

world; and by prayer the same promise was again fulfilled at the Reformation, when Luther first, and afterwards many others, preached the word of God with such power, that princes and peoples felt that God was again making bare his holy arm and causing his voice to be heard in the midst of them. However gifted those men may have been, I believe that as D'Aubigne says, "The prayers of Luther contain the secret of the Reformation." Luther, like the Saviour, spent whole nights in prayer. Knox was wont to spend six hours in prayer at a time. Long prayers in public may be unwise. But in secret, it is well for all christians to be instant in prayer; and to pray always and never to faint, until they have their requests. Let all sincere christians pray then for the coming of Christ, as they daily do in offering up the Lord's prayer; and never cease until he arise to make his Church the joy and praise of all the earth.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.