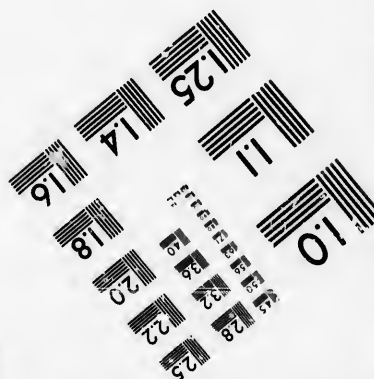
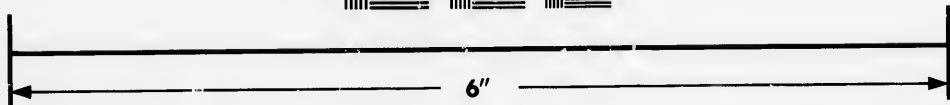
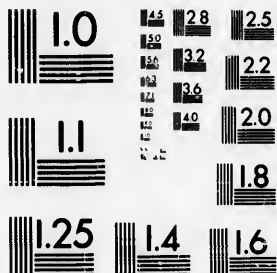


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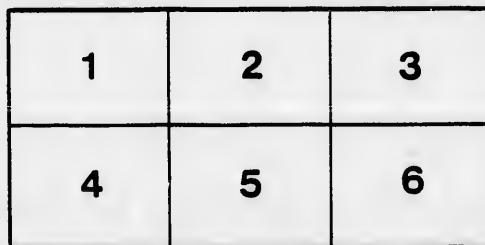
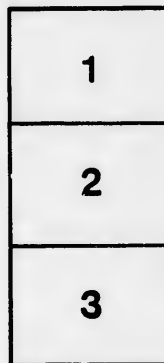
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SHORT
SUNDAY SERVICES.

BEING SIMPLE FORMS OF

PRAYER AND PRAISE

For the use of Christians

ON THE LORD'S DAY,

When they are at a
distance from

Regular Church Services.

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The want of suitable aids to worship on the Lord's Day is constantly felt in remote parts of the Dominion by those who are, for the time, cut off from the ordinary ministrations of the Church, and who desire to unite in the worship of God.

The design of this manual is to furnish aids to social worship for those so situated. It may be found helpful to Pioneer-settlers, Explorers, Miners, Prospectors, Mounted Police, Volunteers on military duty, Travellers by land or sea, Visitors to sea-side resorts, and other persons.

One complete service is submitted, which may be followed as it is given, but from time to time it may be found desirable to modify the words. To effect this end, other prayers are furnished, any one of which may be substituted at discretion, without changing the order of service.

The alternative prayers appended to the service submitted as a model, are arranged under the headings "Invocation," "Confession," "Supplication," "Intercession," etc., but these names are used chiefly for convenience of refer-

ence. The spirit of adoration, gratitude and thanksgiving pervades all.

The introduction of extemporaneous prayer is not excluded, but the aim has been to impart to each service unity and completeness when the forms are read in the order indicated.

The model service is taken with very slight change from "Short Sunday Services for Travellers," issued primarily for the use of surveying parties engaged on the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1871 and following years. From the same source has been taken a number of the alternative prayers, and likewise "A short Litany" which may be used either by itself or in connection with any of the services.

As the purpose of this Manual is to assist groups of individuals in out of the way places to unite in common worship, and as there may, in some cases, be no one present familiar with the conduct of Divine Service, it is deemed advisable to furnish somewhat minute explanations and instructions for the guidance of such as may desire them. These instructions will be found at the end of the Manual.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

(The worshippers being assembled, the Reader may begin by reciting the following, or a selection from the introductory sentences given at page 25).

FELLOW CHRISTIANS,—

The Lord has said—

“Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.”

Though for the present we are deprived of the regular service to which we have each been accustomed, yet we know that wherever men meet for the worship of God there He will be to hear and to bless them. He is the Father of us all, our constant Guardian and Protector. Let us, therefore, as is most fitting on this Holy Day of Rest, unite as one family in the solemn duty and precious privilege of worshipping Him; and let us beseech with earnest prayer our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful guide of those who journey, and the unwearying guardian of those who sojourn, that He may bless us now assembled in His Name. May He help us worthily to praise Him for His

mercies, and ever to acknowledge Him in our rising up and lying down. Let us commend ourselves to His care, that He may make us strong in bodily vigour, prosper us in our undertakings, and direct our steps in the way of truth and righteousness, peace and prosperity.

The Prayer of Invocation.

(All assuming a devout attitude the Reader may proceed with the following or substitute any other prayer of Invocation, see page 31)

LET US PRAY.

Most Holy and Eternal God, look down in mercy upon Thy children now assembled before Thee, and let Thy Fatherly blessing be upon us and abide with us. Vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious and comforting presence, and let Thy heavenly peace rule in our hearts; grant us a true apprehension of Thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our unworthiness; that so, approaching Thee with lowliness and devotion, we may commune with Thee in the spirit of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

(At the end of this and all other prayers the worshippers should signify their assent by saying *Amen.*)

A HYMN.

(See the selection of Hymns appended.)

The Prayer of Confession.

(Under this heading other prayers will be found at page 37, any of which may be substituted for the following :)

LET US PRAY.

O God, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Who, though dwelling in the highest heavens, yet vouchsafest to regard the lowest creatures on earth, we humbly adore Thy Sacred Majesty, and with all the powers of our souls exalt and praise Thy Holy Name for the infinite blessings Thou hast so fully bestowed upon us; for electing us in Thy love and creating us in Thine image; for redeeming us by Thy Son, and sanctifying us by Thy Holy Spirit; for preserving us in all the changes and accidents of this life, and raising up our

thoughts to the hope of a better; we devoutly thank Thee for Thy gracious protection during the past week, and for bringing us safely to this sacred day of rest. Continue, O Lord, Thy mercy to us, and as to-day Thou hast awakened our bodies from sleep, so raise our souls from sin, that during this week and every week we, unfeignedly renouncing all sin, may walk soberly, righteously and godly from day to day, in all holy obedience before Thy face, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

A PSALM OR PSALMS to be read responsively.

(See the selection of Psalms appended.)

Scripture Reading.

(A list of passages from the Old Testament will be found appended.)

A HYMN.

The Prayer of Supplication.

(Other prayers of supplication will be found at page 51, any of which may at discretion be substituted for the following:)

LET US PRAY.

Deliver us, Merciful God, from the evils that surround us, and guide our feet in the way of peace. May we carefully avoid all occasions of sin, and when through frailty we forget Thee, do Thou, in Thy mercy remember us, so that as often as we fall by the evil propensity of our nature we may rise again by the assistance of Thy grace. Make us diligent and faithful in the duties of our calling, and in all the cares and crosses of the world may we be submissive to Thy divine will and pleasure. Let Thy blessing be upon our actions and may Thy good Spirit direct our intentions, that both may tend to advance Thy glory, the good of others, and the eternal salvation of our own souls, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O our God, Who art present everywhere, bestow Thy favourable regard on us Thy unworthy servants. Cause us to feel assured that even in the lonely wilderness, on

the boundless prairie, in the trackless forest, on the mountain side, on the open sea, Thou art ever at hand to hear those who call upon Thee, and that whatsoever place may be hallowed by Thy true worship shall prove none other than the House of God and the gate of heaven.

To Thy fatherly kindness and protection we solemnly commend not only ourselves but our beloved relatives and friends from whom we are at present separated. We earnestly beseech Thee to remember them with the favour Thou bearest to Thy people and visit them with Thy salvation. Graciously hear all these our supplications for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

New Testament Reading.

(A list of New Testament Readings is appended.)

The Prayer of Intercession.

(For other prayers of Intercession see page—)

LET US PRAY.

O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us: *And grant us Thy salvation.*

O God Most High, save the Queen : *And replenish her plenteously with heavenly gifts.*

Regard with Thy favor the Governor General : *And give guidance to all in authority in this Dominion.*

Endue Thy ministers with righteousness : *And make Thy chosen people joyful.*

Make our country prosperous and peaceful : *And let truth and justice, religion and piety flourish and abound amongst us.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us : *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins ; *Neither reward us according to our iniquities.*

Be unto us a tower of strength : *From the face of the enemy.*

Let no evil happen unto us : *Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt us.*

Blessed be the Lord daily : *And may the God of our salvation make our goings prosperous.*

May the crooked ways be made straight : *And the rough places plain.*

May the Lord give His angels charge over us : *To keep us in all our ways.*

O Lord, hear our prayer : *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

(Then may be said by all together.)

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(The following or other HYMN OF PRAISE may be read responsively. For alternative Hymns see page 91.)

(ALL STANDING.)

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee—the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud—the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To Thee, Cherubim and Seraphim—continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy—Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty—of Thy glory:

The glorious company of the Apostles—praise Thee.

*The goodly fellowship of the Prophets—praise
Thee.*

The noble army of Martyrs—praise Thee.

*The holy Church throughout all the world—
doth acknowledge Thee,*

The FATHER—of an infinite Majesty ;

Thine honourable, true—and only SON ;

Also the HOLY GHOST—the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory—O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son—of the Father.

*When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man—
Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of
a Virgin.*

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness
of death—Thou didst open the King-
dom of Heaven to all believers.

*Thou sittest at the right hand of God—in the
glory of the Father.*

We believe that Thou shalt come—to be
our Judge.

*We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants—
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy
precious Blood.*

Make them to be numbered with Thy
saints—in glory everlasting.

*O Lord, save Thy people—and bless Thine
heritage.*

Govern them—and lift them up forever.

Day by day—we magnify Thee.

And we worship Thy name—ever world
without end.

*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with-
out sin.*

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy
upon us.

*O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as
our trust is in Thee.*

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me
never be confounded.

Address or Sermon.

(In the event of there being no person present to
address the congregation, or no sermon to be read, the
Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes may be introduced,
or the Service may be concluded by reading the short
Litany at page 112.)

The Concluding Prayer.

(Other Prayers which may be substituted for the follow-
ing, will be found at page 95.)

LET US PRAY.

O God, Who didst lead Abraham Thy

Servant out of Ur of the Chaldees, and preservedst him unhurt throughout the days of his pilgrimage: we beseech Thee to take us Thy servants under Thy Almighty protection. Be unto us a Helper in our duties. Be our Solace by the way, our Shadow from the heat, and our Comfort in the cold. Be our Refuge from the storm, and our Support in weariness. Be our Guardian in danger, our Staff in slippery places, and our Physician in sickness. From first to last be our Ruler and our Guide, and, when our mortal pilgrimage is over, may we share the joys and peace of Thy heavenly home, through the grace and love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A HYMN.

(The Service to be concluded by the Reader saying)

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Behold,
how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together
in unity.

The Commandments.

(When the commandments are used in any service, the Reader shall say)

Let us join together in reading the Ten Commandments as they are recorded in the Book of Exodus, Chapter twentieth at the first verse.

(ALL STANDING.)

And God spake all these words, saying : I am the Lord Thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me.

Lord have mercy upon us : and incline our hearts to keep this law

Thou shalt not make unto Thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth : thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them : for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me ; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

Lord have mercy upon us : and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain : for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us : and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work : but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God : in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates : for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Lord have mercy upon us : and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother : that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord have mercy upon us : and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not kill.

Lord have mercy upon us : and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us: and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us: and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord have mercy upon us: and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

Lord have mercy upon us: and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee. Amen.

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith :—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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The Beatitudes.

(When the Beatitudes are used in any service, the Reader shall say)

Let us join together in reading the Beatitudes of our Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter fifth, third verse :

(ALL STANDING.)

Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

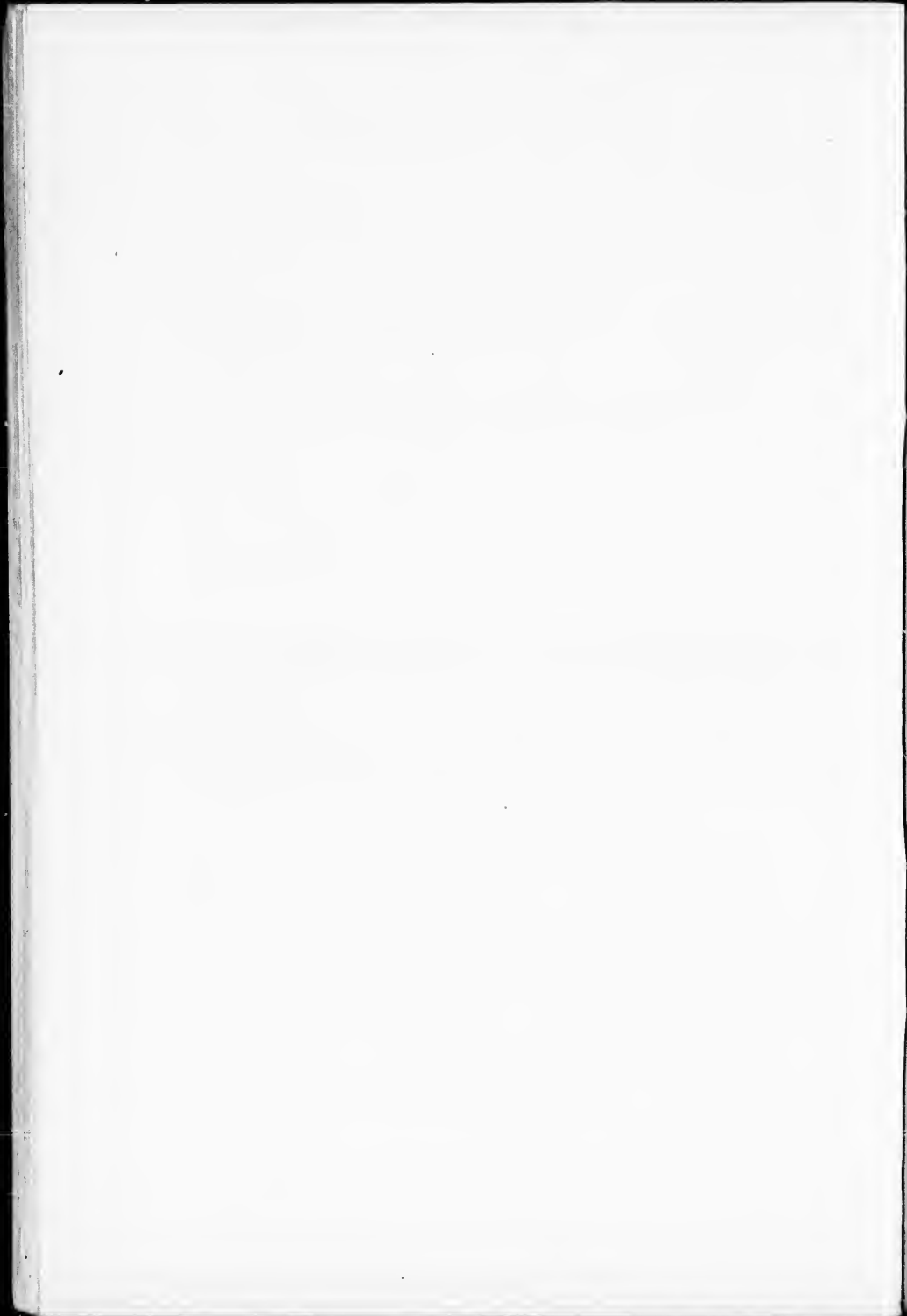
Blessed are they which are persecuted, for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY BE
 SUBSTITUTED IN THE FOREGOING
 ORDER OF SERVICE AT
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ALTERNATIVE SENTENCES ON ASSEMBLING.

No. 1.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Brethren, we are here met in obedience to the command that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, and in hope of that promise which our Lord gave to His disciples, that wherever two or three shall meet together in His name He will be in the midst of them. Let us therefore, with reverence and godly fear, draw nigh to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

No. 2.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

Brethren, let us with humble and contrite hearts draw near to the throne of grace, in the name of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

No. 3.

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High: to show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

Let my prayer be set forth before Thee

as incense : and the lifting up of my hands
as the evening sacrifice.

No. 4.

This is the day the Lord hath made : we
will rejoice and be glad in it.

Our help is in the name of the Lord who
hath made heaven and earth.

Let us, therefore, fellow Christians, unite
in offering to the Lord our God thanks and
praise for all His unspeakable mercies. Let
us remember that the Lord is nigh to all
that call upon Him, to all that call upon
Him in truth.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath He
respect unto the lowly : but the proud He
knoweth afar off.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear
Him ; He also will hear their cry and will
save them.

No. 5.

Serve the Lord with gladness ; come be-
fore His presence with singing. Enter into
His gates with thanksgiving, and into His
courts with praise : be thankful unto Him
and bless His name.

Blessed is the people that know the joy-
ful sound : they shall walk, O Lord, in the

light of Thy countenance. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day : and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

As for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy : and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

No. 6.

Let all the earth fear the Lord : let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy.

Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land.

No. 7.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Honour and majesty are before Him : strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Who in the Heaven can be compared with the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

No. 8.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry and will save them.

This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

Having these promises, let us draw near to the Throne of Grace with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

No. 9.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God : for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.

No. 10.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised. The Lord is high above all

nations, and His glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth?

• If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

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ALTERNATIVE
PRAYERS OF INVOCATION.

No. 1.

O God, Who through the fellowship of Christ hast consecrated unto us a new and living way into Thy holy presence, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify us by Thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching Thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto Thee the trustful sacrifice of children of God.

Be Thou this day our Teacher and Comforter; and be pleased so to visit us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that, in waiting upon Thee, we shall be quickened, encouraged and edified, to the end that we may bring forth fruit abundantly to the glory of Thy great Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 2.

Almighty God, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities. Call in our wandering thoughts. Fix our affections on Thyself and Thy service. May our worship be the worship which Thou desirest, and may our sacrifice be the sacrifice of a contrite heart, with which Thou art ever well pleased. *Amen.*

O God, Who givest us not only the day for labour and the night for rest, but also the peace of this blessed day : grant, we beseech Thee, that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which Thou hast given us to do.

Grant, O gracious God, that our services this day may be such as shall tend to our rejoicing in the great day of Thine appearing and glory : that we, hallowing Thy Sabbath on earth, may finally be admitted to the joyful celebration of Thine eternal Sabbath in the kingdom of heaven, there to laud and magnify Thy glorious name, and to rejoice in Thy love : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 3.

O most holy and eternal God, Who dwellest in light inaccessible and full of glory, and yet dost reveal Thyself as One Who will hear and answer our prayers: look down in mercy upon Thy children now assembled before Thee; and let Thy Fatherly blessing be upon us and abide with us. Vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious and comforting presence, and let Thy heavenly peace rule in our hearts; that we may serve Thee in our lives as well as with our lips, and, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, come ever nearer to Thee, His Father and our Father, His God and our God.

We bless Thee that Thou hast consecrated for us a new and living way, and that with boldness we may enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. We entreat Thee, for His sake, to receive us graciously, and to visit us with Thy salvation. Be pleased to shed down Thy Holy Spirit on all who are here assembled, that, being cleansed from sin, and illumined by Thy grace, we may worthily show forth Thy praise, meekly learn Thy word, render due thanks for Thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 4.

O God, our Heavenly Father, Who dost encourage us at all times to seek Thy face, help us by Thy good Spirit truly to worship Thee. Hear us when we make unto Thee the confession of our sins. Hear us when we render unto Thee our thanksgiving for Thy mercies. Hear us when we ask of Thee such things as we need; and grant that those things which Thou knowest to be good for us, we may obtain, to the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 5.

O God, the father of mercies and the God of all grace, let all those who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee. If there are some here who feel that they are poor and needy, make them to know that Thou the Lord thinkest on them. Be their Help and Deliverer now. Prepare our hearts for praise and prayer, and for Thy Holy word; and bless us all, above our asking, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

No. 6.

O Lord our God, we lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help.

Thou only art the Fountain of life and peace, and in Thy presence is fulness of joy. Father in heaven, from Whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant us Thy blessing, and incline Thine ear unto us, as we come before Thee to offer Thee our worship. Merciful Saviour, who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and makest intercession for us, fulfil now Thy promise : where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. O Holy Spirit, the Comforter, help our infirmities, and enable us to worship in the beauty of holiness ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 7.

O God, Light of the hearts that see Thee, and Life of the souls that love Thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee ; from Whom to be turned away is to fall, to Whom to turn is to rise, and in Whom to abide is to stand fast forever : grant us now Thy grace and blessing as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications ; and though we are unworthy to approach Thee or to ask anything of Thee at all, vouchsafe to hear and to answer us for the sake of our Great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

No. 8.

Almighty God, Who hast promised to be present with Thy people, and to grant their requests in the name of Thy well-beloved Son; regard us, we humbly beseech Thee, with Thy favour, and for the sake of Him Who is our only Saviour and Mediator with Thee, fulfil Thy promise in our behalf, that our thoughts being lifted up, and our desires drawn forth unto Thee, we may render Thee acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 9.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who hast promised to hear us when we call upon Thee in the name of Thy Son, we beseech Thee to regard us in Thy mercy, as we are here assembled to offer unto Thee our praises and our prayers, and to hear Thy word; and so to raise our thoughts and desires to Thyself, that we may render to Thee an acceptable service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 10.

Let Thy merciful ear, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that we may obtain our petitions, incline us to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALTERNATIVE
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION.

No. 1.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Bow down Thine ear, and hear us, Thy children, for we are poor and needy. Rejoice the souls of Thy servants, for Thou art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy to all those that call upon Thee. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens. Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains. Thy judgments are a great deep. Thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God. Therefore do we put our trust under the shadow of Thy wing. May we be abundantly satisfied with the fulness of Thy mercies. May we drink of the river of Thy pleasure, for with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light.

We confess before Thee, O God, that we

have transgressed Thy holy laws in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved Thee with all our hearts; neither have we loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We have loved the world and the things that are of the world, and have not set our affection upon things above, nor laid up treasure in heaven, where Christ, our risen Lord, sitteth at Thy right hand.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast in Thy gospel proclaimed remission of sins to all them that believe in the name of Thy Son and repent of their transgressions against Thee, confirm us, we beseech Thee, in the faith and hope of this Thy promise; and for this end so work in us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may embrace and hold fast Thy truth in a pure conscience unto the end, and may bring forth fruits meet for repentance; that, being justified freely by Thy grace, and walking continually in the way of Thy holy commandments, we may glorify Thy holy name, and may know that we are indeed Thy children, and heirs of the kingdom which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 2.

O God, Who didst speak in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, and hast, in these last days, spoken unto us by Thy Son, give us, we pray Thee, humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may lend a willing ear to the doctrine which He hath taught us, and may embrace the same and hold it fast, to Thy honour and praise. May we know the truth, and so be made free from all darkness and unbelief, from all error and sin.

And for this end give us, O Lord, the love of the truth; purify our souls from heedlessness and vanity, from hypocrisy and hardness of heart, from covetousness and love of the world, and from fleshly lusts which war against the soul; and endow us with seriousness and earnestness of spirit, that we may fight the good fight of faith and lay hold of eternal life.

Lord, have mercy upon us; for we daily sin against Thee, transgressing Thy holy laws, failing of the duty Thou requirest of us, and grieving Thy Spirit of grace. If Thou should'st enter into judgment we could not stand; but there is mercy with Thee that Thou mayest be feared.

We look up humbly to Thee, our Father, Who hast revealed to us Thine infinite compassion in the life and death of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We rejoice in the perfection of His righteousness, and in the glory of His sacrifice. For His sake turn again, we beseech Thee, when Thou hearest the cry of the truly penitent; and grant that, being humbled by Thy mighty hand, and brought to a deep sense of our sins, we may so watch against temptation, and be so helped and strengthened by Thy favour, as hereafter to serve and please Thee, in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all grace, Who hast taught us to be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving to make our requests known unto Thee, bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, the good gift of Thy Spirit; that we, receiving through Him the blessed assurance of our forgiveness and acceptance, may have Thy peace abiding in our hearts. Hold up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not, and guide us evermore in the way of Thy precepts. Help us to resist the devil, to overcome the world, and to serve Thee in our day and generation. Give us courage to confess Christ always, and grant that by

Thy strength we may endure in His service unto the end; that, having finished our course with joy, we may rest in hope, and finally attain to the resurrection of the just, through Thine infinite goodness and mercy.

O Lord our God, Whose presence is light to them that are in darkness, and Who makest all things work together for good to them that love Thee, send out Thy light and Thy truth, that the mystery of our life may lose itself in the radiance of Thy love. Satisfy us early with Thy mercy, O Lord; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, that we may henceforth walk before Thee unto all pleasing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 3.

Almighty and eternal God, the Framers of our bodies and the Father of our spirits, in Whom we live and move and have our being, we approach Thy holy presence with reverence and godly fear. Grant us the aids of Thy heavenly grace, that we may worship Thee with contrite, faithful, and obedient hearts.

Lord God, most merciful and gracious, Who daily loadest us with benefits, and art good even to the unthankful and the evil: Thou knowest our frame; Thou remember-

est that we are dust. O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned, we have done very wickedly, departing from Thee, the living God: transgressing in thought, word and deed Thy most righteous laws, and resisting Thy Holy Spirit.

Before Thee, the Judge of the world and the Searcher of hearts, Whose eyes behold the evil and the good, and to Whom all things are naked and open, we do confess our sins and acknowledge our great iniquity. O Lord, have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy salvation.

Strengthen us, O God, by Thy Spirit, with all might in the inner man: arm us against all temptation: suffer us not to be overcome of evil, but enable us to overcome evil with good. Mercifully grant us Thy continual help, that we may love the things which Thou dost command, and desire those things which Thou hast promised, and so be enabled to anticipate and prepare for the life of eternal blessedness with Thyself in glory.

Merciful Father, Who desirest our good always, grant that we may cheerfully submit to all the discipline of Thy hand, and faithfully follow Thee whithersoever Thou leadest. Help us to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and do Thou direct our steps. Deliver us from a vain and idle spirit, from

all indifference, and from all worldliness; and enable us to be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. In the discharge of daily duty may we be animated by the Spirit of Jesus Christ Who went about doing good. Assist us to fulfil His law by bearing one another's burdens, and to copy His example by forgiving each other's faults.

O Lord, most merciful and most mighty, we commend ourselves to Thee and to the Word of Thy grace, which is able to build us up, and to give us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. We entreat Thee to keep our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling, that we may walk before Thee in the land of the living. And grant that, when Thy purposes are accomplished in us here, an entrance may be ministered unto us abundantly into Thy kingdom and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And to Thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, shall be all the praise, now and ever. *Amen.*

No. 4.

O Eternal, Infinite and Almighty God, we have sinned against Thee. Our thoughts have been evil and vain. We have not loved Thee with all our hearts, neither have

we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with Thee, our God.

We confess our sins before Thee,—sins that are secret and sins that are open; sins that are forgotten and sins that are remembered; sins of thought and word and deed—we confess them all before Thee, and humbly implore Thy gracious forgiveness, through our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

We believe, O Lord, that Thou art a merciful God and a loving Father to all that unfeignedly turn unto Thee from their sins; we therefore most humbly beseech Thee, for the sake of Christ Thy Son, shed Thy mercy upon us; forgive us all our offences; have compassion upon all our infirmities; endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, and grant us Thy grace, that in all the days of our life henceforth we may study to serve and please Thee in word and in deed; through our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

No. 5.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we cast ourselves down before Thee with deep humiliation.

We have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed ; we have come short of Thy righteousness and glory in all our ways ; our lives bear testimony against us, and our hearts condemn us as being prone to all evil and backward to all good.

We have abused Thy mercies and made light of Thy judgments. We have turned aside from Thy covenant ; and we have not been faithful and diligent in using the helps of Thy grace for our eternal salvation.

Unto Thee, O Lord our God, belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have so often rebelled against Thee, for Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy to all them that call upon Thee. Look upon us, O righteous and holy Father, with an eye of pity and compassion as we now humble ourselves before the throne of Thy heavenly grace, and, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, speak pardon and peace to our souls. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we hope in Thee ; that we may henceforth walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called and so hereafter serve and please Thee to the honour and glory of Thy holy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 6.

Almighty, Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and lament that we are prone to evil and averse to all that which is truly good.

Have mercy upon us, O most gracious and merciful Father, for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Grant unto us, and increase in us, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may teach us to acknowledge our sins, to mourn over them with lively repentance, and to receive and hold fast with a true faith the forgiveness of them in Christ our Lord, so that we may serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy name, and the profit of Thy Church.

These things we acknowledge that Thou justly requirest of us, wherefore we desire to do them. Be pleased, O Thou, our Heavenly Father, who hast given us this desire, to grant also that we be diligent to do with our whole heart those things which pertain to our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 7.

Almighty God, we bless Thee that Thou hast not only revealed to us Thy greatness and majesty, but also Thy tenderness and love.

Mercifully regard us, we beseech Thee, as with penitent hearts we come into Thy holy presence to make confession of our iniquities. We acknowledge with shame of face that our offences are grievous, and that their number is very great. We have sinned against Thee by thoughts of vanity and words of folly, by unholy feelings and rebellious acts. We have wilfully done that which Thou hast forbidden, and have selfishly omitted that which Thou hast commanded. We confess all before Thee—our open transgressions and our secret faults, our sins remembered and our sins forgotten; we humble ourselves in the dust because of them, and we entreat Thee to have mercy upon us.

Most gracious God, Who hast said that if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, pardon, we beseech Thee, all that is past; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness for the time to come: and let the peace of Thy forgiveness

ever keep our hearts and minds, that we may henceforth walk before Thee unto all pleasing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 8.

O God, Who hast taught us that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, accept we beseech Thee, the confession of our sins which we now make to Thee. Father, we have sinned and done evil in Thy sight; we have been disobedient and rebellious children, we have not loved Thee as we ought; but have broken Thy laws and been unthankful for Thy goodness. We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves, we have been selfish and unkind, we have forgotten the commandments of Christ our Master. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; pardon the sins we have committed this day, and remember not against us our former transgressions. Make Thy face to shine upon us; comfort us with Thy peace and love; and may it please Thee to show us the way of repentance, that in the time to come we may walk in the path of Thy commandments, and find in Thy service our delight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 9.

O Almighty God, Who art greatly to be feared in Thy holiness : we are ashamed of our manifold iniquities : we confess unto Thee our sin. We offend continually and grievously in thought, in word, and in deed. We have lived in strife and confusion, and have not desired peace. We covet and lust after the things which perish, and seek not Thy heavenly kingdom.

We have loved the ways of pride and self-will, and have been slow to learn reverence and humility.

We have caused Thy truth to be rejected by our foolishness and our sin : and have brought reproach upon Thy holy name. By our hardness of heart and unbelief we have grieved and quenched Thy Holy Spirit.

For all these our manifold offences and iniquities we do beseech Thy mercy ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant, merciful Lord, unto Thy people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 10.

Almighty God, Who art rich in mercy to all them that call upon Thee, hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and imploring Thy pity and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and wilfulness, and all our great and manifold shortcomings both towards Thee and towards our fellow men.

O Lord, who despisest not the sighing of the contrite heart, have mercy upon Thy penitent children. Our hope is in Thee alone. Forgive us all the sins we have committed, and grant that, being saved from our iniquities, and made worthy to stand before Thee, we may henceforth serve Thee in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ALTERNATIVE
PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION.

No. 1.

Most merciful Father, Who hast revealed to us the light of Thy Gospel and called us into the fellowship of Thy Son, grant that we may put away all the works of darkness, and may walk in purity, uprightness, and truth; that we may have fellowship with Thee, for Thou art light, and in Thee is no darkness at all; that so, when the shadows of this mortal life are passed away, we may behold those things which the eye of man hath not seen, and be made partakers of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all grace and Giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank Thee for Thy Holy Word which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Let Thy Gospel, O Lord, come unto us not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; that we may be guided into all truth, and strengthened unto all obedience and enduring of Thy will with joyfulness.

We praise Thee, O God, for the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ. We praise Thee for the holy life that our Saviour lived, for the mighty works that He wrought, and for all the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth. We praise Thee for his death, and resurrection and ascension into glory. We praise Thee that all power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth, and that He is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto Thee by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Grant, we pray Thee, O Lord, that we who have believed in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, may die daily through His death, and may be quickened through the power of His resurrection. Being crucified with Christ, may we live to Thee through faith in the Son of God, Who loved us and gave Himself for us; that when He shall appear in glory, we also may be manifested as Thy sons, and may inherit the kingdom which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. *Amen.*

No. 2.

O Lord, open Thou our lips: and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

We humbly entreat Thee, most merciful God, to receive graciously the sacrifices of praise and prayer which Thy people this day throughout the world offer unto Thee.

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord; let all the kindreds of the nations worship before Thee.

O Lord, Who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, Who art the Father of the fatherless and the husband of the widow, and dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, we lift up our hearts unto Thee on behalf of all our brethren who are in affliction or distress.

Look in mercy upon the poor and destitute; upon the bereaved and the sorrowful, the sick and the dying; upon such as are unjustly held in bondage, and upon all that are desolate and oppressed. Send them speedy help and deliverance, and so enrich the souls of Thine afflicted servants with patience and hope, that their present trouble may conduce to their eternal salvation, through our merciful High-Priest, Who ever liveth to make intercession for them.

We render thanks unto Thy Name, O God, for all Thy goodness to us, known and unknown. Thou hast created us in Thine image, formed us for Thy service, and lov-

ingly guarded us all through life. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all our iniquities: Who healeth all our diseases: Who redeemeth our life from destruction: Who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

We thank Thee, most gracious God and Father, that Thou hast given us a revelation of Thy character and will, and hast made known to us the way of salvation. We bless Thee for the sure word of prophecy, which is as a light shining in a dark place, revealing to us Thy kingdom of eternal peace, and the way of pardon and reconciliation. Especially do we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son Christ Jesus, Who is the brightness of Thy glory, and the express image of Thy person, and in Whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead. We bless Thee for His holy incarnation, for His perfect life on earth, and for His precious sufferings and death upon the cross. We rejoice that when He had overcome the sharpness of death, He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may find in His work a complete salvation, and in Himself the full satisfaction of all our wants.

Lord of all power and might, we call upon Thee Whose mercies are from everlasting.

We are ignorant, weak, and perverse: leave us not, O God, neither forsake us. Guide us with Thy counsel: uphold us by Thy power. Suffer us not to go astray from Thy ways: let us not be weary in well-doing. May we live in Thy fear all the days of our life: and let our portion be among Thy saints at the second coming and glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

No. 3.

O God, Giver of all good and Fountain of all blessing, in Whom are the springs of our life: all glory and praise be unto Thee for Thy wondrous loving-kindness, and for Thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another. For Thy Fatherly hand ever upon us in sickness and in health: for the comfort of friends and kindred: for the joys of home and country: for every precious gift of Thy sleepless providence, we call upon our souls to magnify Thy Name.

We bless Thee that our darkness has been illumined by Christ's gracious words, that our burdens have been lightened by His tender sympathy, and that, by His holy influence, our feet have been guided into the way of peace. We glorify Thee that, through the sacrifice of Himself upon the cross and

His victory over the grave, He hath redeemed us from sin and death. We praise Thee for the gifts which He has received for men, and which He ever lives to bestow. For the Holy Spirit, for the living Church, for the everlasting Gospel, for the ordinances of Thy grace, for the communion of saints, for all the discipline of Thy covenant love, and for the hope of glory, we thank and praise Thy glorious Name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray Thee to bless and keep all Thy people. Give them increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived. Strengthen such as do stand; comfort and help the weak-hearted; raise up them that fall; and finally beat down Satan under their feet. Be pleased to succour, help and comfort all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation. Preserve all that travel by land or by water,

all sick persons and young children; and show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives. Defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed. Have mercy upon all men. Be pleased to grant us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins: and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy Word.

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

No. 4.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who art the Author and giver of all good gifts, we beseech Thee to instruct us with Thy wisdom, to restrain us with Thy justice, to comfort us with Thy mercy, and to defend us with Thy power.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Teach us day by day what Thou wouldest have us to do, and give us grace and strength to fulfil the same. Give us earnestness of purpose, simplicity of faith, warmth of love, and well grounded hope.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive; better to minister than to be ministered unto: better to humble ourselves, so that by Thee we may be exalted.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

May it please Thee to enlighten our understanding that we may know Thee, to sanctify our affections that we may love Thee, and put Thy fear into our hearts, that we may dread to offend Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Keep us from harm within and without; from the evil which is within ourselves; from the evil which is in the world around.

Give us a healthy body, a pure soul, a sanctified and humble spirit.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

May it please Thee to give us the hearts of little children, that we may be willing to believe where we cannot see, and willing to trust where we cannot comprehend.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Grant us, in all our duties, Thy help; in all our difficulties, Thy counsel; in all our

dangers, Thy protection; and in all our sorrows, Thy peace.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

May it be the work of our lives to obey Thee, the very joy of our souls to please Thee, and the satisfaction of our desires to dwell with Thee in Thy Heavenly Kingdom.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

May it please Thee to give us peace with all men, peace in our own souls, and above all, peace with Thee, our God.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Enable us to perform our allotted duties with diligence, to guide our affairs with discretion, and in all our ways to acknowledge Thee.

Feed us with food convenient for us; restrain us from all intemperance and excess, and repress in us all inordinate desires.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Make us pure and sincere in speech, cheerful and zealous in duty, honest in our conversation, and ready to every good work.

Make us faithful in all we undertake, patient in adversity, and humble in prosperity.

Suffer us not in health to forget Thee, or in sickness to think ourselves forgotten of Thee; and, when the shadows of this life are passed away, may we enjoy the vision of Thy heavenly glory.

For these and all other things needful both for our souls and bodies we humbly pray, through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, Who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and those things which, from our unworthiness we do not, and from our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

No. 5.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the

hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

We render thanks unto Thy name, O God most High; for Thou hast created us in Thine own image; Thou hast given us souls to know and love Thee; Thou hast made us but a little lower than the angels; Thou hast supplied all our wants; Thou hast loaded us with Thy benefits; Thou hast caused our cup to run over.

We have sinned against Thee, but Thou hast spared us; we have wandered from Thee, but Thou hast sought us; we were lost, but Thou hast saved us. O God our Saviour, Thou hast broken our chains, that we might be free; Thou hast healed our diseased souls, that we might not perish; Thou hast enriched us who were poor with the treasures of Thy salvation; Thou hast made us who had nothing to inherit all things; and even now all things are ours.

Therefore, with one heart and one voice, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name,

and, with Thy saints on earth and in Heaven, we ascribe blessing and honour and glory and power unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever *Amen.*

No. 6.

O God without Whom nothing is strong and nothing holy, strengthen us by Thy Spirit with all might ; arm us against all temptation, suffer us not to be overcome of evil, but enable us to overcome evil with good. Keep us pure in the midst of abounding iniquity, tranquil in the midst of strife, patient under affliction, and work within us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Mercifully grant us Thy continual help that we may love the things which Thou dost command, and desire those things which Thou hast promised, and so be enabled to anticipate and prepare for the life of eternal blessedness with Thyself in glory.

O God, Who art the Fountain of all grace, send down, we beseech Thee, Thy Spirit into our hearts. May He come in His enlightening, regenerating and sanctifying power, to lead us into all truth, to renew our hearts, to build us up in our most holy faith, and to purify and beautify our lives. So fill us with Thy Spirit, that we shall ever-

more be devoted to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Gracious Lord, who art not the author of confusion, but of peace: Be pleased so to unite our hearts and affections that we may walk as brethren in Thy House, in brotherly kindness and love as members of the Body of Christ. Let the grace of Thy Holy Spirit enkindle us, and the dew of Thy blessing continually fall upon us, that we may together in the end obtain life eternal: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 7.

Father, with grateful and humble hearts we appear before Thee. We thank Thee for all the benefits that we have received from Thy goodness. Under Thy care we have safely lived, preserved from many evils, and kept in health and grace. Thou hast given us food and raiment; Thou hast satisfied and refreshed us. With Thy help we have accomplished the duties of our callings; and it is to Thy blessing that we owe what success we have found.

Every opportunity of doing good; every impulse in the right way; each victory we have gained over ourselves; the kindly comfort or wise counsel we have given or

received; every thought of Thy presence, O our Father; every silent but loving glance on the example of our Pattern, Thy Son our Lord; all are alike, Thy gifts to us, and for them all we praise Thy name.

We render thanks unto Thy great name for Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy towards us. We praise Thee for the succession of day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest, and that Thou hast never left Thyself without witness among men, but hast done good to all, sending rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling men's hearts with gladness.

We thank Thee for our being, our reason, our health, our friends, our food and raiment, for Thy care over us from day to day; for that Thou hast been ever with us through the past time of our lives, and hast brought us safely to this hour.

Above all, we praise and bless Thee for Thy Son, our Saviour, for Thy Spirit our Sanctifier, for the ministration of Thy holy angels, for the example of Thy saints and martyrs, and for the hope of an eternal weight of glory.

Let the memory of Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with joy unto our life's end; and let these our thanksgivings,

go up with acceptance before Thy throne;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 8.

O God, the Fountain of all truth and grace,
Who hast called us out of darkness into mar-
vellous light by the glorious Gospel of Thy
Son, grant unto us power, we beseech Thee,
to walk worthy of our vocation with all
lowliness and meekness, endeavouring to
keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of
peace; that we may have our fruit unto
holiness, and the end everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Enable us to perform our appointed duties
with diligence, to guide our affairs with
discretion, and in all our ways to acknow-
ledge Thee. Feed us with food convenient
for us; bestow upon us health of body and
soundness of mind, and further our lawful
undertakings with Thy blessing.

Restrain us from all intemperance and
excess, from all vanity in speech and be-
haviour, and give us grace to be sober and
to watch unto prayer.

O God, who didst suffer Thine own Son to
be tempted that He might be able to succour
them that are tempted, we beseech Thee to
save us from those snares and temptations

by which we are continually beset; and so to strengthen us mightily by Thy good Spirit, that in all things we may be more than conquerors through Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood. *Amen.*

No. 9.

Hear, O Lord, our humble supplications. O Thou who knowest what things we have need of before we ask, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and do Thou add to us all that is necessary for the body and for this present life. May we desire Thee more than all Thy gifts, that so desiring, we may seek Thee, and find in Thee our true joy.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Quench in us, O Thou Lord of our life, all wrong desires, and preserve us from vanity and inconstancy, from foolish thoughts and impure affections.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Deliver us from selfishness and pride, from sloth and idleness, from narrowness of mind and hardness of heart.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cleanse our hearts from the evil passions of anger, malice, and envy, from covetousness and greed, and from all the lusts that war against the soul.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; make us kind, longsuffering and gentle; give us grace to deny ourselves, and to submit to Thy holy will, and cheerfully to serve our brethren as we have opportunity.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Give us grace at all times to be lovers of truth and peace, and servants of righteousness; deliver us from the fear of man and from all superstition and hypocrisy, that we may be the children of the light and of the day.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

In adversity help us to be patient; in prosperity keep us humble; and when we cannot see the way before us, may we yet fear no evil, knowing that Thou art with us.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Establish us in truth and goodness by the inspiration of Thy holy Spirit; that which we know not do Thou reveal, that which

is lacking to us do Thou supply. Let Thy grace be sufficient for us, and Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness.

We beseech Thee to hear us in all these our prayers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 10.

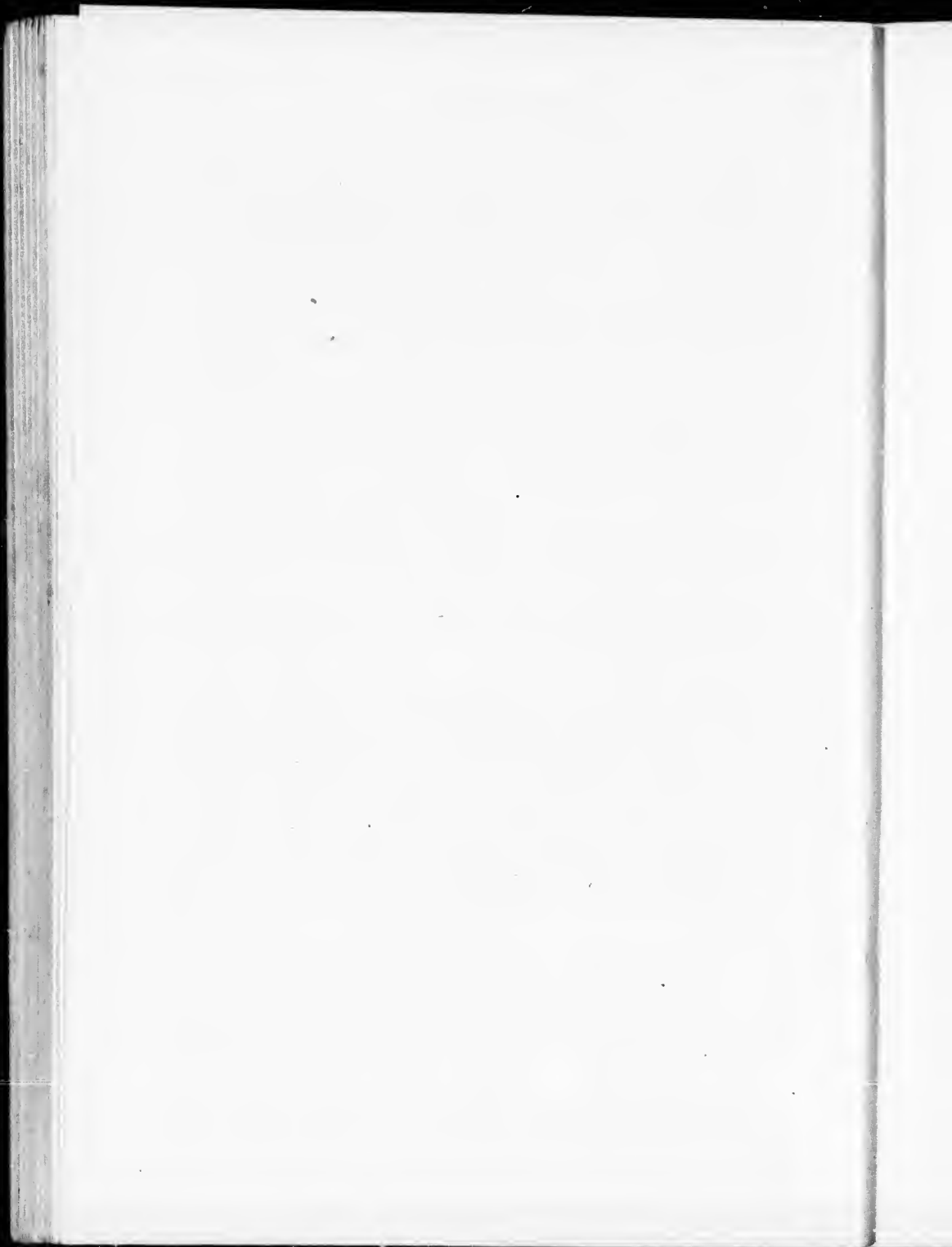
O God, our heavenly Father, we devoutly thank Thee for all Thy mercies and loving kindness. Pardon, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, all the offences of our past lives and enable us to believe in Him to the salvation of our souls.

Increase our longing after conformity to our Divine Redeemer, and may the remembrance of His marvellous love and grace and mercy incline our hearts to follow close after Him.

Blessed Lord, we have the assurance of Thine own gracious promise that whatsoever we shall ask in Thy name, we shall receive it.

We humbly ask of Thee more love, more grace, more faith and trust in Thee. Remember, O Lord, the word to Thy servants in which Thou hast caused us to hope, and answer us according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Thou knowest, O our Father, that while we are in this life we have manifold bodily wants to be supplied, and hast graciously promised to them that seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness that all other needful things shall be added unto them; grant us such a competent portion of earthly blessings as Thy wisdom seeth to be suitable and expedient for us. We ask of Thee food to eat and raiment to put on. Give to us skill and industry to provide for ourselves and those dependent on us; and bless us in all the works of our hands, that we may be helpful to others, Suffer us not in prosperity to forget, or in adversity to think ourselves forgotten of Thee. Above all, grant that our spiritual wants may be more and more abundantly supplied through the fullness of the blessings of Thy Gospel, to the end that, growing in knowledge and in grace, our souls may be strengthened and nourished unto life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



ALTERNATIVE
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

No. 1.

O God most merciful, Who art the source of all grace and consolation, we beseech Thee to send forth Thy Spirit, the Comforter, into the hearts of those who are called to endure any sickness, trouble, or adversity. Let Thy fatherly chastisement, though for the present it be not joyous but grievous, work the peaceable fruit of righteousness in them that are exercised thereby. Enrich their souls with faith and hope, with patience and fortitude; and while they look at those things which are not seen, may their present affliction work for them a far more exceeding, even an eternal weight of glory.

Hear us, O Lord, on behalf of our Queen and of our country. Grant a spirit of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord, to the Ministers and Counsellors of the State, to Magistrates, Judges, and all that are invested with

authority; that we, under them, may lead a quiet and peaceable life in goodness and honesty, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Father of mercies, we pray for the good estate of the holy catholic Church, that all who call themselves Christians may be built up in their most holy faith, and that Thy Church everywhere may be more faithful to its heavenly mission in the world. May the heathen be turned from their idols to serve Thee the living and true God. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. Let Thy way be known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations.

Almighty God, Who hast given us grace at this time to make our common supplications unto Thee, bless us in our fellowship one with another, so that our meeting may be a true communion of saints; and may we, who here join in the worship of Thy name, be united at last in the number of those who serve Thee day and night in Thy temple.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and

majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father who art in Heaven, etc.

No. 2.

Let us offer our thanksgiving to God for all His mercies.

O Father of mercies and God of love, we render unto Thee our thanksgiving for all Thy goodness vouchsafed unto us. We bless Thee that Thou hast spared us hitherto; that Thou hast preserved us amidst the many changes and chances of this mortal life, and hast provided for our wants. For all Thy bounties known and unknown, for all Thy blessings of the present life, and for the hopes of a better life to come, we give Thee our humble and hearty thanks. Let the memory of Thy bountiful goodness, we beseech Thee, fill all our hearts with joy and thankfulness unto our life's end, and constrain us evermore to praise Thee for the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the world and our own country.

Almighty God, Who hast made of one blood all nations, we pray for the peace of the whole world and the salvation of all men.

We pray for the Empire to which we belong, beseeching Thee to preserve it in peace and to defend it in times of danger. Regard with Thy favour, O Lord, our Sovereign whom Thou hast placed over us, and all the Royal family; endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy Heavenly grace, prosper them with all happiness, and make them a blessing and example of righteousness to the nation. Grant to all in authority a wise heart, a sound judgment, a courageous spirit, and a strong sense of duty. Protect all true servants of the Queen and country; may they fulfil their respective duties faithfully, and may their services be blessed to Thy honour and to the welfare of the people. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who travel by land or by water.

We commend to Thy Almighty care and protection all travellers, sojourners and strangers: preserve those who journey by land and sea, and grant to all who are far from their homes that they may return in peace and safety. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our own kindred.

O Thou Who art the God of all the families of the earth, we beseech Thee to bless

our dear friends and kindred. Grant them Thy special favour and protection; bless them outwardly in their bodies, inwardly in their souls, and give them the peace that passeth all understanding. *Amen.*

Let us pray for one another.

Finally, O Lord, we pray for each other, all for each and each for all. Grant that we may spend the remainder of this day and every day in Thy fear; protect us by day and by night; may Thy goodness and mercy never leave us, and be graciously pleased to keep in health and peace our homes and our loved ones; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

No. 3.

O God, our Father in Heaven, O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, O God the Holy Spirit.

Have mercy upon us, be gracious unto us, and spare us, good Lord.

From all sin, all error, and all evil:

Good Lord deliver us.

From pestilence and famine, from lightning and tempests, from sedition and privy

conspiracy, from murder and war and from death unprepared :

Good Lord deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the Day of Judgment:

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; that it may please Thee to rule and govern the Church universal :

We beseech Thee, hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to send forth faithful laborers into Thy harvest; to take away divisions and all causes of offence; and to bring back into the way of truth all those that err and are deceived :

We beseech Thee, hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to lift up them that be fallen, to strengthen them that stand, to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the tempted :

We beseech Thee, hear us good, Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to all rulers wisdom and prudence to govern in Thy fear, and to all nations peace and concord; that Thou wilt graciously guide and keep our Queen; and that Thou wilt bless

and guide her councillors and all in authority :

We beseech Thee, hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee mercifully to to comfort all that are in affliction, to protect all that are in danger, all women in their time of peril; and that Thou wouldst cherish and care for all little children and sick folk :

We beseech Thee, hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men.

We beseech Thee, hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts :

We beseech Thee, hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give and preserve for us the fruits of the earth :

We beseech Thee, hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Grant us Thy peace.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all right purposes, and all just works do proceed,

grant unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that so our hearts being set on Thy precepts, and delivered from the fear of our enemies, we may live in peace and gladness under Thy Fatherly keeping, through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

No. 4.

Almighty God, who hast commanded us to make intercessions for all men, we humbly beseech Thee to receive our petitions on behalf of those whom we ought to remember at the throne of grace.

O Thou who hast made of one blood all nations of men, we pray for the whole human race, that they may be brought to the knowledge of the truth, and may become united in the fear and love of Thee. Let Thy way, O God, be known upon earth, and Thy saving health among all nations.

Look down in Thy kindness upon our Country and our Empire. Hear us on behalf of our sovereign the Queen, and the members of the royal family. May the throne be established in righteousness. Grant a spirit of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord to the Queen's ministers, to the members of

Parliament, to all judges and magistrates, and to all in places of public trust.

We pray that Thou wouldest prosper our universities, seats of learning, and aid all teachers of youth; that Thou wouldest enlighten those who guide public opinion by voice or pen; that Thou wouldest give Thy spirit to all physicians, and sustain them in their endeavours to heal the bodies of men. Hear us also for all busy workers in the highways of life, for the merchant at the mart of business, for the labourer in the field, and for the sailor on the sea, that while pursuing their several callings with fidelity and zeal, they may remember that they serve a Master in heaven.

Almighty Father, the God of all comfort, we entreat Thee in behalf of the sick and the afflicted, that it may please Thee to grant unto them comfort and relief. Spare lives that are useful and precious, if it seem good in Thy sight. Forsake not Thy servants who are old and grey-headed; but, when their strength faileth, do Thou tenderly sustain them, and cheer their hearts with the sweet hope of eternal life. Hear us, O pitiful Saviour, for the poor and needy, and for the widow and the orphan. Have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way. Look in mercy

upon the fallen and the degraded, and upon all who have forsaken or forgotten the religion of their early days. We supplicate strength for the weak, guidance for the perplexed, succour for the tempted, and restoration even at the eleventh hour for those who have wandered far from Thee.

*Hear us, good Lord, for Christ's sake.
Amen.*

No. 5.

O God, Giver of all good and Fountain of all blessing, in Whom are the springs of our life: all glory and praise be unto Thee for Thy wondrous loving-kindness; for Thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another; and for Thy mercies which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than can be numbered.

For Thy fatherly hand ever upon us in sickness and in health; for the comfort of friends and kindred; for the joys of home and country; for every precious gift of Thy sleepless providence, we call upon our souls to magnify Thy name. We ask Thee to visit with Thy loving-kindness all who are bound to us with the ties of kinship or affection. Let Thy wisdom guide them, and Thy grace protect Them. Be pleased to perfect

in them the spirit of faith and love, that their names may be written in Thy book of remembrance, and that they all may be Thine in that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels.

O Thou helper of the helpless, we commend to Thy fatherly pity all who are called to bear the burden of sadness or of pain. Be pleased to grant unto the sick and the sorrowful the healing ministry of Thy tenderness. Cheer the lonely and the friendless with the comfort of Thy presence. Soothe, we beseech Thee, the wounded spirit of the mourner, and speak peace to the anxious soul. Send the effectual succour of Thy grace to the tempted and to the weak ; yea, make them more than conquerors in the day of evil.

We pray for our country and for all classes and conditions of men within its borders. Grant unto our Sovereign grace upon grace, that she may ever rule in godly fear, as a servant of the King of Kings. Give sound understanding and wisdom to her counselors ; and may those be chief in influence who are pure in heart. Guide Thou our senators and representatives ; enlighten our judges and magistrates ; teach Thou all our teachers. Let Christ be enthroned in the hearts of the people, and grant that His gos-

pel of peace and purity and brotherhood may be more and more the supreme law of our national life.

Now unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, be honour and power everlasting. *Amen.*

No. 6.

God be gracious unto us, and bless all our people. Bless our rulers and give them the fear of God and a good understanding, that they may govern well and wisely, and maintain peace and unity. Bless our homes. May husbands and wives live in love and mutual confidence with each other; may parents have joy in their children, and children honour their parents. May brethren dwell in unity, and neighbours be kind to one another. Prosper us all with Thy blessing in our various callings and spheres, that we may be able to provide things honest in the sight of all men, and may accomplish the work Thou hast given us to do. Look in Thy compassion on the tears of the widow and of the orphan; listen to their cry and despise not their complaint. Have mercy upon all who are in any trouble or affliction, in pain or sickness, in trial or temptation. Help the poor; give them content, and

make them rich in Thee. Guard the rich from pride, and from trusting in uncertain wealth ; and teach them to look to Thee the loving God, who canst alone continue them in the possession of what they enjoy. Bless all pious hearts that love Thee ; and may all the ends of the earth behold Thy glory.
Amen.

No. 7.

O God, who art good unto all men, and whose tender mercies are over all Thy works, receive in Thy mercy the intercessions we offer unto Thee.

Remember, O Lord, Thy Church ; preserve her from all evil, and perfect her in Thy love ; purify from their sins all those who love her, and bring them to the kingdom which Thou hast prepared for them. Have mercy upon Thine ancient people, and bring them into the Church with the fulness of the Gentile nations.

We pray for those to whom Thou hast given authority and rule. Bless, O Lord, all princes and governors, especially our Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria, and all the rulers, judges and magistrates of our land. Endue them with wisdom and power from above, and grant to them the right spirit of government, that they may seek Thy king-

dom and execute justice faithfully, and that we, and all the people in this land, may dwell in peace and serve Thee without fear. Relieve and comfort all who are persecuted and afflicted; speak peace to troubled consciences; strengthen the weak, confirm the strong; instruct the ignorant, deliver the oppressed from him that spoileth him, and relieve the needy that hath no helper; and lead us all by the waters of comfort and in the ways of righteousness to Thine everlasting rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

No. 8.

O God, who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, we beseech Thee to receive these our prayers which we offer humbly to Thy Divine Majesty.

Remember in Thy mercy Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; preserve her person in health and strength, her crown in honour and dignity, her dominions in peace and plenty; keep her perpetually in Thy fear and favor, and at last may she receive that crown of life which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee. May Thy rich blessing also rest upon Albert Edward Prince of

Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family.

We pray for the Queen's ministers and counsellors, for judges and magistrates, and for all who are in authority. Enlighten and guide them, and so direct the affairs of this nation that righteousness and truth, peace and contentment may everywhere prevail.

We commend to Thine Almighty guardianship the army and navy, and all who are exposed to danger by sea or by land. Remember in Thy mercy the poor and needy, the widows and the fatherless, the strangers and the friendless, the sick and the dying; relieve their needs, sanctify their sufferings, strengthen their weakness, and in due time grant them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Regard with Thy favour our kindred and all who are dear to us. Unite us in the bonds of a common faith and hope; and inspire us with mutual love, gentleness and forbearance, that we may walk before Thee in our homes with a perfect heart.

Eternal God, with whom do rest the spirits of just men made perfect; we bless and praise Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; and especially for those most dear to

us who have fallen asleep in Jesus; and we beseech Thee to give us grace to follow their good examples, that we may continue united to them in fellowship of spirit, and that finally we may be gathered together in Thy heavenly kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 9.

Almighty and Everlasting God, we come to Thee through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate, and we entreat Thee for His merits to receive our intercessions and to help our infirmities by Thy Holy Spirit.

We pray for kings and all in authority, that they may be just, ruling in Thy fear; especially for Thy servant, Queen Victoria, that she may enjoy Thy favour, seek Thy glory, and study to preserve her people in peace, prosperity and godliness.

We pray for our country, that Thou wouldst grant us peaceful times and fruitful seasons; that Thou wouldst prosper our industries, and defend us from our enemies.

We invoke Thy blessing upon our universities and schools, that the young may be taught that fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom.

We commend to Thy love and favour all who are ministering to the wants of the poor and needy. May their hands be

strengthened, and their prayers and alms come up for a memorial before Thee.

We pray for our friends, and for every family and household, that true religion may flourish among them.

For parents, that they may bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and for children, that they may obey their parents in all things.

For masters, that they may give to their servants that which is just and equal, knowing that they have a Master in heaven; and for servants, that they may serve from the heart, with good will doing service as to the Lord, and not unto men.

We pray for all travellers by land or water, that they may be brought safely on their way; for all in danger, that they may be delivered, and praise Thee for Thy goodness and Thy wonderful works towards them.

For all widows and orphans that Thou wouldst be their stay; for those in sickness and sorrow, that Thou wouldst heal and comfort them; for those in doubt and fear that Thou wouldst relieve them; for the dying, that Thou wouldst] comfort and strengthen them by Thy presence, and afterwards receive them to glory.

We pray for all who have erred and strayed from Thy ways, that they may have the grace of true repentance; and for all who have striven to do Thy will and keep the faith, that they may persevere unto life eternal. *Amen.*

No. 10.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, that all may be led into the way of truth.

O God, in mercy remember Thine inheritance, and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever. Thou art our Redeemer and the Lifter up of our head, and under the shadow of Thy wings shall we find our shelter and our rest.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give the spirit of justice and righteousness to all Christian kings and governors; grant that their people may obey them, and that they may obey Thee. Especially do we pray for our Sovereign Lady the Queen, that she may reign in peace and in true religion, a partaker of Thy blessing here and of Thy kingdom of glory hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give to our relatives and friends pardon of sin and the support of Thy grace, comfort in their sorrows, strength in their temptations, and the guidance of Thy good Spirit; that doing Thy will and rejoicing in Thy mercies here, they may partake of Thy glories hereafter.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give protection to all widows and orphans, patience and submission to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, that they may be rewarded by Thy comforts for the days wherein they have suffered adversity.

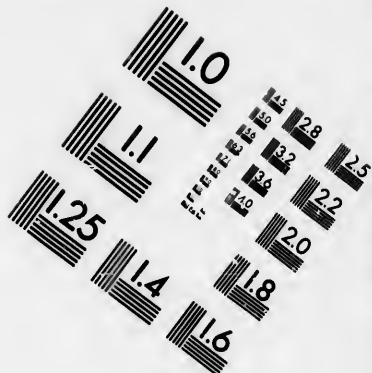
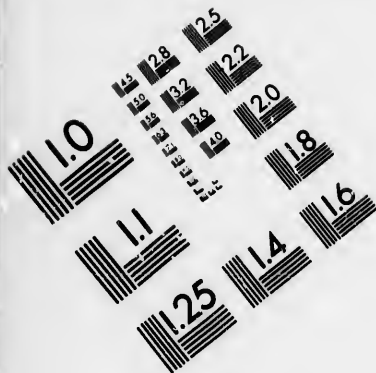
Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Be Thou a star and a guide to them that travel by land or sea; the strength of them that toil in the mines; give cheerfulness to sad hearts, maintenance to the poor, be a defence to the oppressed, and put a stop to the sins and to the miseries of all mankind.

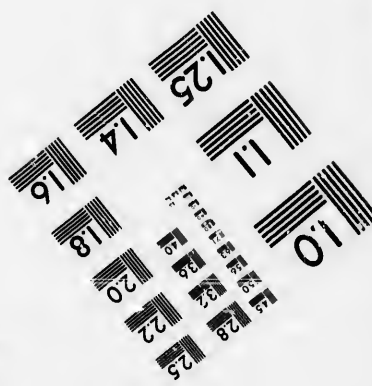
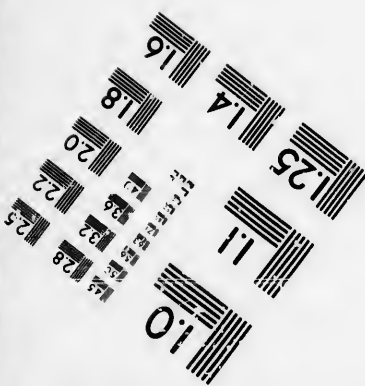
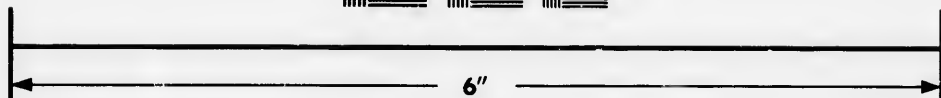
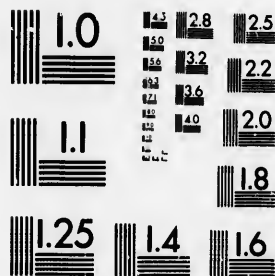
Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Give to all merchants faithfulness and integrity; to the husbandman health, fair seasons, and reward his toil with the dew of





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heaven and the blessings of the earth. Give to all workmen diligence in their callings, and a blessing on their labours; give to the old an assured confidence of Thy love and a meetness for heaven; give to the young an early piety; give to all families Thy protection; and give to us pardon and holiness and life eternal.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, &c.,

ALTERNATIVE
HYMNS OF PRAISE.

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No. 1.

Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto Him, sing Psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works.

Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually.

Remember His marvellous works that He hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth.

O ye seed of Israel, His servant, ye children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

Be ye mindful always of His covenant: the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

Even of the covenant which He made with Abraham and of His oath unto Isaac.

1 Chronicles, Chap. 6, 8-16

Sing unto the Lord all the earth; show forth from day to day His salvation.

Declare His glory among the heathen; His marvellous works among all nations.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all Gods.

For all the Gods of the people are idols; but the Lord made the heavens.

Glory and honour are in His presence: strength and gladness are in His place.

Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering and come before Him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Fear before Him all the earth; the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, the Lord reigneth.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because He cometh to judge the earth.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

And say ye, save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to Thy holy name, and glory in Thy praise.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever, and all the people said Amen, and praised the Lord.

—1 Chronicles, Chap. 16, 23-26.

No. 2.

O Lord, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things.

Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud; the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.

And the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day: Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us:

This is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

—Isaiah, Ch. 25, 1-9.

(Any of the following Psalms may also be substituted for the HYMN OF PRAISE given in the model service.)

No. 3—Psalm 33.	No. 7—Psalm 115
No. 4—Psalm 66.	No. 8—Psalm 118
No. 5—Psalm 96.	No. 9—Psalm 147
No. 6—Psalm 103.	No. 10—Psalm 148

ALTERNATIVE
CONCLUDING PRAYERS.

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No. 1.

Most merciful God, Who hast given unto us Thy holy commandments whereby we should direct our lives; imprint them on our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit. And grant that we may so renounce all our fleshly desires, and all the vanities of this world, that our whole delight may be in Thy law; and that we, being always governed by Thy holy Word, may in the end attain unto that eternal salvation which Thou hast promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Thy blessing upon the services in which we have lifted up our souls to Thee this day. May every season of quiet communion with Thee, and meditation on things unseen, be a preparation for more earnest thought and more diligent work. Give us a lofty aim and a settled purpose in life, a heart filled with Thy love, and a will in harmony with Thine. And may we all strive, even as we pray, that Thy kingdom may come, and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

No. 2.

Almighty and everlasting God, with Whom alone is the fountain of wisdom and strength, we ask Thy blessing on the prayers and praises in which we have lifted up our souls to Thee at this time. May we go hence with a peaceful sense of Thy presence, and abide for ever under the shadow of Thy wing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Thou that art light, and in Whom is no darkness, keep us Thy servants, and all that are dear to us, from all evil, whether of the body or of the soul. Whether we wake or sleep, let all our thoughts and deeds be in accordance with Thy holy will. May we go forth to live in Thine honour, and to the service of our fellow-men. And grant that, when this life has passed away, we may behold the light of Thine eternal glory in the kingdom of heaven: through Him that loved us, and hath redeemed us from darkness, sin, and death, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 3.

Lord, let the word which we have heard be as good seed in our hearts, bringing forth in us fruits which all men may see, the fear and love of God, and deadness to the world

and sin. When we return to our daily toil, be Thou our shield against the arrows of temptation, our shelter in the heat of the day. Be Thou, Lord, the strength of our life; of whom then shall we be afraid?

Let all things be new with us in this new week. Give us new love and desire for Thee; new zeal to serve and obey Thee. Let us avoid and flee from the sins we have committed in the week that is past, so that all may know that our fellowship with Thee has not been in vain. Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living to the honour and praise of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 4.

O God, our Father, we beseech Thee to accept our worship. Pardon its imperfections, and grant that henceforth, putting all our trust in Thy well-beloved Son, enlightened by His teaching, guided by His example, and sanctified by His Spirit, we may walk in newness of life. and so prepare for that blessed life which Thou hast promised to Thy children in heaven. Hear us, O

merciful Father, in these our supplications, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

No. 5.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant them their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

No. 6.

O God, who art Light, and in whom is no darkness, grant unto us Thy light, that we may walk therein. Grant that we may know Thy will, and by keeping it increase our light. Where there needs must be darkness, grant to us that what we cannot see we may be content to trust Thee for; that in all our ways, being guided and guarded by Thee, we may be kept from falling, and pass at last through the gate of death into

the life eternal, through Thy mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 7.

Now, O Father, we ask Thy blessing on the prayers and praises in which we have been engaged this day. May we retain a peaceful sense of Thy presence with us. May every season of quiet communion with Thee, and meditation on things unseen, be a preparation for more diligent work and more earnest thought. O send us hence in the spirit of hope and resolve, and confident trust in Thy guidance. Give us a lofty aim and a settled purpose in life, a heart filled with Thy love, and a will in harmony with Thine. And may we all strive, even as we pray, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

No. 8.

O God, who art the defender of all who trust in Thee, we humbly beseech Thee to be our continual guardian and protector in all our pilgrimage. We humbly pray Thee to pardon the imperfections of these our unworthy services, and forgive whatever there has been amiss in us this day and during our past lives. Let Thy Holy Spirit

continually be with us, that we may love Thee more and serve Thee better. Help us to carry the spirit of this Thy Holy Day into the occupations of the week, that whilst we are engaged in honest work, or innocent recreation, we may live in Thy fear and ever enjoy Thy favour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 9.

O Thou bountiful giver of all good, who knowest what things we have need of before we ask, and are able to do for us above all we ask or think, we cast ourselves on Thy fatherly care. Graciously receive the prayers and praise we have humbly tried to offer Thee. Vouchsafe a favourable answer to our petitions. Open our hearts to receive the lessons of Thy Word; and grant that all the services of our earthly Sabbaths may, by Thy grace, prepare us for the enjoyment of the everlasting rest which remaineth for Thy people in heaven. *Amen.*

No. 10.

Almighty Father, Who, with untiring love, dost watch over Thy children from one generation to another: amid all the changes of our earthly life Thou abidest. Graciously

help us to abide in Thee, that evermore we may be steadfast and strong. For the light that never failed and the grace that never left us in the days gone by: for the visions that dispelled our doubt and the hopes that chastened our sorrow, we lift up our hearts to Thee in praise and joy. May the coming days be filled with a high sense of the sacredness of life and the value of time. With the dawning of each new day, shine on us with Thy face. Uplift our hearts by the thought of the glory of our calling in Christ and of the joy that is set before us in His service. May the numberless memories of Thy patient love deliver us from every crooked way, from every evil thought and imagination, that when all our days on earth are done we may be presented before the presence of Thy glory without blemish in exceeding joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

For Colonists.

No. 1.

Eternal God, Who hast been a dwelling place throughout all generations and Who hast said that Thou wilt never leave nor forsake them that sincerely trust in Thee; we here present unto Thee our desires in faith and love; though far from home suffer us not to be forgetful of Thy service; but teach us still to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, honouring Thy name, searching Thy word, hallowing Thy sabbath and keeping Thy commandments. Help us to lead a life of faith in our Divine Saviour, who loved us and gave Himself for us; and whatsoever we do in word or in deed, dispose us to do all in His name.

Look down, we pray Thee, with compassion on the spiritual wants of the people of this place, that they may not be left as sheep without a shepherd.

Abundantly bless the Church of our fathers May she be greatly honoured in declaring Thy saving truth not only within her own borders, but in this and all other parts of the British Empire, and in the remote and dark places of the heathen world.

Be gracious to our absent relatives and friends. Protect them by Thy power, and bless them with Thy favour, and cheer us from time to time with tidings of their welfare.

Grant us such aids of Thy providence and grace as are suited to the wants and trials of our present condition. Strengthen us for our lawful occupations. Preserve us from worldly anxieties and cares, and amidst all our toils and wanderings, dispose us to seek our strength and our rest in Thee. May we comfort ourselves with the prospect of that better land of everlasting peace and joy, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

No. 2.

O Lord our God, Who art present everywhere and Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, bestow Thy favourable regard on us, Thine unworthy servants, who are far removed from the courts of Thy house and from the solemn assemblies of Thy people. Let not our souls be cast down within us at the thought of privileges formerly enjoyed when we went to Thy house with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept Thy holy day. Cause us to feel assured that Thou art ever at hand to hear us when we call upon Thee, and that whatsoever place may be hallowed by Thy true worship shall prove to

be none other than the house of God and the gate of heaven. We thank Thee, that to us, as to Thy people everywhere, Thou hast given Thine own Son as a Saviour and Intercessor, Thy Holy Spirit as a Comforter and Guide, Thy Word of Truth as an Instructor, Thy throne of grace as a never-failing refuge, and we pray that Thou wouldst teach us to improve these great mercies, that we may not be moved away from the hope of the Gospel, and cut off by our own neglect from the communion of Thy saints.

Preserve us, O God, from the perils and temptations to which we are exposed. Save us from wordly anxieties and cares. Teach us to be patient and contented under all trials, sustaining each other by mutual kindness and self-denial, and lightening our common hardships by cheerful confidence and hope in Thee. Bless us in all the works of our hands, and sanctify all the circumstances of our lot to our growth in grace and our preparation for eternity.

We commend to Thy fatherly kindness and protection our beloved friends, from whom we have been separated, earnestly beseeching Thee to remember them with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit them with Thy salvation.

Graciously hear our humble supplications, and grant an answer of peace, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For Those at Sea.

No. 1.

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: Be pleased to receive under Thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants. Preserve us in all perils and dangers, and, with a thankful remembrance of Thy great mercies, may we in due time return in safety to the land to enjoy the blessings which Thou in Thy mercy may grant to us, and to praise and glorify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 2.

Almighty God, Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea: under whose protection we are alike secure in every place, and without whose providence we can no where be in safety: Look down in mercy on us Thine unworthy servants, who are called to see Thy wonders on the deep. Let Thine everlasting arm be underneath and round about us. Pre-

serve us in all dangers ; support us in all trials ; conduct us speedily and safely on our voyage, and bring us in peace and comfort to our desired haven. Bless our homes and take our beloved friends under Thy watchful guardianship and protection. Fulfil both to us and to them, Thy gracious promise, that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us, Hear our prayers, O Merciful Father, and give us grace to abide steadfast in the faith, so that we may be enabled to pass through the storms of this uncertain world and finally come to the land of everlasting rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Miners and Prospectors.

Heavenly Father, Who in Thy providence hast cast our lot in this distant land, grant us, we pray Thee, Thy guardianship and blessing. Suffer no evil to befall us. Aid us in all our lawful undertakings, and prosper us in the works of our hands. Teach us, as much as lieth in us, to live peaceably with all men, and by fidelity and uprightness to find favour in the eyes of those with whom we are associated.

Teach us, in whatsoever circumstances we may be placed to endure, as seeing Thee who art invisible. Suffer us not to be so engrossed with the occupations of this life as to neglect the preparation for the life to come. Preserve

us from pride and self indulgence, and from those spiritual dangers to which, in our calling we are peculiarly exposed; keep us from the seduction of wicked example and from the temptations which beset us. Impart to us strength for the endurance of toils and hardships; extend to us patience and constancy amid trials and privations; give us courage in perils; and hope and support in life and in death. Above all, make us earnest and watchful in striving against the enemies of our souls, and lead us always to look up to Thee as our refuge and our sure defence. Grant unto us, for our Redeemer's sake, the full forgiveness of all our sins. May Thy peace that passeth all understanding dwell in our hearts, so that amid all the storms and troubles of life we may ever rest in Thee. Guide, guard, govern us even to the end of life's journey. May we live all our days in Thy fear. May we die in Thy favour, and let our portion be among Thy saints at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hear, O Lord, these our humble petitions. Be the ever present guardian to those we love who are far from us. Protect them by day and night, and grant that in all the changes of this world, they and we may ever be strengthened and upheld by Thy Almighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be the glory as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

For Those on Military Duty.

Gracious God, grant that we who have been called to bear arms in the service of our country, may be enabled to do so in a manner becoming good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and help us steadfastly to walk with Thee. Give us grace, we beseech Thee, to be loyal to our Sovereign and valiant for our country; impart to us strength for the endurance of toils and hardships; guide us with courage to brave every peril; arm us with true valour to resist the temptations to which we are exposed. Above all, do Thou give us strength to subdue the enemies of our souls, and bestow upon us grace always to put our trust in Thee as our sure refuge and defence.

May we take unto ourselves the whole armour of God that we may be able to withstand all our spiritual enemies.

Preserve us in constant allegiance to Christ the Captain of our salvation. Enable us courageously to confess Him, and faithfully to serve Him. May we never forget that we are His servants and His soldiers.

Grant that over all the hostile powers of evil we may be more than conquerors, through Him that loveth us. Enable us, by Thy

grace, to fight the good fight of faith ; to lay hold upon eternal life which Thou hast promised to bestow on everyone that overcometh.

Most merciful God, by Whose providence are all things which come into the lives of men, whether of suffering which Thou permittest, or of joy and gladness which Thou givest, look we beseech Thee with eyes of compassion on the dear ones from whom we are separated. Be pleased, we beseech Thee, to pour down upon them the abundance of Thy mercy. Abide with them and bless them and let Thy heavenly peace rest in their hearts.

Incline Thine ear to these our humble prayers Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we further pray.

Our Father who art in Heaven, etc.

Evening Prayers.

No. 1.

O Lord God, in Whose presence there is no darkness, keep and defend us in soul and body, during the coming night and in all the darkness of this mortal life.

May we rest in the assurance of Thy favour ; in the peace of a good conscience ; in the hope of a better life ; in the faith of Thy providence and protection ; and in the love of Thy Spirit.

May we rise up again in renewed health and strength for our several callings, to work the work of God while the day lasts, seeing the night cometh in which no man can work. And whether we wake or sleep, may we live together with Christ.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord : and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

No. 2.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Who hast spared us during another day and hast brought us to the beginning of the night. Hear our prayers, and those of all Thy people : forgive us all our sins, negligences and ignorances : accept our evening supplications, and send down on Thine inheritance the fulness of Thy mercy and compassion.

Compass us about with Thy holy angels : arm us with the armour of Thy righteousness, and guard us by Thy power : deliver us from every assault and device of the adversary, and grant that we may pass this night and all the days and nights of our life in fulness of peace and holiness, without sin or offence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Short Litany

SUGGESTED FOR OCCASIONAL USE.

(This Service may be used either with or without the Responses, which are printed in italics. It may be used either separately or in connection with one of the Services.)

LET US PRAY.

We beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, permit us to draw near unto Thee, while we humbly ask Thee to forgive whatever Thou hast seen amiss in us during our past lives; we offer Thee our hearty thanks for all that Thou hast done for us and pray that Thou wilt continue Thy goodness to us.

Through our frailty we have often offended against Thy holy law ;

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ;

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

We have done those things which we ought not to have done ;

Graciously forgive us, good Lord.

May it please thee to cleanse us from our secret faults, and to keep us also from presumptuous sins ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Deliver us from anger, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Keep us from hasty and hateful temper, and dispose us to be kind and helpful to each other and to all men ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Inspire us with upright thoughts, pure affections and chaste desires ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O, Almighty Father, Who art kind to all, even to the unthankful and to the evil, we humbly praise Thee for Thy goodness to us during the past, for our life and health, our food and clothing, our friends and kindred, and for Thy continual guidance and protection. We beseech Thee to give us help and strength to resist the Evil One and to overcome sin. May Thy Holy Spirit accompany us henceforth, and so fill our hearts that we may firmly believe in Thee, love and reverence Thee, and keep Thy commandments. Give us, we beseech Thee, those blessings which Thou hast promised to all who love and serve Thee.

O Lord, make us poor in spirit, that ours may be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Hear us, good Lord.

Make us to mourn for sin, that we may be comforted by Thy grace,

Hear us, good Lord.

Make us meek, O Lord, that we may inherit the earth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we may be filled therewith.

Hear us, good Lord.

Make us merciful, O Lord, that we may obtain mercy.

Hear us, good Lord.

Make us pure in heart, that we may see Thee, our God.

Hear us, good Lord.

Make us peace-makers, that we may be called the children of God.

Hear us, good Lord.

Make us willing to be persecuted for righteousness' sake, that ours may be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Hear us, good Lord.

Make us willing to be reviled and persecuted for righteousness' sake, that ours may be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Hear us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Almighty Father, by Whose care and providence we are preserved and comforted, we beseech Thee to watch over all who are near and dear to us; shield them from all harm; keep them from all sin; and be with them to guide them in all their ways.

O God, our Father, grant us Thy heavenly grace, that we may so live from day to day, as in all things to please Thee; and seeing we know neither the day nor the hour of our Master's coming, may we be always ready, so that living or dying we may be Thine; through the love and merits and mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. our Saviour. *Amen.*

MAY THE VERY GOD OF PEACE SANCTIFY US WHOLLY, AND MAY OUR WHOLE SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY BE PRESERVED BLAMELESS UNTO THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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A Selection of Psalms.

(It is suggested that the verses in italics be read responsively.)

PSALM I.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD ; and in his law doth he mediate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season ; his leaf also shall not wither ; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so : but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous : but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM VIII.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

What is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

A Selection of Hymns.

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(Those marked thus* are in the Book of Praise.)

All people that on earth do dwell.....	*
All praise to Thee, my God, this night.....	*
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Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove.....	*
Ere another Sabbath's close.....	*
Father in Heaven, my God alone.....	*
God moves in a mysterious way.....	*
Hail, thou bright and sacred Morn.....1st part	*
Jesus, where'er Thy people meet.....	*
Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us.....	*
Light of the lonely pilgrim's path.....	*
My God, my Father, while I stray.....	*
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New every morning is the love.....	*
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O God, our help in ages past.....	*
O how kindly hast Thou led me.....	*
O Lord, turn not Thy face away.....	*
Oh, help us, Lord ! each hour of need.....	*
Praise ye Jehovah, praise the Lord.....	*
Softly fades the twilight ray.....	*
Thee we adore, eternal Lord.....	*
There's not a bird, with lovely nest.....	*
The spacious firmament on high.....	*
Thine for ever ! God of Love.....	*
Thy way, not mine, O Lord.....	*
Where two or three, with sweet accord.....	*

Explanations and Instructions.

The directions which follow are not intended for the use of Ministers and Elders who are already familiar with the manner of conducting Divine Service. They are designed to be helpful to other persons who may be called upon by circumstances to engage in Social Worship in remote parts of the country.

In every group of pioneers, surveyors, or organized companies, there is generally a leader, who, resembling in some respects the captain of a ship at sea, may properly consider it his duty, on each returning Sunday, to invite those around him to assemble for worship after the manner of Christians. In such case the leader should either conduct the service or find another person to act in his place as Reader. When there is no recognized leader, a Reader may be chosen as circumstances may determine.

It should be constantly remembered that the one purpose of the service is the common worship of Almighty God, and that every individual is equally concerned in the solemn duty; each person present should therefore heartily assist to the extent of his power and opportunity. Necessarily there must be a Reader

to conduct the devotions. His voice in the common prayers should be attentively and devoutly, although inaudibly, followed. The whole congregation should heartily join in the responses with a clear voice, and at the end of each prayer, give expression to an assenting *Amen*. The words and sentences intended to be spoken by the congregation are, in all cases, printed in italics.

It is unnecessary to say that responsive reading should be conducted reverently and devoutly. There should be no hurry or confusion. Each alternate sentence or verse should be spoken with deliberation, and the last word of each should always be completely finished by the Reader or the congregation before either begins the next verse or line.

While the Reader's voice only will be heard in the several prayers, and in the alternate verses of the responsive readings, it will sometimes be advantageous to have the Scripture lessons read by another person. A second voice is always desirable, as it destroys monotony and promotes interest in the service.

It is not expected that there will be much difficulty in respect to the singing of the Hymns introduced in the order of service, but, if there is, the verses selected may be reverently read.

THE SERVICE.

The first duty of the Reader, when the worshippers are assembled, shall be to begin with the OPENING SENTENCES, given in the model service, or he may substitute any of the alternative sentences given at page 25, after which will follow :

The Prayer of Invocation.

If at any time it appears desirable to substitute an alternative prayer for any of those given in the model service, it will be proper for the Reader to indicate to his fellow worshippers where the prayer selected to be read will be found, thus : "The words of the prayer will be found at page 31." He will then, after a sufficient pause, begin by saying in all cases, "Let us pray."

Then the Reader shall announce a HYMN and call upon the congregation to sing the same to the praise of God. This Hymn should generally be expressive of adoration, invocation, or thanksgiving.

The Prayer of Confession shall thereafter be proceeded with in the same manner as the Invocation.

A PSALM OR PSALMS should then be read responsively, the alternate verses to be read by the congregation being in italics. If no sermon is to follow, a portion of the OLD TESTAMENT may be read, the Reader saying, "Let us read from the Old Testament, in the Book of—, Chapter—, Verse—.

A HYMN should then be sung, or it may be reverently read.

The Prayer of Supplication shall thereafter be offered, consisting chiefly of supplications and thanksgivings.

A portion of the NEW TESTAMENT shall next be read; the Reader saying at the beginning, "Let us read the Word of God from the New Testament Scriptures, in the ———, chapter——, at the——verse"; and at the close, "the Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy word, and to His name be the glory."

The Prayer of Intercession shall then be offered, ending with the LORD'S PRAYER which the whole congregation should audibly repeat.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE as it is given in the model service or some other, shall then be read

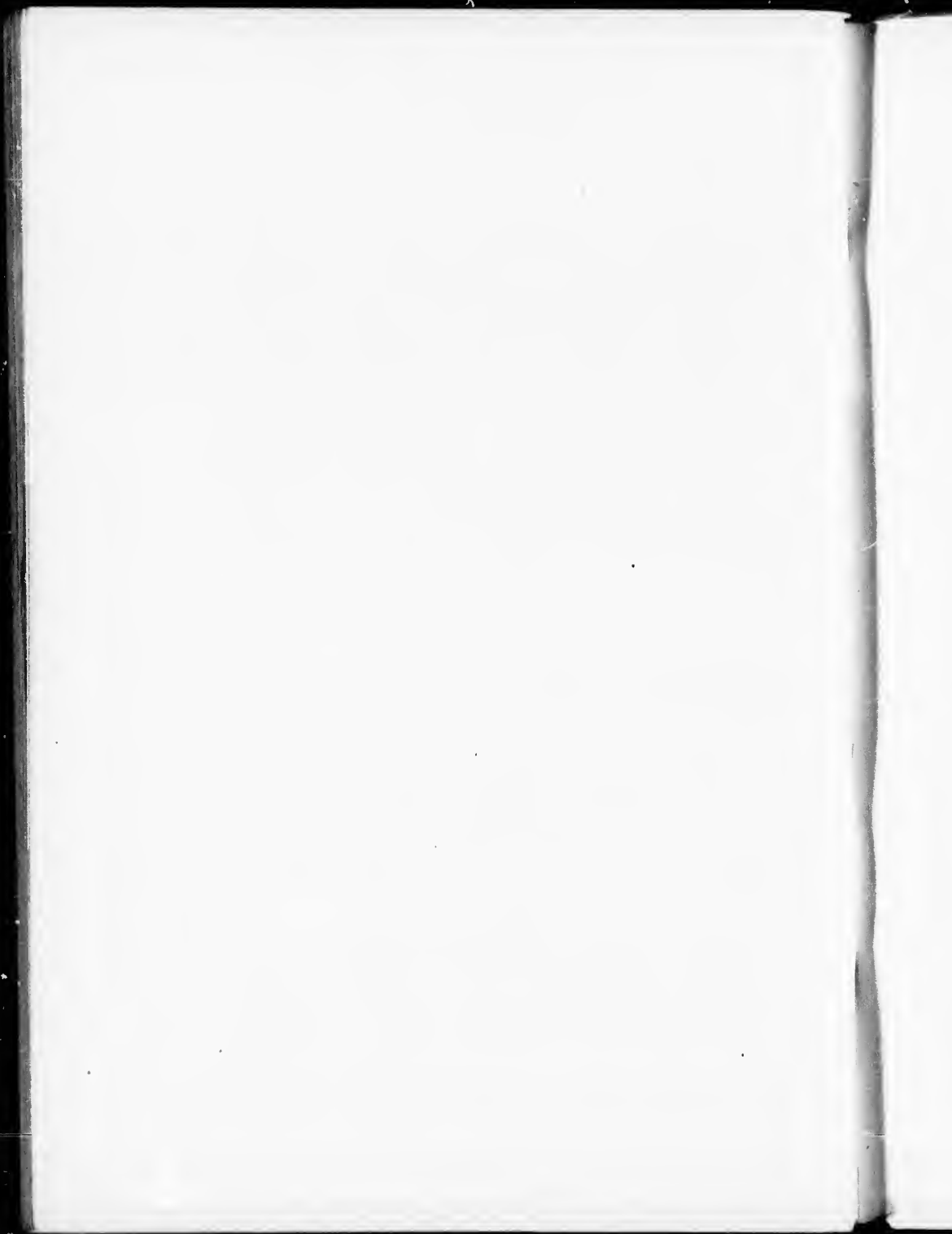
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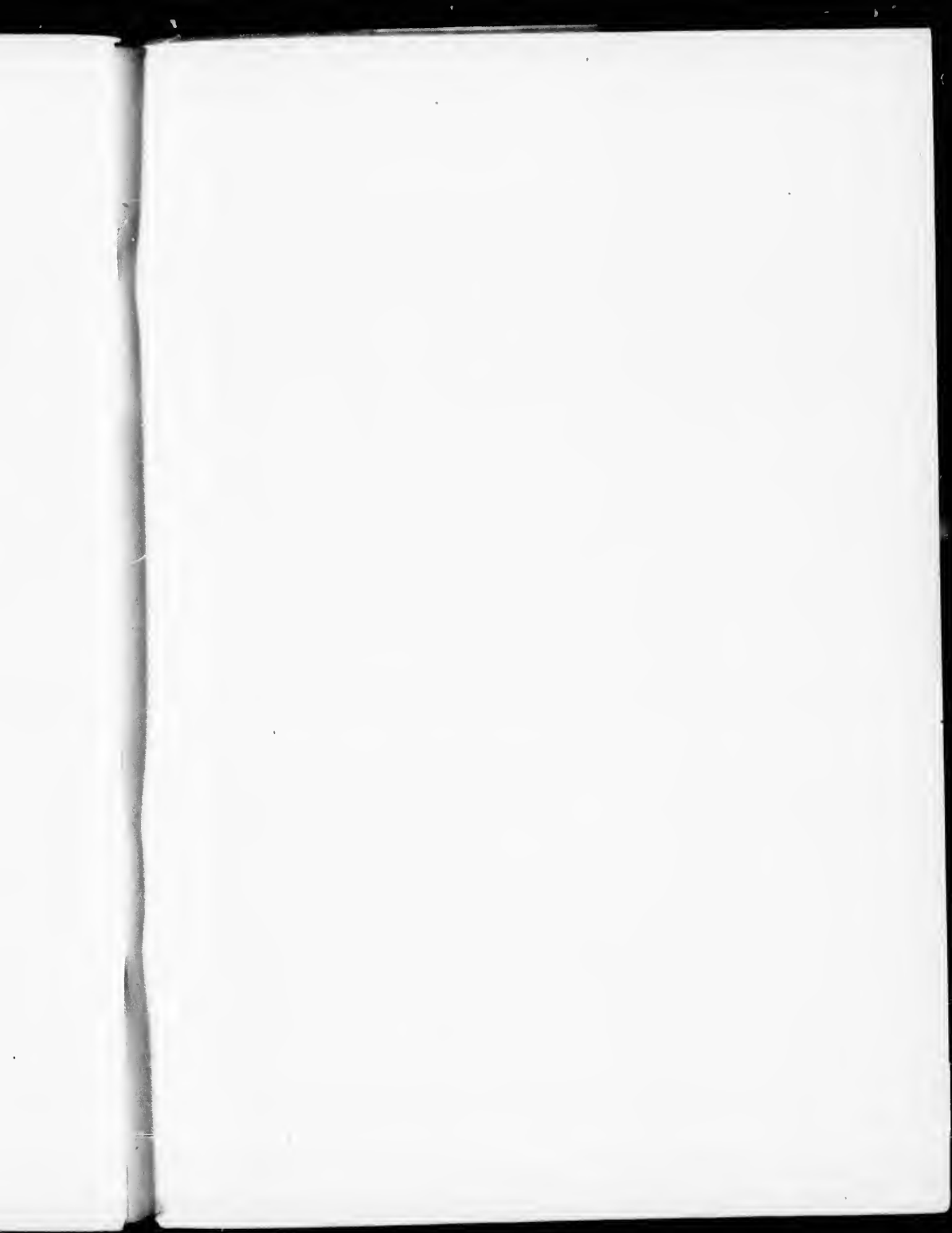
An ADDRESS OR SERMON will at this stage be in order, but, in the absence of either, the TEN COMMANDMENTS or the BEATITUDES or both may be read responsively. These will be found at page 17.

The Concluding Prayer shall then be offered.

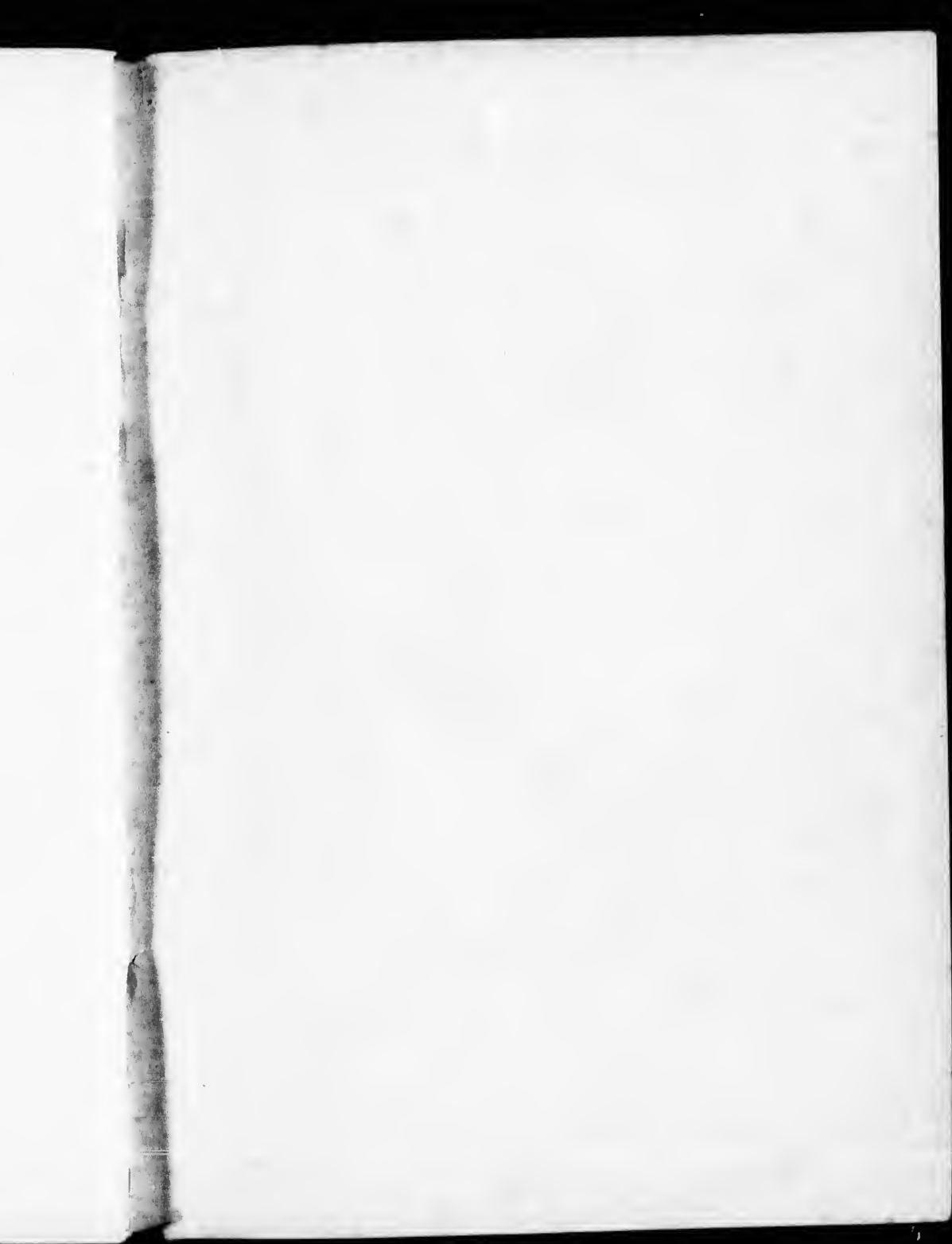
An appropriate HYMN shall next be sung or read, to be followed by

The Benediction.









In connection with the General Assembly's Committee on Worship, a special committee was appointed at the Montreal meeting in June 1898, to take steps to prepare a manual which would be useful in promoting united worship among persons far removed from the services of a minister or missionary. As the first result of the special committee's labours, this draft is submitted. Those to whom this is sent will kindly write the Convener of the Special Committee, pointing out desirable alterations.

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