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INVOCATION TO PRAYER.

Morning.

To prayer, to prayer; for the morning breaks,
And earth in her Maker's smile awakes.
His light is on all, below and above;
The light of gladness, and life, and love;
Oh, then, on the breath of this early air,
Send upward the incense of grateful prayer.

Evening.

To prayer; for the glorious sun is gone,
And the gathering darkness of night comes on.
Like a curtain, from God's kind hand it flows,
To shade the couch where his children repose;
Then pray, while the watching stars are bright,
And give your last thoughts to the Guardian of night!

Sabbath.

To prayer; for the day that God has blest,
Comes tranquilly on with its welcome rest;
It speaks of creation's early bloom,
It speaks of the Prince who burst the tomb.
Then summon the spirit's exalted powers,
And devote to Heaven the hallowed hours!