

FORM OF CONSECRATION

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death hast overcome death, and by thy rising to life again hast restored to us everlasting life: Grant to all thy servants, who shall here be buried, that their bodies may rest in peace, and that through the grave and gate of death they may pass to a joyful resurrection: through thy merits, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FORM OF CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH-YARD OR CEMETERY SEPARATELY

• *At the entrance of the ground or Church-yard to be consecrated, which shall be sufficiently enclosed, a Petition for its consecration shall be presented to the Bishop (as before presented in the Office for the Consecration of Churches).*

• *After assenting to its prayer, the Bishop shall say the following Collect.*

PREVENT 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.*

• *Then the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, in due order, shall walk round the portion of ground which is to be consecrated, saying or singing Psalms 23, 39, 90, 103, or any of them. Returning to the Church porch, or other convenient spot, the Bishop shall say,*

THE glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.