

The Epistle, I. Peter II. Verse 11. to Verse 18.

The Gospel, Luke XIII. Verse 1 to 10.

¶ *After the SERMON shall be read the following Prayers.*

Blessed Lord, who at sundry times and divers manners hast manifested thine abundant mercy to our Church and nation, in thy marvellous protection of our religion, laws, and liberties, from the secret attempts and open conspiracies of malicious enemies; We, adoring thy glorious Majesty with all praise and thanksgiving for the same, do most humbly and earnestly beseech Thee to preserve evermore in our minds such a lively remembrance and grateful sense of these invaluable blessings, that by our exemplary and religious use of them, and happy improvements under them, to thy honour and service, thou mayest be pleased to grant a continuance of them to us, and to our posterity. Take away from us, O Lord, all hardness of heart, all neglect of thy ordinances, and contempt of thy word; and endue us with a spirit of piety and devotion, a spirit of justice and temperance, of humility and charity, and of all other graces which adorn the Christian profession; that so thy dreadful displeasure and judgements may ever be averted from us, and iniquity not become our ruin. Be thou pleased also with thine especial favour to guard and prosper our gracious Sovereign King George, with all the Royal family. Be thou to him, O Lord, an helmet of Salvation against his enemies that delight in war, and have not thy fear before them. Do thou, we pray Thee, blast their ungodly designs to subvert our holy religion and civil privileges; defeat their stratagems, and so put them to flight before his face, that the terror of his arms may add dignity and lustre to his crown, and bring safety, joy, and happiness to himself, and his dominions. Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

O most merciful and Gracious God, to whom we have this day offered up our prayers and supplications for the pardon of our sins, and for deliverance from the evils of War; suffer us, we beseech Thee, to add our humble intercession for the repentance and conversion of men, who, having cast off their faith in Thee, the living God, and following the vain imaginations of reprobate minds, have plunged themselves into those horrible iniquities and cruelties, which astonish the Christian world. Grant, O Lord, unto us thy servants, whilst we behold with compassion the miseries they have inflicted upon the the objects of their fury, to recollect, also with the deepest gratitude, the many calamities from which we are exempted by this merciful providence. What are we, O Lord, that Thou shouldst so regard us! O let thy mercy enter into our hearts, and make us truly thankful, fearful of thy displeasure, and sensible of thy presence; that, with hands and hearts lifted up unto Thee, we may so pass through the uncertainties of things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O Lord through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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