

trouble, when evil and misguided men have risen up against the government which they were bound to defend, and have brought wasting and destruction upon our Eastern dominions. We confess, O Lord, that in many things we have deserved Thy chastening, and have failed to make that return which Thou mightest have justly required at our hands when Thou hadst granted success to our arms, and increased our wealth and power.

But, O Thou who hast revealed Thyself as a God forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, we pray Thee, enter not into judgment with Thy servants who now humble themselves before Thee. Let us fall into Thy hands, and not into the hands of men. Defend, we beseech Thee, our countrymen from the malice and treachery of the sons of violence who have risen up against them; rebuke the madness of the people, and stay the hand of the destroyer. Cast Thy shield, O Lord, over any of our brethren who may even now be in peril of death, and let their lives be precious in Thy sight. Direct the counsels of those who rule in this hour of danger. Teach the natives of British India to prize the benefits which Thy good Providence has given them through the supremacy of this Christian land: and enable us to show more and more, both by word and good example, the blessings of Thy holy religion. May those who are now the slaves of a hateful and cruel superstition be brought to lay aside their vain traditions, and turn to Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. And so, if it be Thy good pleasure, establish our empire in that distant land on a surer foundation than heretofore, that we Thy people, and sheep of Thy pasture, may give Thee thanks for ever, and show forth Thy praise from generation to generation. These and all other mercies we humbly beg, not for our own worthiness, but for Thy love, and through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*