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FOR PERSONS DISEASED IN MIND.

O GOD, who hast taught us in Thy holy word that there is a spirit in man, and that it is Thy inspiration which giveth understanding, we praise Thee, not only for that measure of bodily health which we enjoy, but that we are now permitted to come to Thee in our right mind. We desire to remember before Thee all who are suffering from mental unsoundness. Pity and relieve them, O God; and while, by reason of disease, they are unable to help and preserve themselves, in the greatness of Thy mercy be Thou, the Lord God, their keeper and preserver. Preserve them from all danger, and suffer them not to do themselves any harm. O, Lord Jesus Christ, who in the days of Thy humiliation didst show great compassion to those who were diseased in mind, and didst often exert Thy power for their deliverance, put forth now Thy wonder-working hand, and restore to their right mind those in whom reason has been dethroned. May they again discharge the duties of life, enjoy the comforts of friendship, and engage in the exercises of Thy worship and service. And while disease continues, may the Sun of Righteousness shed some beams of light and peace across the gloom and distraction by which they are surrounded and oppressed, and may this heavy calamity be so sanctified by Thy grace, that by means