

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

this house for thy worship and service, and grant us such success as may tend to thy glory and the salvation of thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the shield and defence of thy people: Be ever at hand, we beseech thee, to protect and succour the builders of this house; keep them, in their building, from all sin and profaneness, and shelter them from all accident and peril; that the work which, through thy mercy, hath now been begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast built the living temple of thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone: Grant unto the work of thine own hands continual increase of glory and spiritual strength, and daily make thy people more meet for the eternal tabernacle of thy rest in the heavens: through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

• *An Address may be given.*

• *After a Hymn has been sung, during which a collection may be made, the Bishop shall say the following prayers.*

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.*