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APPOINTED TO BE USED "AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, AND OF COMMITTEES," BEFORE THEY COMMENCE BUSINESS.

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.

(Board of Home Missions only.)

O, God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all works of piety and charity do proceed, we beseech Thee to visit with Thy favor our Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria; and so to rule her heart that she may in all things seek Thy honour and glory. Prosper with Thy blessing our missionary work. Comfort with Thy Grace those benefactors who contribute to its support. Bless the ministry of Thy servants, the clergy; and the endeavours of all who are engaged in promoting the knowledge of true religion. And may Thy Holy Spirit direct all our consultations to the advancement of Thy Glory and the good of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Board of Home Missions only.)

O, Lord Jesus Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

(Board of Foreign Missions only.)

Almighty God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give commandment to the Holy Apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, grant to us whom Thou hast called into Thy Church a ready will to obey Thy Word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into Thine harvest.