

grateful sense of the obligations which we owe thee, and from a desire to do thy heavenly will out of a deep sense of the mercies which thou art continually pouring upon us.

We pray to thee also for our fellow-creatures, more especially for our friends and benefactors, and grant to all whom we should remember in our prayers the same blessings which we ask for ourselves. Bless in particular all who are endeavouring to make known the glad tidings of a Redeemer to those who now sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Pity those who are groaning under the yoke of oppression, those who are enduring the ravages of war. Oh, may there be an end to all their evils, may peace and love prevail through the earth.

And now, O heavenly Father, we commit ourselves to thy holy keeping this night, and desire to rest securely under the shadow of thy protection. Defend us from all perils and dangers, and especially from those which may assault and hurt the soul. Prepare us by comfortable repose, for the duties of the morrow, and grant that we may rise disposed and strengthened for thy service as faithful and diligent disciples of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.