

Monday Evening

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, in whom we live, move, and have our being; to whose tender compassions we owe our safety the day past, together with all the comforts of this life, and the hopes of that which is to come: we praise thee, O Lord, we bow ourselves before thee, acknowledging we have nothing but what we receive from thee.

Blessed be thy goodness for our health, for our food and raiment, for our peace and safety, for the love of our friends, for all our blessings in this life, and our desire to attain that life which is immortal.

Renew in us, we beseech thee, a lively image of thee, in all righteousness, purity, mercy, faithfulness, and truth.—O that Jesus, the hope of glory, may be formed in us, in all humility, meekness, patience, and a surrender of our souls and bodies to thy holy will; that every one of us may be able to say, the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

To thy blessing we commend all mankind, high and low, rich and poor that they may all faithfully serve thee, and contentedly enjoy whatever is needful for them. And especially, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord: Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

O most great and mighty Lord, the possessor of heaven and earth, all the angels rejoice in blessing and praising thee, the Father of spirits, for thou hast created all things, and in wisdom hast thou made them all, and spread thy tender mercies over all thy works.

We acknowledge, with shame and sorrow of heart, that we deserve not the smallest of thy mercies, for we have often offended thee. But thou hast graciously declared thou wilt be found of them that seek thee, and that them that come to thee thou wilt in no wise cast out. O then, may we all come with penitent and believing hearts that we may receive large supplies of thy Holy Spirit to make us new creatures.

And O that all men may be duly awakened to a concern for spiritual and divine things. Stir up especially the minds of all Christian people to follow the truth as it is in Jesus, and exercise themselves to have a conscience void of offence towards God and towards man. Bless these Provinces, and endue our Sovereign with such excellent wisdom that we may see many good days under her government. O that true religion, justice, mercy, brotherly kindness, and all things else that are praiseworthy, may so flourish among us, that we may enjoy the blessings of peace and plenty, and there may be no complaining in our streets.

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