

Family Prayers

APPROVED BY THE LATE BISHOP OF
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The following is a brief and easy system of Family Prayers, approved by the late Bishop Williams, and certainly calculated to be most helpful to all who will use them. Let the Head of the family gather the Household together for a few minutes every morning and evening, let a few verses from the Bible be read, all sitting; and then, all kneeling, let the prayers appointed for the day be offered, all responding and repeating aloud the Lord's Prayer. This plan will be found to be full of grace, whenever it is duly tried. May the Holy Spirit pour out upon many His richest blessings to the glory of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUNDAY MORNING.

Let us pray.

O MERCIFUL God, grant to us Thy servants pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve Thee this day with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD the Father, who as on this day didst create the light, enlighten our hearts with the sunshine of Thy love. *Amen.*

O GOD the Son, who as on this day didst rise from the dead, raise up our souls unto newness of life. *Amen.*

O GOD the Holy Ghost, who as on this day didst come down to give life to the Church, quicken and purify our souls. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, we thank Thee with our whole hearts for Thy goodness to us in causing us to see once more the light of Thy holy day. Give us grace to shew our thankfulness by using it well, by spending it in Thy worship and service, and in learning to know Thee better, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

BE with us, Heavenly Father, when we go to Thy House, and fill us with fear and reverence. Make us sincere in our confession of sin, earnest in our prayers, hearty in our thanksgiving. Help us to be attentive to Thy Holy Word, and enable us to profit by

what we hear. [May those of us who are Communicants draw near to Thy Holy Table in faith and penitence and charity, and find spiritual strength and refreshment there.] Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O LORD God, bless our dear relatives and friends this day with all spiritual blessings. And to our neighbours and fellow worshippers make Thy goodness known, and draw them nearer to Thee. Bless all the Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church, especially our own Bishop and Pastor, and strengthen them for their holy work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, &c.

Now unto the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only Wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we confess before Thee our great sinfulness and our unworthiness of Thy love. We acknowledge that we have this day broken Thy holy Laws again, and come short in many ways of our duty. Of Thy great mercy, O Lord, forgive us all our offences, even the new offences of this day. Pardon all coldness and inattention in our worship, and our misuse of the precious opportunities which this holy day has brought us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Our Father, &c.

O HEAVENLY Father, keep and defend us, and all whom we love, and all who are round about us, this night, from harm and suffering; and raise us on the morrow in health and strength, if it be Thy will, and with a sincere desire to serve Thee better, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Father of all mercies, we praise and thank Thee for all the numberless blessings which Thou dost daily vouchsafe to us and ours. For health and strength, for food and clothing and shelter, for peaceful homes and loving relatives and kind friends, we thank Thee, who givest all. But, most of all, we thank Thee for the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, and for Thy mercy in