

with joy, and in time of temptation or persecution fall away; neither let it be choked with the cares, or the riches, or the pleasures of this life; but may we understand it and keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Give us an increase of faith, hope, and love. May our faith be strong in Christ, to the honour of his name, and the salvation of our souls. May our hope be sure and stedfast. May our love, as a holy flame, purify our hearts, and shine forth in our lives.

Command thy blessing, O Lord, to rest abundantly on the labours of thy ministers. May the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ have free course, and be glorified. Increase his church and enlarge his kingdom. May all nations come and worship before him, and magnify his Name.

Bless, gracious Lord, our dear relations and friends, and give them the same blessings which we have asked for ourselves.

“By thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night:”