

The old man, meek and mild,  
 The priest of Israel, slept:  
 His watch the temple-child,  
 The little Levite, kept;  
 And what from Eli's sense was sealed,  
 The LORD to Hannah's son revealed.

Oh! give me Samuel's ear,  
 The open ear, O LORD,  
 Alive and quick to hear  
 Each whisper of Thy word  
 Like him to answer at Thy call,  
 And to obey Thee first of all.

Oh! give me Samuel's heart,  
 A lowly heart that waits  
 Where in Thy House Thou art,  
 Or watches at Thy gates  
 By day and night, a heart that still  
 Moves at the breathing of Thy will.

Oh! give me Samuel's mind,  
 A sweet un murmuring faith,  
 Obedient and resigned  
 To Thee in life and death,  
 That I may read with childlike eyes  
 Truths that are hidden from the wise.

**A**LMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, look down in mercy on all who teach, and on all who learn, in our Sunday Schools: pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### COLLECT AND BENEDICTION.

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### PRAYERS

(WHICH MAY BE TAUGHT TO THE CHILDREN)

TO BE USED PRIVATELY IN CHURCH BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICE.

#### I. BEFORE SERVICE.

**O** HEAVENLY Father, give me grace to worship Thee in spirit, and in truth, to pray to Thee earnestly, to praise Thee heartily, and to hearken to Thy word with reverence and godly fear, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

#### II. AFTER SERVICE.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, be pleased to accept the prayers and praises which I have now offered up to Thee; and may I be a doer of Thy word, and not a hearer only. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

*Or the following Collect from "An Order of Prayer for use in Sunday Schools."*

**O** LORD God, who didst reveal Thyself to Thy prophet Samuel, while he was yet a child, grant to us, whom Thou hast made Thy children by adoption and grace, that we may attain to the knowledge of Thy will, and may pass all our days in obedience to Thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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