

approve this our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner to religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this undertaking, and say,

The Bishop (kneeling) will say the Prayer following.

O ETHERNAL GOD, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatsoever place even two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name to offer up their supplications and their praises to thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to consecrate this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to the honor of thy great Name, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it entirely to thy service, for reading therein thy most holy Word, for celebrating thy holy Sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy Name, and performing all other holy ordinances; accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to thy glory and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After this, the Bishop (standing up, and turning his face towards the Congregation) will say,

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by Baptism, may be sanctified with the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that they who in this place shall in their own persons undertake to renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may continue thine for ever; and being preserved in the unity of thy Church, may daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more, and more, until they come to thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ thy Son, may come to that holy ordinance with a true penitent heart, lively faith, and perfect charity; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all such as have, through thy mercy, been preserved in the great danger of Child-birth, and shall come to this place, according to their bounden duty, to give Thee thanks for the same, may through thy help, both faithfully live and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O God, that all such offenders as, by godly discipline, shall be sent to this place, to give Thee glory by a public confession of their crimes, may by thine infinite grace come to a true sense of their sin and danger, and from their hearts repeat truly of all their offences against Thee and their neighbour; and that all others may thereby be warned to flee from the wrath to come, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that all who enter into this place may behave themselves with great reverence, devotion, and humility, both of body and mind; and vouchsafe unto them what, in thine infinite wisdom and mercy, thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. And be pleased graciously to hear the prayers of thy servants in this place for all such as are afflicted in