mind that was in Christ Jesus during His fasting and temptation, that I may always resist evil, and follow Him only. Keep me ever in living union with my blessed Savior, that, departing from all evil, I may live in and for Him. Amen.

**Good Friday.**

*(Read Matthew 27 and Luke 23.)*

Almighty and gracious God! I thank Thee that Thou didst send Thy Son into the world to die for sinners, even for me. I thank Thee this day for all that Jesus has endured on the cross for the sins of the world. I thank Thee for His holy passion, His bitter agony, and His atoning death. I praise Thee that through His meritorious death there is forgiveness of sin for all that truly repent and believe. Help me to contemplate His death on the cross. Create in me a greater abhorrence for sin.

O Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, have mercy upon me and grant me Thy peace. I thank Thee for all Thou hast suffered in my stead—for Thy humiliation and shame, for Thy bloody sweat, for Thy sufferings in the garden and upon the cross. Help me to remember that Thou hast suffered all this for me, as well as for many others. O grant that Thy great sufferings may work in me a hatred for sin. Help me to crucify the flesh with all its lusts and desires. Help me to die unto the world and to follow Thee. Help me to remember that I am purchased with a great

price—purchased and saved by blood divine. Help me, dear Savior, to devote my life to Thy service and praise. May Thy blood cleanse me from all sin. Clothe Thou me with Thy righteousness. Enable me to be faithful unto death, that I may receive the crown of life.

Dear Savior, bless all who profess Thy name; yea, bless all classes and conditions of men. Let the gospel of Thy sacrificial atonement be proclaimed throughout the world. May many who are yet far away from Thee be brought to share the blessings of Thy salvation. May the set time soon come, when all shall know Thee and own Thee as the King of kings, and Lord of lords, for Thy name's sake.

O Lord, bless all who this day shall profess Thy name for the first time. Help all such to vow sincerely, and to continue faithful unto the end. Sustain them by Thy rich grace amid all the temptations and trials of life. Help them to realize their own weakness, and to lean upon Thine almighty arm for strength, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Easter.

(*Read Matthew 28 and Luke 24.*)

O God, Eternal Father, thanks be to Thee for this glorious Easter day; the day that saw our Lord arise. Thanks be to Thee for the inestimable gift of Thy Son, our Savior; for His life, His sufferings and His death; and also for His triumphant resurrection from the grave. Thanks be to Thee that He triumphed over death and the grave, and has become the firstfruits of them that slept. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank Thee, O Jesus, that Thou hast lain in the grave, and hallowed it, so that the grave has no more fears for those who truly believe in Thee. I thank Thee that I, who was dead in trespasses and in sin, may now be raised to life and immortality. I rejoice that I may now hopefully exclaim: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Help me, O Lord, to put off the old man of sin, and to put on the new man, and to be renewed after the image of my Savior, in righteousness and holiness. Help me to arise from all that is beneath and to seek that which is above, where Christ sitteth at

the right hand of the Father. May the life of the Savior be evermore my life. Keep me and all Thy children in the communion of the Holy Ghost, and bring us at last to a blissful resurrection of the dead, for Thine own name's sake.

O God, do Thou awaken all who are still sleeping in sin. Bless the glorious gospel of the resurrection of Thy Son to the salvation of many that as yet know Thee not. Help them to forsake the sinful things of the world, and to arise and go to their Father's house. Hasten the coming of the time when all shall know and love and serve Thee.

Bless, O Lord, Thy people as they meet to worship Thee this day. Hear their prayers, accept their praises, and bless Thy holy Word to their edification. Bless Thy ministering servants, that they may speak as Thou givest them utterance. Let great grace rest upon Thy holy Church. Let her arise and shine in the beauty of the Lord, to the praise of Thy glorious name. Amen.

### Ascension Day.

(*Read Acts 1: 1—14.*)

Thou blessed Son of God, I thank Thee that after Thou hadst finished the work of human redemption upon the earth, Thou didst ascend to heaven and art now seated at the right hand of God. Thou hast led captivity captive, and art now dispensing gifts unto men. Help me, I pray Thee, to overcome my sinful nature, and cleanse me from my evil inclinations and the lusts of the flesh. Thou who art the only mediator between God and man, do Thou graciously intercede in my behalf. Enable me in all my sorrows and trials in this life with an assured confidence to await Thy coming, when Thou wilt take all Thy saints into mansions of heavenly bliss.

Help me continually to rise above the sinful elements of the world, and to set my affections on the things above. While I am in the world, help me not to be of the world. Help me to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. Abide with me, O my Savior, and keep me evermore in living communion with Thee and all Thy saints.

O Lord God, bless all Thy people on the earth. Thou knowest their wants and their

desires. Suit Thy blessing to each individual want, and do Thou draw the hearts of all unto Thee. Bless the world with a knowledge of Thy Truth. Help all to forsake the error of their way, and come to the Lord Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. I ask all for His sake.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

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Whitsunday—Pentecost.

I.

O God of peace and consolation, on the day of Pentecost Thou didst fulfill the great promise of the gospel by sending down Thy Holy Ghost to establish the Church as the home of His continual presence and power in the world. Do Thou grant unto me this same gift of the Spirit. May Thy divine influence be over me and around me like the light and dew of heaven. Be pleased to revive and quicken me in the way of holy obedience. O Holy Ghost, do Thou dwell in my body as Thy consecrated temple. Bring forth in my heart and life the fruits of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance. Comfort me in every time of trouble. Strengthen me in every hour of weakness. Help me to subdue the lusts of the flesh. Be my guide.

Lead me into all truth. Give me courage for every good word and work. Help me to overcome the world and to live as a true child of God. Amen.

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II.

Almighty and most glorious Lord God, who at holy Whitsuntide didst pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon Thine Apostles, vouchsafe unto me the light of His inspiration, and inflame in me the fire of His love.

O Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, sanctify me in spirit, soul and body. Grant unto me Thy heavenly gifts. Abide in my heart. Keep me from sin. Guide me in the way of truth. May my life here be one of holiness, and may I share in the glory of the heavenly kingdom. And to Thee, with the Father and the Son, shall be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.**

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**In Tribulation.**

O gracious and most merciful God, to Thee I come in this hour of sorrow. To whom else shall I go? Thou alone art my refuge and strength in every time of trouble. In this time of distress I lift my eyes unto Thee from whom cometh my help. Thou knowest my heart and art acquainted with my sorrows. O God of compassion, give me strength to endure the chastening of Thy hand. Help me to resist all my temptations, and do Thou heal my afflictions. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make me to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Pardon my every sin. And O do Thou grant me the comforts of a holy hope. O Thou God of love! seal upon my heart this blessed truth, "that as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."

Into Thy hands I commit myself. The Lord bless me and keep me: the Lord make His face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me: the Lord lift up His countenance

upon me, and give me peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

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In Sickness.

O merciful Father, I implore Thee to look down in mercy upon me, now visited with bodily affliction and disease. Be Thou graciously near as a rich fountain of comfort and strength. May I bear this sickness with Christian fortitude and patience. Thou hast taught us in Thy Word that all things work together for good unto them that love God. Hence I know, O Lord, that this sickness is for my spiritual good. Grant me the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be comforted and strengthened. May I have true repentance for all my sins, a firm faith in Jesus Christ, and grace to be in perfect charity with all men.

Bless, O Lord, all the means that are used for my recovery, and if it be Thy will, restore me to health. If thou hast appointed otherwise, Thy blessed will be done. Do Thou draw my affections from things below, and fill me with ardent desires after heaven. Lord, fit me for Thyself; and in Thine own good time bring me to joys unspeakable and full of glory. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

### Upon Recovery.

Almighty and gracious God! I thank Thee for having raised me up again from my bed of sickness. Thou hast blessed the medicine, Thou hast given me strength to endure my suffering, Thou hast had pity on me like that of a father for his child. Therefore, praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. To Thee, O Lord, would I live in the future. I implore the aid of Thy Holy Spirit. By His help may I subdue all unholy desires and break the power of evil habits. Let me never be drawn by the cares and pleasures of this world to neglect my duty to Thee. But give me grace always so to live that I may be found watching whenever my appointed time shall come, and be ready to exchange this state of mortality for an immortal crown. This I ask through the mediation of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

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### In Prospect of Death.

O holy Jesus, who by Thy death hast overcome death, and by Thy passion hast taken away its sting, and made it the gate of heaven, and an entrance to eternal joy, have mercy upon me now, and in the last hour of

my life. Help and guide me, O Lord, that I may neither err nor be lost in the dark valley and shadow of death. Let Thy word shine in my heart; be with me in every time of need; show me Thy salvation, and permit me not to fall from the comfort of the true faith. Preserve me ever in the communion and peace of Thy Church. May Thy holy angels be near to guard and defend me in my last hour. Grant me a sincere repentance, a strong faith, a joyful hope and a holy love.

O do Thou, at the last, grant me a calm and peaceful departure out of this world and an entrance into the peace and rest, and joy of Thine eternal kingdom.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation. Amen.

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### Young People's Meeting.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have assembled, at this time, for the purpose of spending together a short time in the exercises of religious worship. We rejoice that this privilege is ours. And we beseech Thee to look upon us in mercy. For the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son grant unto us the influences of Thy Holy Spirit.

We know that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed. But we rejoice to know that there is hope even for guilty sinners. In Jesus Christ, Thy Son, there is plenteous redemption. We praise Thee for the salvation He has purchased for us. For His sake, we pray Thee, forgive all our sins, and love us freely and do us good.

Be pleased, O Lord, graciously to look upon us, at this time, as a band of worshippers. May the short season we spend together be both pleasant and profitable to our souls, and also redound to the glory of Thy great name.

Oh, do Thou grant that the Holy Ghost may take up His abode with us, and rule in our hearts and over our lives. Look in great mercy upon the congregation of which we form a part. Grant unto it peace and prosperity. Bless its pastor. Crown his labors with abundant success.

Let Thy blessing rest upon Thy Church universal. Greatly lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes. Hasten the coming of Thy kingdom.

Grant us, O Lord, these our feeble requests; and the glory shall be Thine, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in a world without end. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS.

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### For Christian Missions.

O Almighty God, whose dearly beloved Son, after His resurrection from the dead, did send His apostles into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature, hear, we beseech Thee, the prayers of Thy people, and look down in Thy compassion upon the multitudes that are as sheep having no shepherd, and upon the fields now white unto the harvest. Bless those Thy servants who, after the example of Thy first missionaries, have gone far hence to the Gentiles, and prosper Thou their work of faith and labor of love. Send forth more laborers into Thy harvest, to gather fruit unto life eternal. And grant us grace and power to be fellow-workers with them by our prayers and offerings, that we may also rejoice with them in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I pray Thee, bless all missionaries in home and foreign fields. Bless their labors that many may be turned from darkness into light, from sin unto righteousness, from death unto life everlasting. Let the time soon come when all nations and tribes shall be converted

to God, and when there shall be none to do evil, all of which I ask for the dear Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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### For a Missionary Meeting.

O God our Father, who didst send salvation into the world through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, grant Thy blessing unto us at this time and impart unto us the spirit of the Master. Do Thou awaken in us a lively interest in the cause of missions. Help us to show our gratitude for the blessings of the gospel by aiding in sending it forth to the destitute. Give unto us a burning zeal for the salvation of those sitting in the shadow of death. Have mercy upon the millions of people who are without a knowledge of Thee and the Savior. Send forth the light of Thy truth unto the ends of the earth, and hasten the time when all people shall know Thee, whom to know aright is life eternal. Bless all missionaries of the cross everywhere, and crown their efforts with great success. Shield them against disease and persecution.

O God, bless all the missionaries in whom we have a more direct interest. Sustain them by Thy grace, and fit them for their work. Open the hearts of those to whom

they bring the blessed gospel, and let many be turned unto Thee that they may be saved. We beseech Thee, bless the gifts we bring for the cause of missions. Impart unto us the spirit of liberality. Do Thou dispose the hearts of all Thy children to take part in this blessed work. Grant unto Thy people a mind to work, that all may take part in sending forth the gospel of Thy Son, that Thy name may be glorified throughout the world, for Jesus' sake.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYERS.**

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**Opening Prayers.****I.**

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the institution of the Sunday school, and we pray for Thy blessing upon it. We pray Thee to preside over the sessions of this school, accept our prayers and praises, and bless the exercises to the good of all present. We thank Thee for Thy word. Help us to understand and love it, that we may also obey it in our lives. We pray Thee, our Father, bless these baptized children, and help them to know that they are Thine. They have been dedicated to Thee in holy baptism. Give them grace to grow up in Thee and for Thy glory. Bless the instructions which they receive, that they may be made wise unto salvation. Bless their parents, and help them by precept and example to lead their children in the way of life.

O Lord Jesus, Thou great Shepherd of the sheep, bless the lambs of Thy fold. In the days of Thy flesh Thou didst take the little ones upon Thine arms and bless them; do Thou bless these children with Thy love, and with a knowledge of Thy truth. Shield

them against the temptations of satan, and preserve them all unto life everlasting.

O Lord, we pray Thee, bless the officers and teachers of this school. Bless all whom Thou hast called to the work of teaching. Endow them with Thy Holy Spirit, and help them faithfully to lead those committed to their care in the way of life. Crown their efforts with success, and reward them abundantly for their labor of love.

*All.*—I believe in God the Father, etc.

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## II.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and Thy faithfulness every night, grant us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God, we pray in behalf of these children and youths, that they may be more and more renewed by Thy Holy Spirit. Grant that they may receive with all readiness of mind the lessons of Thy word, that they may be brought to the full knowledge of Thy grace and to the true faith in Jesus Christ. Cause all sinful affections to die

in them, and all things belonging to the Spirit to live and grow in them. Give them strength to gain the victory over the world, the flesh and the devil. Defend them against temptation and every snare. Let Thy fatherly hand supply their wants for this life, and let Thy Holy Spirit guide them in the way of Thy commandments. Make them living members of Thy Holy Church, and heirs through hope of Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and gracious God, we ask Thy blessing upon all Thy servants to whom Thou hast committed the work of teaching the young ; guide them, O Thou good Shepherd of the sheep, that they may be able to guide the lambs of Thy flock in the way of life ; and give them Thy continual grace, that they may persevere in the good work which they have undertaken ; reward them abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## Closing Prayers.

## I.

O God, our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for this session of our school. We thank Thee for the blessed gospel. We rejoice before Thee that Thou hast called us into Thy kingdom. Bless now, we pray Thee, the services of this hour. O grant that Thy word may be made to us all the power of God unto salvation. Let Thy truth abide in us, and do Thou evermore confirm us in it. Lord, help us to believe and to obey Thy word. Do Thou now graciously forgive all our sins, and cause all evil desires to die in us. Pour out upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that He may guide us into all truth. Dismiss us with Thy blessing, and fill our hearts with joy and peace, for Jesus' sake.

*All.*—Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

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II.

Almighty God, we pray Thee, do Thou now grant Thy blessing upon the services of this school. Impress Thy truth upon the hearts of all present. Grant that the word of truth may find a lodgment in our hearts and bear fruit abundantly. Bless the efforts

of officers and teachers. May our work not be in vain. Bless all these scholars. Help them to love and to obey Thy word. We pray Thee to make this school a means by which many may be brought to the Lord Jesus and find the way of life. Bless Thou the parents of these children. Help them by Thy grace to teach their children by precept and example. Watch over us now as we separate. Preserve us from evil and keep us by Thine almighty power unto life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father who art in heaven, etc.

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#### Prayer for a Teacher.

Father in heaven, I thank Thee that Thou hast called me to take part in the instruction of the young. Do Thou now fit me for the work before me. Grant unto me a clear apprehension of Thy word. Teach Thou me, that I also may teach others. Help me to realize the solemnity of instructing immortal souls, and give me aptness to teach. Enable me to go before them with a pious example. Make Thy word quick and powerful in the hearts of all. Bless, I pray Thee, each of the scholars committed to my care. Grant that they may receive with all readiness of mind the lessons of Thy word, that they may

be brought to the full knowledge of Thy grace and to the true faith in Jesus Christ.

O Lord, bless their parents. Help them to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Sanctify them, that they may feel a pious concern for the salvation of their children. Grant Thy blessing upon the instruction and admonition of parents and teachers, that all these children may become full members of Thy Church, and heirs of Thy salvation. Bless, O Lord, the superintendent and the pastor. Prosper our school, to the praise of Thy holy name, and to the salvation of all the members, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### Prayer for a Scholar.

Dear Father in heaven, I pray Thee for Thy blessing. I thank Thee for the Sunday school, where I may learn of Thee. I thank Thee that Thou hast so early called me into Thy covenant by baptism. Help me to remember my Creator in the days of my youth, that I may not depart from Thy ways. Bless our school—officers, teachers and scholars. Help us to learn Thy truth with joy. Open our hearts that we may receive Thy word. Help us to love and obey Thy truth. O Lord, bless my teacher. Give him (or her)

much joy in teaching others. Bless my parents, and help me to obey them in Thee. Forgive all my sins, and help me to be Thy obedient, faithful child, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK.

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### Sunday Morning.

This is the day the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. O God, my Father in heaven, I thank Thee for the rest of the past night, and for the light of this holy day. Lift upon me the light of Thy countenance, and be gracious unto me. Help me on this sacred day of rest to lift up my heart unto Thee who art the source of all light and life. As Thou hast given me to have part in the resurrection of the Lord, help me to seek those things which are above. Deliver me from the spirit of worldliness.

O God, I thank Thee for the blessed day of rest. I thank Thee that after the labors of the week, Thou givest me a day of rest and holy privileges. Help me now to withdraw my thoughts from the world and to fix them upon Thee, the only true God. Enable me to spend the hours of the day in a manner that may be pleasing to Thee and profitable to my soul. Prepare my heart for the reading and hearing of Thy holy word. Let Thy truth sink deep into my heart and bring forth good fruit. Help me to love and obey

Thy truth. Let Thy Holy Spirit guide me in my meditations. Prepare my heart for the services of this day, and grant that I may thereby obtain strength and grace for the duties and trials of coming days.

O Lord, bless Thy people everywhere this day as they meet to worship Thee. Manifest Thyself unto them as Thou dost not unto the world. Grant them Thy Spirit, that they may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Edify and comfort all Thy people by the preaching of Thy word. Incline the hearts of men everywhere to receive Thy holy word. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth unto the ends of the earth. Bless all those whom Thou hast called to preach the gospel. Give them an unction from above, and enable them to proclaim the truth with saving effect to many souls. Grant that many who are yet in their sins may be converted unto Thee. Bless the ministrations of all missionaries in home and foreign fields, and bring in the joyous time when all nations and kindreds and tongues shall come into Thy fold.

O Father in heaven, bless and comfort all who may be in sorrow of any kind. Help all such to trust in Thee and find Thee a very present help in time of trouble. Hear me, O God, and answer me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Sunday Evening.

Almighty God, I thank Thee for the blessings of Thy holy day. I thank Thee for its peace, rest and privileges. Thou givest me week after week a foretaste of the eternal rest of Thy saints in glory. Bless now all that has been done in accordance with Thy will. Bless Thy holy word as it has been read and preached in many places this day. Let it not return unto Thee void, but let it accomplish the great purpose of edifying Thy people and calling sinners to repentance.

O Lord, do Thou strengthen me by the rest and services of this day for the labors and duties of the coming week. Help me to go many days by the grace received this day. Enlighten me more and more by the truth as it is in Jesus. Give me an abiding sense of Thy goodness, and a child-like confidence in Thy love and mercy. Keep me from wandering from Thy paths, and lead me in the way everlasting. I confess my sins and guilt; grant me Thy pardon, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless with me, O Lord, all Thy people everywhere. Remember in mercy all the children of affliction. Sanctify unto them their trials and sorrows, and help them to

realize Thy nearness. Enable all to look unto Thee, the Great Physician, and may they find health for body and soul. Remember the poor, the sick, the forsaken, the tempted. Give all such grace sufficient for every trial, and may their sorrows bring them nearer to Thee.

O God, I now commit myself into Thy care for this night. Do Thou watch over me, and bless me with refreshing rest, and permit me to rise again in health and renewed strength. Help me to devote all my energies to Thy service, and prepare me for the eternal rest in heaven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### Monday Morning.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee, O God! and there is none upon earth that I desire above Thee. Thus far Thou hast led me on. The ark of Thy covenant has ever gone before me, guiding my way, defending me against my enemies, and assuring me of Thy continual presence and favor. During all my days Thou hast watched over me with a father's care, and hast blessed me with more than a father's love. Do Thou be with me still; ever guide, defend and save me; and when at last I shall approach

the river of death, do Thou, O Lord, divide the waters before me, and lead me into Thy rest.

O God, my Father, I thank Thee for another night of quiet and repose, and that I have been strengthened and refreshed for the duties of another day. Do Thou bless me this day. Ever make Thy face to shine upon me. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon those whom we love and upon Thy whole Church. Bless all mankind. Look pitifully upon the poor, the tried, the tempted, the forsaken, the oppressed, and all the children of sorrow. Be very near to such as are drawing nigh to death. Do Thou now fit me for Thy service, and for all the experiences before me, and prepare me daily for life everlasting, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### Monday Evening.

O Thou who dost never slumber nor sleep, I commit myself to Thy merciful care for this night. I thank Thee for Thy care over me during the day that is now past. I thank Thee for life, health, bodily comfort, and daily bread. I thank Thee for Thy grace by which I have been enabled to perform my daily labor. Bless now, O God,

the labor of my hands. Help me daily to be useful in my day and generation. Help me not to live to myself nor to the world, but unto Thee, my God and my Savior.

Dear Father, give unto me now refreshing sleep and rest. Do Thou quicken me in body and soul, and prepare me for Thy service continually. Give Thine angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways. I thank Thee that I am not my own, but belong, in body and soul, in life and death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head. I thank Thee for Thy fatherly care over me all my life long, and for the blessed assurance of eternal life, after the cares and sorrows of this present life on earth. Sanctify all my experiences in this life, that I may be daily prepared for the life above.

Bless now with me all mankind. Bless all Thy children, and be merciful to all who are not Thine. Help all such to seek and find Thee. Bless the world that lieth in wickedness. Hasten the time when all shall know and serve Thee, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Tuesday Morning.

O God, Thou art my God ; early will I seek Thee. My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good ; for His mercy endureth for ever.

O God, to whom shall I go but unto Thee, for Thou hast the words of eternal life. In Thee I live, and move, and have my being. Breathe Thy Spirit into my soul, that I may daily die unto sin and be made alive in Thee. I thank Thee for the rest, peace and security of the past night. And now, as I enter upon the cares and toil of another day, I invoke Thy blessing upon me. Give me strength to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts, so that sin may no more have dominion over me. Grant me grace to present my body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, as a reasonable service. Grant me the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may walk in Thy way, and not in the way of sin and death. Give me a heart that is set to obey Thy commands. Let my delight be in Thy law.

O God, prepare me for all that is before me. Sustain me continually by Thy grace in all time of trial and sore temptation. Have me in Thy care and keeping, that no evil may befall me. And when sorrows and afflictions come upon me, do Thou graciously sanctify them unto me for good. Help me to know that all things must work together for good to them that love God.

O Father in heaven, bless with me all for whom I should pray. Be merciful to all the children of men. Comfort the bereaved, heal the sick, provide for the poor, and prepare the dying for a happy deliverance out of the sorrows of this life. Succor all that look unto Thee for help, and draw the hearts of all men unto Thee. Bless the world with a knowledge of Thy truth, and may the time soon come when all men shall know and obey and worship Thee, all of which I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### Tuesday Evening.

Lord, 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. Unto Thee do I come to offer my evening

sacrifice of prayer. Accept my gratitude for the blessings and mercies of this day. Thou hast been with me and hast kept me. Thee would I worship and adore.

O Father, be with me now at the close of this day, and bestow upon me a Father's blessing. Sanctify me wholly, and preserve me in body, soul and spirit until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Cause all sinful desires to die in me, and help me to live and grow in Thee. Help me to be patient amid all the changes of this present, mortal life. Make me cheerful in faith, joyful in hope, and fill me with heavenly peace.

Extend Thy blessing, I beseech Thee, to all ranks and conditions of men. Send relief and consolation to the children of affliction and sorrow; ease those in pain; deliver the oppressed and the persecuted. Prosper Thy kingdom in every land, and give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the region and shadow of death. Bless our land and nation, and all in authority, and grant that law and order, justice and peace may everywhere prevail.

And now that the shadows of evening have again closed around my dwelling, I beseech Thee to spread over me the shelter

of Thy protection during the watches of the night. When I lie down in sleep, do Thou cause me to rest in safety. Preserve me from all manner of evil, and permit me to rest in the arms of Thy love. And when Thou hast refreshed me with sleep, raise me up again in health and strength to praise Thee for Thy goodness. Thus may all my days and nights be spent with Thee, and in Thy blessed service, until I shall awake in Thy likeness and attain unto the rest which remaineth for the people of God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### Wednesday Morning.

O God, my Father in heaven, I lift my heart in gratitude to Thee, for Thou hast kept me through the night. I thank Thee that Thou dost not grow weary in blessing me. Thy loving kindness is ever new unto me. I thank Thee for Thy preserving care over me during the night, and for the light of another day. In Thy name, O Lord, I would enter upon the toils and cares of a new day. Be Thou with me and guide me in all my engagements, that I may serve Thee and live to Thee. Thine I am, and unto Thee would I live.

O God, I humbly confess before Thee my sins and infirmities, and beseech Thee enter

not into judgment with me. For the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, forgive all my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. A broken spirit and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

O Lord, help me to begin this day in Thy fear, and to end it to Thy glory. I am weak ; be Thou my strength. I am ignorant and do easily err ; be Thou my light and my guide. Help me to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world. Help me to go forth to my daily duties with cheerfulness and in humble dependence upon Thy aid. Prosper my labors and establish the work of my hands.

O God, I humbly invoke Thy blessing upon all my friends and neighbors. Suit Thy blessing to the wants of all. Prosper and bless Thy people. Bless Thy Church, ministers and people. Bless my pastor in his efforts to lead souls to the Savior of the world and to glorify Thy name. Bless the preaching of Thy word, to the salvation of precious souls and to the praise of Thy glorious grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Wednesday Evening.

O God, my dear Father in heaven, I lift my heart and voice unto Thee in gratitude and love. Thy mercies are new unto me every morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. I praise Thee for life, and health, and reason; for food, and raiment, and home; for friends and kindred. Help me to remember all Thy goodness, that it may awaken purer love and greater devotion to Thee in my heart. Enable me not to conform my life to a sinful world, but to have my conversation in heaven.

Give me strength for labors, courage for conflicts, patience under afflictions, fidelity to duty, and faith that shall endure unto the end, and shall make me more than a conqueror over sin and death. Grant me grace to keep my heart from evil thoughts, and my lips from speaking guile; keep my feet from falling. Bless my intercourse with others. Help me to do unto others as I would that they should do unto me. Help me to be true and just in all my dealings.

I pray for all men. Be Thou merciful to all according to their several conditions and necessities, and may Thy goodness and loving kindness draw the hearts of all unto Thy-

self. May the sorrows of this life lead all to Thee, the source of life, comfort and peace.

Bless unto me Thy word, O Lord. Help me daily to search the Scriptures in the light of Thy Holy Spirit. Impress Thy truth deeply and savingly upon my heart. May Thy word be unto me a lamp to my feet and a light to my pathway. May Thy word always be precious to my soul. May I love its precepts, understand its doctrines, and rest upon its promises. Lord, I believe ; help Thou mine unbelief. When I read Thy word, do Thou Thyself teach me. May Thy truth fall upon good ground in my poor heart, and bring forth much fruit unto eternal life.

O Lord, I now commit myself and all my interests into Thy care. Bless me, keep me, forgive me, and finally save me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### Thursday Morning.

O God, my Father in heaven, I have lain down and slept, and have risen again. I thank Thee for Thy watchful care over me. Thou didst allow no evil to come nigh unto me, and hast brought me safely through the darkness of the night, to behold the light of a new day. Thankful for the mercies of

the night, I commit myself unto Thee during the hours of the new day, beseeching Thee to guide me in the ways of truth and righteousness, for Thy name's sake.

O God, do Thou order all my ways and send unto me such prosperity as Thou knowest to be best for me. Lead me by Thine Almighty hand, that I may not fall nor wander from Thy ways. Grant unto me the mind and spirit of the Lord Jesus, that I may desire and seek only those things that are pleasing in Thy sight. Fit me for Thy service. Enable me to let the light of the gospel shine in my life and conduct. May others see that I have been with Jesus, and have learned of Him. Grant unto me that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. Help me to live unto Thee, that I may finally also die in Thee and forever live with Thee in heaven, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Savior. Amen.

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#### Thursday Evening.

O God, my heavenly Father, in whom I live, and move and have my being, I give Thee humble thanks for all Thy mercies renewed unto me every day; for life and health, for food and raiment, for relatives and friends, and for all mercies known and

unknown. Grant that I may receive all things as coming from Thee, and show forth my gratitude by a holy and obedient life.

I adore Thee for Thy fatherly care over me this day, and for all the blessings enjoyed. Grant now Thy blessing upon all that I have done this day, as far as it has been in accordance with Thy will ; and mercifully forgive all that is evil and displeasing in Thy sight. O do Thou give me a penitent heart, and forgive all my sins. Let my heart be set to obey Thy will and to glorify Thy name. Enable me to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. Help me to choose Thy ways, and diligently walk therein ; help me to walk in the narrow way which leadeth unto life, and to shun the way of sin and death.

O Lord, I now commit myself, body and soul, into Thy hands. Grant unto me refreshing repose, and let no evil come nigh unto me. Preserve my health, and permit me to rise again in the morning with thanksgiving upon my lips and Thy love in my heart. Bless now, O Lord, all who are near and dear unto me, and all for whom I should pray. Be Thou especially gracious unto all suffering ones. Help them to cast their burdens upon the Lord, and do Thou grant unto

them that peace which the world cannot give nor take away. Hear me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### Friday Morning.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I approach to the throne of grace this morning with reverence and holy fear, begging of Thee mercy and peace, pardon and salvation. Thou art holy, and justly offended with me, but yet Thou art my gracious Lord and merciful Father in Christ Jesus. Be pleased, I beseech Thee, to blot out my sins from Thy remembrance, and heal my soul, and grant me grace that I may sin no more against Thee. Help me to realize my sins and infirmities. Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me, that I may have power to serve Thee in righteousness and true holiness all my days.

Grant unto me, O Lord, an abiding sense of the vanity of all earthly things. Forbid that I should be occupied unduly with the things of the world. Help me to lay up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Keep me mindful that I have no continuing city here, that

this world is not my home ; and help me to seek a city which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God.

Now, Lord, be gracious unto me this day. Help me to serve Thee in all the occupations of life. Sanctify me by Thy truth ; Thy word is truth. Prepare me so to live that others may be influenced for good by my example. Prepare me for the trials of life. When I am tempted, give me grace that I may not consent to do evil. Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil.

O God, direct me by Thy word and Spirit, that I may spend my days in Thy fear and in Thy service, and for Thy praise. Overrule all my experiences for good. Choose out for me all my ways, and help me to walk therein. To Thee would I live, and in Thee would I die, through Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

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### Friday Evening.

O Lord God, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, I thank Thee for Thy grace by which I have been sustained this day. Thou has kept me and helped me to perform my daily labor, and Thou hast provided for my daily wants. Help me to ac-

cept all blessings as coming from Thy fatherly hand. I thank Thee that Thou art ever mindful of my wants, and dost supply them so bountifully. Help me to receive and enjoy them with a grateful and loving heart. Thou art the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and unto Thee would I render unfeigned thanks for all Thy goodness unto me.

O Lord, bless the labors and experiences of the day that is past. Bless my intercourse with my fellowmen. Bless all men—relatives, friends, neighbors, and enemies. Bestow Thy saving grace upon all. Grant unto all faith and true repentance, and lead them to the Savior of mankind.

Bless, O Lord, Thy holy Church, especially that branch of which I am a member. Prosper and bless all her ministers and people, all her institutions, and all the efforts of Thy people for the extension of Thy kingdom in the world. May the light of the gospel speedily shine everywhere, and banish the darkness of sin from the earth. May the set time soon come when all the people of the earth shall be Thy people.

O Lord God, I now commit myself into Thy hands. Be Thou with me when I lie down, and when I rise up; be Thou with

me in sickness and in health ; and in the hour of death forsake me not, merciful Savior, but grant me a calm and peaceful departure out of this world, and a triumphant entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Savior. Amen.

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### Saturday Morning.

O God, my Father, this morning I lift my heart unto Thee in thanksgiving. Thou hast graciously preserved me. Thou dost permit me to lie down at night under the shadow of Thy wings, and to awake in the morning to the light of Thy love. I thank Thee for another night of peace and rest ; for another day of life, health and hope. O Lord, may I be found faithful to Thee in the duties of this day ; and amid its temptations and trials, do Thou sustain, comfort and keep me, and give me grace in all I do to seek Thy glory. Give me grace, that wherever I go and whatever I do, I may remember Thee and do Thy will. Help me to be an humble, faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Bless Thou the labors of my hands. Make me a useful member of Thy Church and of society. Bless all my friends, my neighbors and my enemies.

Help all to be Thy true children. Be gracious to all in sorrow of any kind. Overrule the trials and afflictions of all people to their good. Help them to seek and find Thee a God supremely kind. Bless Thy Church everywhere. Bless Thy word to all who read and hear it, and do Thou send forth the light of Thy truth unto the ends of the earth. Forgive now all my sins, and fill me with the righteousness of Jesus, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

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### Saturday Evening.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

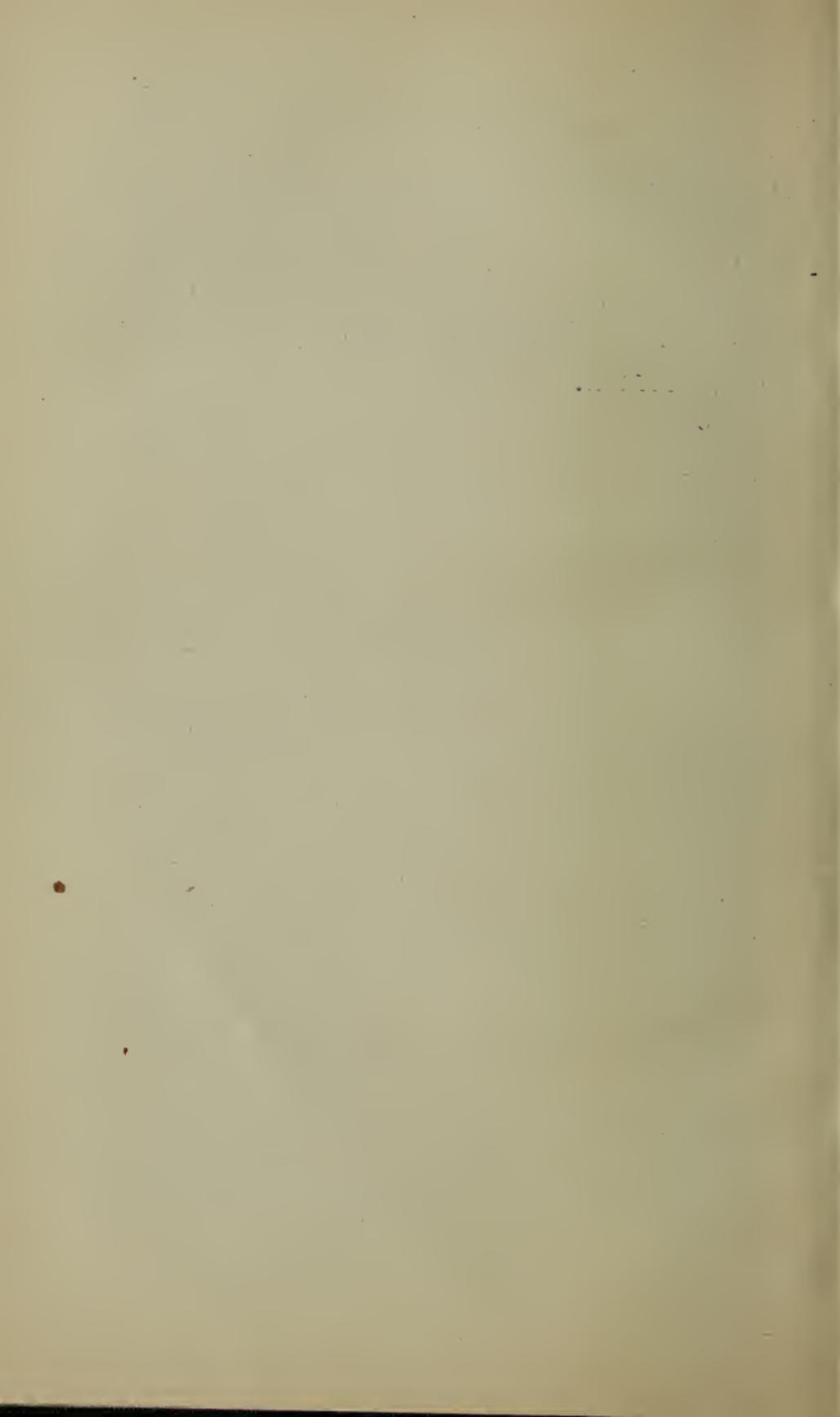
O God, I thank Thee that Thou hast brought me safely to the close of another day and another week. Day by day Thou hast supplied my wants; night by night Thou hast watched over me and kept me. Thus far Thou hast brought me on my

way to Thee. Hitherto the Lord has helped me. He has been with me in the house and by the way. He has never ceased to do good unto me. O God, I thank Thee for all Thy mercies and favors manifested to me during my past life. Keep me mindful of them, that I may never cease to thank and praise Thee. Thou art the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and Thy hand has ever been open to dispense blessings unto me. Grant me now grace to appreciate Thy goodness and Thy loving-kindness.

O God, the close of another week reminds me of the close of my life. Help me to keep my latter end in view, that I may live in accordance therewith. So teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. Help me so to live that when the hour of death cometh, I may depart in peace and be with the Lord. Grant me true repentance for all my sins, and wash them away in the blood of the Lamb. Take away from my heart all that is evil, and fill me with the righteousness of my Savior. To Thee, O Lord, I now commit my all. Care Thou for me, and keep me.

O my Father, prepare me for the blessings and privileges of the Lord's Day. Help me to withdraw my thoughts from the things of

the world, and to fix them upon Thee. Prepare my heart to receive Thy holy word. Abide now with me, bless me, keep me, and when all my days on earth are ended, receive me to Thyself in heaven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



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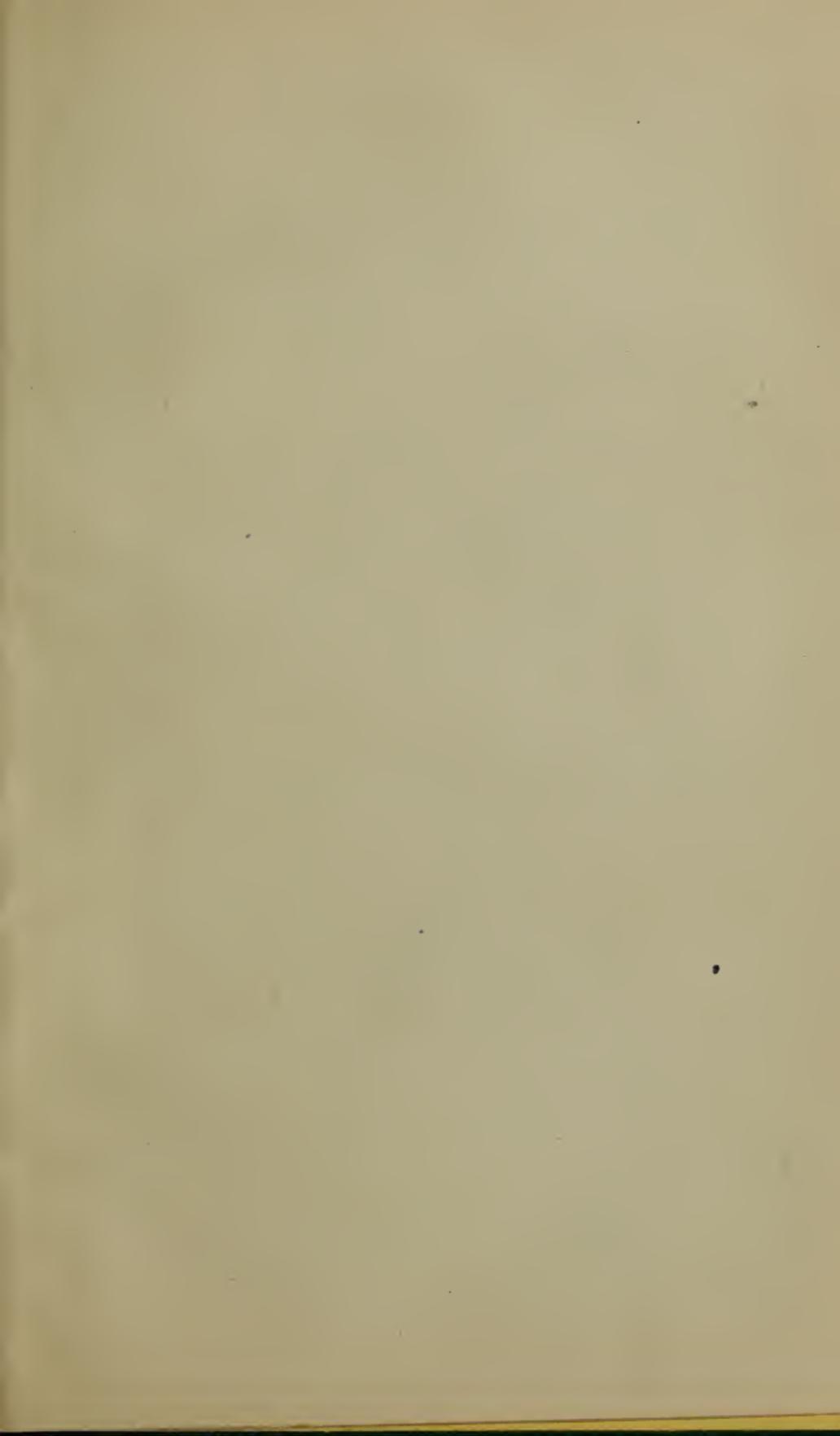
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