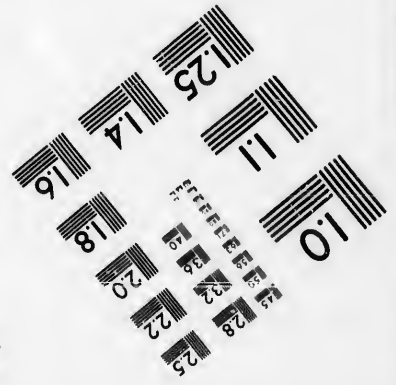
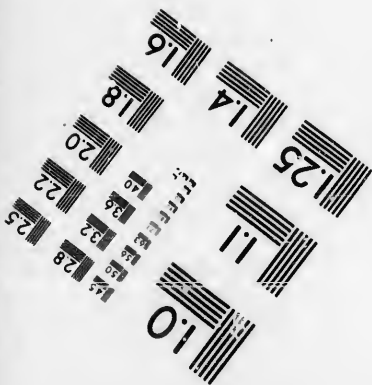
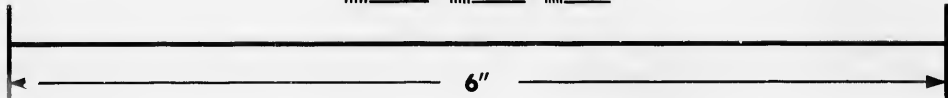
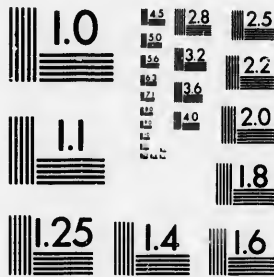


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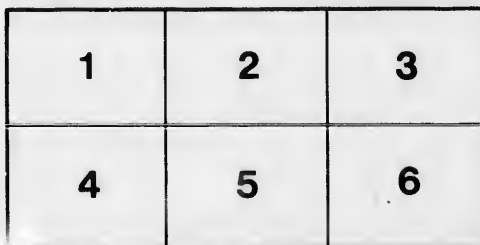
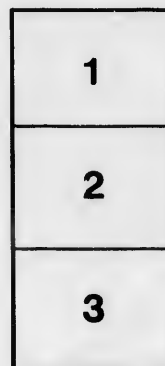
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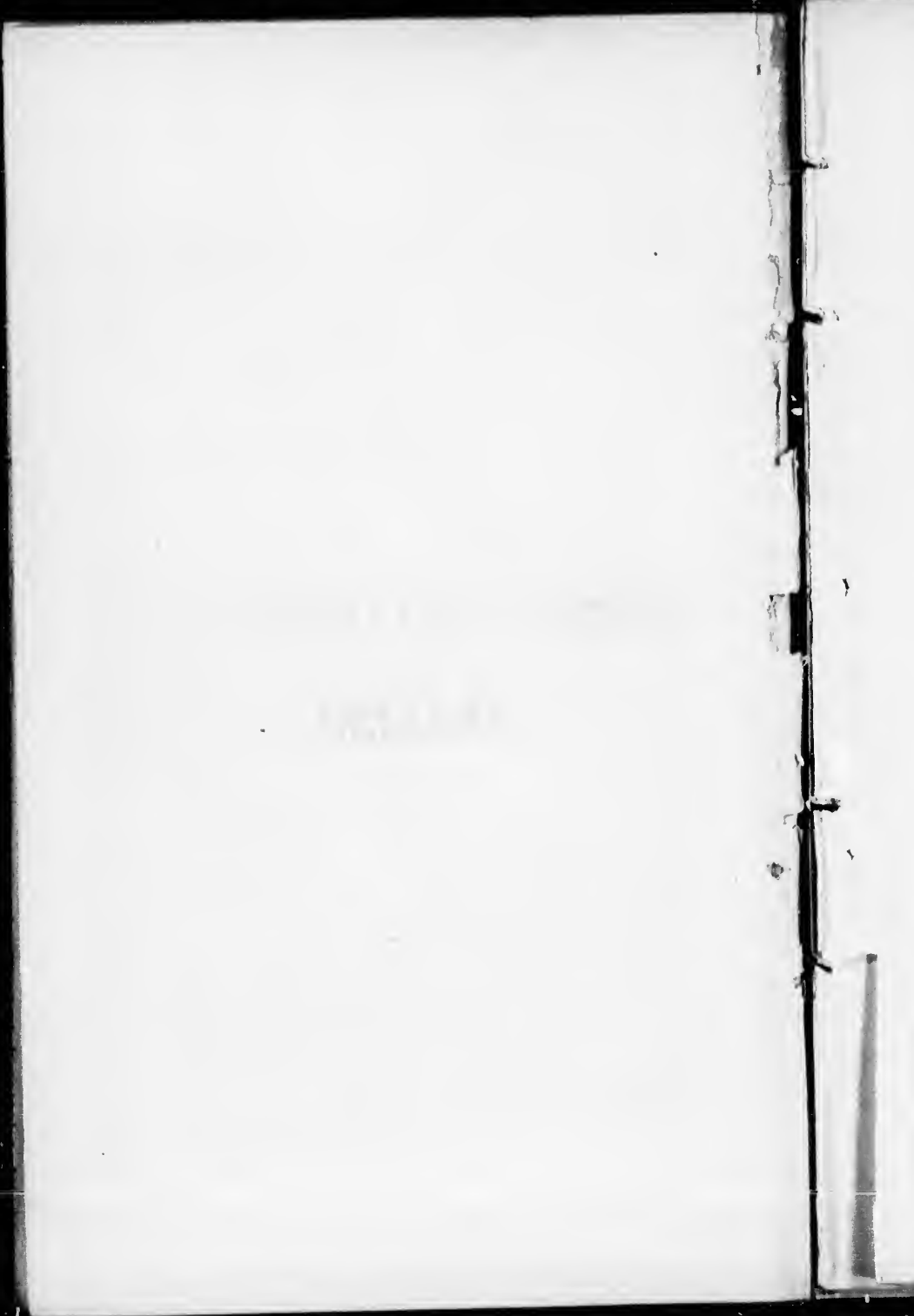


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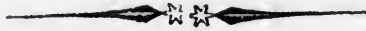
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P R E F A C E .

THE writer of these Prayers has been engaged for a number of years in miss' nary work under different forms. In his intercourse with persons in various countries through which he has passed, he has endeavoured to lead them to God through our Lord Jesus Christ; and in connection with this, he has pointed out the value of prayer, and urged the use of it in Families and by Individuals. On these occasions he has often wished for a little book of Prayers, of whose Gospel accuracy he was fully aware, in order that he might put it forthwith into the hands of those to whom he spoke, or that he might point it out to them with directions where to find it. This desire has led in a considerable degree to the preparation of the work now published.— Many persons require forms of prayer when they commence this exercise, and others prefer using a set form at all times. To meet the convenience of both these the present manual has been drawn up. May God grant that it may be useful to many Families, and to many Individuals.

The Cross of Christ, where hangs all our hope, is prominently brought forward in these prayers; and the Sinner, (for this is the true character of us all,) is led by the words here placed before him, to humble himself and to confess his guilt and vileness in the sight of God, with penitence and contrition, and to sue for forgiveness through "the precious blood of Christ." Again, the believer is here led

to supplicate the Father of glory through Jesus Christ, to grant him the Holy Spirit to dwell in him, that he may be enlightened, sanctified, and blessed. And further, the disciple of Christ is led to give thanks to the Father of mercies for all his benefits, and to acknowledge the Lord in all his ways, seeking that he may glorify him with a single eye, and in all knowledge and strength. He is here led also especially to attend to the Holy Scriptures, and to pray that the Kingdom of God may come, and that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Now he who will thus humble himself in truth and sincerity as a sinner before God, and will earnestly implore pardon through the Blood of Christ, and who will by the directions of Scripture, devote himself, soul, body and spirit, to the obeying of the will of God, under the influences of the Holy Ghost, will most certainly be saved with an everlasting salvation, and shall live with God in glory and blessedness for ever and ever through our Lord Jesus Christ.—May God Almighty grant that this portion may be the happy lot of all who use this manual.

In drawing up these Prayers, it was particularly kept in view, that they should not be of a sectarian character, but be such as would suit the several denominations of Christians holding correct views of the Gospel. The author is happy to find that he has succeeded in this object to the full extent of his expectation, in proof of which he has the written testimony of several individuals of different denominations. These testimonies he has thought it desirable to print along with the present edition, that the adaptability of the Prayers to different Christian denominations may be seen, and that general confidence may be entertained as to the soundness of the sentiments contained in them. In giving these testimonies, the author begs

leave very cordially to thank his friends for their statements on this point, and also for the favourable opinion they have been kind enough to express respecting the general character of the work, and the suitableness of the Prayers for the use of Families and Individuals, in offering up their supplications and thanksgivings at the throne of grace.

The words "For the use of all Denominations of Christians," were inserted in the title page of the former edition, they are, however, suppressed in the present edition, in consequence of the hints of some friends. The author's object in using these words was simply to show that the work was not of an exclusive character, drawn up for the members or professors of one denomination only, and containing the distinctives of the body, which distinctives might have been obstacles to their use by other denominations. But, nevertheless, the Prayers contain, and manifestly it is presumed, the Distinctives of the True Faith. Those who have another faith will find them not in accordance with their views. Yet the author would be glad that such also should be led to look into these Prayers; and also that they should use them; for assuredly if they do use them in knowledge and sincerity, they will drop their errors, and be turned to the true faith which bringeth salvation, through the Son of God who gave himself a ransom for our sins, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Some difference of opinion was to be expected in regard to the use of the Responses in the Family Prayers. But the author has been agreeably surprised by finding this mode approved in quarters where it could not well have been looked for. Judging from several public and private circumstances, it would seem that the use of the Response

is more generally approved than might have been supposed. The desirableness of each individual really and truly engaging in the Family or Public Prayer offered up by the mouth of one, is acknowledged by all; and on this account the use of the Response has been favourably looked upon, as the most natural and useful means of enabling all to take a part in the service, and also of keeping alive the attention and interest of the whole. Since the publication of the former edition, the author has met with a Review of a work entitled "The Manner of Prayer," written "by W. WALFORD." In this treatise, a decidedly favourable opinion is pronounced in regard to the use of Responses. The author says, "The Responsive form of the Litany is, in my apprehension, well adapted to maintain attention, by giving, as well to the congregation, as to the officiating minister, an active part in the service." This testimony from Mr. WALFORD, who was many years Tutor in the *Independent Academy* at Homerton, has the more weight from the consideration that it is in favour of a practice not in use by the church to which he belongs.—These Prayers, however, may, with equal convenience, be used without the Responses here given, as nothing is easier than to omit them. When they are omitted, the Leader of the Prayer should make a short pause at the end of each collect; and at this pause it would be profitable for each worshipper to say in his mind, *Amen*, should it not be agreed upon to say this audibly, which certainly would be better.

There is given in the Family Prayers a Collect, or short prayer, for commencing the worship, which is a mode practised by many, and it seems to recommend itself. In this commencing prayer, it will be seen, there is supplication and thanksgiving respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, which exercise is immediately to follow. It is

desirable always to pray before reading the word of God. Those who wish, can omit this prayer at the beginning. The liberty and the taste of each one must be consulted in respect to this and some other parts of our worship, as we have no absolute model laid down to us in the Scriptures.

All the Prayers, Family and Individual, it will be seen are adapted to Christians, true Christians, in doctrine, feeling, and practice. In the family there may be some who are not Christians in these three ways, and all the three are necessary to make the right Christian. What is to be done in this case? Is the Head of the Family, or the Leader of the worship to change his phraseology because of this? Certainly not. It may then be asked, Should the not-christian in question use the Amen or other Response? That is for him to consider, and well. He, and every one ought to pray beyond all doubt; and if he cannot with truth, or does not, he will expose himself to no little danger. May this lead him to take his case to heart, and may he through the same, as a means, be led to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and thus be enabled to pray aright in all truth and sincerity. There are, however, various degrees of standing among the true children of God, and some therefore can use fuller language at the throne of grace than others.

These Prayers were written (with a few exceptions) in the Island of Cuba, in the year 1837, during a Bible Society visit and tour in that place. It was the author's intention to revise them during leisure hours, and to write them over again with corrections and improvements. His time, however, having been much taken up, he was hindered from re-writing them as he had intended. During the spring of last year, at a time when from the badness of the weather, and other circumstances, he was prevented from

travelling, he looked over the Prayers, and resolved to print them. As the time he had on hand was short, instead of copying them, they were sent to press at once, putting the first writing of them into the printer's hands with very few alterations. Considering this circumstance, and considering also the unpleasantness and danger of his position in Cuba during the writing of these Prayers, the author feels grateful that his publication has met with so favourable a reception.—For this Second Edition he has made some corrections, and has given in it some additions, and hopes that the public will find his little work more useful in its new issue than in its former one. He casts these Prayers again upon the waters, and prays that after many days, and chiefly in the Great Day, it may be found that some good has resulted from them. He will often pray for those who use them ; and he supplicates their prayers in return.

Montreal, January, 1840.

TESTIMONIES GIVEN IN FAVOUR OF
“*Family and Individual Prayers, for every
day of the Week:*”—PLACED IN THE ORDER
IN WHICH THEY WERE WRITTEN.

*From the Christian Guardian, of Toronto, published under
the direction of the Conference of the Wesleyan Metho-
dist Church in Canada.*

We have had these Prayers for a day or two only, but we have read enough of them to be convinced of their excellence for the purposes designed by the writer. Under certain circumstances a form of prayer has its use. These short prayers are marked by the spirit of true humiliation. They exhibit the emotions of a heart conversant with its needy condition. Its depravity and sin is confessed, and its darkness and guilt. Pardon and holiness, wisdom and direction, strength and consolation, are implored; and the “new and living way,” and only that, is used, in approaching the Father for those blessings. The “Spirit” is honoured in his important offices. The “Promises” are believed and pleaded. And all this is done in such a manner as to suit the multiplied and differing circumstances of those for whom these helps to devotion are prepared.—The *style* of those we have read is very becoming. God is not addressed as man addresses man, when something eloquent is allowable—perhaps necessary. There is a conciseness and purity not unlike that of the Fathers of the Reformation; and there is a simplicity borrowed from the best of all models—the inimitable “Lord’s Prayer.” We are led to address God with the infantile modesty and earnestness of children, and acquire the conviction, that the Being whose gifts we implore, is our Father. We therefore say to Families and Individuals, purchase these

helps; their tendency is beneficial; and they are worthy of the pen and heart of an honoured servant, whose incessant and hallowed employ, is, to distribute that Word which tells of One who says, "Him that cometh unto me I will in nowise cast out."

*From the Rev. P. C. Campbell, of the Church of Scotland,
Brockville, Upper Canada.*

I received your parcel, and have established a Depot of the Prayer Books at the Stationer's shop, where I have stuck up one of the advertisements. I have also recommended them strongly, and I hope with effect, from the pulpit. I am also disposing of copies privately. In a day or two I intend to write to you. I have begun to read the Prayers over carefully as you requested, but have not got nearly through. The more I examine them, the more glad I am to find that they are appreciated, and that they are to go again to press. I also find that they are composed with much more care and thought, than the simplicity of the language would lead one at first to suppose. There is hardly a word, I should say, not a word, but can be understood by the most unlettered; not a petition that can displease the most fastidious. They are, indeed, what such collections are not always, Prayers for all denominations of Christians.—But I shall probably say more in my next.

Since I wrote to you last I have very carefully read over your Prayers, both Family and Individual, and can assure you that my opinion of their value remains unchanged. They possess in a high degree the qualities of simplicity, spirituality, fervour, and comprehensiveness. You have attained the double object at which you have evidently aimed, of making them at once decidedly Evangelical and Catholic.—The title which announces them to be "*for all denominations*" may be to their disadvantage in the eyes of some, and these not mere bigots to their own sect, but really excellent people, who have been led by a well-grounded

dislike of the false liberalism of the age, to view with suspicion all such *irenical* professions. If, however, such persons *go beyond the title*, I am certain they will find, that there has been no sacrifice of the wisdom which is *pure*, to that which is *peaceable*. They are rapidly disappearing out of my hands, and the Stationer's. But as I told you, the Family Prayers are in greater demand than the others.

The whole collection, and many peculiar excellencies in various parts of it, have delighted me much. One thing I was particularly pleased with, the allusion in the Family Prayer for Mouday Morning to the Sabbath. I have no doubt you meant it to produce the very effect, for its adaptation to which I like it so much. How often does Monday morning banish the recollection of the Sabbath! The memento in the prayer is very valuable, quite in the spirit of good George Herbert's beautiful poem on the Holy Day. You are prepared, I dare say, for my admiring also the second Individual Prayer for Sunday Morning. I do admire it, not only in itself, but for the lesson it teaches. There is great want of prayer for the Church in secret; selfishness accompanies us to the throne of grace; we forget that we are a "chosen and royal priesthood," and that as such it is our high honour and privilege, to offer intercessions for all, for both the Church and the world.

*From the Rev. Dr. Cook, of the Church of Scotland,
Quebec.*

My opinion is, that your little volume of Prayers for Families and for Individuals, will, from the simplicity which distinguishes it, and its evangelical spirit and sentiment, prove eminently useful, and I shall be happy to recommend it to the members of my congregation.

*From the Rev. William Rintoul, of the Church of Scotland,
Streetsville, Upper Canada.*

Permit me to say, that your little books have become a

kind of family liturgy to us. I had given them to my two elder boys without any particular instructions for the use of them, and I was greatly delighted to find them reading them through—praying with them, I am willing to hope, after their morning and evening chapters. Mrs. R. too occasionally uses them in the family when I am absent, and approves much of them. I have myself read them, and read them as the expression of my own thoughts and feelings at the throne of grace, and have I trust been assisted by them. I have occasionally read forms of prayer in my retirements; but I have not any very distinct impression of having prayed with them, as I think I may say I have done with your prayers, those especially called Individual Prayers. You mentioned that they had been written in the course of your missionary journeyings, and in circumstances of peril, and though myself a stranger to such scenes and dangers as those through which you have so often passed, I do know something from short experience how favorable solitary travel is to communion with God, and so I can well believe that these prayers were really *prayed*. Whether it be from the way I have read them, or from my not seeing the importance of the responses in social prayer, as you and many others see it, I have thought more favourably of the Individual Prayers than of the Family ones: all of them, however, are the simple utterance of a fervid devotion, and are suitable for the soul whether it be thirsting after holiness, or the manifestation of the glory of God in the world through the gospel. Indeed it seems to me a peculiar excellence of these prayers, that every one of them embraces a wide range of intercession, thus reminding those who read them of an important part of prayer, and one that is too little attended to. Could my recommendation of them be of any avail, I would say, that those who have not, or think they have not liberty and enlargement in prayer without the help of forms, may most profitably use them; and that those who, from use or from gracious endowments, are independent of such aids, may yet find both instruction and excitement for the exercise of secret and family prayer in your little volumes.

*From the Rev. Edward Denroche, of the Church of
England, Brockville, Upper Canada.*

Had you not so expressly requested my opinion of your books of prayer, and any suggestions of alterations, I should not have thought of presuming so far. I do not think they can be used faithfully without benefiting materially the user. I admire much the liturgical responsive form introduced into them; for as the people should audibly *take part* with the minister in the service of the sanctuary, so should a family with its patriarch, in that of the household altar.

*From the Rev. Henry Wilkes, of the Congregational Church,
Montreal.*

I have perused the little works with which you were so obliging as to favour me. As prayers for the family and the closet, they appear to me distinguished by correctness of sentiment, simplicity of expression, and appropriateness to the circumstances for which they are designed. All denominations of evangelical christians might use them, I conceive, without compromising their distinctiveness. Undoubtedly many *need* at the *commencement* of their religious course such help as you have afforded; and though I love the childlike simplicity, the freedom from stiffness and formality, that should characterise extempore prayer, and moreover prefer it as a general practice, because of its superior adaptation to the ever varying circumstances of the christian's lot, yet it appears to me that an *occasional* use of a well digested form may not be without its advantages.

*From the Rev. Dr. Davies, Tutor of the Baptist College,
Montreal.*

Having examined your little book of prayers for Families and Individuals, I consider it suitable, as to doctrine and tendency, for the use of any who prefer forms of prayer, and especially of those who cannot, without some such

help, conduct family worship. I must however add, that extempore prayer appears to me preferable, as a general practice.

From the Rev. David Lillie, Tutor of the Congregational Academy, Dundas, Upper Canada.

Your prayers I have read with much pleasure, and I trust not without profit. There is an evangelical simplicity and fulness in them, with an adaptation to the wants of those for whom they are designed, and a correspondence with the prevailing feelings of those who have been taught by the Spirit, which fit them in my view for eminent usefulness. This I desire for them, and if by recommending them to my friends, or those with whom my opinion might have weight, I can at all contribute to it, it will give me pleasure to do so.

From the Canada Baptist Magazine.

To those who prefer using a form, we can recommend Mr. Thomson's little volume, for its close adherence to scriptural doctrines, for its devotional spirit, its simple style, and pleasing variety.

From the Rev. R. D. Cartwright, of the Church of England, Kingston, Upper Canada.

I have read the volumes of prayers which you so kindly left with me, and cheerfully add my testimony to the scriptural soundness of doctrine which they inculcate. I cannot but hope that the plan of responses by the family may have a tendency to keep alive attention, and so increase devotion. Family religion is so essential to social peace, that I cannot do otherwise than wish well to every effort, the object of which is to promote domestic worship: therefore I bid most heartily "God speed" to your little volume.

From the Rev. John Stinson, Toronto, President of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

I thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of each of your little books on the subject of Individual and Family devotion. I am much pleased with the simple language, and the evangelical and truly pious sentiments which characterise both these works. I think the plan and form of domestic worship which you recommend is well adapted to engage the entire family circle in that most sacred and important exercise; and I believe by printing and circulating these works, you will promote the interests of true piety in the world.

From the Rev. M. Willoughby, of the Church of England, Montreal.

I am glad to see this contribution of forms of Family Prayers, to the public stock of generally useful publications. Such helps to devotion are much wanted, and some extensive effort should be made to furnish them cheaply throughout the country. I have met with many households who call not upon God, and who—on being urged to obey the injunction of the Lord their Creator and Redeemer to “pray always,” and “in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make their requests known unto God”—have pleaded their want of suitable forms.

I am not the less willing, you may be assured, to tender to you my unimportant commendation of your useful Manual, because you have adopted the method of responses. I have long felt the advantage of getting the members of a family to join in an audible manner in domestic worship:

From the Rev. W. M. Harvard, Quebec, late President of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

As many estimable individuals are restrained from the regular performance of Family Worship by a discouraging

sense of their own inability properly to conduct the same, I cannot but hail the appearance of so well-composed a form of sound words as that which the Rev. Mr. Thomson has so timely furnished in his unpretending but truly valuable manual of devotion.—I have repeatedly gone through Mr. Thomson's book of Prayers, and have greatly admired it for its fervent piety, its Scriptural phraseology, its sound catholicity, and its true Christian morality. Its spirit of religious loyalty, and its earnest breathings for the universal prevalence of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, are such as to bespeak for it the cordial approval of every truly British Christian, as well as of all who long for the conversion of the idolatrous and benighted tribes of mankind; and I trust its publication will be honoured of God as an instrumentality by which many may be led to *the throne of grace, that they may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

*From the Rev. Dr. Black, of the Church of Scotland,
Montreal.*

I have examined, with some degree of care, your interesting little volume entitled "Family and Individual Prayers for every day of the week;" and I have no hesitation in expressing my conviction, that it appears well calculated to aid the devotions of all, and particularly of those who, anxious to commence the performance of the sacred duty of family prayer, are afraid to commit the devout aspirations of their hearts to their own language. Those who are thus situated may, with much profit, take the assistance which your valuable manual affords them, in acquiring that simplicity and becomingness of expression which should characterize all our addresses to the Almighty.

The Individual Prayers will serve not only as models, but may awaken in the pious those feelings of affection, confidence, and submission which, in themselves, tranquilize the mind, and reward us in the duty of prayer with the consciousness that "it is good for us to draw nigh unto God."

FAMILY WORSHIP.

THE importance of Family Worship is very great, in respect to individuals, families, and communities. Every thing, therefore, that is done to make this exercise more general, or that is calculated to lead to its more profitable performance, is of advantage. The present tract contemplates these objects. Many are hindered from attempting this family duty from timidity or an inability to conduct the worship in a proper manner. The forms here given, and the general directions, will be of service to such persons. They may also perhaps be of more or less service to those who are already in the habit of performing this duty.

Some persons are in favour of extemporaneous prayer, and others prefer the use of forms. It is not material which plan is followed, if the understanding and the heart are properly engaged. Perhaps the occasional practice of each in turn would be the most profitable.

To those who use forms, this little Manual is presented, in the hope of its being useful to them:—and it is offered also to those who follow a different practice in general, should they be inclined to the occasional use of a form.

The prayers here given, and the reading of one chapter from the Holy Scriptures, (or two, if they are short,) will not occupy more than about fifteen minutes, except in two or three instances. This small portion of time in the morning, and the same in the evening, might, one would think, be easily secured in every family. And where things are not so arranged, there would be no great risk in saying, that those who will not thus give one half hour daily to the worship of God in their families, will be certain losers, even in worldly things, to a much greater amount than what they gain by this half hour which they withhold. Those who honour God, will be honoured by him.

The use of the Responses at the end of the Collects, in these forms, by the members of the family generally, will conduce, it is believed, to fix the attention of all in the service, which avowedly is for all, and in which all are supposed to engage. Where one person only expresses the words of the common or general prayer of all, there is a danger of the rest being less attentive than when all are called upon to put up their petitions in turn with their own lips. Those, however, who think otherwise on this point, can omit the responses here given altogether; or they may use instead of them, the appropriate response of "*Amen*" at the end of each collect.

Any particular collect may be omitted for sake of abbreviation when wished, or on account of inapplicability to the family.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY MORNING.

Father, (or other Head of the Family)—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[The Scriptures will now be read according to the order and extent agreed on. In commencing, the reader will say, "The portion of Scripture for this morning, is the—chapter of the Book of —." Where singing is practised, the psalm or hymn will come next in order to the reading of Scripture. The following prayer will then be used, and the whole may be concluded by the Lord's prayer, and doxology.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, Father of the universe, God of mercy and love, most graciously look down from on high upon this family here

assembled to worship thee together on this thy holy day. O Lord our God, be pleased to shine on us with the light of thy countenance whilst we offer up our united prayers to thee at this time at thy throne of grace.

Family.—O God our Father, most graciously look on us, and give us thy blessing at this time in waiting upon thee.

Father.—O Lord God, we draw near to thee as *sinner*s, for such we ever have been, and such we now are. We are alienated from thee, O God, yea we are corrupted and vile before thee, both in body and in mind. We are truly guilty, O Most Holy God, and we are righteously condemned. Yet, O Lord, O God Almighty, thou art Merciful, as well as Holy and Just, and thy Mercy thou hast gloriously manifested to this guilty world in the gift of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ. Through Him, O Lord God, through Him alone, we come unto thee, and through his blessed name we implore thee to have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon each one of us now here before thee in this family, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our only Saviour.

Family.—O Lord God, we are all sinners, and guilty, and condemned before thee. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Father.—O God of mercy and salvation, we praise and we adore thy glorious name, for the forgiveness of sins through the atonement made for us in the sufferings and death of the Lord Jesus Christ. O God, we adore thee for offering to us individually, this Forgiveness, this Remis-

sion of our sins, and this Absolution from our guilt and condemnation, through the all precious and atoning sacrifice of thy Beloved Son, the Saviour of sinners. In that atonement, O Lord God, we believe, and in all its blessed effects according to thy faithful word of grace and of promise. Forgive us then, O our God, all our sin, and wash us clean from all our guilt, and make us stand before thee, pure and holy, through this most precious and atoning blood.

Family.—O God of mercy, wash us from all our guilt, and make us clean and pure before thee, through the all precious atonement of our Blessed Redeemer.

Father.—O Lord our God, pour out thy Spirit on us in Jesus Christ our Saviour: pour out thy Spirit richly upon us on this thy Holy Day. We thank thee for the weekly return of this day of rest and of religion: and we praise thee that thou hast preserved us through the week that is past, and hast favoured us again to see the light of thy day of holiness. O may the sacred day be wholly thine, and be entirely devoted unto thee.

Family.—O Lord, we praise thee for this sacred day. O may it be wholly devoted unto thee.

Father.—O Lord, enable us to arrange all our concerns on this day, in such a manner that we may reap the greatest advantage from it, in spiritual and in eternal things.

Family.—O Lord, grant us this grace, we beseech thee.

Father.—O God our Father, we bless thy name, for the private leisure and opportunities which we have individually enjoyed this morning for waiting on thee in prayer, in reading, and in

meditation. O Lord, give us thy blessing through these exercises in which we have been engaged in our retirement before thee, and let gracious answers be given to our prayers and our supplications.

Family.—O God, we thank thee for the opportunities we have had individually this morning for waiting on thee. Graciously answer our prayers and our supplications.

Father.—O Father of mercies, we bless and praise thy most gracious and merciful name, for not only giving us these private opportunities of waiting upon thee, but for giving us also this present opportunity of waiting on thee together, and of raising our united family voice in thanksgiving unto thee, and of making our common supplication at thy throne of grace. To two or three, and to every company of thy people gathered together, and worshipping thee with one heart and voice, thou hast been pleased to give an especial promise of thy favour. Thou, O Lord Jesus our Saviour, and our God, thou hast promised to be thyself present in such a company. O now fulfil thy gracious promise unto us, our Saviour: be thou with us indeed, and may we each of us know that thou art here, and taste that thou art gracious.

Family.—Lord Jesus, thou hast graciously promised to be with a few assembled in thy name. O be with us now, and richly bless us with thy grace.

Father.—O God our Father, thou art very abundant in mercy and goodness, thou hast not only granted us private and family opportunities of waiting on thee, but thou hast also in thy loving kindness given us opportunities of assem-

bling with the great congregation of thy people on thy day. O Blessed Father, may it be our delight to go up unto the House of God, and to join ourselves to thy flock. O prepare our thoughts and our hearts for waiting on thee in public on this thy day. When we go up to thy house of prayer, and when we join with thy flock, save us, we beseech thee, from the distractions to which we are exposed, and concentrate all our thoughts, feelings, and affections in thee, O our God, that we may truly and acceptably worship thee, and may glorify thy great and adorable name.

Family.—Blessed Father, we adore thee for the privileges of private, family, and public worship. O be thou with us, and pour out richly thy blessings upon us, in thy house of prayer, on this thy day.

Father.—Almighty Father, bless, we beseech thee, thy flock with which we assemble from week to week upon thy day. May all who are united to this flock be true and faithful disciples of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: may they rest all their hopes of forgiveness on the atoning blood of the Lamb; and may all their life be devoted in love to the obedience and service of him who died for them, and redeemed them with his own most precious blood.

Family.—Bless, O Lord, all the flock with which we assemble, and may we all glorify thy name in the atonement and service of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, pour out thy blessings abundantly, we earnestly entreat thee, upon thy servant whom thou hast appointed to feed this flock, and to rule over it. O give him, we implore thee, thy Holy Spirit, in rich

measure, that he may glorify thy name, in that important and responsible station in which he is placed. O may his own soul be saved, and the souls of those who hear him: may he have at length an abundant entrance into thy kingdom and glory: and may he have many souls, saved by his instrumentality, for a crown of joy to him in the day of Christ.

Family.—O God, greatly bless, we pray thee, him whom thou hast placed to feed us and lead us in thy kingdom. Save him, O God, and all his flock.

Father.—O Lord our God, graciously look on all thy people in their assemblies on this thy day throughout this land and throughout the whole world. Bless the pastors, and bless the flocks; and may all grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May they all honour and glorify thee in personal holiness, and by shining and giving light in the world.

Family.—O Lord, give thy blessing unto all the churches of the saints, in this land, and throughout all the world.

Father.—Ever blessed and most gracious God, send abroad thy Gospel, we beseech thee, over all the earth. May all nations hear the glad sound of mercy, and at an early period. Remember thine Ancient People, and fulfil all thy promises to them. Lord, send thy Word speedily into every country, and in all the languages of men. And send, O God, we entreat thee, thy Messengers of Salvation to the North, and the South, and the East, and the West, and into every country, nation, and kingdom throughout this dark and evil world. O stir up all thy people to pray, and to make great and zealous exertions

to bring about this blessed object. And stir up us, O Lord our God, in this family, to do what in us lies collectively and individually, to forward thy kingdom and salvation in all the earth. Great are the privileges and blessings which we have received and enjoy. O let us endeavour to communicate these unto others according to the means and opportunities which thou hast given us. May our constant prayer be, 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;' and may our doings in this service correspond with our petitions before thee.

Family.—O Lord, send forth thy light and thy salvation unto all the earth. O God, stir up all thy people, and stir up each one of us to glorify thy name in spreading abroad the glorious gospel of Christ.

Father.—Most Blessed Father, condescend, we most humbly beseech thee, to hear these our prayers and supplications which we have now offered up before thee in the name of our Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ: hear us, O Lord, on behalf of our brethren and our pastor, with whom we are to meet this day; hear us in favour of all thy people, and hear them on our behalf; hear us on behalf of the whole earth; and hear our petitions, O our Father, for ourselves as a family and individually. O may we each be thine in every sense, in time, and in eternity.

Family.—Lord God, hear all our prayers for others, and for our poor unworthy selves; and thine, O Lord, may we truly be, in every sense, in time and in eternity.

Father.—And now, O God of Peace, who broughtest again from the dead, the Lord Jesus the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the

blood of the everlasting covenant,—O make us perfect in every good work to do thy will, working in us that which is pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever: Amen.

Family.—Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY EVENING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

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Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—O Lord God of grace and of mercy and of peace, we unite together this evening at the close of thy holy day, to give thanks and praise to thy ever gracious name, for all the blessings of thy providence and of thy grace which this day thou hast bestowed upon us. O fill our hearts with gratitude, and open our lips in praise, that we may give glory to thy name for thy manifold loving kindnesses and tender mercies thus bestowed upon us poor unworthy and sinful creatures.

Family.—O Lord God of mercy and love, we adore and magnify thy name for all thy goodness bestowed on us this day in thy providence and grace.

Father.—Merciful God, compassionately behold us, we beseech thee, for we are indeed unworthy and sinful creatures. All our life has been sin, and we are greatly degraded before thee. O look on us in Jesus Christ: cleanse us by his Blood from all our guilt; and bind us up for ever in thy Covenant of Redemption, that we may not perish, but have everlasting life.

Family.—O Lord, we are guilty and degraded. Wash us in the Blood of Christ, and give us eternal life.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, may our souls truly profit by all the spiritual exercises in which we have been engaged on this day of thine. May we thereby be assimilated to thee, and be made partakers of the divine nature.

Family.—O Lord, give us thy blessing with all the

religious exercises we have this day been engaged in, and may we be made partakers of the divine nature.

Father.—Almighty God, be pleased, we beseech thee, to maintain upon our minds, and upon our hearts, all the instructions, and all the impressions, we have this day received from thy word, and by thy Spirit. O let us not forget these instructions: O let not these impressions be effaced, nor become weakened: but may the instructions received be fully confirmed in us, and be rooted and grounded; and may the impressions made upon us become stronger and stronger.

Family.—O Father, most graciously seal upon our hearts all the instructions and impressions which we have this day received in waiting upon thee, that through them thy name may be glorified in us.

Father.—O God of our salvation, let the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ rest upon us, through all the means of edification we have enjoyed throughout this day.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—O Most Merciful Father, may the love of God be confirmed unto us, and may we be enlarged therein abundantly, through all the means of edification which we have enjoyed throughout this day.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—O God of all Grace, may the communion of the Holy Ghost be graciously vouchsafed unto us, through all the means of edification which we have enjoyed throughout this day.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—Most blessed God, hear, we beseech

thee, all the prayers offered up by the flock with which we this day associated. O let these prayers be accepted in thy sight, through the holy incense of the Redeemer's sacrifice, and his all prevailing mediation on our behalf; and may visible answers to these supplications be perceived by us in due time, and in thine own way, to the glory of thy most holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Family.—O thou hearer of prayer, listen, we beseech thee, to the supplications of the flock with which we this day associated, and give us gracious answers through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father.—O Lord our God, may every disciple of Jesus Christ with whom we have this day associated in our worship and services be greatly blessed with true and abundant edification, comfort, and salvation, through the exercises in which they have been engaged, and may they all grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—O Lord, abundantly bless all thy people with whom we have worshipped this day.

Father.—Lord God of mercy and compassion, have mercy, we beseech thee, on all present in the congregation in which we assembled, who know not the only way of salvation through the Lamb that was slain, or who live in vice and wickedness, or who remain in a state of indifference about the great concern of their souls and of eternity. O Lord, arouse them by the instructions, reproofs and warnings which have this day sounded in their ears, and may thy Holy Spirit by these means, or by others, speedily bring

them from darkness to light, even to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and to a life of holy obedience to their Saviour, that they may obtain everlasting life.

Family.—O God have mercy on all in our congregation this day who are strangers to thy grace, and make them now to turn unto thee with all their hearts.

Father.—Almighty and Most Gracious Father, bless abundantly, we beseech thee, with thy Spirit thy servant who labours among us, and administers to us the Gospel of thy grace, reconciliation, and peace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. O enlarge his heart, and strengthen him in the Lord, that he may greatly glorify thee in his holy calling and service. O Lord, enable us continually to pray for him, and with all earnest desire, and let our prayers and supplications on his behalf be visibly and abundantly answered. O our God, give to him a gracious blessing through means of the labours and exercises of this day in which he has been engaged.

Family.—Blessed God, enrich our Pastor with thy Spirit, and grant him the light of thy countenance at the close of this day.

Father.—Almighty God, may all the flock of which we form a part, duly listen to and obey thy servant placed over us for our instruction and guidance, and whom thou hast commanded to watch for our souls, and to give a solemn account of them to thee in the final day. O Lord, preserve us from impeding, thwarting, or hindering him in his solemn labours, and in his endeavours to present us all perfect in Jesus Christ at his coming and glory. O let us yield

ourselves up to him in the Lord with all humility of mind before thee and before him. May he be faithful to us as a Pastor, and may we be submissive to him in the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the instructions of thy holy word.

Family.—O our God, enable us to yield ourselves up to thy holy authority and commandment in attending to thy servant whom thou hast given us to instruct and guide us in thy kingdom.

Father.—O Lord our God, may that flock and that congregation for which we have now been praying, be wholly thine. O may we be all sanctified unto thee in Jesus Christ in our bodies and spirits which thou hast made and redeemed. May we continually increase in individual and collective holiness, and in knowledge of thy blessed word, and may we shine and give light to all around us. O may many around be enlightened by us, and be joined to us, and be saved with an everlasting salvation.

Family.—O God, may all this flock and congregation be wholly thine in Jesus Christ, through faith and love, and may many be joined to us here below, and in the everlasting mansions of heaven.

Father.—God Almighty, bless all thy people and all the ministers of the gospel of Christ. Follow with thy gracious blessing all the exercises and services of thy flocks this day, in our own land, and in every place. O bless every individual congregation of thy saints, pour out thy Spirit on thy whole church, and hear on our behalf the prayers of all thy faithful people. Send forth thy word to the ends of the earth in every language, and send forth the Preachers of the Gospel to beseech men of every nation, and

kindred, and tribe, to be reconciled unto God through his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Family.—O Lord bless all the congregations of thy saints, pour out thy Spirit on all thy church, and may the Gospel sound through all the earth.

Father.—O God our heavenly Father, let the instructions and impressions of this day have an especial effect upon us through all this week. On every day of the week may we glorify thee in love and obedience, and may we joyfully look forward to the return of thy Holy Sabbath.

Family.—Blessed Father, guide us and shine on us throughout this week, and may we rejoice at the return of thy Holy Sabbath.

Father.—O God of all grace, who carest for thy people by night and by day, graciously watch over us and bless us through the silent watches of the night, and may we awake in health and strength in the ensuing morning, and in peace and joy with thee, our God and our Father.

Family.—O our God, give thy blessing to each of us during the night, and in the ensuing morning, and for evermore, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father.—Now unto God and our Father, be glory, for ever and ever: Amen.

Family.—Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR MONDAY MORNING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence,

to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 11th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, inspire us, we pray thee, with an earnest desire to attain unto that everlasting Sabbath of blessedness, where thy presence for ever dwelleth, shedding happiness and joy upon all who behold the light of thy countenance. This rest and eternal joy, O Lord, may we seek after according to thine own instructions, as given us in thy holy word. May we hunger and thirst after it; and may we at length obtain it in all its fulness.

Family.—O Lord God, enable us to hunger and thirst after everlasting life, and finally may we obtain it.

Father.—Bestow upon us thy blessing, O Lord, through the reading of thy holy word in which we have now been engaged.

Family.—O Lord, bless us in thy word.

Father.—O Father of Mercies, what shall we render unto thee for the hope which thou hast set before us, the hope of an inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading. O beget us indeed, and preserve us to the same, and grant that we all may find mercy of thee in the day of Christ. O let none of this family be wanting at the right hand of our Redeemer at his coming. O let us each and all, singly and combinedly, fight the good fight of faith, and obtain the glorious crown of everlasting righteousness.

Family.—O Father of Mercies, let each of us in this family finally obtain the full and eternal possession of what is now set in hope before us.

Father.—O Lord Jesus Christ, who in the days of thy flesh didst expiate our sins upon the cross, and who now sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father,—how, O Saviour, shall we praise and glorify thee for that love wherewith thou hast loved us who were dead in trespasses and sins, and for that sacrifice which thou gavest for our redemption, and for the hope of everlasting glory which thou hast procured for us,—O Saviour, teach us how to glorify thy name, by thy Spirit dwelling in us.

Family.—Lord Jesus, give us thy Spirit, that we may magnify thy name for the great love wherewith thou hast loved us.

Father.—Almighty Father, the God of Grace,

thus we raise our voices to thee this morning in grateful remembrance of thy mercy, by which thou hast redeemed our souls from everlasting perdition. But thou art also the God of Providence, and it is in thee we live and move and have our being, and from thy bountiful hand all our blessings and enjoyments proceed. Blessed be thy name, O Lord, for thy gracious protection of us throughout the dark hours of the night now passed, and blessed be thy name that we enjoy health of body and soundness of mind this morning. O let us be full of gratitude, let us abound in thanksgivings, and may we always have a lively sense of all thy benefits.

Family.—O Father of grace and of Providence, we praise thee for all thy grace, and bless thee for thy goodness to us during the past hours of darkness, and for thy blessings upon us this morning.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, when we remember all thy mercy, grace, and benevolence towards us, we desire to pity and to sympathise with the multitude of our fellow creatures who are without the blessings we enjoy, and we desire to make our supplications to thee on their behalf. O Lord have mercy on the poor, and on all who are in trouble and sorrow of whatever kind, and lead them unto thyself, and give them thy blessing. Have mercy, O God, on all who are living in ignorance of thy name, and in disobedience to thy holy statutes, and turn them from Satan unto God.

Family.—Lord God, have pity on all who are in sorrow and trouble, and have mercy on the ignorant and the disobedient.

Father.—Almighty God, pour out thy Spirit

on all thy Church. O Lord, give light, give holiness, give unity, give extension to thy Church; and may its glory in thee speedily fill the whole earth. Visit again thy people Israel, O God of Abraham, and bring them into thy fold with the fulness of the Gentiles. Bless all the Ministers of the Word, guide them and prosper them in thy work: may the Pastors of thy flock feed thy people faithfully and diligently, and may thy servants the Evangelists boldly and distinctly sound the Gospel trumpet about and within the enemy's encampments; and, O God, by thy power make Satan to fall to the ground like lightning before the name which thy servants preach, even the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Family.—Gracious Father, enrich thy Church with every grace; and bless all thy Ministers, and make them faithful and prosperous in thy kingdom.

[*Father.*—O Lord, our heavenly Father, kindly look, we beseech thee, on the children of this family. Preserve them, O Lord, from the many dangers to which they are exposed in their tender years. May they be willingly and attentively obedient to all the instructions they receive, and be kind and docile in all their ways. Bless them with health, and length of days, if such be thy holy will; but especially do we pray thee to bless them with the knowledge of thy salvation, and may they glorify thee in thy Son Jesus Christ in their day and generation.

Family.—Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, the children of this family. May they be preserved from all dangers for many years, and may they be blessed in Jesus Christ, and be made a blessing to the world.]*

* This collect and the following one may be used in any of the succeeding prayers as may be required.

[*Father.*—O God Almighty, we pray thee to bless the servants of this family. Enable them to be faithful in all their duties, not rendering eye-service, but acting as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; and may they be cheered in all their service with the conviction that they are serving the Lord Jesus Christ. May they rest in his atonement, and do his will, and at length may they receive the inheritance thou hast promised to those who love thee.

Family.—O Lord, graciously bless the servants of this family: make them faithful in all their service, and grant to them at last the crown of eternal life.]

Father.—O Lord God, we beseech thee now, and once more, and with all earnestness, to bless this household. O God, graciously be pleased to dwell in this our tabernacle continually. May all this family be thine, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost: here may we serve thee, and in heaven may we glorify thee.—And O do thou bless all around us, and all this country. Bless our Queen with health, prosperity and salvation: and bless our Governor, and all persons in authority.

Family.—O Lord, bless this house, this neighbourhood, and all this nation: and bless our Queen, and all in authority.

Father.—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

Family.—Amen and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR MONDAY EVENING.

Father—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 18th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Most glorious Majesty of heaven and earth, how solemn is the thought that we are now addressing ourselves directly unto thee! O solemnize our minds, as they ought to be, under such circumstances! The holy angels in

heaven approach thee with the utmost reverence. O give us a portion of that devout feeling which they possess before thee. O Lord, in the deepest humiliation, and in the warmest gratitude may we now worship thee: and O let our services be acceptable in thy sight.

Family.—O Lord, let us worship thee in deep humility, and with lively gratitude: and, O let our services be acceptable before thee.

Father.—But how, O Lord God, most holy and righteous, can our services be acceptable unto thee,—we who are such unholy and unrighteous creatures? O Lord, it is not in our own name that we plead for acceptance, for we know our sad, and fallen, and degraded condition; but we plead for acceptance, through thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, who having expiated our sins on the tree, is now in glory at thy right hand making intercession for sinners. This, O God is our ground of hope in thy presence: O let us be accepted before thee in the Beloved.

Family.—God Almighty, may we sinners, be accepted of thee in the Beloved.

Father.—O Father of light and of knowledge, be pleased, we pray thee, to open our understandings to comprehend more fully thy Glorious Self, as unfolded to us in the holy scriptures, and in all thy works, and in thy great salvation, and in all the dealings of thy providence. May our desires be after thee in every way, and may we constantly aim at a holy imitation of all thy character, and may we be truly partakers of the Divine nature. O give us thy Spirit: O fill us with the Holy Ghost.

Family.—O God of light, enlighten us, we pray thee, and fill us with the Holy Ghost.

Father.—O Lord, pity all who are wandering in darkness. O dispel the blind delusions that Satan has cast over them, and through which he holds them fast in captivity, following him at his will. God Almighty deliver them, and grant them the heavenly light of the gospel of Christ.

Family.—O Lord, deliver the poor captives, deluded of the devil.

Father.—Gracious Father, be pleased to look with thy compassion upon all who are in deep affliction, in pain or distress; and pitifully regard all the poor and the needy. O grant support and deliverances to all such, according to the good pleasure of thy goodness.

Family.—O Lord, mercifully pity all the needy and the afflicted.

Father.—O Father of Mercies, what shall we render unto thee for all thy bounties to us as a family this day and individually. Praise be to thy name, O God, for our health, our food, and all our comforts: for all thy guidance of us in our affairs, and for all our bodily and mental enjoyments; for the sweet recollections of thy past mercies in all our ways, and for the bright prospects thou givest us of future blessings, above what we can ask or think, in thy heavenly kingdom of love and of glory. O Lord, may we be kept by thy mighty power through faith unto salvation.

Family.—O Lord our God, we adore thee for thy manifold blessings to us through this day, and in all times past, and praise thee for our prospects of everlasting joy.

Father.—O God of this family, bless, we pray

thee, all who are allied to us as relatives, friends, neighbours, and acquaintances. Let thy grace unto eternal life be given to them, and grant them a gracious measure of thy bounties in this world, if such be thy holy will and for their good. Hear all their prayers for us, and may our frequent and fervent mutual supplications procure for us respectively from thy bounties more and more blessings every day.

Family.—O our Father, abundantly bless all who are related to us, and hear and answer all our mutual supplications for grace upon grace.

Father.—Almighty God, enlighten, enlarge, and adorn with every grace, the Church of Christ sojourning in this world. Defend thy church, O God, from all the powers of the enemy, and renovate it in strength and beauty. Prepare thy church for the marriage of the Lamb; and may we as members of thy church be ever adorned with the wedding garment of faith, of love, of holiness, and benevolence.

Family.—Greatly bless thy church, O God, and may we ever stand ready in our wedding garment.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, we now close our thanksgivings and supplications before thee, and would retire to rest. O Lord, protect us and refresh us through the night; and in the morning may we arise in the midst of thy blessings. O Lord, accept of us in the Beloved, and smile on us for evermore: Amen.

Family.—O Lord, accept of us in the Beloved, and smile on us for evermore: Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR TUESDAY MORNING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 11th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Most Holy and Ever Blessed God, we again fall down on our knees before thee in the hope of thy compassion and mercy, for thy compassion, and thy mercy, and thy love, are the sole objects of our desire; and these, by thy

grace, will we ever seek after in our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom thou hast promised to us all the blessings of the Gospel.

Family.—O Lord our God, grant us thy mercy and love through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father.—God of mercy and love, we adore thee for the redemption of the world in thy Son Jesus Christ, and for calling us to be partakers in thy kingdom. O Lord, give us grace, fully to understand thy salvation, fully to receive it into our hearts, and fully to follow it.

Family.—O Lord we adore thee for thy grace. Let us fully receive it, and follow it.

Father.—Father of mercies, we bless thy name for thy gracious goodness to us all, through the night which is now passed: and we thank thee for all the precious benefits we this morning enjoy from thy bountiful hand. O Lord, give us hearts overflowing with gratitude, in a lively sense of all thy benevolence.

Family.—Praise to thy name, O God, for thy blessings to us, in the night, and this morning.

Father.—God of compassion and of power, graciously look on us this day through all its parts. In thy fear may we truly be all the day long. O keep us from harm, and lead us away from all temptations and spiritual dangers; or if exposed to them, preserve us, O God, from evil: may we stand fast in the Lord.

Family.—O Lord, preserve us this day from sin, and from harm.

Father.—Merciful Father, be pleased to look on us this day in all our duties. Grant that we may understand them well, and in all things may we be faithful in the sight of God and man.

Family.—O God, make us wise and faithful to day in all our duties.

Father.—Our heavenly Father, grant unto each of us this day thy grace according to our several circumstances. May all this family act as one body in obedience to thy holy directions given us in thy word. May we rule and instruct, and learn, and obey respectively, according to thy blessed will made known to us, in the fullest assurance of thy infinite wisdom and benevolence in all thy commandments and directions.

Family.—O Lord fit us in spirit and in practice for our relative and respective duties as thou hast taught us.

Father.—Gracious Father, give thy abundant blessing, we pray thee, to all our dear relatives, our friends, and our acquaintances, and to all our brethren in Christ Jesus of whom thou hast given us knowledge by word or epistle; and hear the prayers which all these offer up on our behalf.

Family.—Bless, O our Father, all our friends and brethren, and hear all their prayers for us.

Father.—Almighty God, be merciful and gracious to all the inhabitants of this place and neighbourhood. Bless us all in things temporal, spiritual, and eternal; and make us lights and blessings unto all around us.

Family.—O God, be pleased to bless all the people of this place and neighbourhood.

Father.—Almighty and everlasting God, bless, we pray thee, this whole nation. Bless our Queen with all grace, wisdom, and power; and bless our Governor, and all who are in authority. O let the fear of God and the knowledge of sal-

vation increase among all classes and conditions throughout this Empire: and let us in our national capacity be instrumental in advancing thy cause, through that intercourse and influence which thou hast given us with all the nations of the world. May the objects of our national pursuit ever be thy glory, and the best interests of all mankind.

Family.—Bless, O God, our Queen, our Governor, and our country. Cause thy glory to shine among us, and may we afford light to all nations.

Father.—God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, bless, we earnestly entreat thee, thy church which thou hast purchased unto thyself by the atoning sacrifice of thy Beloved Son. Enlighten, sanctify, unite, and enlarge thy church day by day: and may thy Kingdom come, and may thy will be done over all the earth; and hasten, we beseech thee, this blessed expected period, that thy name may be glorified on earth as it is in heaven.

Family.—O Lord may thy Kingdom come, and may thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Father.—O God of pity and of tender mercy, look upon all that are in affliction and distress of whatever kind, with all thy compassion and love. Sustain them, O God, relieve and deliver them, and with all speed, according to the riches of thy mercy and goodness. And give unto us, O our Father, very grateful hearts for all thy benefits which we enjoy; and may we compassionate the distressed, and prove blessings unto them according to the grace and the means which thou hast given us.

Family.—O Lord, pitifully look upon all who are in affliction, and make us thankful and benevolent.

Father.—And now, O our Father and our God, our whole hope and trust is in thee. We are altogether guilty, but do thou take away all our sins through the blood of the covenant, fill us with thy spirit in Christ Jesus, enable us to walk before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days: give us thy peace in life, and in death, and finally bring us to those mansions which thou hast prepared for thy people redeemed out of this fallen world through our Lord Jesus Christ: Amen.

Family.—Our Father in heaven, guide us through life, bless us in death, and crown us with everlasting blessedness: and unto thy name be all the glory for ever and ever:—Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR TUESDAY EVENING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time; may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning

all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 18th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty Father, God of Light and Truth, we desire again to give thanks to thee for that holy book which thou hast given us for our instruction. We thank thee for the present, and for the many opportunities we have of reading thy holy word. O give us grace ever to read it with all attention, and with an earnest desire to know thy great name, and to learn thy holy will. And may we not be hearers only of thy word, but may we stir ourselves up very diligently to keep thy holy commandments, and to conform ourselves to all the directions thou hast been pleased to give us, as thy creatures, and as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Family.—O Lord, we thank thee for the holy scriptures. O enable us diligently to attend to this sacred book.

Father.—Blessed God, give thy Spirit to all who read thy word, that they may understand it well, and do thou enforce on them the necessity of yielding themselves entirely up to its guidance.

O God, grant that thy word may be more read, and more appreciated by thy people than it has ever yet been. May thy word be more read in all churches, more read in families, and more read by individuals. Lead all, O God, to whom thy word is accessible, to give heed to it, as that book by which they shall be judged at the last day, and from which only they can learn the way of escape from thy wrath, and gain everlasting life. And, O God, send forth thy word to all nations in every tongue. Bless the efforts making for this end, and crown them with great and speedy success.

Family.—O God, bless all who read thy word. Lead all to read it to whom it is accessible; and send it speedily to all nations.

Father.—Almighty Father, thou art the God of our life, and the length of our days. In thee alone we live and breathe and have our being. Give us understanding, O God, and grace to perceive and to recognise thy hand as ever upholding us, and as ever bestowing on us thy benefits. O Lord, thou hast sustained us this day, and all our life long. We thank and praise thee for the continuance of our life through this day, and we thank thee for the health of body and of mind which we have enjoyed: we bless thee for our food, and our raiment, and our shelter, for all the blessings of society and friendship, and for our sweet domestic comforts. O Lord our God, thou art the giver of all, and to thy name be all the glory and the praise.

Family.—Gracious Father, we thank thee for our life, health, food, raiment, and shelter, for all the blessings of society and friendship, and all the sweets of domestic life.

Father.—Father of mercies, pity the poor and the afflicted, the ignorant and the vicious: and **O** have mercy on them according to their several conditions. Remember, **O** God, thy gracious promises to widows, to fatherless children, and orphans; and pitifully regard the hoary head in infirmity. Let our hearts be moved with compassion, towards all who are under these circumstances, and lead us to be blessings to them according to the means and opportunities thou hast given us. **O** Lord, have mercy on all who are under severe trials and temptations of whatever kind, and let not Satan get an advantage over them.

Family.—**O** Lord, be merciful and gracious to all who are under sufferings of any kind.

Father.—**O** God, our heavenly Father, most graciously and benignantly look on this family, and bless us with all those enjoyments which thou has benevolently planned for our comfort in the arrangements of domestic life. May we all be faithful in our respective duties, and may we be full of love, good will and sympathy towards each other; and may there be no jealousies, no envyings, no pride and folly among us, but may the Spirit of God manifestly be in each and all of us, and may we walk as the children of God, in sweet fellowship, union, and comfort.

Family.—**O** Lord our God, let thy blessing gracious and abundant rest on this family in all things.

Father.—Almighty God, bless all our relatives, all our friends, all our neighbours, all our acquaintances, and all our christian brethren known to us. Bless thy whole Church, pour out thy

blessings on all thy Ministers, and send thy Gospel abroad far and wide to all the nations upon earth. Let thy promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, come into remembrance before thee; and turn again, O God, the captivity of thy people. O let thy blessings rest on this nation, on our Queen, our Governor, and on all who are in authority; and make this land a blessing unto all lands by spreading forth truth, righteousness, and salvation in every direction.

Family.—O God, bless all with whom we are connected, and all this nation, and all the earth.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, into thy all gracious hands we resign ourselves this evening; in thy fear and love we would lie down, with thy blessing may we rest, and in thy favour may we awake. O Lord, our manifold sins we confess before thee, and our corruptions, our ignorance and weakness. O pity us, we beseech thee; wash away all our guilt in the precious blood of Christ, deliver us from the bondage of our sins, and enable us daily to live in all holiness and righteousness before thee, and growing in a meetness for the inheritance of the saints in light: Amen.

Family.—O Lord our God, wash us from all our sins, deliver us from evil, and bring us to thy kingdom and glory, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of

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Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 11th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Most Holy and ever Blessed God, with what fear, and with what reverence, and with what gratitude, and love, and joy, should we approach into thy presence, and worship at thy throne of grace. Grant us, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit to fill our minds and hearts with all these feelings, at the present time, and at all times when we come before thee.

Family.—Most Holy God, grant us thy Spirit, that we may now worship thee with all those feelings which we ought ever to have when we come before thee.

Father.—O Lord God Almighty, we adore thee for not executing justice and judgment upon this sinful, rebellious, and guilty world. We adore thee, that thou didst stay thy hand, and didst look upon us in compassion and mercy: and we adore thee, that thou didst plan, in thine infinite wisdom, a way by which thy justice might be glorified in its full execution, and that thy guilty creatures might escape thy wrath, and enjoy thy favour, and an eternal mansion in heaven in unspeakable blessedness.

Family.—O Lord, we adore thee, for thy mercy to us, and for the hope of everlasting blessedness.

Father.—Glory be to thy name, O God, for giving up thy Beloved Son to suffer and to die for our guilt. We rejoice, O Lord, that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin: and we rest and hope in that one, great, and perfect atonement made for our salvation. O cleanse us from all our guilt by the blood of this sin offering, for thou hast declared thine acceptance of this atonement made to thee for our sins, and thy readiness to forgive us through the same, when we humble ourselves before thee and implore thy mercy. O Lord, we humble ourselves before thee; O Lord, we implore thy mercy. O be merciful to us, forgive us our sins, and grant us thy peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed for us that we might not perish, but have everlasting life.

Family.—Lord God Almighty, through thy great mercy to sinners in the atonement of Christ, blot out all our iniquities, and grant us the light of thy countenance for ever and ever.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, pour out thy

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Spirit upon us, that we may be enlarged in thy salvation, and may walk therein all our days.— Look on us most graciously, we beseech thee, this morning, in the commencement of this day. O Lord, we cannot direct our ways, nor uphold our steps; but do thou, O our God, undertake for us, and we shall be safe. It is thou, O Lord, who hast preserved us during the silent hours of the night, and it is through thy bountiful goodness that we are all in the enjoyment of so many mercies this morning. O let us gratefully sing thy praise in our hearts, and may we give thee glory in all our conduct and doings throughout this day on which we now enter. Let thy fear be before us, and let our only object in every thing be to do thy will: let our understandings be enlightened, that we may clearly perceive in all things what thou wouldst have us to do: and let us rejoice in thy salvation all the day long.

Family.—O Lord, we bless thee for all thy mercies through the past night, and for all our enjoyments this morning. O let us glorify thee in every thing throughout this day, and let thy blessing be upon us.

Father.—Gracious Father, we pray thee to be with us as a family. O let us be united to each other in the bonds of love, sympathy, and benevolence. May we fulfil thy will concerning us individually, as we are severally called in the respective duties which thou hast set before us in thy word. And, O God of peace and loving kindness, may peace and loving kindness, characterise us as a family, that so thy blessing may rest on us all, and that we may be a blessing unto all around us.

Family.—O Lord bless us greatly as a family, and make us blessings to all about us.

Father.—O Lord, mercifully look on the whole family of man. O send thy salvation to all the ends of the earth. Let thy word have free course and be glorified among all nations and in every tongue; and may thy Ministers go forth in every direction to evangelise the whole world.

Family.—O God, have mercy on all mankind, and send the gospel speedily to all nations.

Father.—Bless, O Lord our God, and with all the riches of thy grace, thy chosen family, the church of thy Son Jesus Christ sojourning in this evil world. O Lord, give thy Spirit abundantly to all the Ministers of the Gospel, that they may faithfully preach the truths of salvation, and that they may be patterns of holiness; and do thou graciously uphold every member of thy church, that they may all be enabled to show forth thy praise on earth; and may they all finally obtain everlasting glory.

Family.—O Lord, graciously bless all thy Ministers, and every member of the Church of Christ.

Father.—O God, All Glorious Ruler of the world and of the whole universe, we pray thee to bless the Sovereign of this Empire. Give her knowledge and power to rule this nation according to thy will; and bless her soul with thy grace, that she may live and reign with thee forever. Bless the Governor of this country: guide him in all his measures, and bless him with thy salvation.

Family.—Great Ruler of the universe, bless our Sovereign, and bless the Governor of this country.

Father.—God of compassion, pitifully look on all the poor, and on all the afflicted, and be near unto them in their distress, and grant them relief. Lord have mercy on the ignorant and the vicious, and grant them light, and repentance unto life.

Family.—O Lord pity the poor and the afflicted, and have mercy on the ignorant and the vicious.

Father.—Gracious and Bountiful Parent, from whom we have all, and in whom is all our hope, O fill us with gratitude and love for all thy benefits to us, and let us ever show forth thy praise. And now, O Lord, for evermore, let the light of thy countenance shine upon us, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Amen.

Family.—O Lord our God, fill us with thy love, and let thy countenance ever shine on us, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man

through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 18th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel].

Father.—Merciful Father, at the close of this day, we unite together in this family to offer up our evening tribute of gratitude and thanksgiving unto thee, for all thy mercies and benefits towards us throughout all the hours of the day which has now passed over our heads. O how great is thy goodness to us from day to day, and how great have thy mercies been to us in all our past life through all its stages and vicissitudes. O God, we pray thee to give us more lively feelings of gratitude, and stir us up by a sense of all thy loving kindness to dedicate and devote ourselves to thy service and honour and glory.

Family.—O Lord, great are thy mercies towards us: O stir us up with gratitude, and may we abound in thanksgiving.

Father.—O Lord our God, we confess before thee that every evening reminds us forcibly of our great weakness, and of our manifold corruptions. Every day, alas, we sin against thee, and but for

thy mercy we should lie down every evening without hope of thy favour. But, blessed be thy name, there is a way for the forgiveness of sins, and there is a way for our sanctification. O God, forgive us through Jesus Christ all the sins of this day, and cleanse us by his blood from all the guilt we have incurred in all our life; and give us thy Spirit, O our Father, to sanctify, to enlighten, and to strengthen us in all thy holy ways; and let us every succeeding day of our lives be more and more conformable to thy will through the power of thy Spirit upon us.

Family.—O Lord God, we confess our sins against thee this day, and in all our days: O wash us in the blood of Christ, and give us thy Spirit that we may live near to thee, in all our ways.

Father.—Most Gracious Father, we pray that thy blessing may accompany and follow all the labour of our hands and of our minds in thy service this day, that thy name may be glorified therein; and let no evil arise from any thing we have done. O let us every day work for eternity, and lay up treasure in heaven; and day by day may our hearts get more attached to spiritual and heavenly things; and may we truly rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Family.—Bless the work of our hands and minds this day, O our Father, and set our affections greatly on things that are above.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, be pleased this evening to bless all our friends united to us by various ties of relationship; and ever give us the spirit of true friendship. May we love all around us, and do them good as opportunities may offer; and keep us from injuring any one

in any of his concerns, under whatever temptation we may be placed. Bless all who have helped us and done us good in any way, and bless all who pray for us, and let their supplications be heard on our behalf.

Family.—O Lord, bless all our friends, and make us friendly unto all. Bless those who pray for us, and graciously hear them on our behalf.

Father.—Almighty God, prosper, we pray thee, thy glorious cause upon earth in the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ. May thy word run and be glorified in every language, and among all people, and kindreds, and nations. Bless all the Pastors who feed and lead thy people, and arm with thy grace and power all who are preaching the Gospel in ungodly regions: and let thy kingdom come, and let thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Family.—Almighty God, prosper thy cause, and let thy blessing be upon all thy ministers and all thy people, and be thy name glorified in all the earth.

Father.—All Gracious Father, pitifully look this evening on all who are under pain, affliction, and distress, and graciously come to their relief. May their trials and distresses be overruled for thy glory and for their good; and especially may they be led to thee for help through thy mercy in the Gospel of Christ, and may their souls be everlastingly saved.

Family.—Graciously, O Lord, look on all in distress, and give them thy blessing.

Father.—Almighty God, we would now unitedly commend ourselves to thee for thy protection and blessing through the night. May we lie down in sweet peace with thee through

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our Lord Jesus Christ, and in peace with all men. Grant, O Lord, if it be thy will, that our sleep may be refreshing, and may no harm befall us; and in the morning may we awake and arise in health and strength of body and mind, resolved to serve thee more than ever in newness of life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Family.—Almighty Father, may we lie down this night in thy peace, and awake in thy favour in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father.—Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, we commit the keeping of our souls into thy hand now and for ever; and may we at length partake of the fulness of joy and of the everlasting pleasures that are at thy right hand, and purchased for sinners by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever: Amen.

Family.—Unto God and the Lamb be glory for ever and ever: Amen, and Amen.



FAMILY WORSHIP FOR THURSDAY MORNING.



Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time; may we listen attentively to thy

words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 11th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, the Father of all the families of the earth, look graciously down upon this family, we beseech thee. We approach thy mercy seat together as a family, to humble ourselves before thee, to give thanks to thee for thy manifold mercies to us, and to supplicate thee with one voice in the name of Christ for the blessings of thy grace and thy providence. Be pleased, O God, to give us a right spirit of prayer, and a right disposition of heart towards thee. May we ever approach thee with deep humility, duly impressed with a sense of our woeful condition, and full of the liveliest gratitude towards thee for the redemption of our souls from misery, and for the blessed hope thou hast given us of everlasting life and glory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Family.—Almighty Father, we adore thee for our re-

demption, and for the hope of life everlasting through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father.—O Lord God, set our affections on things above where Jesus Christ sitteth at the right hand of God, and let not our affections settle on the things of this life. In the midst of all our concerns as a family, and of all our individual occupations, may our minds, hearts, and feelings, be on that blessed state of holiness which we hope for through the promises of the gospel of Christ, and may we delightfully ruminate on the fulness of joy that is in thy presence, and on the pleasures for evermore that are at thy right hand. Thus may our treasure sensibly and manifestly be in heaven; and may all our desires and efforts tend to the attaining of that blessed and eternal treasure.

Family.—O Lord our God, set our affections on the blessed treasure thou hast promised to us in heaven.

Father.—O God Most Holy and Blessed for ever, grant unto us, we humbly beseech thee, that in the view of the glorious enjoyments in heaven, and in the view of the day of judgment, we may be all alive to the blessed prize set before us, and to the dangers which threaten our losing it altogether. Give unto us therefore, O our God, we most earnestly entreat thee, thy Holy Spirit to dwell in us, to teach us how to walk before thee in all our duties and in all our concerns public and private, so that in all and in every thing, and at all times, and under all circumstances, our whole motive and effort may be to do those things that are acceptable in thy sight, with the view of obtaining from our Lord

Jesus Christ in the day of his judgment, that blessed pronouncement upon us, "Well done good and faithful servant." O Lord our God, may we all obtain this in the day of Christ, and enter into everlasting life and glory.

Family.—God Almighty, grant us grace to act acceptably unto Christ in all things.

Father.—Maintain, O God Almighty, maintain upon our minds these solemnities, and these holy desires and pursuits, this day, and all the day long; and under the influence of them may we walk in the way of godliness, in the way of purity and holiness, in the way of truth, of righteousness, and benevolence. May all our relative duties towards each other as a family be performed faithfully, affectionately, and cheerfully. May those who are elders and invested with authority by Christ, rule well, and afford a good example in all things; and may those who are younger and placed in subjection, be reverential and faithful in all their ways. Thus may we be in truth a family of God, and declare ourselves to be the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty.

Family.—O God, let us glorify thee as a family, and declare ourselves to be the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty.

Father.—Give us grace also, O our heavenly Father, to live as Neighbours to all around us, in such a manner in all things that we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. May we walk in the light and the love of God towards all our neighbours. May we love them,

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and serve them, and sympathise with them, and in all things sincerely seek their good for the present life and for the life to come. O God, we pray thee to bless all our neighbours with the light of the gospel, and with all the blessings of thy providence that may be truly good for them. And grant us, O our Father, if it be thy will, that we may enjoy as a family and as individuals the good will of all around us.

Family.—O God Almighty, bless all our neighbours for time and for eternity.

Father.—Almighty Father, have mercy on the poor, and graciously supply all their wants. Have compassion, O Lord, on all that are afflicted and distressed, and be their helper in the time of need.

Family.—O Lord have mercy on all the poor and the afflicted.

Father.—Almighty God, may it please thee to bless the Queen: bless also all Governors, Judges, Magistrates, Instructors, and all conditions of men in this empire, and may thy name be greatly glorified in us all.

Family.—O Lord, bless the Queen and all in authority, and bless all classes in this nation, that thy name may be glorified among us.

Father.—O Lord our God, illuminate, sanctify, unite, and enlarge thy church; and may thy kingdom come, and may thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Family.—O Lord, abundantly bless and enlarge thy church.

Father.—And now, O our Father, be merciful to us sinners through the Blood of the Cove-

nant, and give us thy grace, and give us thy glory. We are thine: thou hast redeemed us: and to thy name be glory for ever and ever: Amen.

Family.—O Lord, be merciful to us sinners: and to thy name be glory for ever and ever: Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR THURSDAY EVENING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time; may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be difused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 18th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Father Almighty, thou hast in thy goodness and grace towards us brought us all in safety to the close of another day. Thy hand, O Lord, has been upon us and around us, and therefore no danger has come nigh to us, and no harm has come upon us. We thank thee, O our God, for the measure of grace thou hast given us to fear thee, and to seek thine honour and glory all the day, and to shun that which is evil. We thank thee for thy blessing on the works of our hands, and we bless thee for all the peace, comfort, and enjoyment we have experienced in all our outgoings and incomings. O forgive us all our shortcomings, our neglects, our weakness, ignorance, and sloth, and all our transgressions and sin, for in every thing we sin and come short of thy glory. Wash us, O Lord, this evening in the precious blood of Christ, from all the sins of this day, and from all our guilt in thy sight.

Family.—O Lord, we praise thee for all thy goodness and grace to us this day. O forgive us all our sins through the atonement of Christ.

Father.—Almighty and ever blessed God, at the close of every day, and in the view of all thy providences and dispensations as they develop themselves before us, in our own case, or in the world around us, give us, we pray thee, give us understanding and grace to receive additional instruction concerning thy glorious government of the world, and of the universe. Give us to see thee as the God of light, and in whom there

is no darkness at all: give us to see thee as the God of love, and how greatly thou lovest thy creatures, and desirest their happiness: give us to see thee as the God of justice, and may we flee from all unrighteousness: give us to see thee as the God of truth, and may we ever speak and act uprightly: give us to see thee as the God of mercy and grace, and may we glorify thee as redeemed sinners: give us to see thee as the God of purity and holiness, and may we hunger and thirst after these virtues: give us to see thee as the God of benevolence, and may we be filled with this spirit, and feel and show forth benevolence towards all: O give us, O our God, to be most earnest imitators of thee as dear children in Christ Jesus.

Family.—O God, grant us grace to see thee in all thy administrations, and to be imitators of thee as dear children in Christ Jesus.

Father.—Most Blessed Father, at the approach of evening, and when we lie down in our beds, enable us to remember thereby the night of death and of the grave; and may we be stirred up by this remembrance to prepare ourselves more and more for that time to which we daily approach. O Lord, we adore thee for the blessed hope thou hast given us in death, through the death of our Lord Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for our sins. On this sacrifice, O Lord, may we ever rest all our hopes of pardon; and may we be daily led by thy Spirit to live a life of repentance and humility, of holiness, righteousness, and benevolence, that we may approve ourselves as the children of God.

Family.—O God, we thank and praise thee for the hope in death which thou hast given us. O may we live in faith and holiness before thee.

Father.—O our heavenly Father, graciously grant that our sleep this night may be sweet and refreshing to us, and may no danger come nigh our bed, or our dwelling. May we lie down in sweet peace and joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ; and when we awake, may this peace and joy come first, and fresh, and full, to our hearts, and may all our soul glow with love, and gratitude, and praise to thee for this peace and joy, and for all our heavenly prospects.

Family.—Most Gracious Father, bless us with refreshment this night, and with thy presence as we lie down and as we rise up.

Father.—O Lord, condescend to regard each one in this family with thy special favour. May thy servant at the head of this family act as a true servant and imitator of Christ in his rule and care respecting all those placed under his trust in this family, and may thy handmaid, and the children, and the servants of this family, all act according to the directions of Christ in their proper places to the glory of God. We pray for the blessing of God to be on all our neighbours, friends, and acquaintances, and may we ever act in true friendship and benevolence towards them all.

Family.—O Lord, give thy blessing to each member of this family, and to all our neighbours, friends, and acquaintances.

Father.—O God, be merciful to the poor and to the distressed: be merciful to the ignorant and the vicious: bless this nation, and all that

are in authority in it: bless thy Church as a body, and bless every individual member of it: bless thy servants in the ministry: and send thy salvation to all nations, by thy word, and by thy messengers: and let thy glory in Christ speedily fill all the earth.—Merciful God, hear and answer all these our petitions, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Amen.

Family.—O Lord, have mercy upon all men, and hear and answer all these our petitions, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR FRIDAY MORNING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.

—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 11th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—O Lord God, most pure and holy, how shall we sinful and corrupt creatures come before thee? O Lord, our hope is in thy mercy, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Through his blood we have redemption, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy grace. O God, may a very deep impression of our obligations to thee for our salvation be ever engraved on our minds, and may this spirit be manifested in humility, and gratitude, and in holiness of heart and of life.

Family.—O Lord, ever fill us with a deep sense of our obligations to thee for the redemption of our souls.

Father.—Almighty God, maintain on our minds a constant sense of our fallen, degraded, and corrupt condition, and may we be deeply humbled before thee on account of our vileness, our ignorance, our weakness, and our proneness to evil. Merciful God, deliver us, we beseech thee, from our corruptions, and in no manner let them prevail against us, but may we subdue and crucify them day by day according to thy holy commandment. We rejoice, O Lord, before thee, in the blessed prospect of being finally delivered, and fully and eternally from all our corruptions and all their effects. O Lord, do

thou indeed deliver us, and give us a glorious victory and triumph through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Family.—Lord have mercy on us in our corruptions, and grant us at length a glorious deliverance through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father.—Gracious Father, we thank thee anew for thy Holy Word which thou hast given us for our instruction, edification, and comfort in thy kingdom. We thank thee for the present opportunity we have had of reading it together at this time. Be pleased, O Lord, to instruct and build us up in thy ways by what we have now read: may we not be hearers only of thy word, but may we carefully keep thy holy law. Give thy blessing, O God, to all who have read, or are reading thy word this morning as a family like ourselves: and soon may the time come when thy word shall be daily read in every family over the whole world.

Family.—Our Father, we praise thee for thy holy word: O bless us and all who read it.

Father.—O Lord, graciously send forth thy light and truth to all mankind. Pour out a spirit of prayer on thy people, that they may cry day and night unto thee on behalf of the dark places of the earth. O Lord, arise and have mercy on them. Be merciful to thine Ancient Israel long wandering among the nations, and graciously visit them with thy salvation according to thy word. Stir up and send forth thy servants in great numbers to all nations, and pour out thy Spirit abundantly on all thy ministers already labouring in Satan's grounds, and grant them

many captives day by day. May all thy servants be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, and may the work of the Lord prosper in their hands.

Family.—O Lord, send forth thy light and truth, and bless abundantly all thy servants labouring in the wild fields of this world.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, fill us, we beseech thee, with continual and lively gratitude for all the goodness of thy grace upon us, and for all thy gracious providences day by day. O Lord, we praise thee, for thy mercies to us all in the hours of the past night, and we bless thee for our health of body and of mind this morning. And now, O our God, be very gracious to us through all this day: O keep us from sin, and preserve us from every danger: make us faithful and diligent in all our duties, and may we do every thing with the purpose of pleasing Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Family.—Our Father, we thank thee for all thy goodness to us in the night. O be with us all very mercifully throughout this day.

Father.—Gracious God, bless all our friends and all thy people; and hear all their prayers on our behalf. Have compassion on the afflicted and on the poor. Be merciful to all who are living in vice, and to all who are ignorant of the way of salvation, and bring them to the knowledge of the truth that they may be saved.

Family.—O Lord, bless our friends, and all thy people, be merciful to the afflicted, and the poor, and bring those who are astray to the knowledge of salvation.

Father.—Great Potentate of the world and of the whole universe, we pray thee to bless the Sovereign of this Empire. Give her all know-

ledge and power to rule this country according to thy will; and give unto her the blessings of thy salvation both here and hereafter. Give thy blessing, O God, to the Governor of this land; and bless all persons in authority here, and over the whole empire. May true prosperity abound in this nation, and may we prove a blessing to all the world.

Family.—Great Sovereign of all, bless our Queen in all her concerns; bless our Governor, and all in authority: and may prosperity abound all over this empire.

Father.—O Lord, may thy kingdom come with power and great glory: Amen.

Family.—Lord Jesus come quickly and rule over all the earth: Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR FRIDAY EVENING.

Father—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we

have ever yet done : and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind. —Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 19th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Lord God Almighty, the first and the last, and the only living and true God, ever impress our minds with thy presence, and more especially when we come before thee in supplication. O Lord, give us grace to pour out our hearts and souls to thee in prayer, and let our prayers come up before thee as the evening incense through the sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—O Lord, give us grace to pray, and accept our prayers, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father.—Blessed God, thy hand has been around us all the day long, and therefore no evil has befallen us : thy hand has fed us this day, and we have lacked no good thing : and thy spirit has taught us and upheld us in the midst of many snares, temptations, and dangers. Glory to thy name, O God, for all thy goodness to us through this portion of our time, and glory be to thy name for all thy goodness to us in all our past life.

Family.—Glory to thy name, O God, for all thy goodness to us this day, and in all our life.

Father.—Father of all, pity, we beseech thee, all the poor, and graciously supply their wants from day to day according to thy goodness. Make us very thankful for our supplies and abundance, and give us grace to pity and to relieve the needy around us according to the means thou hast given us. Graciously regard, O God, all widows, all fatherless children, and all orphans; and give thy support to the aged and infirm. Have compassion also on all who are in sickness, or who are enduring pain in body or in spirit. O make us thankful for our health of body and of mind, and let us diligently serve thee in all the members of our body and with all our faculties, that thy great name may be glorified in us.

Family.—O Lord, pity and relieve all that are in poverty and distress, and make us thankful for our health and all our blessings.

Father.—Gracious Father, bless all thy people this evening, and give them thy presence in their family and private devotions.

Family.—O Lord, bless this evening all thy people every where.

Father.—Almighty God, be very gracious this evening to all who are near and dear to us by whatever tie. O may they all worship thee this evening in spirit and in truth, and may thy presence manifestly be with them, and may the light of thy countenance shine upon them.

Family.—Gracious Father, bless this evening with thy sweet presence all who are dear unto us.

Father.—Almighty God, let thy Spirit be given to all thy people, and more abundantly

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from day to day, that they may all live to thy praise, and honour, and glory, by abounding in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. Have mercy, O God, upon all the heathen, upon thine ancient people, and upon all who know not God and obey not our Lord Jesus Christ. O let the gospel be preached speedily throughout all the earth, and let multitudes every where be converted unto God. Bless all thy servants the pastors of thy churches, and bless all the Evangelists who are carrying the gospel into the enemy's grounds. Let thy people be fed and nourished, and may Satan fall like lightning to the ground.

Family.—Gracious Father, bless all thy people, and all thy Ministers: may grace be on all thy church, and daily may it increase.

Father.—Father of mercies, into thy hands we now commit ourselves for the silent watches of the night. Gracious have been thy dealings with us heretofore in the hours of rest. Renew unto us, our Father and our God, thy loving kindness during this night. May our sleep be sweet, and may no evil befall us; and in the morning may we awake refreshed, and in full health of body and of mind; and may thy name be glorified in us by day and by night, in time and in eternity.

Family.—Blessed Father, let thy gracious presence be with us throughout all this night, and in the morning may we awake in thy favour and love.

Father.—Almighty God, grant unto us ever to remember the night of death, and the morning of the resurrection. We bless thee that Christ Jesus died, and was buried, and rose from the dead

on behalf of this guilty world. In his sacrifice, O God, is all our trust. We are guilty and corrupt, but the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. O Lord, wash away all our sins in the blood of Christ, and deliver us from our corruptions by thy Spirit dwelling in us, and present us at length in thy presence, in perfect purity, and with everlasting glory: Amen.

Family.—Almighty Father, be merciful to us in life, and in death, and in the great day of judgment; and may we obtain mercy in that day through our Lord Jesus Christ: Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR SATURDAY MORNING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time: may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done: and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.

—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the Directions given in the 11th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty Father, we fall down before thee, and approach thy throne of grace. O enable us, we entreat thee, to make our supplications in the simplicity of our hearts, and with all truth and earnestness. Fulfil unto us at this time, our Father and our God, all those gracious promises which thou hast given in thy word for the encouragement of thy children in drawing near to thee in prayer.

Family.—O Father, may we truly worship thee with our lips and in our hearts, and may thy presence be with us.

Father.—We come to thee, O Lord, in the name of Christ, our only Mediator and Intercessor with thee. In that atonement made by thy Son Jesus Christ for guilty men, we place all our trust for thy favour here, and for thy favour hereafter. We confess ourselves guilty before thee, and to our shame: but do thou, O God, wash away all our sins in the precious Blood of Christ; and do thou also vouchsafe to give us thy Holy Spirit, that we may lead a life of sobriety, righteousness, and godliness, to the honour and glory of thy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Family.—O God, we trust in thee through Jesus Christ. Sanctify us to thyself in him, we earnestly beseech thee.

Father.—We unite our voices together, O God, in thanksgiving unto thee this morning, for thy kindness and mercy to us all, during the night that is past. By thy favour we have all been preserved in safety during the hours of darkness, by thy favour we have enjoyed sleep and are refreshed, and by thy favour we again behold the cheering light of day. Truly, O Lord, thy visitation sustains our life, and in thee we live and move and have our being. O Lord, since we so evidently live by thee in every respect, grant we beseech thee, that we may live entirely devoted to thy service, and that we may glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits which are thine.

Family.—O Lord, we all adore thee for thy blessings to us during the past night, and for thy kindness to us this morning, and we desire to live entirely unto thee in all our ways.

Father.—Gracious Father, be with each one of us this day in all our outgoings and incomings, and enable us to live throughout the day as the servants of Jesus Christ should live, not doing our own will but the will of him who died for us, and who redeemed us by his precious blood. May our whole concern this day be to approve ourselves to our Blessed Master and Redeemer, that we may thus glorify thyself in him. May we grow in the knowledge of our Master's will this day, and may we grow in his favour. O let not the name of Christ be dishonoured by any of us this day, but may we

adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all our concerns.

Family.—Most Gracious Father, enable each one of us this day to abide in Jesus Christ, and to bring forth much fruit, to the praise and glory of thy name through him.

Father.—O Lord our God, enable us this day rightly and faithfully to attend to the several duties which devolve on us, according to the work which thou hast assigned to us respectively. May we all be diligent and faithful, and may we yield unto thee, not a constrained but a willing service. Wherein we are ignorant of our duties, do thou instruct us; and may we have due docility to receive instruction from every quarter, considering all as sent by thyself for our good. Wherein we are weak and insufficient for our duties, do thou most graciously strengthen us for them. And in those things in which we are easily led away and overcome through temptations of any kind, do thou enable us especially to watch against them, and may we stand strong in the Lord.

Family.—O Lord, do thou graciously instruct us, and strengthen us, and watch over us this day in all our ways, that thy name may be glorified in us.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, we pray thee to bless this day thy servants who in thy providence are the heads of this house. May they have grace to act in all things in a manner corresponding to the prominent situation in which thou hast placed them, and may their conduct be an example to all this family. In all their instructions, their commands, their reproofs, and their admonitions to those placed under them,

may they remember that they have a master in heaven, with whom there is no respect of persons. Enable them to rule with all gentleness, and with all firmness; and may thy blessing be on them in all the concerns entrusted to their care.

Family.—Graciously be pleased, O God, to bless thy servants at the head of this family, and may we all yield to them that attention which respectively becometh us as the disciples of Jesus Christ.

Father.—Bless, O Lord, our native land. Guide, and direct, and bless our Queen: may she glorify thee here, and be glorified with thee hereafter. Bless also, we pray thee, her Ministers, and bless the Governor of this country: bless the Legislators general and local, and all persons in authority throughout this nation. Grant, O Lord, in thy goodness towards us that True Religion, Knowledge, Righteousness, and Plenty may prevail throughout the empire.

Family.—Graciously, O God, bless our Queen, the Governor of this country, and all in authority throughout this nation.

Father.—Bless, O our God, we entreat thee, all our relatives, all our friends, all our acquaintances, and all our neighbours.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—We pray thee, O God, to bless all thy people; and may it please thee speedily to make known thy salvation among all nations, in every family, and to every individual.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—Show thy compassion, O Lord, we beseech thee, to the poor, to the ignorant, and

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to the distressed ; reclaim the vicious, have mercy upon all ; and may thy kingdom come, and may thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—O Lord our God and Father, most graciously look upon us all, we humbly beseech thee. Keep us throughout this day in thy fear and in thy favour : may we serve thee in all things with a single eye and a single heart ; may our thoughts and our hopes be in heaven, and finally may we be brought to thy eternal kingdom and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour : Amen.

Family.—O Lord, condescend to keep us in holiness and righteousness throughout the day ; and finally do thou bring us all to the eternal mansions of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour : Amen, and Amen.

FAMILY WORSHIP FOR SATURDAY EVENING.

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, maker and ruler of the universe, we come into thy sacred presence, to worship thee together as a family. O give us thy Spirit, that we may worship thee with our understandings and with our hearts.—O God, we adore thee for giving us the Holy Bible. Bless us, we pray thee, in reading a portion of it at this time : may we listen attentively to thy words, and may we receive much instruction from them, concerning the redemption of man

through the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all thy commandments. O Lord, awaken us and all thy people to study thy word more than we have ever yet done; and hasten the time when thy word shall be diffused through all this dark world, and be found in the hands of all mankind.—Mercifully hear us, O Father, and graciously bless us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

[See the directions given in the 18th page, respecting the Reading of the Scriptures, &c.]

Father.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Our Father who art in heaven, at the close of this day we present ourselves before thy throne of grace. In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we come into thy presence. May thy Holy Spirit especially dwell in us whilst we wait upon thee, that we may humble ourselves under thy mighty hand, that we may be full of gratitude and love for thy mercies, and that we may have peace and joy in thee through our Blessed Redeemer.

Family.—Our Father in heaven, graciously grant us thy Holy Spirit whilst we wait upon thee together this evening.

Father.—O Lord, we thank thee for all thy goodness to us throughout this day. Thou hast sustained us all the day long, thou hast protected us, thou hast supplied our wants, and hast bestowed on us many blessings and comforts. Make us, O Lord, truly thankful to thee for all

thy mercies, and for all thy benefits; and may we be truly sensible of our undeservingness.

Family.—O Lord, we adore thee for all thy mercies to us this day, and confess ourselves unworthy of the least of thy benefits.

Father.—Blessed God, we thank thee for enabling us in any measure to attend to our duties this day as the servants of Christ. Graciously be pleased, O Lord, to follow with thy blessing all the labours and occupations in which we have this day been engaged.

Family.—O God, if it seem good in thy sight, prosper the labours in which we have this day been engaged.

Father.—Almighty God, we confess before thee, that all we do is done in much ignorance, and in much weakness, and is intermixed with much sin. Forgive, O Lord, all the sins we have committed this day of whatever kind, take them all away, we beseech thee, through the precious sacrifice of thy Son Jesus Christ, and may they never rise up in judgment against us. O be pleased, our Father, to grant unto us this evening a sweet sense of thy forgiveness.

Family.—O Father, graciously forgive us all the sins we have committed this day, and grant us the sweet sense of thy pardon and love.

Father.—O thou searcher of all hearts, enable each one of us this evening, individually and alone, to examine ourselves with all closeness, and sincerity, and godliness, as to our thoughts, our feelings, our words, and our actions during the day. May we scrutinise with all godly severity every motive of action we have had, and may we try ourselves, not by the standards of

men, but by the holy law of God. Lead each one of us to see how far we are wanting when tried in this balance, and may we feel that godly sorrow which we ought to feel on account of our many shortcomings and transgressions. May we all see our daily need of being washed in the blood of Christ. Wash us therein, O Lord, this evening, and may we lie down in peace with thee through the atonement of our Redeemer, and may we have joy in the Holy Ghost.

Family.—O Lord God, lead each one of us most closely and sincerely to examine all the motives and all the actions of the day. May we see our need of washing in the blood of Christ. O wash us now therein that we may be clean, and may we have peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Father.—We pray, O Lord, this evening, that thy blessing may rest on all our relatives, on all our friends, and on all our neighbours, and acquaintances. Forgive them the sins of this day: lead them all to the Lord Jesus Christ; and may they be blessed in him here and hereafter.

Family.—Grant, O Lord, thy gracious blessing in Christ Jesus unto all our friends connected with us in various ways.

Father.—O Lord, vouchsafe this evening thy abundant blessing to all thy people, to all who call on thy name in Christ Jesus out of a pure heart. May grace and mercy and peace be upon them all. May they grow in grace, may they be united in one heart and soul, and may they in all things adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. Be pleased to grant, O Lord, that the number of those who love thee in the Lord Jesus Christ may daily and abundantly increase,

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Family.—Grant thy rich blessing, O God, unto all thy people, and may their numbers greatly increase.

Father.—Have pity, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, on this dark, and ignorant, and sinful world. O let the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine forth and enlighten all nations. May thy Holy Word be translated into all languages, may it be put into the hands of every individual, may all be taught to read it, and may thy Holy Spirit be poured down in an ample measure in all lands, that so thy will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

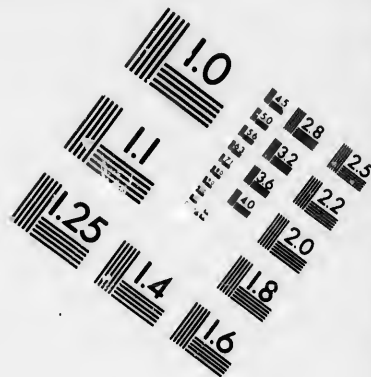
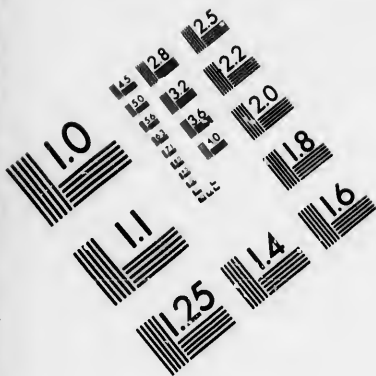
Family.—O Lord have mercy on the world at large, and send forth thy light and truth to all nations, that thy name may be glorified from the rising to the setting sun.

Father.—Pity, O Lord, the poor, and the distressed around us, and every where; and most graciously come to their relief in thy holy time and way. Make us, O God, who have received so many mercies, make us hourly thankful to thee for all our enjoyments, and may we see them all coming from thy hand; and in humility, and gratitude, and joy, may we partake of all thy benefits. Ever remember, O God, thy numerous and tender promises to the fatherless, to widows, and orphans; and let the aged experience thy goodness.

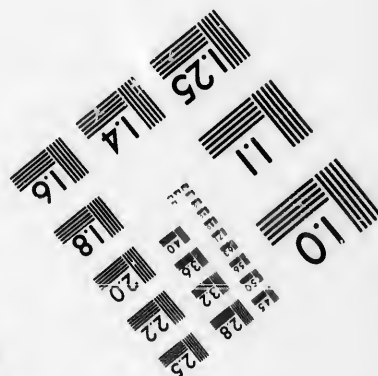
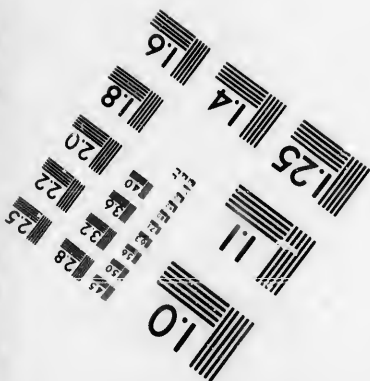
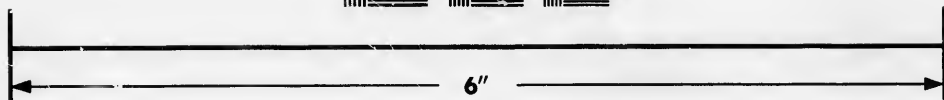
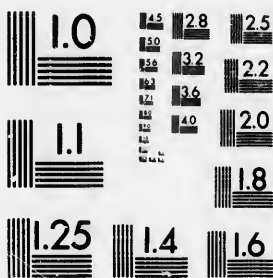
Family.—O Lord pity all who are in distress of any sort, and make us truly thankful for all we enjoy.

Father.—And now, our Father and our God, into thy most gracious hands we commend ourselves through the silent hours of the night. Guard us all from every harm, we beseech thee; grant us refreshing sleep during the night: in





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health and strength of body and of mind may we awake in the morning of thy holy day; and may our first thoughts on awaking, be thoughts of gratitude and devotion and love towards thee.

Family.—Our Father, grant us thy gracious blessing through the night, in the morning, and for ever and ever.

Father.—O Lord, hear us, forgive us, and bless us, for our Redeemer's sake: Amen.

Family.—O Lord, hear us, forgive us, and bless us, for our Redeemer's sake: Amen, and Amen.

SHORT PRAYERS for commencing Family Worship, which may be used occasionally instead of the one general Collect to be found in each Morning and Evening service.—See Preface, page 7.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Father.—Father of mercies, we adore thee for all thine arrangements of wisdom and goodness for the benefit of thy creatures. We adore thee for appointing a day of rest and of holy religious exercises. We thank thee, O our God, for the return of this sacred day, and for all the temporal and spiritual blessings which we this morning enjoy. We bless thee that thou hast now gathered us around our family altar, that we may offer up to thee our united morning sacrifice. O God, we bless thee for giving us the Holy Scriptures, and we thank thee for the present opportunity we have of reading thy word together. Be pleased, O Lord, to open our understandings that we may comprehend thy word,

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and may we be deeply impressed with all that thou wilt now set before us from thy holy Book.—Pour out thy Spirit graciously upon us in all our worship at this time, and bless us evermore.

Family.—Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Father.—O God of the Sabbath, we fall down on our knees before thee this evening in worship and adoration. O give us thy Spirit that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth, and give us all the blessings thou bestowest on thy children. Great are our mercies, O God, and great are our privileges. O grant us grace, we earnestly beseech thee, that we may walk in some measure corresponding to thy grace and goodness with which we are favoured. Bless us now, our Father, in reading thy holy word together as a family. Give, we pray thee, a portion of heavenly instruction to each one of us from thy Book whilst we read it. [Let thy praise and glory be sung by us with melody in our hearts.] And pour out on us a spirit of prayer and true devotion.

Family.—Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

Father.—O Lord God of Holiness and Truth, who dwellest in everlasting blessedness, and whose desire is to see all thy creatures blessed and happy, look upon us, O God, we beseech thee, and make us happy and blessed in thine

own self, and for evermore.—Blessed be thy name, O Lord, for all the spiritual benefits which we yesterday received from thy hand, on thy holy day. O Lord, grant unto us to live under the influence of these spiritual things throughout this whole week on which we are now entered. May we esteem every day the Lord's, and on every day of the week may we walk with God.—Gracious Father, bless us now in our worshipping thee as a family. Enlighten and edify us in reading thy word, [let us sing thy praise with melody of heart,] and give us true devotion in prayer.

Family.—Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

Father.—God Almighty, at thy command the sun rises in the morning, and at thy command it goeth down in the evening, and the shades of night cover the earth. It is likewise by thy hand of power and benevolence that man awakes with the dawn, is strengthened all the day long for his work, and at the close of his labours and his toil has the night and the bed of refreshment prepared for him. O Lord, how manifold is thy goodness!—Fill us, we beseech thee, this evening, with lively emotions in contemplating thy providences and their application to ourselves, as a family, and as individuals: and tune our hearts to offer up to thee our thanksgivings with the warmest devotion of gratitude and love.—Bless us, O Lord, in reading that holy book which thou hast given us, to enlighten our eyes, and to

guide us to all thy truth. Let thy word powerfully impress us, and may we follow all thy heavenly directions, and be brought at length to thine everlasting abode through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Family.—Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Father.—Almighty God and Father of all, graciously look down from heaven upon us thy poor unworthy servants now kneeling before thee. O Lord, we come into thy presence to give glory to thy name, and to implore thy favour. Pour out on us, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit that we may have grace and strength to wait on thee acceptably as a family this morning. Open our understandings, O Lord, whilst we read thy holy book, and may we receive into our minds and souls the doctrines and precepts contained in those portions of thy word we may now read. Pour out also thy Spirit upon us, O our God, in our prayers, and supplications, and thanksgivings, which we offer up to thee, in this our morning sacrifice. O Lord, hear this our commencing prayer, and answer us in it in thy great mercy and benevolence, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Father.—Father of mercies, at the close of this day we come near before thee, to give thanks

to thy most holy name for all thy bounties. O give us grateful hearts, that we may unfeignedly praise thee, for it is truly in thee that we live and move and have our being. Give us grace to listen to the truths of thy word which we are now about to read, and may we be nourished and fed by what thou wilt at this time bring before us. And when we have finished our reading of thy word, may a spirit full of prayer and true devotional feeling be given unto us, that we may wait on thee at the throne of grace to thy glory, and to the satisfaction and edification of our own souls.

Family.—Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Father.—Almighty and Eternal Majesty of heaven and earth, and of the whole universe, we bow down before thee, and we humble and abase ourselves in thy divine presence. We are thy creatures and the wonderful workmanship of thy hands, and should ever have glorified thee in our soul and body which are thine. But, O Lord, we confess with shame that we have rebelled against thee, and dishonoured thy name, in all our life, and in all our ways. O enter not into judgment with us, O God: have mercy upon us, and forgive us, and grant us thy Holy Spirit, and everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.—We adore thee, O our God, that we are allowed to worship thee: and we praise thee for the instructions of thy holy word. Grant us now thy grace, we beseech thee, to

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read the holy Scriptures with all attention, and to worship thee in spirit and in truth, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Family.—Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Father.—Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we desire this evening to present ourselves before thee as a Christian family, and to bow together in unison at thy throne of grace. Graciously behold us, O our Father, for we come to thee in the name of Jesus Christ. Compassionate our weakness, our ignorance and our waywardness, and give us grace and strength to wait on thee at this time according to thy will. Give us, O Lord, a spirit of prayer, [let us sing thy praise with cheerful hearts,] and may thy word be opened to us at this time whilst we read and attend to it in this our evening service. Keep our attention alive whilst we wait on thee, and let the light of thy countenance shine upon us for the Lord Jesus' sake.

Family.—Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, maker and governor of all, in heaven, and on earth, and over the whole universe, behold us before thee, this morning, and compassionate us in thy great goodness and mercy. We are sinners, O Lord, and guilty before thee: but through thy mercy to this sinful world in thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, we venture to thy throne

of grace. O give us, we beseech thee, the spirit and disposition which ought to characterise poor pardoned rebels, and who are involved in ignorance, corruption, and weakness. Our only hope under our miserable circumstances, is thy mercy and thy grace. From thy mercy seat, O God, thou dost pour out richly thy blessings upon all who truly seek thy face in the name of Christ. O Lord, pour out now thy Spirit upon us whilst we read and hear thy blessed truths of revelation in the holy scriptures; and pour out all the blessings of thy Spirit upon our souls in our worship that we may be strong in the Lord.

Family.—Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Father.—Almighty Father who seest and knowest the hearts of all, give us grace this evening, we beseech thee, to come into thy presence with all sincerity of heart and soul. Give us strongly to feel our absolute need of thy mercy and grace, and to see our entire dependence on thee in all our ways, by day and by night. And give us to understand how good thou art, and how readily thou bestowest on us the best of blessings. Truly, O Lord, as a Father pitiest his children, so dost thou regard all who truly love thee. O may we indeed love thee, and may we greatly desire, and earnestly seek after thy favour, as our life, our health, and our salvation. O shed on us thy blessings whilst as a family we draw near to thee with one heart and one voice. Teach us from thy holy word,

and shed richly on us thy blessings, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Family.—Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Father.—Almighty God, the hearer of prayer, thou hast encouraged us to draw near to thee on thy throne of grace. In the name of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, and animated by thy permission and thine invitations, we venture into thy presence, sinful and guilty though we be, for Jesus Christ who died for us ever liveth before thee to make intercession for us. God Almighty, grant us the true spirit of prayer. May we be truly sensible of our wants, and earnestly may we seek all our supplies from thee. May we be full of gratitude, and give heartfelt thanksgivings to thee for all thy benefits, and may we be filled with deep humility and contrition before thee. O Lord grant us now a gracious blessing from the holy scriptures, and full access to thee through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Family.—Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Father.—O God Almighty, we thank thee for this renewed opportunity of drawing near before thee, to read the holy scriptures, and to worship thee as a family. Give us grace, O God, to approach thee with solemnity, and let not our frequency of appearing before thee ever lessen in us that reverence and solemnity with which we

ought always to come into thy presence, to hear thy word, and to worship at thy footstool. O Lord, give us the humble and contrite heart, into which thou art pleased to come. Come unto us, O our God, in this our family circle, and come into each of our hearts, and may we truly have fellowship with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with the truths of thy word, and with thy Holy Spirit.

Family.—Amen.



SATURDAY MORNING.

Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, grant us grace, we beseech thee, to come into thy presence, and to worship thee at this time, with reverence and with godly fear. Withdraw our minds from every thing but thy worship and service in which we are now immediately engaged. May thy presence, O God, be with us, according to thy promise. Graciously instruct us from thy word whilst we read it at this time, [let us sing thy praise with melody in our hearts,] and pour out on us a spirit of prayer. And grant, O God, that we may find thy presence sweet, refreshing and edifying to our souls in all our worship at this time; and do thou make us meet for worshipping thee evermore in heaven.—Vouchsafe unto us these blessings, O our Father, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Father.—O Thou of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, mercifully and graciously look down, we humbly beseech thee, on this family. We are now assembled together to worship thee. Be pleased, O God, to give us thy Spirit to teach us how to appear aright in thy divine presence, and how to order our supplications when we call upon thee. We bless thee that we are allowed to come to thee at all, and adore thee for opening up a way for us to thy favour, and for inviting us with fatherly kindness to become thy children through faith in thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ. We thank thee, O our God, for the Sacred Scriptures, and we beseech thee to bless us greatly in reading a portion of the same at this time. Be with us in all our family worship this evening, and bless us evermore, for Christ's sake.

Family.—Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE SPECIAL READING OF
THE SCRIPTURES.

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures as a part of Family Worship is a very evident duty. But besides this reading of the word of God in regular course in this daily exercise, it would be well if Families would occasionally devote an hour or two to a special reading of the Scriptures, unconnected with any other portion of religious service, except that of offering up a

prayer at commencing and closing, for the blessing of God on this reading of his word, accompanied with thanksgivings for the Inspired Volume.—In like manner also, it would be well at times, when a few Christian friends meet together for social intercourse, if an hour or more could be devoted to this holy and profitable exercise. For these special readings of the Scriptures the two following prayers are written: the one to be used at commencing, and the other at closing.

PRAYER BEFORE READING THE HOLY
SCRIPTURES.

Conductor.—Almighty God, we praise and magnify thy name for thy mercy in Christ Jesus to this guilty world, and for all the arrangements in thy kingdom for our instruction and salvation. We bow down before thee, O Lord, at the present time, to give thanks to thee in an especial manner for giving to mankind the Light of Revelation, for giving us that Sacred Code which is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. O Father, all wise and good, we praise and bless thee for all the riches contained in the Holy Scriptures. Thy Book, O God, is all perfect, perfect in its general structure and arrangements, and perfect in all its several parts; and in every way it is fitly adapted, in the greatest wisdom, for the instruction and edification of thy people,

and for the conversion of the unrighteous and the ungodly.

O Lord our God, we praise thee for thy grace and providence in favouring us so especially and so graciously in regard to thy holy word. We thank thee, that we have been taught to read, that we have the Bible in our possession, and that we have so many opportunities of reading it.

We confess before thee, O Lord, that we have not read and studied thy word as we ought to have done: neither have we walked according to the knowledge of it which thou hast given us. Forgive us, O God, our great sin in our neglect of the Holy Scriptures: forgive us through Jesus Christ, and take not from us thy Holy Spirit, nor the light which thou hast already given us from thy word of revelation.

We thank thee, O our Father, for favouring us at the present time with an opportunity of joining together for the reading of thy word. O be with us, we humbly beseech thee, whilst we read. Remember, O God, our ignorance, our unaptness for divine knowledge, and our indolence to instruction; our pride, vanity, and indolence; and all our biases and prejudices, natural and acquired. Mercifully and graciously give us thy Spirit, O God of all grace, that these hinderances to our knowledge of thy word may in some happy measure be removed from us at the present time, that so we may on this special occasion of reading thy word together, drink in divine knowledge abundantly, and be enriched with the manifold blessings which thy word confers. Open our

understandings, O Lord, we beseech thee, that we may greatly understand thy word at this time. Grant us to be all attentive whilst we are reading, and strengthen our intellect, our judgment, and memory, that we may richly profit by thy goodness to us in this favourable opportunity of growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And do thou be pleased also, O our God, to bless us, and abundantly, in the use of all the various means thou hast appointed for our advancement in divine knowledge, and may we daily grow in a meetness for the inheritance of the saints in light; and finally, place us, we earnestly beseech thee, in thy kingdom of glory, in the eternal mansions of heaven, to the praise of thy grace in us through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and who rose for our justification: and to thy name, O Father of glory, be glory everlasting: Amen.

All present.—Amen.

PRAYER AFTER READING THE HOLY
SCRIPTURES.

Conductor.—Father of mercies and the God of all knowledge, consolation, and comfort, we thank thee for all the knowledge, the consolation, and the comfort which thou hast vouchsafed to bestow upon us in the reading of thy word together at the present time. O God, seal heavenly knowledge and blessings upon us

through thy divine revelations and precepts which have now been before us. O let us not forget the knowledge we have thus received by thy word and Spirit, and never let this knowledge be inoperative in us. Let us be doers of thy word, and not hearers only, and let us abound in the fruits of righteousness through these thy instructions to us.

Most Blessed Father, may the benefits we have now derived from thy word, greatly promote in us an increased desire to study the Holy Scriptures, and to draw from them frequently those heavenly blessings they contain. Ever give us a relish for thy word, O our God, and may we hunger and thirst after thy communications and consolations. Very inadequate, we confess, are our ideas as to the value of thy word. But we thank thee that thou hast given us some sight of thy glory herein; and we pray thee to give us more and more.

Pity, O Lord, we beseech thee, all those who have thy word, but who do not read it. Awaken them, O God, that they may see their guilt and danger in thus acting; and lead them without delay to commence the reading of this Book, and with all earnest desire and prayer. Pity all who read thy word with indifference, without relish, without prayer, and without the purpose of following it. O Lord, be pleased to make them see that such reading will not profit them, but must rather turn to their disadvantage.—Pity all the dark places of the earth, O our God, into which thy word has not yet come. O send it to them speedily, we earnestly beseech thee, send

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it to every nation, and kindred, and tribe, in their own tongues. We bless thee, O Father, with joyful hearts for what thou hast of late done, and art doing, to make thy word known all over the earth. O God, prosper this work. Let thy word run and be glorified every where ; and let all nations speedily read in their own tongues the wonderful works of God in the creation, administration, and redemption of this world.

Be pleased, O God, to bless, and very greatly, all who are in the habit of reading thy word day after day. Abundantly illuminate them by every reading. Let the blessing of God be on all families where thy word is regularly read ; let thy blessing be upon every individual person who studies the Scriptures ; and let thy blessing be given to all families and companies who read thy word on special occasions. O Lord, soon let thy word be read by every individual, in every family, and by many companies and often ; and let thy word be more read in all churches. Let thy word, O Lord, be exalted in thy kingdom, and through thy word, and all the means of thy grace, let thy kingdom extend till it fill the whole earth. Thus, O Father, let thy kingdom come, and let thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven : and thine be the praise, and honour, and glory for ever and ever : Amen.

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BEFORE.

Father, or Master.—God Almighty, thou art the giver of all good. We thank thee for the supply now before us. May we eat and drink according to thy will: and may it be our meat and our drink to glorify thy name through Jesus Christ: Amen.

All.—Amen.

AFTER.

Father, or Master.—Father of mercies, we give thee thanks and praise for the food we have now received from thy hand, and have enjoyed. O give us grace to be truly thankful, and enable us to live according to thy will in all things, in Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

All.—Amen.

BEFORE.

Father, or Master.—Our Father in heaven, we thank thee for the food thou hast here provided for us, and for all thy mercies: and we

beg thy continual blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

All.—Amen.

AFTER.

Father, or Master.—O God of mercy and goodness, we bless thee for the benefits of thy providence which we have now received. Be pleased to strengthen us by the same, and may we devote our strength to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer : Amen.

All.—Amen.

BEFORE.

Father, or Master.—Heavenly Father, we bless thee for our life, and our health, and our daily food. We beseech thee, through Jesus Christ, never to leave us, nor forsake us : and may we never depart from thee : Amen.

All.—Amen.

AFTER.

Father, or Master.—We give thanks to thee, O our God, for the nourishment which we have now received from thy bountiful hand. All our supplies of every kind are from thee. O let us glorify thee in our bodies and souls which are thine : and bless us for evermore for Christ's sake : Amen.

All.—Amen.

BEFORE.

Father, or Master.—O Lord, we give thanks to thee for these supplies. May we receive thy blessing with them, through Jesus Christ our Lord : Amen.

All.—Amen.

AFTER.

Father, or Master.—Almighty God, the giver of every blessing spiritual and temporal, we praise thee for giving us food at the present time, and for having fed us all our life long unto this day. O feed us evermore with the bread of life, through Jesus Christ : Amen.

All.—Amen.

Instead of the Grace *after* meals in the prayer form, some prefer it in the singing form, which perhaps is better. For the use of those who might choose the latter mode, the four following verses are inserted : one to be used at a time.

When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

Let us with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind :
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Graces and Thanksgivings.

Our bread is given, our water sure,
Body and soul sustained :
O may we to the end endure,
Till heaven itself is gained.

Food, raiment, dwelling, health, and friends,
Thou, Lord, hast made our lot :
With thee our bliss begins and ends,
As we are thine or not.

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PREFACE.

THAT every intelligent being should do homage to Him who gave this being, and continues it to him with all its benefits, is a principle so obvious as to require no reasoning to establish it. Yet many, yea most withhold this tribute so justly due. No further proof is needed to show and demonstrate that this is a disloyal and rebellious world. It would not be correct to say, that all who pray are loyal subjects of the Great King, and shall be received at length into his court in heaven. Yet on the other hand, it might be said with all correctness that those who do not pray are guilty of high treason against "the Blessed and Only Potentate," and that they shall receive the condign punishment due to traitors in the great day when God shall judge this world which he made and redeemed.—Ye therefore who pray not, hear, and fear, and turn unto the Lord without delay, lest ye be shut up speedily in the everlasting prison-house, out of which no prayers can deliver you.

But further, of those who pray, not all shall be saved. What is requisite then to that prayer which shall avail to the salvation of our souls? This is a most important question. An answer to it is given in what follows.

First, then:—We must pray to God as sinners, and through Jesus Christ. God will not hear us, unless we come to him through the Great Mediator; nor will he hear us, unless we come to him confessing ourselves sinners, guilty, and corrupted, having no righteousness of our own, and being unable to deliver ourselves from the state of condemnation in which we lie.

Secondly:—We must pray in sincerity, and in earnestness. It is to God we pray, and he is the searcher of the heart, and can only be worshipped in the spirit of sincerity, with our hearts and not with our lips only. Earnestness also is inseparably connected with right prayer, considering how deeply we are concerned in the meaning and force of the words we use as sinners suing for mercy that we perish not.

Thirdly:—We must pray to God, (as sinners, through Christ, in sincerity and earnestness,) that he would mercifully pardon our guilt, on account of the Great Sacrifice of the Son of God, offered up on the cross for our sins, and accepted of God in our stead.

Fourthly:—We must pray to God, in the name of Christ who died for our sins, and who liveth to make intercession for us, that he would in his rich goodness, give us his Holy Spirit to dwell in us, to instruct and lead us in all the ways of his grace and righteousness.

Fifthly:—We must pray with the firm purpose and resolution of following God and the Lamb, devoting ourselves to the service and glory of our heavenly Father in all obedience and diligence, according to the directions of Holy Scripture.

Now, he who will thus pray, and will persevere unto the end thus praying and thus doing, shall be saved, and blessed with endless felicity. But he who will not pray at all, or who will not pray aright, shall have for his award everlasting perdition.

This little manual is offered to all who wish for some help in this great duty of prayer: and may God bless all into whose hands it may come, with life and glory everlasting through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR SUNDAY MORNING.

O Lord God Almighty, Creator of the world and of the whole universe, I bow down before thee in holy adoration. Glorious and wonderful art thou, O Lord, in all the works thou hast made, and be thy name glorified in them all, and for evermore. Enlighten my eyes, O God, to see thee in thy vast creation, and to study thee in all thy manifestations. The heavens, O Lord, in all their brightness and splendour show forth thy glory, and this earth in all its fulness and variety manifests thy wisdom and goodness. Open mine eyes, O Lord my God, to behold the heavens and to behold the earth, in such a manner that I may give thee glory in them, and that I may find therein rich instruction, godly enjoyment, and heavenly exaltation and blessedness.

Sacred, O Lord, is this day among the seven, as a commemoration of thy creative power and of thy wisdom and goodness in the heavens above and in the earth beneath. But, O God, the sacredness of this day is greatly and gloriously enhanced to us, as the day of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the day on which our adorable Redeemer rose from the dead triumphant over all

our foes, and as the first fruits of the resurrection from the dead. O Lord God, raise up, O raise up this day my poor soul from its deadness, coldness, and unconcern, from its blindness to things unseen, from its luke-warmness and lifelessness, O lift it up to things spiritual and divine. O Lord, O my God, as really and truly risen from the dead with Christ, let me rise to things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. O let my affections be warmly set on these high and holy things; and let them be cold and dead to all things earthly, to all things unworthy of a disciple of Christ, whose life is hid with Christ in God. Lift up my soul, O my Father, and place it full upon the glorious appearing of Christ, and on the glory which shall then be bestowed on the saints. A saint, O Lord, in thy estimation may I be of a truth, even such a one as shall be approved of Christ in the final day as a good and faithful servant, as one that shall be for ever with the Lord.

O Lord my God and my heavenly Father, let my soul truly and delightfully dwell on these things on this sacred day through all its parts; and do thou unfold these divine objects to me this day in a newer and stronger light; and be pleased to grant me, O my Father, a rich outpouring of thy Spirit, and a flow of enjoyment in thy kingdom.

Almighty God, the Disposer of all things, I adore thee for having so mercifully and graciously disposed and arranged my lot. By thy great goodness, O Lord, I have been born of Christian

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parents and in a Christian land, and have been brought up in the fear of the Lord, and taught the way of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. Thy Spirit, O God, has begotten me from the dead to the hope of life in Christ, and thy Spirit thou hast condescended to give me to lead me in the ways of truth and righteousness. Also by thy good hand upon me, O Lord, I am favoured with great and precious privileges in thy kingdom. This day I enjoy thy holy Sabbath, here this morning I enjoy retirement and access to thy throne of grace, and on this thy day I am allowed and honoured to wait on thee in the great congregation of thy servants, and to enjoy the benefit of all thy ordinances.

O bless me, my Father, bless me, I beseech thee on this thy sacred day. O let me have fellowship with thee and draw thou very near to me in the richness of thy goodness and mercy and love. Bless me, O my God, in this my morning address and supplication, and bless me graciously at every time on which I may pour out my private petitions before thee this day. On every such occasion may I find that God is with me, and that my prayers are acceptable in thy sight. Bless me, O my God, in all my meditations,—when I meditate on thee, on the redemption of Christ, on all my duties, on all my state, and on all my prospects; and feed my soul on all these occasions with the bread of life which shall make me to live for ever. Bless me also, O my Father, in all my communications with thy people to-day, whilst we speak of the glory of thy kingdom and talk of thy power,

whilst we build each other up, and make to thee our united supplications. And, O do thou bless me, my Father, in the great congregation, when I meet with thy flock and join with thy people in thy public worship and service. In all these blessed means of grace with which, O most gracious God, thou hast favoured me, in all of them may I wait upon thee, and serve thee, and worship thee, and adore thee, with all sincerity of heart, and with all solemnity and fervency of soul. And, O God, remember, O remember, thy promises, given in the richness of thy goodness and grace, to all who truly seek thee: O remember thy blessed words of promise, O God of truth and righteousness; and fulfil all these to me this day in dew and showers of blessedness whilst I wait on thee and seek thee in all the means of grace with which thou hast favoured me: and thus, O God, may thy name be glorified in me as a disciple of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Father of mercies, graciously look down this day on thy whole church. O give light, holiness, unity, and extension to thy church. Bring in the fulness of the Gentiles, and exalt thy people Israel according to thy word. Shower down, O Lord, thy blessings on thy servants who minister in holy things; make them all faithful, and give thy rich blessing to all their labours. O Lord, on this day may all thy people be greatly built up, and may many poor sinners be brought to true and permanent repentance. Lord, let thy kingdom come, and let thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God Almighty, hear these my supplications, which are the supplications of my whole heart and soul. O be merciful to me a poor sinner: wash me from all my guilt in the precious blood of Christ: give me thy Spirit that I may be delivered from my corruptions: and O God, manifest thyself to me and bless me above all I have asked or can think of, and all through and for the sake of thy Son, thy Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ: and unto God and the Lamb be glory for ever and for ever: Amen.

ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL PRAYER
FOR SUNDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Renovator of the world, this is thy holy day, the day which thou hast given and appointed to commemorate the creation of this world and its redemption, and the day which thou hast especially consecrated for the conversion of sinners, and for building them up in all knowledge of thyself and in all holiness of life. Give out, O Lord God, this day, give out from thine infiniteness all grace unto all thy people. May thy whole church be watered this day and be nourished and cherished by the power of thy Spirit working on the whole, and working on each individual member of the Body of Christ. Mercifully consider, O God, the low estate of thy Church, in its ignorance, its weakness, its unsanctifiedness, its divisions and contentions, and in its small extent among the nations of the

earth, and in the fewness of its members. O God of all goodness and grace, thou art righteous, but thy church is guilty. Thou wouldest have had thy church full of knowledge and strength, fully sanctified to thyself, and completely united in one body, in one heart and soul, and thou wouldest have had thy church co-extensive with the whole world and all its inhabitants. But thy church has neglected thy injunction to publish thy word and to preach the gospel in all the world and to every creature; thy church has neglected thy command to be perfectly joined together in one body, and to do all things in love; and thy church has neglected the means which thou hast provided for its edification and strength, and for its sanctification and glory. O Lord God most merciful and gracious, forgive, O forgive thy church in all its indifference, its neglects, its ungodliness, its disobedience, its strifes, and in all its sinfulness. And cast us not off, O God, but remember thy great and precious promises which abound in thy holy word in favour of the church of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ. Arise, O Lord God, in the glory of thy strength, to save and to exalt and beautify thy church. O pour out thy Spirit, and very richly, on every member of Christ: stir up thy people to pray most earnestly for thy Spirit, stir them up to seek after the knowledge of thy will in the Holy Scriptures, stir them up to all holy obedience to thy will in all things: may they all hunger and thirst after righteousness, and be filled with the spirit of unity and godly love.

O most holy God, be pleased to grant that on

this thy day, a spirit of prayer may be poured out on all thy church, in its several congregated bodies and in every individual member. O Lord God, may the prayer of thy church this day be the effectual fervent prayer that availeth much : and O may it indeed avail to the very speedy and glorious enlightenment, sanctification, unity, and universality of thy church. Fill thy temple, O Lord, with thy glory, and may thy glory fill the whole earth.

Almighty and most gracious God, O regard most mercifully this day all thy Ministers who are devoted to thy service in thy kingdom. O Lord, fit and strengthen them for their holy and blessed work. May the Gospel be preached by them very clearly and faithfully ; may the saints be built up by them, and may many sinners be converted.

Be present, O God, this day in every assembly congregated in thy name. May all thy people be nourished and strengthened by the truth ; and may the careless, the unbeliever, the erring, the luke-warm, and all the wicked be duly warned and be led to fear and to seek after the Lord with all their hearts and souls.

O most merciful God, since it is thy will that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, do thou greatly stir up all thy church to seek the extension of thy kingdom, and to labour diligently and powerfully to make known thy salvation in every country under heaven. Glory be to thy name, O God, for what thou hast already wrought in these our days. O Lord, bless all Missionaries, and may their numbers greatly increase.

And now, O Lord my God, be pleased to look upon thy poor unworthy servant bowing at this time and in this spot before thee. He has been making supplications for thy church, and thy church ever would he consider most near and dear unto him, and he knows that in its prosperity he shall prosper. Lord, hear these prayers for thy church, and answer them also, O Lord, for me, even for me. May I be a true and proper member of the body of Christ, filling up duly and faithfully the part thou hast assigned me in thy kingdom.

O my Father in heaven, very graciously regard me this day, in all its parts, and in all its duties and services. Grant me thy Spirit in private prayer, in the reading of thy holy word alone, and in meditation on thy word, and thy salvation, and on all thy ways concerning me. Give me thy Spirit, O God, in all my family and social intercourse this day, that all may be according to thy word, and all to edification. And bestow on me, O my God, and in an abundant manner, thy Holy Spirit when joining in the great congregation to worship thee. There, O Lord, as every where, may I worship thee unfeignedly and in all earnestness as a poor redeemed sinner, and there let me enjoy thy blessed favour. And let thy favour be on thy servant who ministers, and on all the congregation.

O Lord my God and my Father, vouchsafe me on this thy day and for evermore thy spiritual and eternal mercies through the Lord Jesus Christ. Father of glory, shine on me, O shine on me, for Christ's sake: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR SUNDAY EVENING.

Almighty and Ever Blessed Father, I bow down before thee, at the close of this thy holy Sabbath, to give thanks to thee for all thy goodness towards me during this sacred portion of time. Blessed be thy name for the appointment of this day, and blessed be thy name for all the favourable circumstances in my lot and condition which enable me to enjoy the benefits of this appointment. O Lord, I thank thee, for the health of body and of mind which I have this day enjoyed, and for the means thus afforded me of waiting on thee. I thank thee also for the exemption from worldly occupations, and for the absence of hinderances and distractions on this day. O God, may the leisure and mercies and means thus so amply afforded me be ever turned to good account, that thy name may be glorified in me, and that my soul may grow up to thee in all things in Jesus Christ.

Most Gracious God, let the instructions which I have this day received in thy house, and from thy word, and in my communications with thy people be truly profitable to me. May I be enlarged thereby in the knowledge of thy will, and be stirred up anew to endeavour to walk worthy of thee to all pleasing, and to be fruitful in every good work.

O Lord, grant also that all those with whom I have associated this day in worshipping thee and in talking of thy Kingdom, may receive from thee a precious blessing through these

means of edification which we have enjoyed together on this thy sacred day. May our love to thee and to each other be enlarged by these benefits of thy grace, and may we also be moved with love and pity towards all men.

Gracious Father, let the word of thy grace published to me this day and to many with me, be profitable, not to me only but to all who heard these truths of thy salvation and of thy kingdom. O God, may a plentiful harvest of gospel fruits spring up from these seeds of thy grace thus scattered around. May all thy people who were there be edified; and O, grant that many poor sinners may be converted and brought into thy kingdom.

Bless in like manner, O God, thy word which has proceeded this day from all thy servants in every place; may there be great buildings up thereby in thy church, and may there be great joy in heaven and earth over repenting sinners. And grant, O Lord, that the richest blessings of thy grace may rest on thy servant by whose labours I have been favoured, and on all thy true and faithful servants who have administered thy word this day. May thy Ministers, O Lord, be ever in the advance in all things in thy kingdom, that thus they may go before thy flocks and conduct them aright in the heavenly road.

Most Holy Father, follow with thy blessing, I earnestly beseech thee, my readings in thy word to-day, and all my meditations thereon. O let thy perfect law and guide be my study and my delight at all times; and graciously grant me great increase in the knowledge of the Scriptures.

O Lord grant the same blessings to all who have read thy word this day.

Father of mercies and the hearer of prayer, hear, I beseech thee, the voice of my supplications to thee this day in public, in the family, and in private. Thou, O Lord, searchest all hearts, and thou, O my Father, knowest that I seek thy face in prayer in all truth and sincerity, for thus thou thyself hast taught me to seek thee. O Thou who art the faithful God, be pleased to fulfil all thy blessed promises unto me as given in thy word to all who earnestly desire and seek thy favour. O Lord, I have sought, and I do seek thy favour, through thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ. For his sake, O Lord, forgive all my iniquities which are many and great, and fill me with thy Spirit unto eternal life.

Merciful God, look graciously this evening on all thy people who have been hindered from waiting on thee in the great congregation; and be pleased to make up unto them by other means and ways what they have thus been deprived of. O Lord, pity all the afflicted in all their various distresses, and may all these their trials lead them to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father of all goodness and consolation, I thank thee, and praise thee, and adore thee for the peace and the hope and the joy which thou givest me in the gospel of Christ. O Lord, let me abide for ever in thy love and favour. And now, O my Father and my God, sweetly bless me this night, and in the evening of death and for ever and ever, through the Lord Jesus Christ: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR MONDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, and of the whole universe, into thy holy presence I come, to worship thee, the God of my life, and to adore thee, the God of my salvation. O God, thou who seest all things, and knowest all hearts, grant me to come before thee under the solemn impression that thou seest me and knowest me altogether. No one can deceive thee, O God, and no one can impose on thee as worship and prayer that which is not, for thou triest the inward thoughts, and thou judgest the hearts of all who come before thee. O Lord God, give unto me, I earnestly beseech thee, a true and right understanding of these things, and grant me grace most reverently and solemnly to draw near into thy presence, and may I worship thee with all my heart and soul according to thy commandment.

O Almighty God, open my understanding that I may comprehend somewhat of thee, as thou hast displayed thyself in thy works, in thy providence, in thy word, and in thy great salvation wrought out for mankind by thy Son Jesus Christ. O may my delight be to contemplate thy great name, and to give thee glory: for this end thou didst create me, and for this end thou hast redeemed me. O set my heart and soul upon thee, my God, and fill me with thy love. Whom, O Lord, have I in heaven but thee, and whom have I on earth but thee? O dwell thou in me, and enable me to walk continually with God,

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Most Blessed Father, what shall I render unto thee for the redemption of my soul from perdition, and for the glorious hope which thou hast given me of enjoying in thy presence everlasting holiness and felicity. Lord, raise my soul in the contemplation of this wonderful subject, enlarge my understanding of it, and fill me with lively gratitude to thee, for what thou hast wrought for me, and for what thou hast promised to do for me, in time and in eternity.

O God most holy, as a poor creature redeemed by Jesus Christ from the awful nature and dreadful consequences of sin, may I hate and abhor all sin in every form, and may I flee from it, fearing its entanglements, and defilements, and consequences. O keep my heart ever right with thee, and may I be so imbued with a supreme love of holiness, that sin may find no resting place within me. May I flee from it, may I resist the devil, may I cleanse my hands and purify my heart, may I draw near and nearer unto God; and, O God, do thou draw nearer and nearer unto me, and dwell in me in all the riches of thy grace.

O Lord my God, I feel on every hand my own insufficiency, my weakness, ignorance, and backwardness. I have no might to stand against the snares and temptations with which I am assailed and surrounded. Help me, O Lord, give me thy Spirit, O my God: let no temptation be too great for me, but ever afford me power to overcome to the praise of the glory of thy grace within me.

Father of mercies, in whose hand is my life

and my all, I praise thy name for thy mercy and thy goodness to me through the night that is passed, and for the blessing of health of body and mind which I this morning enjoy. O Lord, I beseech thee to be with me throughout this day. May my only purpose all the day long, and in every thing, be to glorify thy name: may thy Spirit dwell in me to enable me to do so, and may I have full instruction from thee in all cases as to what is thy will concerning me. Strengthen me, O God, and lead me not into temptations, but deliver me from evil.

Gracious God, be pleased to bless all my relatives, and friends. Have mercy, O Lord, on the afflicted and the poor. Pity the aged in their weakness, console the widow in distress, and be the guardian of the fatherless, and the orphan. Bless this place and neighbourhood, and all this nation with all its rulers. Bless thy Church, O God, and extend it over all the earth, that thy name may be glorified from the rising to the setting sun.

Merciful Father, take me now into thy hands, keep me from sin, and may I walk before thee in faith and joy through the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom do thou bless me now and for evermore: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR MONDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, my heavenly Father, with the deepest reverence I desire to come before thee

this evening, for thou art ever to be had in reverence by all who approach thee. I desire to appear before thee also, O my God, with my soul full of gratitude and love, from a sense of all thy goodness to me, and all thy loving kindness, and tender mercy.

Blessed be thy name, O Lord, for thy gracious preservation of me during all this day. Through thy goodness to me, I have been kept this day in life, and in health and strength of body and mind, through thy mercy no accident nor danger has befallen me, by thy Spirit thou hast guided me, I trust, in thy fear all the day long, and by thy grace have I been enabled to act in integrity and uprightness as in the presence of God, walking by faith and not by sight, with my affections on things above, and rejoicing in hope of the glory of God.

And now, O my God, mercifully pardon all the sins I have committed this day, and all my guilt: and graciously take me under thy safe protection through the night. O let no evil befall me, may my sleep be good and refreshing, and may I awake in full health on the returning day, with my soul impressed with a lively sense of thy goodness, and moving me to give thanks and praise to thy most holy name, for it is in thee altogether I live, and move, and have my being.

O Lord, mercifully guard this house through the night from every danger, and may thy blessing be upon every individual in it for time and for eternity. O God, enable me sincerely to love all those with whom I dwell, and may I conduct

myself towards them with all lowliness of mind, and with all heavenly wisdom, earnestly seeking at all times to please, serve, and do good to each and all, in the true spirit of gospel benevolence, in imitation of the blessed example of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O my heavenly Father, I pray thee to bless all my dear relatives and friends, and neighbours, and acquaintances. May they all be partakers here and hereafter of the blessings of the glorious gospel of Christ, and may they show forth the praises of him who has called them out of darkness into his marvellous light. O Lord, make us helpers of each other's faith and holiness, and comfort in Christ, by our mutual prayers, and by our godly counsels and walk.

Almighty God, do thou bless all this nation; may it be exalted in righteousness, and be a light to all the surrounding nations, and to all the world. Bless the Sovereign upon the throne, and enable her to imitate thee in all her government. May her Ministers be ever guided to the best measures for the good of the country; and may all Judges and Magistrates and Teachers be greatly blessed of God, that they may prove a blessing to all this community. And, O Lord, have mercy on the poor and the afflicted.

Father of Glory, bless the Church of thy Son Jesus Christ sojourning in this evil world, and let its light gloriously shine forth. Have mercy, O Lord, on all the dark parts of the world, and send them heavenly light. Pity the seed of Abraham thy friend, and fulfil unto them all the promises of thy word. Let thy Spirit richly

dwelling, O God, in all thy Ministers, that they may be faithful in preaching Christ, and in exemplifying the holiness of the gospel. And stir them up to the sanctification of thy people, and to the extending of thy kingdom over all the world.

Blessed God, I praise thee for thy holy word, and beseech thee daily to instruct me from it. Enlarge my views thereby of that salvation which thou hast wrought out for sinners in thine infinite compassion and wisdom. O imbue my mind with this glorious subject, and fill me with a lively view of thy mercy in rescuing my soul from guilt and perdition, and for giving me the hope of glory. O Lord God, may the eyes of my understanding be enlightened that I may know the fulness of the hope to which thou hast called me: and O God, may this hope at length be gloriously realised by me in thine eternal abode in heaven.

Ever Blessed Father, O keep me this night, and for ever. Whether I sleep, or wake, may I be thine; and ever may the light of thy countenance shine upon me, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR TUESDAY MORNING.

Father of light and of glory, I adore thy name for the high privilege of coming into thy presence in prayer. O let me think on this subject as I ought, in all its greatness and blessedness.

Thou art the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the maker and ruler of the universe. Yet thou, O God, most glorious in majesty, thou condescendest to allow poor sinners to come to thee, and thou givest them an audience. Nay, thou hast encouraged us to draw near to thee by the most friendly and fatherly invitations. Thou hast said that thou art the hearer of prayer, that none ever sought thee in vain; thou hast said that as a father pitieth his children, so dost thou pity those who fear thee; and thou hast told us to cast all our cares upon thee, assuring us by thy faithful word, that thou carest for us. O God of love, what can I say to and for all these things? Lord, I am ashamed before thee, when I think on all thy condescension, and love, and goodness, and that I have been so little affected by the same, and have so little believed thy words, and so little attended to thy blessed and gracious encouragements given me that I might come to thee, and pour out all my heart and soul before thee, as a son to a father tender and powerful. Now, O Lord, I come, and would ever hereafter come, and with increased faith and love and confidence. O give me the whole spirit of prayer, and give me all the blessings of prayer.

Most Blessed God, thou hast taught me what is the manner of access to thee, that it is, and must be, only in the name of Jesus, who died for this guilty world, and made atonement for men by the shedding of his own most precious blood, and who now lives at thy right hand as a great high priest, intercessor, and mediator, to make

intercession for every poor sinner who repents before thee, confesses his sin, and implores forgiveness through his all meritorious sacrifice. Lord God, I repent before thee, my sins are beyond number, and I am altogether vile. Lord, have mercy upon me for the sake of Christ; Lord forgive me through his atonement; Lord grant me thy peace; Lord grant me thy Spirit; Lord, grant me eternal life; and all through the accepted atonement of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, my Saviour, my Lord, and my God.

Almighty God, bless all who humble themselves before thee, and seek mercy, and follow after holiness. O bless thy whole church, and all thy Ministers, and every saint in thy kingdom. Beautify thy church, O Lord, with holiness, knowledge, unity and love: and extend thy church till it fill all the earth. Lord, hear all the prayers of thy church for poor me, and make me a living, active, profitable member of the body of Christ.

Merciful God, instruct the ignorant, reform the vicious, strengthen the weak, bless the poor, pity the distressed, and be the father and the friend of all: and teach me, O Lord, ever to strive after a holy imitation of thee in all things.

O my God, bless all who are near and dear to me by every and whatever tie; give them life eternal, and bless their lot in this evil world, and may we all at length meet in heaven. O may I love and serve my friends, and all men, as opportunities offer, with good will, as doing service to the Lord. O give me the true spirit of benevolence.

O Lord my God, I now enter on the business of this day, praising thee for thy great goodness to me through the night, and imploring thee to enable me to walk entirely in thy ways all the day long. May I have a good spirit towards all men with whom I have intercourse, may I be faithful and wise in all my transactions, and may my affections be in heaven.

Almighty God, now hear these my poor prayers according to thy word, and bless me as thou hast spoken, in the Lord Jesus Christ: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR TUESDAY EVENING.

Father Almighty, maker and governor of all, I adore thee in thy out-goings of the mornings and the evenings. How glorious art thou, O Lord, in all thy works. O that my eyes were directed, and cleared, to see thee in them all, and that I might be led to adore thee in them all, as I ought to do. O fill me with the highest sense of thy wisdom and goodness in all thy works, and in all thy arrangements.

Blessed be thy name, O God, for the return of the evening. The sun has gone down at thy command, and thou hast drawn the curtain of darkness over all. Blessed be thy name, O God, for the rest thou preparest for man after the labours of the day. Blessed be thy name for the sweet sleep which thou causest to fall upon us for our refreshment and restoration. O may thy goodness herein be seen and felt by me, in my

lying down and in my awaking. Tune my last thoughts at night, O my God, and my first thoughts in the morning, to praise thee, and to adore thee; and may I rejoice in thee through Christ, as my own beloved heavenly Father, and my God.

Lord God Almighty, I thank thee, with my whole heart, for all thy mercies and blessings vouchsafed to me throughout this day. O that I could see more clearly and extensively all thy goodness to me day by day. O Lord, anoint my eyes with heavenly salve that they may be opened and enlightened to behold thee the Father of glory in thy eternal arrangements, to behold thee in the glorious sacrifice and government of thy Son Jesus Christ, and to behold thee in thy Spirit sent forth to all the earth, and as especially dwelling in those who fear and love thee in the Lord of salvation. Most Gracious God, enlighten me, and enlarge me, in all the glories of thy Kingdom.

O God Almighty, greatly enlighten and sanctify all thy Church. For this blessed end, O God, may thy Ministers be illuminated with superior light and grace, that by their fulness they may shed forth their light upon others, even upon all whom thou hast given them as the flocks of their respective care. May their minds be thus filled with gospel heavenly knowledge, and freely may they communicate what thou freely givest them. Also, O God, may their hearts be most right with thee, may their affections be wholly and truly set on things above; and from the abundance of their hearts, may they pour out spiritual things

to their people, with such a heavenly savour, as to make all that hear them to perceive and to apply to themselves the things divine which they communicate, and to relish them as the sweetest odours. And grant, O Lord, unto thy servants, on whose ways, by thy arrangements, so much of the prosperity of the church depends, grant unto them, O God, all discernment and power to regulate every step of their conduct, in holy imitation of the steps of Christ, that they may truly be patterns to their flocks to follow after them in all things. O Lord God, fill all thy servants with a most earnest, sedulous, desire to approve themselves in all things as the Ministers of Christ, and to give no offence in any thing lest their ministry should be blamed, and thus be hindered in its good effects, but may they fully approve themselves unto Christ and to his church, by the word of truth, by the power of God, and by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. Thus, O God, enable thy shepherds to see, to feel, and to act, to the glory of God, to the edification of thy church, and to the enhancement and brilliancy of that unfading crown of glory which thou hast promised in Christ to all the good and faithful shepherds of thy flock.

O Lord God, build up day by day, and strengthen in faith and holiness every true member of the body of Christ. Have mercy, O God, on all the nominal members of thy Church. O Lord, alarm them, and make them to see their dangerous and awful state, and convert them into real and true and fruitful branches of the living

vine. O Lord, send forth thy gospel to the places to which it has not yet come. May the blessed proclamation of mercy speedily be heard over all the earth, and by every individual. Let the Jew and the Gentile flock together into the house of God. Bless thy servants who are labouring in Satan's kingdom, and make them daily to conquer, and to deliver captives out of his hands, and prosper them in destroying his usurped power. May Satan fall like lightning to the ground, and may the sway of Jesus soon extend over all the earth, that blessedness may abound in it to the glory of God.

O God Almighty, bless this nation, and make it a great blessing to all nations. May our Queen and her Ministers, and all our Governors and Judges, and Instructors, have thy especial blessing, for the good of the whole community in which thou hast placed them as conspicuous members, that they might glorify thee in the good of all, and that in doing so they might themselves receive a conspicuous crown of life, according to thine arrangements of distributing thy gifts according to the good pleasure of thy will, and in thine infinite wisdom and benevolence.

Lord God, pity all who are suffering from pain and want. Bestow on me the true spirit of gratitude and benevolence, and let me glorify thee in a right spirit towards all men.

Father of glory and of love, O hear these my supplications in Christ: pardon my sins which are many and grievous: deliver me from my corruptions: fill me with the Holy Ghost: and bless me for evermore: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O God Almighty, the Father of mercies, I adore thee for the returning light of another day. Blessed God, how graciously has thy hand been upon me in the night watches. No danger has come near my bed, none near this house, nor upon any individual in it during the silent hours of the night. Glory be to thy name, O God, for the same, for thou alone hast protected us all, and to thy name let us all give glory for thy goodness.—Blessed be thy name, O gracious Father, for the sweet sleep I have enjoyed, and for the sweet refreshment I now feel, and for my health and strength of body, mind, and soul. O Lord my God, what shall I render to thee for thy numerous mercies, and constant benefits, and comforts. Lord God, I render myself to thee, in soul, mind, and body. O may I this day, and ever, glorify thee in all my members and faculties, and in all my ways, at all times, and under all circumstances, for thou, Lord God Almighty, hast made me and redeemed me, thou preservest me day and night, and thou givest me grace upon grace. O Lord, give me more grace additionally every day of my life, and when this life is over, O give me the crown of everlasting life and glory which thou hast promised to those who love thee.

O God, my heavenly Father, it is only by thy Spirit dwelling and working in me that I can walk so as to please thee. O then give me thy Spirit, O my God, to dwell in me this day,

to teach me step by step what is thy will concerning me on every hand; and give me power to do readily, faithfully, wisely, and cheerfully, whatsoever I know to be thy will concerning me. O Lord, let me never hesitate about doing thy will, and let me never do it grudgingly and of necessity, for thou acceptest only a cheerful loving service. Lord God, enable me, by thy Spirit, to render thee such service this day, in every thing that comes before me; and let a sweet sense of thy presence and thy love be on me all the day long.

Most Gracious Father, grant me this day to act towards every individual with whom I have any dealings or conversation, in the spirit of truth, justice, and benevolence. May my only object be thy glory, and according to thy commandment may I love all men, as they are made after the similitude of God, and especially may I love those who are reassimilated to thee in Jesus Christ. O Lord, make me a light and a benefit unto all with whom I have communication; may I reflect thy light upon them in the gospel of Christ, and may they glorify thee in the day of thy visitation.

Almighty God, be pleased to illuminate thy whole church as a body, and illuminate every individual member of it. Let thy Ministers be clothed with knowledge and righteousness. O Lord, pity all the dark places of the earth, send them the heavenly light of thy word, may the gospel of Jesus Christ be speedily preached to all nations, and may Jew and Gentile be converted unto God. Bless, O God, this nation, and

make it a blessing to every nation around and over all the earth. Glory to thy name, O God, for thy favours to this nation: O let us reflect upon all lands that light thou hast given us, and never let the light that is in us be darkness to any. Bless our Queen, and all in authority, may they all be truly thy Ministers, ministering righteously according to thy commandments.

Most Gracious God, remember all who are in poverty and supply their wants, relieve the afflicted, deliver those who are led captive by the devil, and may the evils of this world be reduced day by day by the prevalence of the faith and the holiness of the gospel of Christ. O Lord, let thy kingdom come, and let thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Almighty Father, condescend to accept of these my thanksgivings and to hear these supplications. Not in my own name do I ask this blessing, but in the name of Jesus Christ only and alone, for he sitteth at thy right hand as a Prince and a Saviour, he pleads the merit of his death for sinners, and none who come unto thee through him shall be rejected. O Lord I confess myself a sinner before thee, all guilty and corrupt, I come unto thee through Jesus Christ, wash me in his blood, give me thy Spirit, and preserve me unto everlasting life: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Father of mercies, and God of my life, I bless and praise thy name this evening, for thy merci-

ful and benevolent care of me throughout this day. I thank thee, O God, that no accident has befallen me, and that I have enjoyed a full measure of health and strength during the day, and thus have been enabled to attend to the various duties which in thy wise providence thou hast laid upon me. Give thy blessing, O Father, to all the work of my hands and of my mind this day, and may thy great and blessed name be glorified in all. Forgive, O Lord, I beseech thee, all my sins in all my duties this day, for alas, in every thing I come short of thy glory. Pardon my transgressions in all my ways through all the period of my life. Wash me, O my Father, from every stain in the all precious cleansing blood of Christ.

Most Gracious God, I adore thee for thy love and condescension in permitting a poor, ignorant, weak, and wayward sinner to come before thee in prayer. O the value of the sacrifice of Christ which has procured this introduction for us into the presence and the favour of God! O grant me, Almighty Father, more fully to comprehend thy love to sinners, and thy salvation provided for them. O may the love of Christ be shed abroad in my heart, and may I be filled with the Spirit of God. O Lord, may the eyes of my understanding be greatly enlightened, may I know what is the hope of thy calling of me in Christ Jesus, and may I comprehend the riches of the glory of thy inheritance in the saints, and be filled with all the fulness of God in Christ Jesus.

And now, O my Father, I would lie down this

night in full peace with thee, the God of peace, for thou hast given me peace through the reconciling blood of Christ, and hast united me to thyself, having forgiven me all iniquities, and having promised me thy eternal rest and peace in the heavenly mansions of joy for ever and ever. O blessed be thy name for evermore thou God of my salvation, of my hope and joy.

Gracious God, may it please thee to keep me in perfect safety through this night, if such be according to the order of thy good and wise providence, and may my sleep and rest be pleasant to me, refreshing and strengthening.— O Lord God, pitifully look on all who may pass this night in pain and affliction. Alleviate their distress, O God, in thy compassion, if it be thy will. Give them patience in their distress; and especially do thou sanctify them by thy wise visitation, and may they be led to humble themselves before thee, and to seek mercy in Christ; and may thy people in their afflictions glorify thee by patience, and grace, and holiness.

O my heavenly Father, I give thanks to thee for the gracious continuance of my life and health from day to day, and I give thanks to thee for my food, my clothing, my shelter, my knowledge, my friends, my comforts, and my hopes. Pity, O Lord, all who are in poverty, and fail of any of these many blessings which thou hast so liberally bestowed on me. Give me, O my God, a heart of tenderness and sympathy for all who are in anywise distressed, and may I promote their relief as thou mayest enable me. Ever fulfil thy promises, O Merciful God, to the fatherless, the

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Merciful God, have pity upon the wide world lying in darkness and in sin. Hast not thou given thy Son Jesus Christ to be "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel?" Why is it then, O Lord God most righteous, why is it that the great body of the Gentiles are yet unconverted, and that thy People have still the veil upon their hearts? Arise, O Lord, in the glory of thy strength, and fulfil thy promises: lighten all the Gentiles, and make Israel glorious. O send speedily to all nations, thy holy word, and send thine evangelists to preach Christ to all the kindreds of the earth. Be merciful, O God, to thy Church, and to thy Ministers, that they may flourish in thy strength, and that thy name may be rapidly carried by thy people over the wide world.—Thou, O God, hast richly favoured this nation. O may it richly benefit all nations, and never prove a stumbling block unto any. May our Queen, and all our Rulers, Magistrates, and persons occupying a conspicuous influential position in society, be true disciples of Christ, much imbued with thy Spirit, and may they prove the means of great and lasting blessings to all this community.

Bless, abundantly, Most Gracious Father, all who are connected with me by the various ties of life. May I be very conscientious and faithful in all my relative duties, doing every thing, in the first place to please thee, and doing every thing unto all in the spirit of love, sympathy, and godly benevolence. Hear all the prayers that are

offered up for me by my friends, and by all thy church. O lead thy people to pray much for each other, much for the prosperity of Zion, and much for the salvation of the world.

O God, my God, and my Father, I would now commit the keeping of my soul and body to thee as to a faithful Creator and Redeemer. O let not Satan ever get an advantage over me, by night or by day, let not the world delude me in any shape, nor let me be deceived with the corruptions of my own heart. O Lord, deliver me from all evil, and present me at last before thy presence with exceeding joy, through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR THURSDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, thou hast by thy power dispelled the darkness of the night, and the light of day now shines forth. How great, O God, is thy power, and how great is thy goodness. Thou, O God, art light, and in thee, there is no darkness at all. O grant me more and more to see thee in thy light and glory, and daily illuminate me in the true knowledge of thy character and ways, that I may continually adore thee, for thou art adorable in thyself and in all thy manifestations.

O God, how great is thy love, and how signally hast thou displayed it towards the human race, in pitying them in their lost condition, and in giving up thy Beloved Son to die for us, that we might be delivered from thy wrath, and might

enjoy thy eternal favour. O Lord, grant me every day to perceive thy love more and more ; and not only thy love to mankind may I understand, but also thy love to me in the redemption of my own sinful soul, by leading me to the cross of Christ for pardon, and by giving me thy Spirit that I may follow after holiness. O Lord, fill my soul with all gratitude, and may I manifest the same by word and by deed, seeking in all things to know how I may glorify thee, and how I may adorn in all my ways the doctrine of God my Saviour.

All Gracious Father, bestow on me thy Spirit, that I may love thee with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my mind, and with all my strength. Thus may I live a godly life, seeing thee, loving thee, trusting in thee, and adoring and praising thee continually.

Blessed Father, enable me also to keep thy commandment of love towards all my fellow men. May I love my neighbour as myself, entering into his feelings and wishes, and in all things doing towards him, what I would wish him to do towards me. O Lord, give me the true spirit of benevolence, and drive from me the spirit of selfishness. May I be a brother, and a servant, and a benefactor to all my neighbours, and to all with whom I am in anywise related and connected ; and towards all mankind may I have a true brotherly feeling, praying for their good for time and for eternity, and using such means for promoting the same as thou shalt put within my reach.

Merciful God, send thy salvation forth unto

all mankind. Stir up thy people to propagate the gospel in all parts of the world, stir them up to pray for the dark nations of the earth, and to use great exertions to carry thy salvation unto all. Glory be to thy name, O God, for what thou art now working for the extension of thy Kingdom. O bless all thy servants engaged in making inroads into Satan's domains. Powerfully guide them and strengthen them by thy Spirit, and may their success be great in thy name, and to thy glory.

God of compassion and tender mercy, grant me to be an imitator of thee in all tender sympathy with my fellow-creatures in affliction. May my prayers for them ever be in true earnestness, and may I ever be disposed to aid them in their distresses. O God, in whose hand is the earth, and the fulness thereof, graciously afford thy help to all who are in poverty; and in thy pity, O God, come to the relief of all who are in pain and sickness, or trouble of body or of mind. O Lord, grant that afflictions may be sanctified unto all who are under them for their everlasting welfare.

Almighty God, may thy rich blessings rest on this empire. Bless all ranks and conditions among us according to our respective need, and according to the measure of thy grace which thou metest out in heavenly wisdom. The Queen and her Counsellors, our Legislators, our Governor, our Magistrates, our Instructors, and all in authority and influence, do thou bless, and all the higher, middle, and lower ranks of society. May true religion, true knowledge, and true

morals be the portion of all, and may all abound in them.

O my Father, now hear my earnest undissembled prayer, that I may walk in all things to please thee this day, seeking thy will and thy glory, and not my own. May I speak the truth, do righteously, and show humanity and benevolence in all my duties, and business, and intercourse, and let my treasure and my heart be in heaven. May my sins which are many be forgiven, and greatly may I love thee. Dwell in me by thy Spirit all the days of my life, and finally bring me to the eternal mansions of glory: and to thy name only and alone shall be all the praise for ever and for ever: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR THURSDAY EVENING.

Father of mercies, and God of all comfort and consolation, into thy holy presence I come this evening, to give thanks and praise to thy Ever Blessed Name, for all the mercies, benefits, and blessings which thou hast bestowed upon me throughout the day now drawing to a close. O Lord God, thy hand has been upon me from the morning until now. By thy goodness I have been sustained in life through all the hours and moments of the day, for it is thy visitation alone that sustains me, and the breaths of life I draw moment after moment are thy breathings within me. O Lord my God, how wonderfully am I made! how wonderfully am I preserved! Unto

thy name, and to thy name alone be the glory for all I am, and for all I enjoy.

And thou, O Lord God Almighty, thou art the sustainer also of my spiritual life in Christ Jesus. Thy Spirit within me keeps me in the knowledge and the faith of Christ as my only Saviour and Mediator who interposed with God on behalf of the world, and on my behalf, and who gave his life a ransom for sinners to save them from perdition, and to put them in possession of glory and blessedness everlasting. Everlasting praise to thy name, O God, for the redemption of my guilty soul, and for the hope of glory which thou hast given me. O let me live by faith, and not by sight; let my affections be set on the things that are above, and not on the things of this evil world. May God dwell in me day by day by his Holy Spirit, and daily may I walk with God, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness: and, O God, may thy peace which passeth all understanding keep my heart and soul continually; and may I be strong in the Lord, and in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

By thy good and powerful hand upon me, O my God, have I this day been preserved from falling, and mercifully hast thou preserved me from the wiles of the devil, and from the snares of this ungodly world. Almighty God, I give glory to thee for thus preserving me from my powerful foe, and for sustaining me in the midst of mine enemies. O Lord God, up to this hour thou hast kept me abiding in thee, and in thy Son Jesus Christ, though exposed every hour to

dangers of a fearful kind, for Satan is constantly going about to deceive and destroy the flocks of Christ, and this world is all over enchanted ground, and full of snares, pitfalls, and death: yea also our own hearts deceive us, and would betray us into the hands of our enemies. Lord God Almighty, how consoling is it to thy poor, timid, and helpless flock, that thou the shepherd of Israel slumberest not nor sleepest, and that thou our defender art more powerful than our adversary. Yes, O God, thou art all powerful, thou art our helper in the time of need, and our deliverer.

Glory be to thy name, O God, for thy merciful preservations of me in all times that are past. And now and henceforth, O my Father and my God, graciously regard me and keep thine eye ever upon me. Oh let not Satan get an advantage over me at any time, nor in any thing; may I ever resist the devil, and do thou command him in thy power to flee from me.— Mercifully also preserve me, O Lord, from the entangling dangers of this evil, dark, and deluded world. O God, enable me to flee from all evil, and from the very appearance of it: enable me to turn away from all darkness; and preserve me, O God, from every delusion. Merciful Father, grant me grace and power manfully and constantly to fight the hard but good fight of faith; and at length, O my God, crown me with victory and glory in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, forgive all the sins of this day, and grant me a full pardon of all my guilty life, through the blessed sacrifice of Christ. Father,

anoint me with the Holy Ghost and with power, that I may continually be doing good, and may ever walk in the footsteps of Christ.

O God, bless thy church, and exalt, and extend it. May the Ministers of Christ be like their Divine Master; and may all the Members of the church be largely partakers of the Divine Nature.

Merciful God, pitifully regard the afflicted and the poor; compassionate all fatherless children and orphans: have mercy on all who are living in darkness and unconcern about salvation: and O let thy goodness and mercy speedily extend over all the earth.

Graciously bless, O God, all who are near and dear unto me under various ties; and make me true and faithful to all the ties with which thou hast bound me. O Lord, hear the prayers of my friends for me and hear the prayers of all thy church on my behalf.

Father of mercies and God of love, I now pray thee graciously to watch over me through the night, bless me in the morning, and bless me for ever and ever in the Lord Jesus Christ: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR FRIDAY MORNING.

Almighty and Everlasting God, I adore thee and bless thee, that my eyes again behold the cheering light of day; I praise thee for the sweet refreshment I have enjoyed in the night watches, and for thy goodness in preserving me

from evils and dangers in the hours of darkness ; I bless thee for the health of body and soundness of mind which I this morning enjoy : and adore thee for all the blessings with which I am surrounded. Glory be to thy name, O God, for the arrangements of day and of night which in thy wisdom and goodness thou hast ordained for the glory of thy character, and for the welfare of thy creatures who inhabit this globe. O Lord, give me eyes to see thy divine arrangements in this, and in all the structure of this world, and in all the administrations of thy providence, for all thy works praise thee, and should stir up thy saints to bless thee.

And now, O God, as I enter upon a new day, and a new period of my existence, I draw near to thee, to beseech and implore thee to be my Father and my God of a truth this day. May I truly begin the day with God, may I walk with God all the day long, and may I close the day with God. In thy fear may I constantly be, ever may I enjoy thy divine favour, and may all the members of my body, and all the faculties of my mind be employed exclusively in serving honouring, and glorifying thee, in whom I live, and move, and have my being.

I thank thee, O my God, for having fed me all my life long until the present time. By thy gracious providence my table has been furnished day after day, and I have never lacked food convenient for me. O God, give me, I beseech thee, a grateful heart and thankful lips at the remembrance of all thy goodness towards me in my supplies and comforts ; and meal by meal

may I praise thee for thy bounties with a heart abounding in gratitude and humility. O Lord, give me this day my diurnal bread, that my body may be sustained in health and strength: and give me, O my Father, my daily portion of the bread of life, that my soul may be nourished and strengthened: and, O God, in all my heart and soul may I glorify thee all the day long, according to thy holy will concerning me.

This day, O my Father, let me adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour, as a poor redeemed sinner. Guilty, O Lord, and depraved, and defiled I am in all my ways. Let me constantly remember this my true condition, that I may be ever humble before thee, and in the sight of all around me. Give me, O Lord, continually to see the rich merit of the sacrifice of Christ which avails to the justifying and cleansing of such a sinner as I am.

Fill me, O God, with thy Spirit, that I may rejoice in thy salvation all the day, and that I may bring forth the fruits of the Spirit in all my words, thoughts, and deeds. O lead me not into temptation, for great is my weakness; and deliver me, I pray thee, from the evil one in all his snares, and malice. Enable me to put on the whole armour of God: may I strive mightily to stand, and by thy grace may I stand firm, steadfast, and unmoved in the grace of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, thou hearer of prayer, hear, I beseech thee, the prayers and supplications of all thy church on my behalf. And, O God, do thou build up, enlarge, and beautify thy church upon

earth, that it may more nearly resemble thy church in heaven. Illuminate thy church, unite all thy people as one lovely family, may all abound in holiness and peace, and may the whole earth speedily become the fold and the flock of Christ.

Gracious Father, have mercy upon the ignorant, the thoughtless, the foolish, the vicious, and the deluded of mankind, and deliver them from their thralldom. Pity, O Lord, the poor, and the afflicted, and the disconsolate, and display to them thy good hand, and fill them with gratitude and with grace.

Most Blessed God, set and keep all my affections on things that are above; may my treasure sensibly be in heaven; and may all I do this day be approved in the great day of accounts, through the merits and compassion and love of my Redeemer and my Judge: unto whom be glory everlasting: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR FRIDAY EVENING.

Almighty and Affectionate Father, thou rulest the whole universe, and thou dwellest in the hearts of men to lead them and to comfort them. How wonderful, O God, is thy character! and how wonderful are all thy ways!

O Lord my God, thou hast created me, and thou hast redeemed me: dwell in me, I beseech thee, and work in me all the good pleasure of thy will: never leave me nor forsake me: and finally bring me to the everlasting mansions

which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

O God, every day instructs me of my sinfulness, my weakness, my ignorance, and my corruptions. Be merciful to me, O Lord, in regard to all my ways this day; enter not into judgment with me; forgive me through the blood of Christ; and most graciously look on me henceforth, and let thy grace prevail in me, that I may indeed be holy and may partake of thy Divine Nature. O Lord, I hunger and thirst after righteousness: remember thy promise, and fill me with thy grace here, and with thy glory hereafter.

Almighty God, I beseech thee, to arm me more and more day after day against the snares and wiles of the devil. May I powerfully resist his attacks and devices, and do thou command the tempter to flee from me, according to thy promise. O God, give me grace to watch against the delusions of this evil world, and let me not be overcome nor entangled by them. Preserve me also from all the evil lurkings of my own corrupt heart, my sinful body, and deceitful mind; arm me with all self-denial, and give me powerful control over my spirit, mind, and body; and grant that my whole outward and inward man may glorify thy name in Jesus Christ my Saviour.

O Most Blessed God, who art full of goodness, grant unto me to be filled with thy spirit of goodness, and may I show forth the same under all circumstances in which I may be placed. And may all the fruits of the Spirit abound in

me, that I may approve myself now and in the day of judgment as a true and faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Let my constant endeavour be, day and night, and in all things, to put on Christ; and O may Christ be continually magnified in me, and may his love and his peace and his joy fill my heart and soul through all my pilgrimage; may I die rejoicing in the Lord, and may I rise to glory, honour, and immortality at the right hand of God with Jesus Christ my Lord and Redeemer.

Lord God Almighty, powerfully aid me with the grace of thy Spirit, that I may walk continually as in the sight of God, in strong faith, in love, in humility, and in blissful hope of the crown of righteousness; and at the same time may I be lively, animated, and active in all thy services appointed me in this dark world, doing thy will always with courage and with cheerfulness, under the full assurance that thy name is glorified by my walking with wisdom and energy in all thy ways, and that my poor labours shall not be in vain in the Lord.

O thou Hearer of prayer, be pleased to hear the constant unceasing prayer of thy whole church on my behalf. And, O God, do thou bless thy church greatly with light, love, and unity; and enlarge it on every side until it fill the whole earth according to thy promise. O Lord, grant that I may be a useful member of thy church in the sphere in which thou hast placed me, with all knowledge, diligence, and humility.

O God, the Father of the fatherless, and the

husband of the widow, remember thy charge, and fulfil to them all thy graciousness. O let the needy ever find relief in thee, and may I imitate thy example; have compassion on all who are distressed in mind, body, or circumstances: and, O blessed God, speedily heal this diseased, dis-tempered, and miserable world, by the light, and the balm of thy salvation.

My heavenly Father, I pray this evening for all my Relatives, Friends, and Neighbours, and beseech thee, to hear their prayers for me. Bless all the inhabitants of this place: may I do good to them as I may have opportunity, and may I ever possess the spirit of love towards all men, for all men are formed after the similitude of God.

And now, O my God and my Father, I am come to the close of this day, and am about to lie down and to sleep: O protect me and bless me during the hours of night, and may these emblems of death and the grave remind me of the same; and grant O God that I may be duly fitted by thyself for a happy death and a glorious resurrection: and to thy name, O Father of glory, be glory everlasting through Jesus Christ: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR SATURDAY MORNING.

Most Blessed Father, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, the only Mediator, I come before thee. I bow my knees, O Lord, in thy presence

in token of reverence and humility: enable me also to bow down in my heart before thee.

O my Father, thou knowest that I come to thee only and solely through the atonement made for sinners by thy Son Jesus Christ. For his sake, O Lord, have mercy upon me: O have mercy upon me, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, my only refuge, my only Lord and Saviour. I confess myself a sinner before thee, O God, in every way. I am a sinner in Adam the head of our guilty and polluted race, and I am a sinner in myself: and O how often and how grievously have I sinned against thee. O Lord, enter not into judgment with me, for in thy sight no one can be justified. But look upon me, I beseech thee, in thy mercy, and in thy compassion and love.

Glory be unto thy name, O God, for thy great love toward our fallen race. Blessed for ever be thy holy name for sending thy Son Jesus Christ to save this lost world. And I thank thee, O my God, for casting my lot in a land where the gospel of Jesus Christ is made known, and is freely accessible unto all. I adore thee also, O my Father, that whilst thousands reject this gospel to whom thou hast offered it, yet thou hast made me by thy grace, in some measure to listen to it, to understand it, and to rest in it, as all my hope, and all my salvation. Not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but unto thy name alone be all the glory.

O Lord, I adore thee, for having, as I trust, washed away my sins in the precious blood of thy Son Jesus Christ: and I do earnestly pray

that I may live unto Christ as not being my own, but as bought with a price. O Lord, teach me the love of Christ, and the obedience of Christ. May I entirely yield myself up unto him by whom I am saved, and may my every thought, and feeling, and word, and action, be wholly under the direction of my dear Redeemer.

O my Father, I praise thee this morning, for all thy goodness to me through the night that is passed. I bless thee for the protection and refreshment I have enjoyed during the silent hours of the night: and I adore thee, O my Father, that I enjoy health and strength of body and of mind this morning.

In entering on this day, I do desire, O my God, to serve thee, and thee only, with all my heart, and with all my strength. But, O Lord, thou knowest, and my own experience tells me, how weak I am, how prone I am to forget thee, and how readily I fall into sin. O Lord, I come therefore unto thee this morning, and I beseech thee compassionately to look upon me; and O grant me thy Holy Spirit to dwell in me this day, that I may be kept in thy fear and be strengthened for doing thy will all the day long. Guide me, O Lord, by thy counsel, and uphold me by thy Spirit this day, that my footsteps may not slide, and that thy adorable name, by which I am called, may not be dishonoured in me, but be glorified. O Lord, grant me grace throughout this day to adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour in all my outgoings and in all my incomings.

Set a watch upon my mouth this day, O Lord; keep thou the door of my lips; and let not my heart incline to any evil thing. Enable me to think and feel towards all men, and to speak and act respecting them, as I could wish them to do towards me, agreeably to thy most holy commandment. Keep me, O Lord, this day from grieving thy Holy Spirit: keep me from quenching thy Holy Spirit: and O take not thy Holy Spirit away from me. May thy love be truly within my heart this day: may I trust in thee with all confidence, through the blood of Christ: may thy peace dwell richly within me: and may I be filled with comfort and joy in God my Father, and in Jesus my Redeemer. In all the duties that devolve upon me this day, enable me, O Lord, to be diligent and faithful; and may it please thee to grant me thy gracious blessing to accompany me in attending to them all. In my success and prosperity, may my rejoicing be in thee; and in my disappointments, trials, and adversities, may I also rejoice in thee. And O grant me, under all circumstances, thy presence and thy help; and may the light of thy countenance ever shine upon me, through Jesus Christ my Saviour: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR SATURDAY EVENING.

O Lord God Almighty, I bow down before thee at the close of this day. Enable me, O God, to approach thee with the deepest reverence, and with lively feelings of gratitude and love.

Glory be to thy name, O my God, for having sustained me in life through another day. I thank thee, O Father, for the health and strength of body and of mind which I have enjoyed from thee. I bless thee, for protecting me from dangers, and give thanks to thee for the food and the comforts which I have received during the day from thy hand. Truly in thee I live, and move, and have my being, and thy visitation sustains my life.

O Lord, the searcher of all hearts, give me grace to understand my ways, and to know my transgressions. In every portion of my time, I sin against thee, and come far short of thy glory. This day I have sinned against thee: I have done things which I should not have done, and I have neglected things which I should have attended to. O Lord, have mercy upon me, cast me not off from thy favour, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

O God, I bless thee for providing a way by which sins may be forgiven, and thy favour enjoyed. Glory to thy name, O God, that Jesus Christ gave himself a ransom for sinners, and that he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Through him, O Lord, I approach thee, through him I implore the forgiveness of my sins which are manifold and aggravated, and through him I beseech thee to grant me thy peace, and the light of thy countenance.

Gracious Father, may a sense of my own weakness and sinfulness lead me to true humility of mind in thy sight, and to a more earnest watchfulness over myself, that I may not fall into

sin. May I walk humbly and circumspectly before thee every day of my life. May I fear to offend thee; may I hate every thing that is sinful; and may I flee the appearance of evil. Strengthen me, O Lord, for I am weak; guide me, O Lord, for I am ignorant: may thy Spirit ever be within me, and may thy right hand be upon me.

O Lord, I thank thee for keeping me in some measure in thy fear this day. I bless thee for having enabled me to set thee before me in my various duties, and to seek to honour and to glorify thy name. Not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but unto thy name, be all the honour and glory. O Lord, I lament, that with these desires, I come so far short of thy holy will: alas, O Lord, when I would do good, sin is often present with me, and brings me into subjection. But, O Lord, thou knowest all things, and knowest that the desires of my heart are only towards thee. O my Father, forgive all my sins, I beseech thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son, and sanctify me wholly to thyself through thy Spirit dwelling in me.

O Merciful and Gracious God, be pleased to bestow upon others, the same precious blessings thou hast bestowed upon me: and fill me with gratitude, thankfulness, and humility. God of compassion, let all the poor, and all the distressed be ever before thee; and have mercy upon the wicked, and turn them to thyself through Jesus Christ. Oh! let thy Kingdom come: gather the Jews, and gather the Gentiles into the fold of Christ: and let thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Father, into thy hands I commend myself this night. To thee, O Lord, the darkness and the light are one. Thou, the keeper of Israel, slumberest not nor sleepest. Watch over me, O my Father, through this night, and graciously preserve me from every harm. Be pleased, O Lord, to grant me quiet and refreshing sleep through the silent hours of the night. May my thoughts, O Lord, be on thee when I lie down; may my thoughts be on thee should I awake in the night watches; and when I awake in the morning, may my first thoughts turn to thee. Prepare me, O God, for thy day approaching, and bless me when it comes with a double measure of thy Spirit.

O Lord God, how precious is thy favour: what a blessedness it is to lie down in peace with thee; what a happiness it is to awake in the enjoyment of thy smile! Glory be to thee, my God, for having cast such a lot for me, in thy Son Jesus Christ. Through his atonement and his intercession I look unto thee, and hope in thy mercy. That good work, O Lord, which thou hast begun in me, be pleased to continue, and to increase until the end; and at the coming of Christ, may I be presented before his presence with exceeding joy, and be crowned with everlasting glory. Thus, O Lord, fulfil unto me thy rich and gracious promises to poor sinners through thy Beloved Son, my dear and glorious Redeemer; Amen,

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS BEFORE READING
THE SCRIPTURES.

Almighty God, who carest for the Instruction and Salvation of all who sincerely seek after thee, look on me, I beseech thee, in thy Son Jesus Christ, and teach me, and train me up in thy kingdom. O Lord, I confess, and with shame, my great ignorance of divine things. I lament, O God, my backwardness to the study of thyself, thy salvation, thy commandments, and all the concerns of thy kingdom of grace and of glory: and because of this backwardness and neglect, and because of the deaf ear I have given to thy instructions, and because of my resistance of thy grace: it is because of these evils in me that I am so ignorant, and so low in the knowledge of thyself and thy ways.—The heavens, O Lord, declare thy glory, and every part of creation teaches concerning thee. Forgive my neglect of these instructions. But it is thy word, O most glorious Majesty of heaven and earth, it is thy word of truth and revelation that shows forth without a veil thy glorious perfections and ways. For ever blessed be thy name, O God, for the precious volume of Revelation. O Lord my God, I thank thee and bless thee that this holy volume is in my possession through thy bounty to me, and I thank thee that I have

it now in my hands: I praise and bless thee that I have at this present time leisure and opportunity to read by myself in retirement a portion of thy word. O Most Blessed God, be pleased to look on me, and very graciously, whilst I read thy word at this time. O remember all thy promises given to those who seek thee, and who follow after thee in thine appointed ways. Bless me, my Father, whilst I read thy word of truth, righteousness, and love, thy word of peace, salvation, and glory: O bless me in my present reading, and in my desires to know thee and glorify thee. Rebuke and dispel the darkness that is in me, and bestow on me heavenly light. Preserve my attention fixed, O my God, whilst I am reading: keep me from all wandering thoughts. Open my understanding to comprehend the scriptures: give me the right heart for receiving thy instructions: and O give me grace to follow them with all conscientiousness, and diligence.—O God, thou hearer of prayer, hear this my prayer: O God, the Author of the Holy Scriptures, bless me now in the reading of thy word; bless me herein with present and with everlasting blessings, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour: Amen.

Most Holy and Ever Blessed God, I thank and praise and adore thee for the Holy Scriptures. O Lord, I bless thee that this Book is in a language that I understand, and that I am able to read, and have thy word in my hands, and am now favoured with an opportunity of reading it. Give thy Spirit to me, O my God and Father,

whilst I now read and study and meditate on these thy divine communications to mankind. O communicate them to me, I beseech thee, even to my understanding and my heart. Enlighten me, sanctify, strengthen, and comfort me in thy holy word, and fit me through thy truth for glorifying thee on earth and in heaven. O hear me my God, and graciously answer me through Jesus Christ thy Beloved Son, who died for sinners, and who ever liveth to make intercession for them : Amen.

O God Almighty, I adore thee for this Precious Book. Pardon, O Lord, my neglect of it ; and grant me now thy gracious blessing in Reading and Studying it, to the glory of thy name in my Instruction, Sanctification, and Salvation, in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer : Amen.

Almighty Father, be pleased, I beseech thee, to enlighten and instruct me, to sanctify and comfort me, and to animate and strengthen me, through the Reading of thy Holy Word, at this time, by thy Holy Spirit sent down from heaven, through and for the sake of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, my Saviour, my Lord, and my God : Amen.

O Lord God Almighty, forgive all my neglect of thy Holy Word, and enable me now to read a portion of thy Sacred Book with much attention, and with great profit, for the Lord Jesus' sake : Amen.

A PRAYER,

TO BE USED ON ENTERING UPON ANY PARTICULAR DUTY.

Almighty Father, thou hast commanded thy people to acknowledge thee in all their ways, and thou hast promised to direct all their steps. I come therefore, O my Father, to set thee before me in this matter which I am about to undertake; and I beseech thee to remember thy gracious promise, and to fulfil it to me abundantly on this occasion.

O Lord, be pleased to instruct me fully in all parts of my duty in this concern. O save me from ignorance herein, and from all the evil effects thereof. Enable me, O my God, to use my best endeavours to instruct myself in the duties of what I am now called to, that I may have a full conviction on my mind that ignorance cleaveth not to me by reason of my neglect of the means of instruction within my reach.

Graciously also, O my Father, preserve me from slothfulness in these duties on which I now enter in thy name. Thou knowest the natural indolence of man, and how often I have transgressed by yielding thereto. Be pleased therefore, O my God, to stir me up to activity in these duties, that my conscience may not condemn me respecting them.

Preserve me, O Lord, in an especial manner, from wilfully transgressing in any matter in these duties. O God, enable me to watch, and to pray, and to strive herein, that so by thy grace I may have a conscience void of offence—in thy sight,

O my God,—and in the sight of those I am connected with in this concern and charge.

Most Blessed God, O do vouchsafe to me a right understanding, and a sound judgment, and energy of mind and of body, for serving thee, and for glorifying thy Most Holy Name in this matter. Forbid it, O my God, that I should in any wise dishonour thy name in this thing; but grant me thy Holy Spirit that I may adorn herein the doctrine of God my Saviour; and may all my actions be, and so appear, before men in this undertaking, that I may greatly glorify my Father who is in heaven.

O my God, may my soul be truly clear and untainted in all this matter, and may I be kept from tainting in any manner the souls of others. Grant also, O Lord, for thy great goodness' sake, that my soul may acquire profit through this concern, and holiness, and peace, and joy; and may all and every thing I do herein, greatly redound to the honour and glory of thy adorable and blessed name, for ever and for ever.

O my Father—my Father—most graciously hear these supplications, and answer them, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord, and my Redeemer: Amen, and Amen.

A PRAYER,

TO BE USED ON COMMENCING THE PERUSAL OF ANY PARTICULAR BOOK.

Almighty God, source of all Knowledge, to
these are mine eyes directed for all the Instruc-

tion I stand in need of, for the life that now is, and for that which is to come. Vouchsafe to me, O Lord, all that knowledge which I require for enabling me to glorify thy name, in the state in which thou hast placed me, or in the state thou mayest hereafter place me in. Shut out also, O Lord, from my eyes and thoughts, the knowledge of every thing that might lead me to sin against thee, and endanger my own peace and my salvation.

I thank thee, O my God, for all the knowledge thou hast already communicated to me. Forgive my neglect and abuse of this knowledge, in all respects wherein I have so done; and let not my soul, O God, nor the souls of others be injured by this neglect and abuse. And grant me, O my God, henceforward to make a right and a godly use of all the knowledge which by thy grace I enjoy, or that I may attain unto in future.

Be pleased, O Lord, to grant me that proper desire which thou wilt approve of, for an increased measure of knowledge. Let me not shut my eyes against the light thou affordest me: but let me desire a continual increase of knowledge, with the view of glorifying thy name the more by every light thou wilt give me.

Thou hast now, O God, in thy providence put this Book into my hands. O grant me thy Holy Spirit to guide and to direct me in the reading of it. My mind, O God, is entirely in thy hands. O save me from harm, and guide me to what is good by the Book now before me. Shield me, O my God, from imbibing any errors which this Book may contain, and guide me to a right

comprehension of all that is true, and holy, and useful in it. Grant also, O my Father, that the truths I may be led to by this Book may make a firm impression on my memory, and on my heart, that so they may prove the means of enabling me to serve thee more than ever I have yet done. O Lord, most graciously grant, that all the knowledge I may attain to through this Book may be employed in promoting my own true and best interests here and hereafter; and may this knowledge likewise prove, through thy grace to me, the means of bestowing present and eternal blessings upon others.

O Lord my God, for the sake of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, my only Mediator and Advocate, vouchsafe me an abundant answer to these my sincere and earnest supplications: and to thy name be glory, both now and for ever: Amen, and Amen.

