

3. FORMS OF PRAYER,
To be used Morning and Evening.

Morning.

Almighty and everlasting God, the source of every blessing which we enjoy, we humbly offer unto thee our heart-felt thanks for thy merciful preservation of us during the past night. Take us, O Lord, under thy protection during the day. Bless us, we beseech thee, in our different occupations, and grant that we may feel resigned to thy heavenly will, and content with any condition in which it may be thy good pleasure to place us. Imprint upon our hearts a grateful sense of thy unmerited mercies towards us, and inspire us with the continual desire to do that which is pleasing in thy sight. Make us to love thee more and more, and to manifest in our lives that love which we ought to feel towards each other, as the children of the same merciful Father, who hath sent the Saviour for our redemption, and the Holy Spirit for our sanctification.

Hear us, O God, we implore thee, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evening.

Most merciful God, we humbly approach thee acknowledging our manifold transgressions. We have sinned—grievously sinned—but, O Gracious Father, thou, who desirest not the death of a sinner, have mercy upon us and forgive us. Grant us such contrition and penitence of heart, as may lead us to avoid whatever is displeasing unto thee; and vouchsafe unto us the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, to guide and direct us.

We thank thee, O God, the bountiful Giver of all good, for all the mercies which we have enjoyed during the day. We bless thy holy name, for having in thy anger remembered mercy, and raised up friends to relieve us, when in thy just chastisement for our sins thou hast removed those whom thou gavest to us as our protectors and guardians.

Unto thy protection we now commit ourselves this night. Watch over us, O thou, who never slumberest or sleepest, and in thy goodness grant, that we may enjoy refreshing sleep, and rise on the morrow ready for the duties of the day. May we ever bear in mind the hour, when we shall close our eyes in the sleep of death—may we be prepared to lie down in the grave, and may it be ours, through the merits of our blessed Saviour, to wake up to a glorious resurrection.

Hear us, O God, we beseech thee, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
