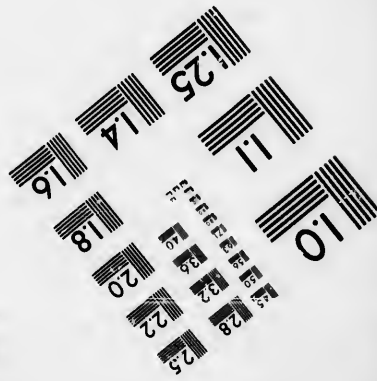
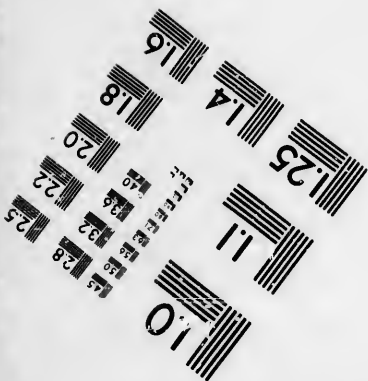
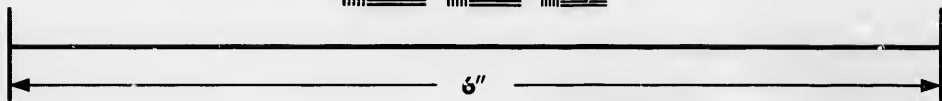
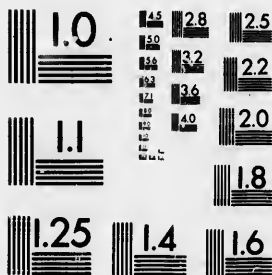


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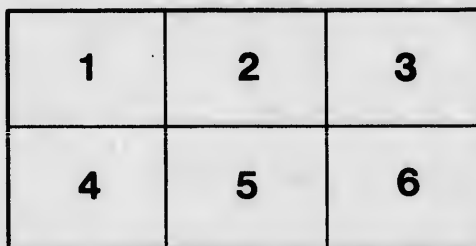
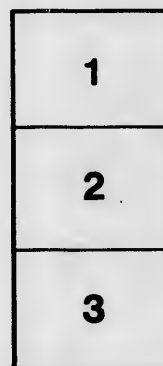
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SELECTED FROM VARIOUS APPROVED MANUALS,

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"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—*Joshua* xxiv. 15.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR FATHER which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

OR THIS :

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

OR THIS :

May peace be with us from God, the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Holy Spirit, be glory and dominion, now and evermore. *Amen.*

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FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O THOU Lord of the Sabbath, who hast set apart this day for thyself, and hast commanded us to keep it holy to thy name, look down upon a family of sinful creatures, who are assembled together to acknowledge thy goodness in bringing them to see it.

We adore thee for thy patience and forbearance in not dealing with us according to our deserts, nor rewarding us according to our iniquities. And we beseech thee to pour down upon us the abundance of thy grace, that we may rest this day according to thy commandment. Let not thy Sabbath be a weariness to us, but our delight. Let us honour thee by not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words.

Bless us, O Lord, with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus: bless us, we pray thee, in turning away every one of us from our iniquities. Wash us in the fountain of that blood which cleanseth from all sin. Clothe us with the robe of that righteousness, which is, by faith of Jesus Christ, unto all and upon all them that believe.

Prepare us for the various duties which are now before us. Sanctify unto us thy appointed means of grace. Send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead us; let them bring us to thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacle.

Grant that the Scriptures, which thou hast caused to be written for our learning, may be applied to our hearts in the demonstration of the Spirit, and of power. May we in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, through a crucified Redeemer.

Hear our prayers, O God, for all Christian ministers (especially thy servant who ministereth to us in holy things:) and endue them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit. Give unto them the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind. Help them to take heed to themselves and to their doctrine; that so, according to thy promise, they may both save themselves and those who hear them.

We beseech thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth unity, and concord; and grant that all they who do confess thy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. May numbers be added to it, every Sabbath-day, of such as shall be saved.

Look in mercy upon such as have hitherto neglected thy Sabbaths. Teach them to improve those that remain; and so to redeem the time which they have lost, that they may be numbered among thy believing people. Regard with thy favour each solitary wanderer, and sick one in his private chamber, and each voyager on the wide ocean; let them know that thou, the God of the Sabbath, art present in their solitude, and able to bless them there.

Give the word, O Lord, that great may be the company of the preachers, who shall go forth into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Let nation after nation be converted to the Christian faith, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy glory as the waters cover the sea.

Hear, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, these our imperfect petitions; and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies, for the sake of Jesus-Christ, our only Lord and Saviour; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we beseech thee to accept the worship which we have rendered unto thee on thy holy day. Give thine abundant blessing to all the means of grace, and impart unto us a full conviction of those doctrines of thy gospel which have been delivered to us. May they not only excite our fears and hopes, while the sound of them is yet in our ears; but may they be engraven on all our hearts, by the power of thy Holy Spirit.

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We bless thee that thou hast favoured us with so many and great advantages; that thou hast given us thy Sabbath; that thou hast enlightened us by thy holy word; that thou hast sent us ministers instructed in thy truths, and hast multiplied our opportunities of edification; that thou hast removed from us many obstacles which others meet with in their heavenly course, and hast made our way plain before us. We heartily bless thee, O Lord, for these unspeakable mercies; but we would rejoice with trembling; knowing that unto whom much is given, of them much shall be required. O Lord, grant unto us thy Holy Spirit; to enlighten our darkness, to strengthen our weakness, and to supply all that is wanting in us for our spiritual necessities and for the everlasting salvation of our souls.

We beseech thee to manifest to our hearts the abounding grace and love of Christ, that we may be delivered from slavish fears, and may advance with cheerful and willing steps in the way of thy commandments. Give us that hope which is the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast. Vouchsafe unto us that most excellent gift of charity, without which we are but as the sounding brass, and the tinkling cymbal. May we more plainly perceive and more often reflect on the cause of our having so imperfectly obeyed thee in times past. O God, we have not loved thee, and therefore we have not served thee as we ought. Our hearts have been too cold and insensible; Christ our Saviour hath died for us; but we have remained little affected by all that he did and suffered for us.

Give us such a deep sense of our obligations to him, and such a steadfast hope of immortal life through him, that no temptations may prevail over us. May we be occupied, whenever we may have seasons of retirement, with the hope of heaven and the love of Christ, and when we are engaged in business in the world, may our love to thee inspire us with such continual zeal in doing good, and such holy activity in our calling, that we may be preserved from those snares to which the careless and the profane are constantly exposed. And thus may we pass on through life; growing in grace; attached more and more to every principle of the gospel: looking to the author and finisher of our faith; and anticipating a happy resurrection. O may we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; and, in the ensuing week, may we remember what this day we have been taught; and may we obtain of thee by daily prayer, the constant aid of thy heavenly grace; we ask it for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O merciful and gracious Lord God, who art the rewarder of all them who seek thee: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to send down thy blessing upon this family, here assembled together to offer up our common supplications to thy divine majesty. Bless us with health of body and peace of mind. Preserve us this day by thy good providence from all evil accidents, that we may safely and thankfully enjoy the comforts which Thou art pleased to bestow upon us. Make us diligent to perform the duties of our respect stations, and careful to redeem that precious time which we cannot recall; and do thou of thy goodness give a blessing to our endeavours that we may prosper in all our just undertakings and concerns. Above all, give us a heart to know and receive thy will, and also grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same.

We thank thee for the opportunity we yesterday enjoyed of entering thy house, and engaging in thy service. May every good impression then made upon our minds be deepened, every holy resolution confirmed, every wholesome lesson remembered; and may we be enabled, during the course of this day, and of this week, to carry much of a Sabbath day's spirit into all the ordinary business and intercourse of life.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to bless all in whom we are interested. Wherever they are, may they be objects of thy care, subjects of thy grace, and partakers of thy bounty. Pour out thy promised blessing upon our sovereign and all the Royal family. May the Spirit of wisdom and understanding rest upon all who are in authority over us. May they all, with one heart, and one consent, turn unto the Lord. Grant, we entreat thee, heavenly Father, that the bishops and other ministers in our land, and in every land into which thou hast sent thy servants, may be filled with the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit:—may they be men of God full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

Bless us in the discharge of our duties to one another, and grant that we may all dwell together in peace and unity, and in the spirit of thy fear, and of brotherly love, remembering that thou art the Father and Master of us all. Enlighten

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Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, at the close of the day we would remember the blessings we have received from thy hands in the course of it, and humbly approach thee to offer up our thanks. Give us grateful hearts, and teach us to show our gratitude by studying to please thee as dutiful children. We acknowledge that we do not thank thee in this way, but while thou dost crown our days with thy mercies, we too often defile them with sin. We confess our offences and desire to be sincerely sorry for them, that we may obtain thy forgiveness through the merits of our blessed Redeemer. Pardon our pride and vanity; our idleness and self indulgence, and all our dispositions and tempers which have been displeasing in thy holy eyes. Pardon whatever rash and angry words we have this day spoken, and all the bad thoughts that have risen up in our minds and which we have not been careful to resist; and pardon, above all, O Lord, our greatest sin, forgetfulness of thee and ingratitude to our blessed Saviour. We have much, very much to be forgiven. O teach us to love much. Save us from offending thee so often. Help us to set thee always before us, that every day we may grow better, and every night retire to our rest at peace with thee and with all around us.

Remember in mercy, O Lord, all our relatives and friends. Grant them the blessings that we seek for ourselves; write their names and ours in the Lamb's Book of Life, that at last when we stand before thy throne we may together hear from thy

gracious lips: Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Be pleased, O Lord, to receive our humble intercessions for all orders and degrees of men; for the Queen, and all that are in authority under her, that they may be thy ministers to us for good; for the appointed teachers of thy word, and pastors of thy flock, and for all the members of thy Church; that all may faithfully serve thee in their several stations, and adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things.

Bless us as a family, and [may our children be the followers of the lowly Jesus.]

Take us, we pray thee, under thy guardian care this night. Let us rest beneath the shadow of thy wing. Keep us from sinful thoughts, when we are about to close our eyes in sleep; and let our first thoughts in the morning be of thy goodness and our duty to serve thee, our constant benefactor. These things, and all that we need, we beseech thee to grant for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; we thine unworthy Servants desire to praise thy Name, for all the expressions of thy bounty towards us. We give thee thanks, that thou hast preserved us from many and great dangers, wherewith we have been encompassed; that thou hast brought us safe to the light of this day; that thou hast refreshed us the past night, with quiet rest and sleep. But above all, we bless thee for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

Pardon, good Lord, we beseech thee, all our former sins, and all our abuses of thy forbearance and long-suffering, for which we are now sorry at our hearts. Give us grace to lead more holy lives, and to be more careful in improving all future opportunities. Make thyself present to our minds, and let thy love and thy fear rule in our souls, in all those places and companies where our occasions shall lead us this day.

Keep us chaste in all our thoughts; temperate in all our enjoyments; humble in all our opinions of ourselves; charitable in all our speeches of others; meek and peaceable under

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all provocations; sincere and faithful in all our professions; and so just and upright in all our dealings, that no necessity may force, nor opportunity in any kind allure us to defraud, or overreach our neighbour. When thou bestowest good on others, let us not envy, but rejoice in it; and when thou addest any to ourselves, let us own thy mercy, and humbly thank thee for it.

Afford us convenient supplies in all our reasonable necessities, and protect us against the approach of all dangers; make us diligent in our affairs, and give such success to our lawful endeavours, as thou seest best and most expedient for us; teach us contentedly to submit, and not to repine at any thing that happens by the allotment of thy wise Providence.

In all our passage through this world, and our manifold concerns in it, suffer not our hearts to be too much set upon it; but always fix our minds upon the blessed hope of everlasting life, that as we go along, we may make all the things of this world minister to it, and be careful, above all things, that our souls be fitted for that pure and perfect bliss, which thou hast prepared for all who love and fear thee, in the glories of thy kingdom.

Direct us in all our actions, guard us against all dangers, relieve us in all straits, and grant that we may always make thee our confidence, and take all things well that thou orderest for us. Shorten our sorrows, and deliver us from all our sins, for Jesus Christ's sake; in the full extent of whose words, we pray to be heard both for ourselves, and for all mankind.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel, thou art God, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven and earth. Incline thine ear, we beseech thee, and hear: open thine eyes, O Lord, and see; and graciously grant, that though in ourselves we are unworthy of thy regard, in Jesus Christ we may be accepted, and answered, and blessed.

For his sake, we humbly entreat thee, mercifully to forgive us all the sins we have this day committed. Make us sorry for our short comings and provocations. Teach us to profit by the additional experience which every day affords of the deceitfulness of our own hearts, and of the temptations to which we are exposed; and help us in time to come to be more on our

guard against the sins that do so easily beset us, and to exercise a firmer dependence on Him through whom alone thy people have their strength renewed, and are made more than conquerors over all their spiritual enemies.

We give thee thanks, gracious God, for the renewed tokens we have this day experienced of thy providential care and goodness. We thank thee that we have received our daily bread—that we have been preserved from danger—that we have been permitted to taste the pleasures of social and friendly intercourse,—and that now, in circumstances of so much external comfort, we are called to enjoy the infinitely higher privilege of fellowship with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. Enlarge our minds, O Lord, with sentiments and feelings corresponding to the benefits we have received. Help us to feel, to speak, and to act, as the children of so many mercies. May the goodness of God, our heavenly Father, influence our whole conduct; and in every thing may we give thanks.

Nor, in the enjoyment of temporal mercies, let us be tempted to forget those which are spiritual and eternal. We acknowledge, and we lament, our proneness to accept of things which perish in the using, as if they were meant to form our portion. But let thy Spirit raise our minds above the inferior and unworthy objects of mere temporal gratification, and fix them upon the glorious and the unchanging realities at thy right hand.

Be with us, we beseech thee, through this night. If it please thee, grant us sleep to refresh our bodies and our minds. If awake, may we remember thee upon our beds, and meditate upon thee in the night watches: may our souls follow hard after thee; and let thy right hand uphold us.

Be bountiful to all our relatives and friends. Enrich them with thy grace. Comfort them under all their trials; and accommodate the supplies of thy Holy Spirit to their various characters, circumstances, ages, and necessities.

Look favourably upon thy Church and people. Do good, in thy good pleasure, unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem: restore thine ancient people to their former place in thy favour; and with them let the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, we beseech thee: and when thou hearest, do thou accept and answer, and bless us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Advocate and Mediator, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting.—
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O most gracious and merciful God, by whom the world is governed and preserved, we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us, in preserving us from the dangers of the night past, and bringing us safe this morning to see another day.

We gratefully acknowledge our dependence upon thee, for all the necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of life; for all the means of our well-being here, and of our everlasting happiness hereafter.

We give thee thanks for the light of thy gospel, and the help of thy grace, and for the promise thou hast made us of forgiveness through thy Son Jesus Christ, on our sincere repentance and amendment.

Give us, we beseech thee, such a sense of these and all other thy mercies to us, as may make us truly thankful to thee for them.

Give us grace that we may ever walk as in thy sight; make a conscience of all our ways; and fearing to offend thee, may never fall into the sins we have repented of.

Enable us to resist and overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the Devil; To follow the motions of thy good Spirit; to be serious and holy in our lives; true and just in our dealings; watchful over our thoughts, our words, and our actions; diligent in our business, and temperate in all things.

Give us grace honestly to improve all the talents which thou hast committed to our trust: and may no worldly business, no worldly pleasures, divert us from the concerns of the life to come!

May thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, upon our substance; and upon all that belong to us; and may we never undertake any work, which we dare not beg thee to prosper!

May thy grace defend us in all assaults of our enemies; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight.

Give us, gracious God, what is needful for us, and grace not to abuse thy favours: Give us, we beseech thee, contented minds; and make us ever mindful of the wants of others.

Give us, in this world, the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

[Bless especially the children of this family; may they be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; may they be submissive and dutiful in all things; may they live in harmony and love, one towards another; may they be kept

from the evil that is in the world; and, after a life of holy obedience to thy laws, may they all be made members of thy blessed family above.]

Here us, O merciful God, not according to our imperfect petitions, but according to the full meaning of that form of prayer which Jesus-Christ has taught us, and for his sake.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away our offences; wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.

Grant us, O Lord, the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that for the time to come we may think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will. Let thy grace always so prevent and follow us, as to make us continually to be given to all good works.

Take us, O Lord, we beseech thee, into thy protection this night, and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of it. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul.

Extend thy goodness, O Lord, to the whole race of mankind. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics; take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home to thy flock, that they may be saved with thy people in the great day of the Lord Jesus. Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same. We make our humble supplica-

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tions to thee for all our benefactors, friends, and relations, also for our very enemies; let thy fatherly hand be ever over them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life.

And as we pray unto thee, O God, for ourselves and others, so we desire to bless and praise thy holy Name, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We give thee hearty thanks for thy merciful preservation of us from innumerable accidents and dangers; for the comforts and conveniences, as well as the necessaries of life; but above all we praise thee for the redemption of the world, by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, who did humble himself even to the death of the cross, for us miserable sinners, who lay in darkness, and in the shadow of death, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. Teach us to express our thankfulness by submitting ourselves entirely to thy holy will and pleasure, and by studying to serve thee in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Accept, O Lord, of these our prayers and praises, in and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who has taught us, when we pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech thee to hear the devout prayers of thy church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we humbly thank thee for having preserved us through the past night, and for granting us health for the duties of another day. Blessed be thy name for all thy mercies; for giving us food to eat and raiment to put on, and for delivering us from the many evils which our sins have justly deserved.

Above all we thank thee for thine inestimable gift, thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We confess before thee our exceeding guilt, and pray thee, for what he has done, to pardon our offences, and to receive our souls when we die.

We beseech thee also, for his sake, to grant unto us the help of thy Holy spirit, that we may be enabled to follow his

example and to obey his precepts in a'l things. May we be patient, humble, kind and merciful, endeavouring to do good unto all men whenever we have opportunity, and forgiving those who do us wrong, even as we hope to be forgiven.

Grant us grace this day diligently to perform its duties, to be true and just in all our dealings, ever doing unto others as we would they should do unto us; and help us, O Lord, to govern our tongues, to subdue our tempers, to restrain our thoughts from wandering into evil, and never to yield ourselves to the power of temptation. If sinners entice us, may we not consent. Preserve us especially from those sins which in times past we have most frequently committed, and strengthen us by thy Spirit, that they may overcome us no more. Incite us to industry, that we may redeem the time, and finish the work which thou hast given us to do. Make us eager after knowledge—especially the knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation. These things, for our beloved friends and relations, as well as ourselves, we humbly ask in the name of the adorable Redeemer—Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

May peace be with us from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Holy Spirit, be all glory and dominion now and evermore!

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God who seest all our thoughts, and words, and works, and who wilt judge us at the last day; we beseech thee to pardon whatsoever sins we have this day committed against thy divine majesty; and to give us grace to examine ourselves, that we may know wherein we have offended against thee.

We fear that we have this day done many things which we ought not to have done; and have left undone many things which we ought to have done: that we may have indulged our pride, and our evil tempers; and harboured many sinful thoughts: that we may have been negligent in the performance of the duties of our station; and may have omitted opportunities of doing good. We profess to be thy servants; but how great a part of our duty do we often leave unperformed! O pardon our offences for Jesus Christ's sake; and teach us continually to amend our lives, that we may become his disciples, not in name only, but in deed and in truth.

We pray thee to take us under thy gracious care this night : we are surrounded by dangers, and are at all times unable to help ourselves ; but the darkness and the light are both alike to thee ; and thou art ever present with those who put their trust in thee. How many are there who will pass this night in sorrow and in pain ! How many who will mourn through the disquietude of their hearts ; and are without any sure hope in their God ! O Lord grant unto us, if it please thee, refreshing rest ; but especially, teach us to put our trust in thee.

May we know in whom we have believed ; and may our souls be safe in the hands of that Redeemer to whom we have committed them ; and in whose merits alone we desire to trust.

We most humbly address thee in behalf of all those for whom it is our duty to pray. We would intercede with thee for our native land, that it may still be favoured with the light of thy Gospel ; and that the seeds of divine knowledge sown in it may bring forth abundant fruit. Bless all in authority over us ; and give them wisdom to fulfil the arduous duties to which they are called. Have mercy on all who are in any sorrow ; on the widows, and the fatherless, and on those who have none to help them. Look down with compassion on those who suffer from the calamities of war. Be merciful to our dear friends and relations. Let the light of thy gospel shine into all their hearts. Grant that they may be now united with us in the bonds of Christian love ; and that we may all be members of thy blessed family in heaven.

O Lord, pardon the infirmity of these our prayers ; and answer us, not according to what we either desire or deserve but according to the riches of thy grace in Jesus Christ ; for whom we bless thee, and to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being ; we, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises, for the preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To thy watchful providence we owe it, that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling ; but, that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these thy mercies, we bless and

magnify thy glorious name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice, of praise and thanksgiving; for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And, since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

But, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; we humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by him whom thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

In particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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FRIDAY EVENING.

Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; we come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us a hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee and towards men: That so, we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbours. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities, for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

To our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food, and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy mercy in sending thy only

Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty toward thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day: beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to us; and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to his laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In particular, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die: so that living and dying we may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son Christ Jesus, in whose name we offer up these our imperfect prayers.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us, during the past night; beseeching thee to make us truly sensible of thy mercies and sincerely thankful for them.

Give us grace that we may walk this day as in thy sight, making a conscience of our ways and fearing above all things to offend thee; may we not fall into the sins of which we have repented.

Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil—to follow the motions of thy good spirit—to be pure and holy in our intentions—true and just in our dealings—watchful over our thoughts and actions—diligent in our bu-

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ness, and temperate in all things. And because we cannot be safe without thy succour, defend us, we beseech thee, from all dangers both of soul and body.

Make us ever sensible that we depend upon thee; that in all our necessities we may look to thee for help: Give us whatsoever is needful for us, and withal give us, we pray, contented minds.

Bless the place in which we dwell. Let thy grace be largely manifested here; the ministry of thy word fully blessed; may thy presence be known and felt among thy people; thy love and tenderness move them; and the hope and expectation of thy glory be continually present in their minds. We beseech thee to regard with thy favour all whom thou hast placed in authority over us. May we enjoy the blessings of peace, and wilt thou preserve us from entering upon any unrighteous wars or suffering by unjust aggressions of others. Make us a penitent and believing people, fearing God and working righteousness. Bless this our family; may it appear that we have been given to each other and brought together in thy providence to be a full blessing to each other, in body and in soul, for time and eternity. O may we all, through thy imparted grace, bring to each other that daily help and comfort which thou didst design for us by our union as one family together. Remember for good our dear relatives and friends; give them and us all the real blessings of this life, and grace not to abuse them—but above all, the blessings of the life to come. And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O LORD God Almighty, Father of mercies, from whom we derive the temporal comforts which we enjoy, and to whom we owe the blessed and glorious hope of everlasting life, we desire to render unto thee this our evening sacrifice of prayer, and praise, and thanksgiving. We acknowledge thy goodness to us since the morning, and praise thee that day by day thou dost crown our lives with mercy and loving kindness.

We pray thee to increase our trust and confidence in thee. Deliver us from the love of this changeful and uncertain world. Strengthen our faith in the great promises of thy gospel; and grant that, having committed ourselves to thy mercies in Jesus Christ, we may find in him continual rest and peace.

We beseech thee, for his sake, to pardon whatever sins we have this day committed against thee. Although we profess to know thy word, and to live in obedience to thy will, in how many things do we continue to offend! We are often slothful in the performance of our duties; we fail to watch against our peculiar temptations; we yield to the evil example of those around us; we gratify our pride; we indulge our evil tempers; we renew our sins, to the great disquiet of our souls. O Lord, forgive, for Jesus Christ's sake, the offences of this day; and pour out upon us thy Holy Spirit; that we may become more steadfast and zealous in thy service, and more diligent in every good work.

We commit to thy gracious and fatherly care all those for whom it is our duty to pray. Have compassion on our dearest relations and friends. Supply their various wants through the riches of thy mercy in Jesus Christ.

Bless our civil rulers; and give them wisdom to fulfil the arduous duties to which they are called.

Be merciful to all who are in sorrow. Look down with pity on those who suffer through the calamities of war; on prisoners and captives; and on all who are destitute and oppressed. Bestow thy special favour on thine afflicted servants; and cause their earthly troubles to issue in their eternal joy.

Have mercy on the young: [especially our own dear children,] may there be never wanting in this land a seed to serve thee; and may those who shall come after us, obtain from thee an increase of light and knowledge, as well as of faith, and hope and love; that the fruits of righteousness may abound; and the excellency of thy gospel may be more and more manifested in the world.

We now commit ourselves to thee for this night; earnestly beseeching thee to bless us, and to take us under thy gracious protection. With the week that is about to close we would dismiss all our worldly cares and thoughts. May we rise in the morning with every good desire growing up in us; and go to the duties of the following day, remembering that we are candidates for a heavenly prize; and looking beyond these temporal things, to a better and more enduring inheritance.

Assist us in all our attempts to serve thee, and let thy word, thine ordinances, and thy Sabbath, be sanctified to us, and to all who with us shall call upon the Father through Jesus Christ.

We present unto thee these imperfect supplications, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

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SECOND WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

GRACIOUS Lord of light and life! we desire to remember that thou hast commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath day, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law. We confess that we have often disobeyed it; O forgive us for our Saviour's sake. Let our souls bless and thank thee, that we see the morning light of another of thine own holy days. Grant us grace to resist every temptation to spend any part of it in a vain or useless manner. Grant us grace to consider the use we should make of the time, which thou, our Creator, hast commanded us to keep holy. When we read thy word may we meditate on thy precepts, so that we may be enabled to say, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." May all the instructions we receive concerning thy word, be as seed sown in good ground, that shall spring up and bear fruit an hundred-fold. When we are in thy house of prayer may we feel that we are there to worship, and not to behave in a trifling manner; not to perform a cold and heartless service, but to confess our sins, with sorrow for them; to pray for thy pardoning mercy, and devoutly to praise thee for thy blessed gift of Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son. O thou God of all grace, as thou hast given us a Saviour, grant that we may truly believe in him, fervently love him, constantly obey him while we live, and when we die, enter life eternal, to be for ever with the Lord, and unite with all redeemed souls in giving thanks "unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." Grant, merciful God, that the preaching of the glorious gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, may this day be mixed with faith, in the souls of all who hear it. Bless all faithful preachers of it [especially thy servant who ministereth to us,] strengthen them in body and mind, and let them feel that Jesus is fulfilling to them his promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Bless each of us, too, in those opportunities of aiding others, which thy providence may open before us. Let us feel it to be a real privilege, if we can but give the simplest lesson of divine truth to an

infant mind, or a fellow creature for whom Jesus has shed his blood; knowing that thou canst make that lesson effectual to the salvation of their souls, and so give us joy in the day of Christ. We now commit ourselves to thy mercy. Make thy day, we beseech thee, a blessing to our souls. Make it a blessing to all the world by granting that all Christians may have a spirit of prayer and supplication to plead for those who do not know, or do not believe in the Saviour of sinners. Look down, O Heavenly Father, with tender mercy on all those who by sickness or any other adversity, may be kept from thy house of prayer. Help them to worship thee, and cause them to rejoice that thou art everywhere present to hear and answer their supplications. Grant these, and all our requests, for thy mercy's sake in Christ Jesus, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel that dwellest between the cherubim, thou art God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; and beside thee there is none other. Thou art our God, and we will praise thee; thou art our God, and we will exalt thee.

We praise thee for every opportunity which has been afforded us of becoming wise unto salvation.

We bless thee for casting our lot in a land where the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

We glorify thy name for nourishing us, and bringing us up in a church which is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

We heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, for giving us thy blessed word, to direct us in the way of life. Let it not be unto us a sealed book, and a dead letter; but open our understanding to understand the Scriptures that we may believe and obey them to the saving of the soul.

Above all, we praise thee for the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And we entreat thee, Almighty God, to grant us perfectly to know him to be the way, the truth, and the life; that under the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, we may steadfastly walk in the path that leadeth unto life eternal.

But while we praise thee most gracious Father, for these and all thy other mercies, we acknowledge and confess our own unworthiness, and manifold abuse of them. We humble

ourselves before thee beseeching thee, of thy great goodness, not only to accept our praise, but to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances. Pardon the iniquity of our most holy things; and wash us in the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour.

Hear us, O Lord, for his sake; and grant that, however we have fallen short of our duty this day, we may not have attended thy ordinances altogether in vain. Though we are unprofitable servants, do not forsake us. Though we are dull of hearing, and slow of heart to believe, yet mercifully bear with our infirmities, and cast us not away from thy presence. Grant that every Sabbath may be the means of bringing us nearer to thyself, and of making us more meet for the enjoyment of thy glorious kingdom.

We beseech thee to hear us good Lord, in our prayers and supplications for all men.

Prosper the labours of thy faithful servants who have this day published the glad tidings of salvation. Give thy blessing to the seed which they have sown, that it may bring forth fruit abundantly.

Let grace and peace be multiplied to all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity. O Lord save thy people and bless thine inheritance.

Hear the prayers which have been offered up for all estates of men in thy holy Church; and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Be pleased to continue thy protection to us through this night. Refresh our bodies with quiet sleep, and our souls with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit: and when thou shalt call us out of this world, give us everlasting rest and peace in thy eternal kingdom, through the merits of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

We fall down before thee, O merciful Father, to offer up our united prayers and praises at the footstool of thy divine Majesty. We thank thee that thou hast preserved us during the night past in peace and safety, and raised us up again to see the light of another morning.

And now that we are again returned to the ordinary duties of life, after a day spent in thy more immediate worship and

service, enable us, we beseech thee, to go forth with an earnest desire of carrying into execution any holy purposes which we may have formed, and of living more under the influence of thy heavenly grace. May we set out as with the vows of the Lord upon us, and as with a fresh impulse of soul, disposing us more to do the will of God from the heart. May our chief thoughts, our main desires, be about heavenly things, and may we be comparatively little interested about the concerns of this world. May we serve thee with a deep sense of our own weakness, and look up to thee for continual supplies of grace and strength out of the fulness which is in Christ Jesus; that so we may be enabled to put off entirely the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and may be renewed in the spirit of our minds.

Oh, may we experience this blessed transformation, and meanwhile may we endeavour to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we remember that we shall have to give account to thee hereafter for the talents committed to our stewardship; that we may render up our account at last with joy, and meet our blessed Saviour with confidence, and not be ashamed at his coming.

And now, Lord, let us once more lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving for all the renewed mercies which we experience at thy hand. We thank thee that thou hast placed us in a land, in which we enjoy so great a measure of personal comfort, and are, at the same time favoured with so great advantages for our everlasting happiness. Oh, let us remember the obligations which rest upon us, and be filled with more continual gratitude to thee, our great and unwearied Benefactor. May the experience of thy goodness as to the things of time, make us call upon thee more earnestly for the blessings of eternity.

And now we beseech thee take us, and all whom we should remember in our prayers, into thy gracious keeping for the ensuing day. Guard us against our great spiritual enemy; succour us in every season of temptation; and enable us to live in thy faith, and fear, and love, under a constant recollection of thy presence, and with a continual desire of thy favour. We ask all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our great Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD, infinitely great, glorious, and holy, we adore thy goodness for the blessings of the day which we are now concluding, for all our temporal comforts, and still more for all thy spiritual favours. May we lie down this night with a deep feeling of our obligation to the long-suffering and loving kindness of our God and Saviour.

Pardon the sins, negligences and ignorances of the day that is past; at the close of our best days there is much for which we have reason to be humbled in thy presence. O Lord, enter not into judgment with us, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. Take away from us, we beseech thee, every remainder of the heart of stone, and give us hearts of flesh. Enable us to feel our ruined condition without a Saviour, and to fly for refuge to the hope set before us, and may we press forward to the prize of our high calling, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Grant, Lord, we beseech thee, that we may live under a constant recollection of our true condition in this life, that we may remember we are here for a short and uncertain season, and that death and eternity are at hand. May we live therefore with our loins girded and our lamps burning, as those who wait for the coming of their Lord. May we be diligent in our Master's business employing the various faculties which thou hast given us to thy honour, and striving more and more to let our light so shine before men, that they may glorify our Father which is in heaven. Grant, Lord, we beseech thee, that we may also be more useful in our day and generation. May we be endeavouring to lessen the vice and misery which are in the world. And may we strive to serve thee, not merely from considerations of interest, or from motives of slavish fear, but from a grateful sense of the obligations which we owe thee, and from a desire to do thy heavenly will out of a deep sense of the mercies which thou art continually pouring upon us.

We pray to thee also for our fellow-creatures, more especially for our friends and benefactors, and grant to all whom we should remember in our prayers the same blessings which we ask for ourselves. [Mercifully instruct our children in lessons of repentance, mercy, and love. Convince them that, though they are young they have offended thee, and can only be saved through faith in thy dear Son.] Bless in particular all who are endeavouring to make known the glad tidings of a Redeemer to those who now sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Greatly increase the number of thy faithful ministers. Pity those who are groaning under the yoke of oppression, those

who are enduring the ravages of war. Oh, may there be an end to all their evils, may peace and love prevail through the earth.

And now, O heavenly Father, we commit ourselves to thy holy keeping this night, and desire to rest securely under the shadow of thy protection. Defend us from all perils and dangers, and especially from those which may assault and hurt the soul. Prepare us by comfortable repose, for the duties of the morrow, and grant that we may rise disposed and strengthened for thy service as faithful and diligent disciples of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, what shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits conferred upon us! Adored be thy mercy for all the blessings we are continually receiving from thee. How hast thou renewed our lives and our mercies to us this morning! May all that is within us bless thy holy Name. O put thy Spirit within us, and cause us to walk in thy statutes. Give us grace to glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are thine.

We praise thee O God, for the unspeakable gift of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Grant us so to believe in him, that we may have life through his Name.

We praise thee for the gift of the Holy Ghost. May our bodies be the temple of his continual abode. Let us not walk according to the course of this world, according to the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; but, as the children of God, may we be led by the Spirit of God, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Let us not resist or grieve the Holy Spirit, but in all things obey his godly motions, to thy glory, and to our comfort and salvation. May our understandings be enlightened, our hearts sanctified, and our wills subdued, according to the working of his mighty power.

Be with us this day, to bless and uphold our souls. Grant us the joy of faith, the patience of hope, and the comfort of love; that we may rejoice in thy mercy, and give praise to thy Name. Save and deliver us from all the evils which we feel or fear, or cause them to work together for our good. Compass us about with thy favour as with a shield. Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth alway preserve us.

Make us diligent, we pray thee, in the discharge of our temporal and spiritual duties. Incline us to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, that all other things may be added unto us. Make us watchful and circumspect, ever remembering that thou, O God, seest us. In silent prayer and praise may we lift up our hearts to thee, and have frequent communion with thee. Give us grace to set an infinite value upon our souls. In the midst of life, may we think on death, judgment, and eternity; and give all diligence to be found of Christ in peace, without spot and blameless.

“O Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments: that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, we bow down before thee this evening; and we beseech thee to accept and bless us, for the alone sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Help us to draw near to thee, and grant us to enjoy communion with thee.

We praise thee for all thy mercies; and we beseech thee to forgive us all our sins, which are more than we can number, and greater than we can express; for in many things we offend, and that continually. Grant us daily repentance toward thee, O God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindness, for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions; but according to thy mercy remember thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Heal all our black-sliding, receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Give us grace to renounce the world; make us willing to crucify the flesh; and strengthen us to resist the devil. Help us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross and to follow Christ. Preserve us from every thing that would dishonour his holy Name. May we depart from all iniquity, and avoid every temptation to sin. Give us to see the evil of sin in the death of Christ, and fill us with holy zeal and indignation against it.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Make us more humble, more thankful, more holy.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to bless our Queen, and to endue her counsellors with wisdom. We pray thee, also to be gracious and favourable to our country, and to fill it with that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

Bless the ministers of thy glorious Gospel; add to their number, and enable them rightly to divide the word of truth. Give them grace to warn the unruly, to comfort the feeble-minded, to support the weak, and to be patient toward all men.

Bless, Lord, all our dear relations and friends. Extend to them, we beseech thee, thy grace and mercy. Give them, for Christ's sake, every blessing needful to their salvation. [We pray, especially, that the children of this family may be brought up in thy fear. May the Lord save them from this evil world. May the Lord strengthen, stablish, and settle them; and after a life of faith and devotion to the service of their Divine Master, give them an abundant entrance into thy heavenly Kingdom.]

Have mercy upon all men. Comfort the sick. Succour the tempted. Relieve the oppressed. Be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow. Give joy to those who mourn for sin. Bind up the broken-hearted, and save such as be of a contrite spirit; giving them everlasting consolation and good hope, through thy grace and mercy in Christ Jesus.

Into thy hands we now commend ourselves, our souls and bodies. Enable us, O Lord, to bless and praise thee for all that we have received from thee; and while we rely upon thy mercy, may we ever seek thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, who hast said that thou wilt be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be thy people; dispose our hearts, by the gracious influence of thy Holy Spirit, to worship thee through one Mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Accept, through thy Son Jesus Christ, our unfeigned thanksgivings for the mercies of another day. Thou gavest us our being, and thou preservest us from day to day. Through the defenceless hours of the night thou hast kept us in safety.

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Thou hast given us souls capable of knowing and rejoicing in thee, and bodies by which we may serve thee.

But, O Lord, we thank thee above all for thy spiritual blessings. We bless thee that we were not born in heathen lands, but in this favoured country, where the light of thy truth clearly shines. We thank thee for the comfort of the Holy Scriptures, for the labours of faithful ministers, and for all the means of grace. O how great has been thy love to us! Thou sparedst not thine own Son, but deliveredst him up for us all, and with him thou hast freely given us all things.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits? We desire now afresh to devote ourselves to thy service. We give up ourselves, our whole selves, unto thee. God of peace, sanctify us wholly. God of our life, grant that our whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But with shame and confusion of face, we would confess that we have been rebellious and disobedient. We have abused all thy gifts, and made them occasions of sin. Lord, we acknowledge our impenitence, we confess our unbelief, we bewail our self-righteousness.

Forgive us all our offences, remember not against us our transgressions, but call to mind thy great and tender mercies which have been ever of old.

Grant unto every one of us a saving interest in the death of Christ, full and free forgiveness of all our sins, and grace and strength to go and sin no more. Lord, help us to love thee, teach us to serve thee. Give us thy strength that we may overcome our corrupt nature. Grant that this day we may have power from on high to resist every temptation, to confess Christ before men, to labour steadfastly with a single eye to thy glory, to live in the spirit of prayer, in faith, humility, self denial, and love, and to walk before thee in that narrow way which leads to eternal life. Fill us with love to others. Teach us to do good to all men, and to seek according to our means to visit and relieve the fatherless and the widows in their affliction: and do thou keep us unspotted from the world.

And hear us also we beseech thee in behalf of our relations and friends, our neighbourhood, our Minister, and all for whom we ought to pray. Strengthen the weak. Comfort those that are cast down. Heal the sick. Relieve the distressed. Be merciful unto thy Church. O bless us, and cause thy face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Gracious Lord, not for our worthiness ; but for the only name's sake of Jesus Christ, hear these our prayers, which we sum up in his own words.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, whose name is love, who didst so love the world that thou gavest thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life ; help us, by thy Holy Spirit, to believe in Christ Jesus ; and trusting in him to have access unto thee.

We feel our need of a Saviour for sinners ; for we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. When we look back even on the past day, thy law accuses us of many sins, and our own consciences justly condemn us.

Grant us thy grace that we may not be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Give us true repentance, and such a sense of our sinfulness as may lead us to despair of salvation by any works of our own : and bring us humble and penitent to the foot of the cross. Help us by faith to behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Teach us to renounce our own righteousness, and to depend wholly on Jesus Christ. May we be able to say and feel "In the Lord have I righteousness and strength."

We commend ourselves to thy care during the night. Let no evil come nigh us. May our last thought be of thee ; and when we awake, may we be still with thee. Refresh our bodies with the quiet repose of the night, and renew our spirits with strength.

Extend thy merciful care to all that are near and dear to us. We pray for all our relatives. May those that are endeared to us by the ties of nature be yet more dear by the stronger bonds of grace. Grant that we may be all one in Christ Jesus our Lord. We pray for our Christian friends, for our neighbours, and all with whom we have intercourse.

Bless those that minister before thee ; and do thou the Lord of the harvest send forth more labourers into thy harvest. Every where raise up pastors according to thine heart, who shall feed thy people with knowledge and understanding. Grant thy blessing to every Missionary now preaching Christ to the Gentiles.—Cause Jew and Gentile to turn to the Lord, that they may be saved. Bring on the happy day when there shall be one fold and

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one Shepherd, and when they shall not hurt, nor destroy in all thy holy mountain.

The Lord bless us, and keep us.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.

And now blessing, and honour, and glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

O THOU Father of mercies and God of all comfort, incline our hearts to love thee, and give us strength to serve thee. Make us truly humble for all our sins: and unfeignedly thankful for all thy mercies.

We have destroyed ourselves, but in thee is our help. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name. O be merciful unto us, and deliver us from our sins, for thy Name's sake.

We praise thee for the safety and comfort of the past night, and adore thee for all thy mercies renewed to us this morning. May we cheerfully renew the dedication of ourselves to thee; for thine we are, and thee we ought to serve. Give us grace to love thee truly, to serve thee faithfully, and to depend on thee without wavering.

With prayer and watchfulness may we now enter again on the cares and the duties of life. Preserve us, O Lord, from the evil that is in the world. May we remember thy word, and bring forth the fruits of thy Spirit. Grant us to be pure in heart, and holy in life. Give thy blessing, O, Lord, to all that thy providence may call us to do, and grant us resignation to all that thy wisdom may appoint us to suffer. May we have no will but thine, and no regard to anything compared with thy glory.

May thy love, O, blessed Jesus, reign in our hearts, and put the world under our feet. Whilst we sojourn on the earth, may we daily look forward to heaven as our rest, and be travelling towards it as our home.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father to have mercy upon all men. Bless the Queen whom thou hast put in authority over us. Bless the country in which we live. Remember with

thy most gracious favour all who are near and dear to us. Cause them to know thy love, to rejoice in thy salvation, and to live after thy commandments.

Be with us, we beseech thee, through this day. Let thine arm defend and strengthen us; and let thy Holy Spirit be our guide and comforter in all our ways.

Favourably with mercy hear these our supplications and prayers, and vouchsafe to accept our praises: through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

WE Praise thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies to us this day. Thou daily pourest out thy benefits upon us. Blessed be thy Name, O thou God of our salvation, May we derive all our joy and peace from thee, and find all our comfort and happiness in living to thee. Establish we pray thee, that kingdom within us which is righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. In this dying world may our faith be in Christ, the resurrection and the life. In this changing world, may we never be moved away from the blessed hope of the Gospel. Let not our faith be overthrown; let not our hope sink in despair; let not our love fail: but may they be firmly fixed on Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

Lead us in the narrow path of eternal life, and uphold our goings, that our footsteps slip not. Enable us so to pass through this world of sin and danger, that we may at last reach the heavenly Canaan. O bring us to that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Whilst we live may we live unto thee O Lord; and when we die may we die unto thee.

Bless us, O Lord, as a family. Forgive us all our sins, and subdue in us every unholy temper and disposition. May we so dwell in love, that thou, the God of love and peace, mayest be with us. Bless our dear friends. Forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts; and give us grace freely to forgive them, even as we hope to be forgiven. Let the same mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. Give us grace so to learn of Him, who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest to our souls, in his mercy and love.

Be gracious and favourable, O Lord, to our country. Let

thy providence be our defence, and thy presence our glory. Give to all who are in authority, wisdom and courage to use it to the honour of thy Name, and the welfare of those whom thou hast put in subjection under them. Grant to all who are in places of public trust, grace to be faithful to the public interest.

Bless and prosper thy holy church universal, and especially that part of it to which we belong. Increase the number of thy faithful people, and make them fruitful in every good word and work.

Keep us mindful, O Lord, that the end of all things is at hand. Let us not be weary in well doing, but may we be sober, and watch unto prayer.

May we lie down this night reposing our souls and bodies upon thy mercy and love, O God our Saviour. And when our day of grace is ended, then as faithful servants may we enter into the joy of our Lord, and rejoice in the glory of our blessed and exalted Redeemer: to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed everlasting praise. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O THOU ever-blessed and glorious Jehovah, we are unworthy to come into thy presence; we are unworthy to call upon thy Name; we deserve nothing but thy wrath. But with thee, O Lord, there is mercy, and with thee is plenteous redemption. Save, Lord, or we perish. O cast us not away from thy presence. Incline thine ear, and hear us. Grant unto us pardon and peace, that we may serve thee with a quiet mind.

Teach us thy ways, O Lord, and enable us to walk in thy truth. Give us grace to delight in thy law, which is holy, just, and good. May we be followers of thee, O God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also loved us, and gave himself for us. Prepare us for the duties and trials we may be called to, for we know not what a day may bring forth. Let thy wisdom guide us, and thy power uphold and strengthen us.

Give us not up to the sinful desires of our hearts, neither leave us to follow our vain imaginations. Suffer not the enemies of our peace and salvation to prevail against us. But grant that we, walking in thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may enjoy that peace which passeth understanding, and which the world can neither give nor take away.

Living in a world of sin and sorrow, we bless thee, O Lord, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. Give us grace to follow them, who through faith and patience now inherit the promises. Help us so to fight the good fight of faith that we may lay hold on eternal life.

Regard with thy favour and blessing our dear relations and friends. May they all partake of thy grace here, and of everlasting glory hereafter.

Be merciful to thy church and people, and grant that, however dispersed or distressed, they may all be united and comforted together in Christ. Supply the wants of all who believe in his Name, and are devoted to his service. In all time of their tribulation, good Lord, deliver them.

Bless the Ministers of the Gospel—all who preach Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. Add to their number, and increase their faithfulness and zeal. May they speak the truth in love; and give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Bless, gracious God, our Country, our Queen, and all whom thy providence hath set over us; and may this be our holy determination: We will serve the Lord, and obey every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.

Accept our praises, O Lord, for every blessing we enjoy. May thy mercies draw our hearts toward thee in gratitude, and unite them to thee in love. Finally, we beseech thee to bless us when we lie down and when we rise up, and to bless us in our going out and coming in, from this time forth for evermore: through Jesus Christ our Saviour; in whose holy name and words we further pray, saying,

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, we are met together as a Christian family, to thank thee for the mercies of the past day, and to implore thy blessing before we lie down to rest. We would ever remember the frailty of our nature; and our utter uncertainty how long we may have to live; that we must soon go to the Father of our spirits, and give account of all things done in the body, and must then receive our eternal doom.

O may this awful thought return to our minds with each returning day; that we may enter upon our duties, reflecting on the ends for which we were born; and may lie down each night,

examining whether we are so passing our time on earth, as we shall wish we had done—when we are about to die, and to appear before thy tribunal.

We pray thee, O Lord, to give us a sacred jealousy over ourselves; lest we fall short of our heavenly calling. May we learn to put our whole trust in thee, and to place our delight in serving thee. Pardon all our disobedience in the time past; pardon our many negligences, as well as sins; pardon the wasted time, the idle words, and the evil tempers of this day.

We would lie down, trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose gracious promises to every repenting sinner we place all our hope. And while we thus commend our souls to thy mercies in Christ, to thee do we commit all our worldly affairs. In thine hand, O Lord, whose providence it is that bringeth every thing to pass, we leave the issue of all our undertakings; for thou knowest, better than ourselves, what is for our good.

We beseech thee to bless us with all spiritual blessings; and to sanctify to us the daily events of our lives. We pray thee to lay upon us no greater burden than we are able to bear; and to train us by thy merciful goodness and thy tender care for the performance of better service than we have yet rendered thee in the world. We pray for strength against every temptation; and for final victory over every sin. Arm us for every conflict; fit us for every duty which we have to fulfil. Let us diligently perform our work in life; let us at the same time live in peace and love, and abound in all offices of kindness to each other. [Bless our dear children and prepare them for the duties and trials of life. Give them sincere repentance for all their sins, and lively faith in Christ, and enable them ever to follow that which is good.]

O Lord, unite us as one Christian family together. May we be partakers of the same faith; and heirs of the same hope. May our united prayers continually ascend to the throne of thy heavenly grace; and may thy blessing rest upon us.

Hear us, we beseech thee, in these our humble supplications, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, the sovereign of Heaven and earth, against whom all our sins have been committed, and by whom alone they can be pardoned, we acknowledge, and desire to feel more and more, that there is none but thee by whom our souls can be sanctified and our wants supplied. We adore thee that thou art able and also ready to hear and help, to bless and save thy people that call upon thee; that thou delightest to show mercy, and lovest the occasions of glorifying thy compassion. We come to thee therefore, O Lord, seeking that mercy which thou knowest we so greatly require, and grace to help in all our times of need, and we beg the same for the sake of thy beloved Son, who alone is worthy, and in whose precious blood is all our trust.

We are defiled with sin, O Lord, and thou mayest well abhor our guilty souls—but O look upon us in the Son of thy love, and prepare us for the mercies which thou hast treasured up for those who believe in him. Make us to feel the burden and the bitterness of our sins, nor let us ever wish to hide them from ourselves, seeing that all things are naked and open to thee, with whom we have to do. Holy Father, carry on with power thy great work—even the work of faith and the sanctification of our souls. Quicken us, and stir us up to thy service, and assist us in the performance of all our duties, which of ourselves thou knowest we can never perform. Work in us to will and to do of thy good pleasure; establish the things which thou hast already wrought for us and continue to bless us more and more with thy grace till our souls are fitted for the enjoyment of thy glory.

Gracious Lord, thy mercies are fresh and new to us, every morning. We have laid us down and awakened again, for thou hast sustained us; thou hast kept us from the terrors of the night and from all harm and violence, so that we are once more risen in peace and safety. Glory be to thee, O God of our salvation, who art still so mindful of us—ever so merciful unto us. Continue to bless us this day, and teach us how to demean ourselves aright and to order our affairs to thy glory. O direct our undertakings. Prosper our endeavours. Rule our hearts in thy fear, and keep us living to thy praise. Behold, we commit ourselves to thee, and all for whom we would pray. Keep us from evil, help us to do that which is good and pleasing to thee through our blessed Redeemer.

Assist thy ministers in their private meditations and in preparing for their public work on the morrow, and assist all thy people so to prepare all things before-hand, that the Sabbath may, as much as practicable, be entirely given to its holy and heavenly occupation.

Give us, gracious Lord, all that we have asked for as we should—Forgive us all that we have ever asked amiss, and hear and answer our petitions in the name and for the merits of thy beloved Son. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O Thou gracious and merciful God, blessed be thy Name for preserving us in a world of sin and danger. We praise thee for having brought us in safety not only to the end of another day, but also of another week.

We bless thee, O Lord, for all the mercies which we have received from thee; and we pray and beseech thee for Christ's sake to pardon all the sins which we have committed against thee: O blot them out of the book of thy remembrance; let them not appear in judgment against us, but cleanse us from their guilt in the precious blood of Christ our Saviour.

Create and cherish in our souls a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. By faith, with thanksgiving, may we daily feed upon the true bread which came down from heaven. May the Holy Spirit be in us a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life, in holy desires and heavenly affections. Grant, Lord, that we may never thirst after the riches or the pleasure of the world; neither let us be overcharged with its cares, lest that day of Christ's appearing to judge the world come upon us when we look not for it.

Keep us in safety, we beseech thee, this night; and should we see the light of another day, help us, O Lord, to deny ourselves all unnecessary sleep and self-indulgence. Give us grace and strength to rise up early in the morning. Early in the morning may we direct our prayers and praises unto thee, and look up to the throne of thy grace in humble expectation of thy mercy. May we redeem from our beds some portion of time for prayer and praise, that our souls may prosper and be in health.

Prepare us for the sacred duties of the Sabbath. Visit our souls when we awake with the light of thy heavenly grace. May we arise strengthened and refreshed for thy service. Draw out our desires after thee, and raise our affections to thee. In private devotion, in family prayer, and in public worship, may we enjoy communion with thee, O God, and know thy love to our souls, who art gracious and full of compassion.

Bless thy Ministers, and crown their labours with success. Give them wisdom as well as zeal. Fill them with love, and clothe them with humility.

Bless and defend thy church. Stir up thy faithful people, O Lord, to pray for her peace, and to labour for her prosperity. May all who name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Give to those who profess to abide in him, grace to walk even as he walked. May our whole life be a life of faith and obedience to Christ, the Son of God.

And now, gracious Lord, for all thy patience with us, thy care over us, and thy continual mercies to us, blessed be thy holy name for ever and ever: through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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THIRD WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God! while angels bow before thee with adoring love, and while the blessed in heaven delight to do thy will, graciously allow and enable us, thy unworthy servants, to approach thee in deep humility, in earnest desire, and in grateful love. Thou art rich in mercy to all them that call upon thee; and it is because thy compassions fail not, that after so many sins committed, and so many duties neglected, and so many Sabbaths unimproved, we are again permitted to look up to thee with hope, through our Lord Jesus Christ. O our God, for all thy mercies, temporal and spiritual, we desire to glorify thy holy name; and, among the rest, for sparing us to enjoy the blessings of this holy day. But we are sinful creatures, and greatly led away by that evil heart of unbelief, which departs from the living God. O give us grace, therefore, to set a watch over our hearts, and to keep the door of our lips, that we may be preserved from evil thoughts and vain conversation, and may be in the spirit through the whole of the Lord's Day. When we go to thy house let us pray to thee, and praise thee, from the fulness of spirits convinced of sin, grateful for thy mercy, trusting entirely in the offered grace of thy Gospel, and believing that thou art able and willing to supply all our need, according to thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Teach us, that thine eye is upon us, and that if we regard iniquity in our hearts, thou wilt not hear us. Dispose us, therefore, O our God, to seriousness, attention, and devotion, that we may improve in that knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation, and receive the full benefit of the holy ordinances which thou hast appointed, through faith in Christ Jesus. Give us grace, also, to seek thee in retirement, in secret prayer, in holy meditation, and in reading thy holy word; that we may delight to learn what we must believe, and what we must do to be saved.

O give thy Holy Spirit to the ministers of the everlasting Gospel, particularly to those who preach to us the unsearcha-

ble riches of Christ! Prosper them in body and in spirit, and especially in the great work of winning souls to thee! Endue with heavenly gifts the teachers of the young, that with all affection and diligence they may lead unto Christ Jesus the only Saviour, the children committed to their charge. Have mercy upon thy Holy Church Universal, and bless with thy especial favour the congregation with which we worship; let thy presence and thy power be among us, that we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O blessed Jesus, tenderly regard [our children,] the lambs of thy fold; carry them in thy bosom, cause them to know thy voice, to obey thy will, and to follow thy steps. May they walk in thy ways, be ornaments and supports to thy Church while they live; and when they die, may they be gathered to thy fold in heaven.

Remove our ignorance, take away our hardness of heart, pardon our many sins, and sanctify us to thyself, body, soul, and spirit, now and for ever, through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and intercessor. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O THOU GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are allowed to pray with hope of being heard and answered, we confess our sins and transgressions unto thee. Many are the iniquities of which we are conscious; how many more hast thou, O searcher of hearts, seen in us this day! We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Pardon the undue eagerness with which we have sought the supply of bodily wants, to the comparative neglect of those richer mercies of thy grace, which are needful for the life of our souls. Forgive the indifference with which we have praised thee for the gifts and offers of thy love, and our imperfect attention to the message of thy salvation.

Blessed be thy name, that we have again been permitted, this day, to attend thee in the courts of thine house with the offering of prayer and praise; and to hear the Gospel of thy grace, and the invitations of our Saviour. We adore thee for that word, which is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path; and, above all, for our hope of peace with thee, through the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. O

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We thank thee for that undeserved compassion which has cast our lot in a Christian land. O make us more anxious to show forth this gratitude, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Teach us, by thy Holy Spirit, that all our means of grace and all our opportunities of salvation must be accounted for in the day of judgment; and that to whom much is given, from them will much be required. We pray for those who have been absent from public worship. Some have been kept by sickness, and others by unavoidable hindrances, from the assemblies of thy people; grant unto them the visits of thy love and grace in their sick chamber, or wherever may be the place of their constrained absence; others have kept away from thy house through wilful unbelief, sin, and disobedience; Oh give them true repentance and a better mind for the time to come; and make them, with us, to know what it is to be joyful in thy house of prayer. Grant, O merciful God, that the Sabbath now closing may promote thy glory, and set forward the salvation of men, especially of those with whom we have worshipped; that sinners may be converted, and that Christ may see in them of the travail of his soul and be satisfied!

Have mercy, O God of love, upon our relations, and upon all who are near and dear to us: and give them that godliness which is profitable for all things; which hath the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. We beseech thee, also, to have mercy upon all those who have not yet known thee. Turn them, O Lord, to the way of life; take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved with the remnant of the true Israelites, and become one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

We commend ourselves to thy merciful protection this night. Be our defence in the hours of sleep and darkness; and if we are permitted to see the light of another day, unite and sanctify our affections to love thee more and serve thee better; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL GOD, by whose providence we are sustained in life, we thank thee for this renewal of thy mercies, and would begin the day thou hast added to our lives with the acknowledgment of thy goodness, and the devotion of ourselves to thy service. Thou hast watched over and preserved us through the unseen perils of the night, thou alone canst guard us through all the seen and unseen dangers of the day. Continue then unto us, we beseech thee, through the coming day and week, thy gracious protection. Forsake us not amid the snares of our mortal pilgrimage: but be our Guide and Protector through all the changes and chances that await us in it; lead us in safety through its perils; support us under its trials, and comfort us under whatsoever suffering or sorrow thou shalt see fit to visit us with.

Make us contented in the station to which thou hast called us, and diligent and faithful in the performance of its duties. In our intercourse with the world, let us not be high-minded, but fear; and knowing the weakness of our hearts, let us keep back from temptation, and avoid every approach to sin.

Called by thy name, O blessed Jesus, may we walk worthy of that holy calling; and, assisted by Thee, fight the good fight of faith against all the enemies of our salvation. Amid family and friends may love and peace and thankful hearts be our portion, and may we show forth our gratitude to thee for the unnumbered mercies we enjoy, by kindness and affection to all around us.

O Thou, who knowest the infirmity of our nature; leave us not, we beseech thee, to our own strength; but purify and confirm our hearts by the aids of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to live as becometh the Gospel of Christ; that our thoughts may in truth be holy, our words kind, and our tempers mild and forgiving, and that all we say or do may tend to peace and goodness.

In all the enjoyments of life let us remember with gratitude that thou art the giver; and in all its afflictions that they are sent by thy fatherly hand. In all the cares of life let us find calmness in religion; and in all its sorrows and trials let us seek for strength in prayer to thee, who lovest us even as a father loveth his own children. Let us ever walk as in thy presence, upright, pure and tranquil, looking with a holy indifference upon this vain world, and with a blessed hope and confidence in that which is to come, referring all things to thy will and future judgment, and putting nothing in comparison with our hopes of glory.

That we may live the life of faith, grant us, we beseech thee, a firm and undoubting trust in the promises of thy word.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of our everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins and accept our imperfect petitions for his sake, who hast taught us when we pray, to say:

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we thank thee for thy gracious protection through the day now past. Whatsoever in it we have endeavoured to do aright, accept, we beseech thee, for our Saviour's sake. Whatsoever we have done amiss, for his sake blot out from against us; that we may now lie down to our rest in peace of mind, with a conscience void of offence toward thee and toward men.

We bless thy holy name for all the mercies this day continued unto us: for our being, our reason, and all our faculties both of soul and body; for our health, [children,] and friends, and all thy bountiful provision for our earthly comfort; but above all, we praise thee for the offers of salvation, for the means of grace, and for the aids and comfort of thy Holy Spirit.

For these mercies teach us, O God, to be truly thankful: to receive in faith the Redeemer whom thou hast sent, to use with diligence the means of grace thou hast given, and to cherish in a pure heart the admonitions of our blessed Comforter. May we never grieve thy Holy Spirit by our Sins, but so conform to His admonitions our hearts and lives, that He may guide us in danger, cheer us in affliction, and support us at the hour of death.

We commend, O Lord, all men to thy mercy, and our friends to thy protection; grant that those who are dear to us in love may be near to us in our Christian hopes, and that we may be here united in those bonds which death cannot sever. Grant unto us what we need for our eternal welfare, that after the trials and sorrows of this mortal pilgrimage, we may meet in joy through the merits of our common Redeemer, in those blessed mansions where there is no sorrow and no parting.

Watch over us, we beseech thee, through the coming night. Fill our minds with holy confidence in thy fatherly care, and may, we both believe and feel that thou art ever present to

guard and succour those who put their trust in thee. Grant unto us refreshing rest, that we may awake in the morning with renewed strength for the duties of the day; with a deeper sense of gratitude to thee, who art the giver of all our comforts, and with a warmer sympathy for those who are destitute of them. May we remember such in our prayers, and comfort them by our charity and kindness whenever thy good providence shall give us the ability; acknowledging them as thy children, O heavenly Father, and therefore our brethren, and equally with ourselves the subjects of thy redeeming love, and heirs of eternal glory.

O Lord, hear us in these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose holy name and words we sum up our imperfect petitions.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and adorable God, thou art greatly to be feared in the congregation of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about thee. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high!

Permitted by thy goodness to come again into thy presence, we would begin the day with praise to thee, who hast given us a night of mercy. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless his holy name! We would sanctify all the employments, and all the events of this day, by placing them and ourselves in thy care, humbly and earnestly beseeching thee to overrule all things concerning us to thy glory, and the good of our souls. Unto thee do we lift up our eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens! O take us into thy protection, bodily and spiritually. We are ignorant, let thy spirit teach us: we are guilty, let us obtain pardon through the blood of thy Son: we are wandering sheep, let thy love lead us to the Saviour's fold: we are in danger from enemies who lie in wait for our souls. What then is our hope? Truly our hope is even in thee. Hold up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not: keep us as the apple of thine eye: hide us under the shadow of thy wings. We are in the midst of an ensnaring world; O thou God of all grace, preserve us from the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life! Teach us that the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; while only they who do thy will abide for ever. Let us place thee, O our unerring director, always before us; be thou at our right hand continually, lest we make shipwreck of faith, and of a

good conscience. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation!

We are entering upon another day, and know not what it may bring forth; graciously enable us to remember that in the midst of life we are in death. Let us not be hindered from walking with our loins girded, and like unto those that wait for the coming of their Lord. O send thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that it may be Christ to us to live; and then—come the message for our souls when it may—it will be gain to die.

Bless our country; watch over our friends; reward our benefactors, and forgive our enemies. Inspire our hearts with gladness, thou who alone art the fountain of pure and overflowing joy; and lead us by the paths of righteousness and grace, for the sake of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

[Have compassion on the children of this family; save them from the follies and dangers of youth, and make them obedient in all things. Prepare them for thy future service; and when they shall have done thy will on earth, may they be joint heirs with us in that inheritance which thou hast prepared for all who love thee.]

Almighty God who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name, we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant, that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O THOU GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who art rich in mercy to all them that call upon thee, let our prayer come before thee as incense, and let the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice. We approach thee this night as the fountain of all good, for our wants are continually returning; and thou alone canst do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think. O Lord we have forsaken the fountain of living waters, and hewed out to ourselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water. We have lived much without a due sense of our sin; without dependence on Christ, and without earnest prayer for thy grace. Blessed be the mercy which has enlightened the eyes of our minds, and enabled us to discover something of ourselves and of thee, and of

the effectual remedy for our sin. But although we implore thee to pity and to pardon our offences, although our minds and judgments are in some degree convinced of sin, of the holiness of thy law, of the terrors of thy wrath, and of the riches of thy love, our wills and affections greatly need the renewing agency of thy sanctifying grace. O strengthen the things which are ready to die. Increase our love, confirm our faith, enlarge our hope, call forth our fear, and as we trust thou hast begun a good work in us, O perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Many are the sins and frailties for which our hearts this night condemn us. Thou, O God, art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. Behold, we cast ourselves upon thy mercy! Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make us clean; extend thy hand of power towards us, and say, in the fulness of that grace which the cross and spirit of Jesus Christ can alone impart, "I will, be thou clean."

We praise thee, O our God, for the mercies of the past day. Above all, we bless thee for Jesus Christ, who came to die for us, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. When we consider our own unworthiness, and all the acts of thy love in providence and grace, we are amazed at thy goodness, and our ungrateful returns. Lord, what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of man that thou visitest him?

Look down, we pray thee, with compassion upon all thy afflicted servants; grant them the comforts of thy Holy Spirit, and in thine own good time visit and relieve them.

Establish thy kingdom in the hearts of men, make the Gospel successful, to the present holiness and eternal welfare of us all; and, more particularly, we beg thine abundant blessing upon the Church to which we belong.

[Regard with tender compassion the young of this family, may they daily learn the fear of the Lord, and may they ever walk in thy commandments.]

Protect us, O Gracious Father, and all for whom we ought to pray, through the dangers of this night. Receive us to thy love, as reconciled sinners in Christ Jesus; and whether we live, may we live unto thee, or whether we die, may we die unto thee; living or dying, may we be thine, through the mercy of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to incline thine ears to our petitions, and grant that those things we have faithfully asked, according to thy will, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessities, and the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, we pray thee, now to deliver us from all wandering thoughts. Help us to remember in whose presence we are; and let us worship thee in spirit and in truth.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who art the preserver of our lives and the giver of all the good things which we enjoy, we thank thee for the mercies of the past night. We bless thy name, that we are here met together in so much health and comfort: and that we have now the prospect of passing another day in the enjoyment of the bounties of thy providence; while we have also set before us the blessed hope of everlasting life. We beseech thee to give us this day grace to serve thee in our several stations, and to walk according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Save us from the temptations of the day; Strengthen us for the fulfilment of our duties; direct us in all our difficulties; and comfort us under any trouble or adversity, into which we may this day come; and grant, that, when we lie down at night, we may be able to look back on the hours which shall have passed, with an humble confidence that thou acceptest our service, and wilt pardon our infirmities, for Jesus Christ's sake.

We beseech thee to deliver us from all evil passions, from pride and envy, from hatred and ill will, from censoriousness and uncharitableness; and, especially, from the want of Christian kindness towards those who dwell with us in the same family, and worship thee together, as partakers of the same faith. Preserve us, also, from those secret transgressions which thine eye alone can discern in us. Deliver each of us from the sins which most easily beset us. O Lord, grant that thy good Spirit may this day abide within us; and dispose us to every good work.

And help us also to call often to remembrance the great love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; who came down from heaven to die for us, that we, being delivered from the dread of thy wrath, and rejoicing in the hope of thy mercy, might serve thee, day by day, in newness of life. O Lord, strengthen our faith in him who hath suffered on the cross for us. Teach us to walk according to his example. May we, like him, be kind and compassionate, forbearing and forgiving, holy and harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners.

And bless us, not this day only, but to the end of our lives. We pray, that, so long as we remain in this world of trial, thou wouldst strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit, and comfort us, and continually direct us. Suffer us not, at any time, to depart from thee, who art our Father and our God, through

any allurements of the world, or any temptations of the flesh, or of the devil; but make us ever steadfast in thy truth, faithful to thy cause, and devoted to thy service.

We offer up these our imperfect prayers, in the name, and through the mediation, of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*
Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

GREAT and glorious God, we adore thee for all thine infinite perfections! Righteous art thou in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works. We are weak and helpless, sinful and guilty, exposed to danger on every side, and in continual need of thy gracious assistance.

Grant unto us a due sense of our dependence upon thee; and enable us to lie down to rest; exercising faith in thy divine power, and in thy never-failing goodness. We desire to remember that thine eye seeth us wheresoever we are; that thou art about our bed, and art every where present with us. O Lord, pardon for Jesus Christ's sake, the sins which thou hast seen in us this day. Many are the offences which we continually commit; for we are by nature, prone to evil, and our own hearts too often deceive us. But we desire to trust in the all-powerful mediation of thy blessed Son, who died for our sins and rose again for our justification; and who ever liveth at thy right hand to make intercession for us. O Lord, give unto us peace with thee, and a cheerful hope of being finally made partakers of everlasting life. We beseech thee to give us thy Holy Spirit to comfort us, and also to dispose us to every good work.

Let us not return to sin, nor love the ways of ungodliness. Let us not allow ourselves in any of those things which thou hast forbidden; but let us mortify all our corrupt affections; our pride and vanity; our anger and passion; our selfishness and worldliness. Let us put on, as the elect of God, mercy and loving-kindness, and tender compassion towards all men. Let us follow the example of our Saviour's holiness and meekness, of his holy zeal, his constant beneficence, his love to the bodies, and souls of men. Let us daily improve, through thy grace, in every Christian temper; and let us exercise ourselves in repentance for whatever we have done amiss.

Accept our thanks, O Lord, for the mercies of the past day, and for all thy goodness during our past lives. We bless thee for every gift which thou hast bestowed upon us, for every deliverance which thou hast wrought out for any of us from

pain and sickness, from sorrow and from danger; and for every event which thou hast caused to work for our good. Be with us, we pray thee, to the end of our days. Bless to us all the estates of life through which we pass; make us humble in prosperity, and patient in adversity; grateful for all thy temporal mercies; but especially for thine unspeakable love in our redemption through Jesus Christ.

We commit to thy gracious care all our friends and relations. May we live in peace and harmony with them all; bearing each other's burthens, helping each other's infirmities, and ministering to each other's temporal and spiritual good.

We beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it, being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Word, may so walk in the truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life.

[Have compassion on the children of this family. Save them from the follies and dangers of youth, and make them obedient in all things. Prepare them for thy future service; and when they shall have done thy will on earth, may they be joint heirs with us in that inheritance which thou hast prepared for all who love thee.]

Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O MOST GRACIOUS GOD and Father, we adore thee for that mercy which has permitted us to behold the light of another day. While so many of our fellow creatures have spent the night in pain and suffering, crying "Would God it were morning!" and are now in unabated anguish and restlessness saying "Would God it were evening!" "we have been refreshed by quiet sleep, and are possessed of bodily health and strength for the duties of the day before us. Lift up, O Lord, the light of thy countenance upon us. As thou hast opened our eyelids, so in mercy remove the sleep and lethargy from our souls. Quicken all their powers and all their affections, to show forth thy praise and promote thy glory. Let the sun of righteousness arise upon the natural darkness of our hearts; let the day spring from on high visit us, to give us the knowledge of salvation, through the tender mercy of our God. O heavenly Father, help us to cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. We would walk in the light as thou art in the light. May we this day show forth in our lives

the influence of the faith we profess. May our words be sincere, our tempers mild and forgiving. May we guard our hearts, bridle our tongues and govern our tempers. Help us to forgive others their trespasses, and to watch against our own, and may we be steadfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, looking for his glorious appearing, and the day of final judgment; trusting in that day to be accepted, not for our own merits or deservings, for we are sinful dust and ashes, but for the sake, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who died that we might live, and who now ever liveth to make intercession for those who come unto thee through him.

[Have mercy upon the children of the family. They have been early dedicated to thy service; O may they never forsake the guide of their youth, nor forget the covenant of their God.]

We would entreat thee to remember with thy favour those with whom we are in any way connected, and to give them all things that pertain unto life and godliness. Be gracious to the place and neighbourhood in which we live, and the country to which we belong. Bless all who are in authority over us. Be mindful of all, high and low, rich and poor; and, for the sake of all, prosper the work of christian ministers and missionaries in every quarter of the globe. These our imperfect petitions, we humbly present in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and advocate; in whose comprehensive form of prayer we further address thee, saying:

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL GOD, Father of men and angels, who hast established the heavens and the earth in a wonderful order, causing day and night to succeed each other; we make our humble address to thy divine majesty, begging of thee mercy and protection, this night and forever.

O Lord, pardon all our sins, our light and rash words, the vanity and impiety of our thoughts, our unjust and unkind actions, and whatever we have done amiss this day, or at any time before. O God, our souls are troubled through the remembrance of our past transgressions; and we are daily exposed, through the frailty and sinfulness of our natures, to every new temptation, which of ourselves we are not able to resist. We therefore earnestly beg of thee to give us a great portion of thy grace; such as may be sufficient and effectual

for the mortification of all our corruptions; that as we have formerly served sinful desires, so now we may give up ourselves to thy service, in all the duties of a holy life.

Teach us to walk always as in thy presence; and put into our souls great love to thee, that it may become our chief employment to promote thy glory, and to root out all habits of sin: so that in faith and purity, we may wait patiently for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Into thy hands we now commend ourselves; praying thee so to bless and sanctify our sleep unto us, that it may be a refreshment unto our wearied bodies, to enable us the better to serve thee. And whether we sleep or wake, live or die, may we be thy servants.

We also beseech thee, O God, to send down thy blessing on all our dear friends and relations. Bless them in their persons, in their families, and in all their undertakings; and dispose them to advance thine honour, and to live to thy glory.

[Be thou a father and a friend to thy young servants of this household. Let thy providence lead them through the dangers and temptations, and ignorances of their youth, that they may not run into folly, nor give way to any unbridled appetite. Be pleased so to order the events of their lives, that, by a good education, and by prudent counsel, and, by thy restraining grace, they may be trained up to serve thee, in the midst of an evil generation; and after a useful and holy life, may come to a peaceful and happy death; and may be made heirs with Christ in the glories of his heavenly kingdom.]

Look down with an eye of favour on the whole church of Christ. Have compassion on thine afflicted servants. Give them increase of faith, and patience and hope; and in thy good time give them deliverance.

And O Thou who wilt not the death of a sinner, have pity on the multitudes who walk not in obedience to thy commandments. Turn them from all their sins, so that their souls may be saved in the day of Jesus Christ. Support also the weak; establish the doubtful and wavering; succour the tempted; and raise up those who are fallen, and teach us all to have compassion on the infirmities of our brethren, and to walk charitably, one towards another.

Hear, O Lord, these and all our prayers, for the sake of thine only Son, Jesus Christ, our mediator and redeemer.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father! We bless thee for the infinite goodness which has made such gracious promises to those who desire to serve thee in true devotedness of heart and life. We glorify the free mercy, which in Jesus Christ bestows that holiness, without which no man can see the Lord. O heavenly Father, save us from the influence of that evil nature, which would withdraw our hearts from thee, and would lead us into the paths of unbelief, disobedience, sin, and eternal death. O convince us more and more of the necessity of a Saviour to make atonement for our sin; of thy Spirit to renew, and of thy love to satisfy our souls. Show us the beauty of holiness; give us the joys of religion and the happiness of such as fear thy name; that we may know the yoke of Christ to be easy, and his burthen light, that we may understand the ways of wisdom to be ways of pleasantness, and her paths to be those of peace. May the Saviour's love constrain us to a willing, delighted obedience; remembering that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him that died for them, and rose again. Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, may we think on these things and have grace to perform them.

If sinners entice us, let us not consent. If unholy pleasures should tempt our souls, give us grace to resist them, by considering that for these things' sake cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience; and if we dishonour the holy salvation of Christ by living in sin, we shall one day ask, in the bitterness of unavailing anguish, "What fruit had we then in those things whereof we are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death."

Supply our wants, strengthen our weakness, and remove our blindness; make the Scriptures more dear to our hearts, that we may cleanse our ways by ruling ourselves after thy word. Sanctify us through thy truth; thy word is truth.

Blessed Lord, we would repose on thy mercy, obtain thy help, and do thy will. Our souls follow hard after thee; let thy right hand uphold us, and lead our endangered feet into the way of holiness and faith and peace, and heaven. O cast us not away from thy presence, take not thy Holy Spirit from us, but guide us with thy counsel, and at length receive us into thy glory.

We commend to thy kind and fatherly care all our friends and relations. Direct, O Lord, their steps in life; and bless them with all spiritual blessings in Jesus Christ. Vouchsafe unto them the pardon of their sins, and the blessed hope of eternal life.

We pray for the rising generation, [especially for our own dear children;] may they remember their Creator in the days of their youth; and find thee to be their refuge in all the scenes through which they pass.

Have mercy on all who are in any sorrow or trouble. Do thou provide for them through the riches of thy mercy, and send special help in their hour of need.

Be favourable to our land. Inspire our magistrates with integrity; and our clergy with the spirit of true religion. Deliver us from the hands of all our enemies; and give us peace among ourselves.

We offer up these our imperfect prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O MOST MIGHTY GOD, and merciful Father, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent and be saved; graciously hear our prayers, and forgive our trespasses; that we whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved through Jesus Christ.

O Lord, thy compassions towards us have not failed though our faith has been so defective, our love so sinfully cold, and our obedience so unwillingly paid. We have not rendered thee the honour due unto thy name; we have not brought forth those fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ to thy praise and glory. But thy long suffering still waits for our restoration to holiness; the goodness of God would lead us to repentance. Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned.

Show us the absolute necessity of an entire conversion from dead works to serve the living God. By thy mercies towards us, by the death of Christ in our behalf, by the pleadings of thy Spirit with our souls, by the shortness of life, by the certainty of death, by the terrors of eternal judgment, by the happiness of the blessed, and the misery of the lost for ever, teach us to feel and cherish that godly sorrow for sin which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of. Renew in us, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud or malice of the devil, or by our own carnal wills and frailness. Conduct us, by thy Spirit, to the feet of our crucified Saviour, in penitence and faith; there let us seek thy pardon

with the earnestness becoming the danger of a sinner's state; there let us hear the voice of thy mercy, "Thy sins be forgiven thee, go in peace;" and there let us lay to heart the solemn warning, "Sin no more lest a worse thing happen unto thee."

O merciful God, extend thy blessings of providence and grace to the whole race of men, more especially to our native land. Bless the Queen with thy choicest mercies, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed; and grant to her whole council, and all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Bless the neighbourhood in which thy Providence has placed the bounds of our habitation, and the dear friends with whom we dwell. Take them and us under thy care this night, and make us thine, in grace and glory; thine now and forever.

Bestow thy special blessing on those who are labouring to extend the knowledge of a crucified Redeemer. Strengthen them by thy Holy Spirit; and, in the midst of all their difficulties and trials, impart unto them the abundance of thy consolations. Open the hearts of many to receive thy Gospel in the love of it. Let every wilderness at length blossom as the rose. Let the light spring up to them who have long sat in darkness; and let the days come when the lion shall lie down with the lamb, when wars shall cease, and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers and intercessions, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and Redeemer.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

LORD of all power and might, in whose hands are the wills and affections of sinful men, we kneel before thee this morning in humble and thankful supplication.

As thou hast cheered our eyes with the light of another day, so we beseech thee to gladden our souls with the bright beams of the sun of righteousness: may He arise to us with healing in his wings, and chase from our dull cold hearts all mists of error, and clouds of darkness that would hide thee from us.

May that blessed light enable us to see and understand all the wonderful things of thy law; to acknowledge thy justice, to adore thy mercy, and to love and venerate all thine infinite perfections.

Above all, may He enable us to realize thy boundless love in the redemption of sinful man, and apply to our souls' health the blessed hopes and promises of the gospel as sinful beings; may we receive with gratitude the offer of pardon, and as frail and feeble creatures, embrace with joy the promise of a spiritual comforter.

Grant, we beseech thee, O God, thou who knowest whereof we are made, that we may this day be strengthened by thy Holy Spirit, that He may dwell in our hearts by faith, and enable us to run with joy the race that is set before us. If we be in doubt may He guide us into the path of duty; if in temptation, may He fortify all good resolutions; in sorrow may He comfort us with a sense of thy love; and amid the snares of a deceitful world may He open our eyes to discern all its vanity and worldliness.

Amid all its engagements may our hearts be fixed on the attainment of thy favour; may neither love of ease, nor any other temptation withhold us from devoting our lives heartily to thy service, nor any false fear ever make us ashamed of acknowledging ourselves disciples of the blessed Jesus.

In our worldly occupations, may we labour with diligence, and our labours be crowned with success. May our lives, if it be thy good pleasure to continue them, be prolonged to thy glory and our own salvation; [may we be permitted to see our children grow up in all virtue and usefulness;] and may we so live through the days allotted us, in a thankful enjoyment of thy mercies, and in a holy obedience to thy commands, that when called hence we may obey the summons without sorrow, and without fear, and resign ourselves to thy blessed will, in a reasonable, religious and holy hope, in peace with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we pray, not for our own merits or deservings, but for the sake, and through the mediation of thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose blessed name and words we sum up our imperfect petitions, saying:

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O OUR GOD, another week has passed away, and we are still in the land of the living, while so many of our fellow creatures have passed from time into eternity. The invitations of thy love are still sounding in our ears; the Saviour is still knocking at our hearts; the claims of thy blessed spirit are still pleading with our souls, and crying, "Behold, now is the

accepted time! behold, now is the day of salvation." Hitherto the Lord hath helped us; and having obtained help of God we continue unto this day. Blessed be God for the continuance of life and health, and for prolonged opportunities of preparing for death and judgment. O Gracious Father, let not this continuance of mercy increase our condemnation by encouraging us to commit sin, because hitherto thine anger has been withheld from falling upon us. Let us not treasure up unto ourselves wrath against the day of wrath; but teach us so to number our days, that we may apply ourselves unto wisdom. We are one week nearer to the close of life, nearer to our eternal condition of bliss or woe; nearer to the joys of heaven or the unending wretchedness of that second death, where the worm dieth not and where the fire is not quenched. O our God, let us live and act accordingly. Let us forsake the evil of our way, and the unrightousness of our thoughts, and turn to the Lord, that he may have mercy upon us; and to our God, that he may abundantly pardon. O let us not squander the unreturning season of salvation in the pleasures of sin; lest thy continued mercies and long suffering, instead of being a savour of life unto life, should be a savour of death unto death to our souls.

Have mercy, O God upon our friends, our relations, and all for whom we are commanded to pray. We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body or estate. Comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Bless the pastors of thy flock, the missionaries to Jew and Gentile, and the teachers of thy truth throughout the world. O that they may go forth in thy name and strength, declaring first of all that Christ died for our sins, and glorying in his cross. Let the number of faithful ministers be increased, and may the saving doctrine they preach be the power of God unto the salvation of innumerable precious souls.

Prepare us, most blessed God, by sleep and rest to take our part in the duties of the approaching Sabbath. Give us that sense of sin which leads to a full confession of its guilt, and to faith in the atonement of the cross for its pardon. Give us that adoring gratitude for all thy mercies, more especially for the great mercy of a Saviour, which may incline us to praise thee with joyful lips. Give us that sense of the value of our souls, and of the greatness of thy salvation, which may lead us to seek life and mercy with all our hearts. O let not the coming Sabbath be defectively used like those which are

passed ; but let it be so improved by public and private means of grace, as to advance our meetness for the enjoyment of that Eternal Sabbath that remaineth for the people of God, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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FOURTH WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O MOST GRACIOUS GOD, who of thy tender love to mankind didst send thy blessed Son to be our Redeemer and Sanctifier, and as on this day to rise from the dead, raise us, we beseech thee, from the death of sin, that we may love and praise thee as we ought for this thine inestimable mercy. Open our eyes to a sense of our sinfulness, that we may feel our need of a Redeemer, and awaken our hearts to faith and gratitude, that we may be filled with joy and peace in believing. Enlighten our understandings, that we may comprehend thy revealed will; sanctify our affections, that we may love it: strengthen our resolutions, that we may obey it.

More especially on this day, devoted to thy service, we pray for thy enlightening and protecting Spirit. May He be to us an instructor and a guide, and fit us to join in the services of thy holy Church with devout and thankful feelings. May the world be banished from our minds, and all its vanities and cares be put far from us while we praise thee, O God, with joyful lips, and pour out our hearts before thee in that house which is called by thy name, and through thy mediation, O blessed Jesus, who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Within thy courts may we realize, by a living faith, the power and comforts of the Gospel preached unto us. May it so convince us of sin that we may listen with thankfulness to its offers of pardon, and make us so conscious of our own frailty, that we may receive with joy the promise of that Holy Comforter which thy Son Jesus Christ hath purchased for us, and which we pray may this day be poured in upon the hearts of all thy faithful people to strengthen the feeble-minded, and to comfort those that mourn.

[For our dear children on this day we supplicate thy guiding grace. In entering thy house may they remember in whose presence they appear; that unto thee the very thoughts of their hearts are open, and that from thee no secrets are hid. Teach them in the days of their youth to know thee their

Creator, to love thee their Redeemer, and to submit their hearts unto thee, who art their only Guide and Sanctifier; that we their parents may rejoice in them with a holy joy, whether spared or taken from us, looking to the blessed hope of meeting again in heaven, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.]

We pray also for such as enjoy not our spiritual privileges—for the Heathen, who know not thy name—for the blind in heart, who feel not their need of a Redeemer—and for all those whom sickness or any other necessity may keep away from thy courts.

May thy blessing rest on all endeavours for spreading abroad the light of thy glorious Gospel, and carrying its comforts into the abodes of ignorance and wretchedness; and may we feel that thy good providence hath made us debtors to aid those who go forth as labourers into the harvest. May their hands be strengthened to the task, until all the nations of the earth shall acknowledge thy name, and be gathered into one fold under one Shepherd, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. All which we pray, for his sake, and in his blessed name and words, saying:

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

BLESSED LORD, give us grace to review with gratitude the mercies which we have this day received. Praised be thy holy Name for every Sabbath we enjoy. May the prayers we present, and the praises we offer, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

For thy Name's sake, O Lord, and for Jesus Christ's sake, be gracious and merciful unto us. All our sins are known to thee: Do thou, O Lord, forgive them. All our wants are before thee: O, do thou supply them.

Heavenly Father, thou hast been pleased to favour us beyond millions of our fallen race, and to enlighten us with the knowledge of thy word; O that we may thankfully receive thy blessings, and diligently improve them. Give us grace to live a life of faith in thee, and devotedness to thee. Let us not be Christians in word and in tongue only, but in deed and in truth.

Cherish in us, we beseech thee, whatever holy desires, or pious resolutions, thy word and spirit may have created in us this day. Let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the

word. Make us watchful, that our spiritual enemy may not come and take away thy word out of our hearts, and destroy our souls. O cause it to take deep root in our hearts, and with its holy fruits to adorn our lives. Let us not be of the number of those who hear the word with joy, and in time of temptation or persecution fall away; nor let it be choked with the cares, or the riches, or the pleasures of this life; but may we understand it and keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Give us an increase of faith, hope, and love. May our faith be strong in Christ, to the honour of his name, and the salvation of our souls. May our hope be sure and steadfast. May our love, as a holy flame, purify our hearts, and shine forth in our lives.

Command thy blessing, O Lord, to rest abundantly on the labours of thy ministry. May the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ have free course, and be glorified. Extend his church and enlarge his kingdom. May all nations come and worship before him, and magnify his Name.

Bless, gracious Lord, our dear relations and friends, and give them the same blessings which we have asked for ourselves.

By thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: may we lie down in peace, and rest in safety. And when our Sabbaths are ended here on earth, may we enjoy an eternal Sabbath in heaven, and rejoice for ever in the love of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father! thou art a God that hearest prayer; and we are encouraged to draw nigh thy throne of grace, most humbly beseeching thee to look upon us, according to thy tender mercy in Jesus Christ. We confess our daily offences against thee, in thought, word, and deed. If thou shouldst be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who might abide it! Deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us after our iniquities. We bless thee for that all-prevailing advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous: by his cross and intercession, good Lord, deliver us!

O Lord, we plead his merit as the only and all sufficient refuge of our guilty souls, but while we thankfully receive that most inestimable benefit of his death, give us grace to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life! We would humbly hope, that, from the teaching and influence of thy

good Spirit, we desire to do thy will: but the good that we would, we do not; and the evil which we would not, that we do. We are tied and bound with the chain of our sins, O let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us! That being made free from sin, and the servants of God, we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

We are now about to enter upon the worldly employments of another week: strengthen us with thy grace, that these may not withdraw our hearts from thee, nor make us negligent of our souls, and our salvation! May the influences of the Sabbath rest upon us through the week! and may the solemn and blessed truths which we heard yesterday, in the house of prayer, abide in our memories, and direct our conduct!

With many thanks for thy mercies during the past night, we now cast ourselves upon thy protection, not knowing what this day may bring forth: but trusting in that wisdom which cannot err, and in that love which cannot fail. Do thou appoint our lot as seemeth good to both.

Father! not our will, but thine be done! Preserve us from temptation; preserve us from sin; preserve us from our own evil hearts! and if we are permitted to see the close of this day, let us look back upon it, as one in which we have walked with God. We commend to thy care and blessing all who are dear unto us. Teach us to use all proper means of doing them good, and of winning upon such as still neglect thy great salvation. Bless thy whole Church. Endue thy ministers with wisdom, clothe them with righteousness, and make them valiant for thy truth. Send forth thy light and truth to all nations; disperse the dark clouds of idolatry, impiety, superstition, and infidelity; and set up thy kingdom of peace and righteousness upon the earth. Visit with compassion, and thy saving grace, all the sons and daughters of affliction, and teach them to profit by thy chastisements. These, and all other mercies, we most humbly ask, for the sake, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God! Thou hast enjoined us by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto thee; and thou hast promised that so thy peace, which passeth all understanding, shall keep our hearts

and minds by Christ Jesus. Thus commanded and encouraged we come again into thy presence. Lord, give us the spirit of prayer; and let us not draw nigh thee with our lips, while our hearts are far from thee; lest we provoke a curse, when we would ask a blessing, and lest our prayer be turned into sin.

How many, O God, are thy mercies toward us; O, how great is the sum of them! Thy hand formed us from the dust of the earth: thy providence hath guarded us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the sickness that wasteth at noon; so that we have arrived at the close of another day in peace. Thy long suffering still bears with us; thy Holy Spirit still strives with us; and thy goodness would lead us to repentance. We are ashamed, O Almighty Father, of the unworthy returns which thy love has received. We have ill requited thy benefits; ill improved the offers of thy grace, and the infinite compassions of thy Son. God, be merciful to us sinners! Make us clean hearts, O God! and renew right spirits within us; that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ. Other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but henceforth, O God, we would be thine alone. Accept us, unworthy as we are, for the sake of thy dear Son, who hath said, "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." Grant that the old Adam may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in us. Grant that all carnal affections may die in us; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. Grant that we may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph over the world, the flesh, and the devil. Extend to others the spiritual and temporal blessings we so largely enjoy, and enable us in our place, and according to our means, to promote thy cause and kingdom at home and abroad.

[We rejoice, O Jesus! That thou hast said, "suffer little children to come unto thee." We present our children to thee, and the children of our relatives and friends. Condescend to lay thine hands upon them and bless them.]

O thou gracious God, be about our bed as thou hast been about our path. Let no evil befall us, nor those who are dear to us. Give us comfortable rest in sleep, and renew thy mercies to us with the morning's light; for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, to whom we are indebted for every blessing that we enjoy, suffer us now to approach thee in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We would heartily thank thee for all thy mercies;—especially, at this time, for thy preservation of us through the past night, and for bringing us, in health and safety, to the beginning of another day: and we would ask still further blessings at thy hands; that as thou hast been about our bed to guard us from all the perils of darkness, so thou wouldst be also about our path, to defend us from all the bodily dangers to which we may be exposed, and from all the snares and temptations of the world.

We humbly confess before thee, O Lord, that we have yielded too much to the desires of our own hearts, and conformed too readily to the ways of the world, which is at enmity with thee. We have been very ungrateful and disobedient children to thee our loving Father; and we should be ashamed and afraid to appear before thee, if thou hadst not graciously encouraged us to seek thy face, and revealed thyself to us as our Father in Christ Jesus. Blessed for ever be thy name, that thou hast made such a way of reconciliation, that in his blood there is a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness, in which we may wash and be clean—that He has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being himself made a curse for us—that He has paid back our debt to the uttermost farthing—that by His perfect obedience and sufferings He has satisfied all the demands of infinite justice—and that in Him thou canst now be just, and yet the justifier of all that believe in Jesus.

Lord, we believe: help thou our unbelief. Pity thy poor, weak, erring children; and add to all thy other mercies yet one more blessing, the gift of thy Holy Spirit, to take of the things of Christ, and to show them unto us—to convince us of our sinfulness, and of *his* righteousness—to make us feel more deeply our need of such a Saviour, and then to show us how abundantly he can supply all our wants, and how justly he claims all the love of our hearts, and all the obedience of our lives. While he is precious to our souls as all our salvation, and all our desire, may we carefully walk in his steps, and faithfully follow his example, in all holy obedience to thy will.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, the same blessings to others that we have asked for ourselves, especially to those who are near and dear to us in the flesh. If any among ourselves, or among our friends and relations, are living at a distance from thee, draw them near, we beseech thee, by the cords of thy

love. If any are ignorant of Jesus, open their eyes, that they may see his beauty, and value his excellency. Strengthen those who are weak in the faith, and confirm and encourage with the inward comforts of thy Spirit all those who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in compassion to our ignorance has taught us thus to pray :

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, whose loving kindness is over all thy works, we humble ourselves before thee this night in a penitent and thankful acknowledgment of thy mercies, and our own unworthiness. Thou hast opened thine hand and filled us with good : but we have not glorified thee as we ought in thy bounties—in the blessings conferred upon us, we have not discerned thy hand, and in the enjoyment of the gift have forgotten thee, the gracious giver. We have grown worldly where thou hast intended to make us thankful, and have become bound to earth by the very bands with which thy blessed Spirit hath sought to raise our hearts and affections to heaven. For all these our numberless sins and infirmities, we now supplicate thy fatherly forgiveness, and more especially for whatsoever in us through the past day has grieved and offended thy Holy Spirit. Blot it out from against us, gracious God; for our blessed Saviour's sake, suffer it not to rise up in future judgment; but grant us now to go to our rest with a conscience purified from dead works, and with hearts gladdened by a sense of thy redeeming love.

May we lie down with a calm and quiet mind, looking unto thee as to a reconciled Father, and enjoy refreshing sleep under the shadow of thy wing. Or if thou shalt call us to sleepless hours, grant that our thoughts may be holy and comforting in the watches of the night. May we recount to our fearful souls all thy past mercies, and thus learn to trust and cast upon thee all anxious and disquieting cares.

[More especially we commend this night to thy watchful providence, our dear children. Give them holy resolutions, and assistance to perform them. Purify their hearts and sanctify their affections; that they may be thy children, and grow up in thy love and fear; that they may be a blessing and comfort to us their parents; united to us here in the bonds of a tender

affection, and to be reunited hereafter in the courts of heaven, through faith in the blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ.]

We pray also for the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted: Hear the sighs of those who mourn: comfort the bereaved: and lift up the light of thy countenance upon all who are in the valley of the shadow of death: that they may look unto thee and be saved. Guard us now, we beseech thee, through the coming night, and may our last waking thoughts be of Him through whom alone our prayers are heard, our sins pardoned, and our imperfect services accepted.

For Jesus Christ's sake, we beseech thee, O gracious God, to pardon, and accept us thy unworthy servants.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the Author and Giver of life, we kneel before thee this morning, the dependent creatures of thy hand, to praise thee for thy past mercies, and to pray for a continuance of them.

We bless thee for our being and reason, our bodily health and all our worldly comforts; add to them, we beseech thee, that heavenly grace, which frail sinful creatures need, to make them real blessings; that our being may be devoted to thy service, our reason to learning thy will, our health to the performance of our duty, and our worldly means to doing good in our generation to the sons and daughters of affliction.

Grant that we may enter upon the duties of this day with hearts filled with thankfulness, and minds resolved to walk in the path of thy commandments. Let us remember that we are ever in thy presence, and that our thoughts and most secret actions are in the light of thy countenance, and will one day be brought into judgment.

In the duties of life may we be found diligent and faithful, in our intercourse with the world honest and upright, in the enjoyment of its pleasures moderate and self-denying, and in the use of wealth, according to our means, charitable and liberal. Let not the love of money gain dominion over us, let not our wishes for it be inordinate, nor our pursuit of it eager and anxious. Give us grace that we may seek it but as the means of usefulness, and employ it as a talent for which we must render an account, that amid the toils of the world, we may so live as to have our hearts and conversation in heaven.

Let the comforts of religion this day attend us. May it lighten the burthen of the cares of life, and console us under its sorrows, that when we feel this world to be vanity, thy blessed Gospel, O Lord, may cheer our hearts with an assured prospect of a happier and better world beyond the grave. Let us not build on earthly joys, nor rest upon this world as if it were our home. Let us seek for comfort in it where alone, under thy blessing, it may yet be found; in the conscientious performance of duty, in the thankful enjoyment of blessings bestowed, and in the daily exercise of those benevolent affections which thou hast given as a foretaste of the joys of heaven.

So long as thy bounties are continued to us, may we partake of them with moderation and thankfulness, and when called upon to resign them, may we do it with un murmuring submission to thee, our Heavenly Father, who lovest us, and alone knowest what is best for us; and who hast promised to restore them all to us a hundred fold, in those blessed mansions whither our Saviour Christ is gone to prepare a place for us.

Thither, O Lord, may our hearts continually ascend in meditation and prayer, that heaven may be to us even here as our home, and holy angels our companions, and the Spirit our guide, and God our friend, and thou blessed Saviour, who hast purchased them all for us, become to our redeemed souls the way, the truth, and the life.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast graciously preserved us, and whose will it is richly to bless us; we, thine offending servants, approach thy throne of grace in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, to thank thee for thy gracious care, and to pray for the continuance of thy mercies. We confess ourselves unworthy of the least of all the goodness, and all the truth, which have followed us throughout our lives to this present hour; for we have been neglectful of thee, and rebellious against thee. O make us all feel the need of returning to thee; bring us back by thy merciful guidance; watch over us still with thine all-seeing eye; defend us by thy mighty hand; and give us the best gifts of thy fatherly love. Before we go to rest this night, engrave in our minds the remembrance of thy past goodness, and engraft in

our hearts the love of thy holy name ; so shall we commit ourselves to thy protection in cheerful hope, and without one dismay- ing fear. We desire to look by faith to that world,—to that glorious city, where there is no night ; but where the glory of God and of the Lamb shineth for ever.

Look down, O Lord, we pray thee, upon the wants and woes of mankind. Have compassion upon the multitudes who know thee not, and have never offered up a prayer unto thee. Take from them that ignorance, that hardness of heart, or whatever it be which keeps them aliens and strangers to thee. Hear the cry, and answer the petitions of thy people, under whatever sorrow, or suffering, or temptation, they draw near unto thee ; and stretch forth the right hand of thy mighty power to help and deliver them. Have pity, gracious Lord, on those who are suffering by the direful calamities of war ; upon the prisoner and the captive ; upon the fatherless and the widow ; and upon all who are desolate and oppressed.

When we look around upon our own blessings, which are innumerable, and think upon the afflictions of others, O do thou fill our hearts with thankfulness, and our mouths with praises. At the same time give us the spirit of love and pity, and make us happy in administering to the wants and sorrows of others.

Look down, we pray thee, with gracious favour and compassion on the rising generation. O put it into the hearts, and keep it before the minds, of those who have committed children unto thee in baptism, to see that they are trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Give thy blessing to every effort for the extension of true Christian knowledge, and useful learning among the young ; and multiply among them those who shall be a seed to serve thee, and who shall hand down thy truth more and more widely to succeeding generations. Finally, O Lord, we thank thee for all past, and present, and promised mercies ; for our creation, and preservation ; for the redemption of our souls by the blood of Jesus Christ ; for our means of grace, and our hope of glory.

Hear, O heavenly Father, and receive these our humble supplications, which we offer unto thee through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O GRACIOUS GOD and Father, in whom we live and move, and have our being; thy bounty has been unsparingly bestowed on us; thy goodness and mercy have followed us all our lives. Day testifies unto day, the exercise of thine unwearied care. Created by thy power, supplied by thy love, spared by thy forbearance, and redeemed by thy Son, we rise from our beds this morning, living proofs that thy compassions fail not. Awake up, our souls, to bless the Lord, and forget not all his benefits; who redeemeth our lives from destruction, and crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Thou art the unfailing fountain of all true happiness; and blessed only are the people whose God is the Lord. Remember us with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation; that we may see the good of thy chosen; that we may glory with thine inheritance. While many are saying, "Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Enlighten our minds, and sanctify our hearts to seek that happiness which the world can neither give nor take away. Let thy love and favour accompany us through all our pilgrimage, as the water from the rock followed Israel through the wilderness. While many pursue the perishing joys of earth, and time, and sense, may thy wisdom teach, and thy Spirit direct, to delight ourselves in the Lord, that he may give us the desires of our hearts. If thou art our shepherd, we shall not want: O let us not go astray from the fold, nor wander from the pastures of thy love. Save us from the dreadful mistake of seeking happiness without thee. Let not our hearts bow down to any idol, nor allow any object of sinful love to usurp that place in our affections which should be wholly thine.

O Lord thou hast bought us with the blood of thy Son; subdue our rebellious natures, that we may present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, unto thee, which is our reasonable service. Give us grace to obey thy commandments; not in the letter, which killeth, but in the spirit, which giveth life; not with eye service, as men-pleasers obey, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

May thy blessing, O Lord God, be upon the members of this family. May those at the head of it, be in all things directed, strengthened and comforted by thee. [May the children of this family be Thy children.] Remember for good all who are united to us by the ties of kindred or friendship. May we be united by the still stronger and more endearing ties of grace; and be fellow soldiers of the cross, fellow travellers in the narrow way, fellow heirs of everlasting glory.

O preserve us this day from evil, bodily and spiritual! Let thy fatherly hand ever be over us; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that, in the end, we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all. The earth is full of thy goodness. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. In all circumstances of life we depend upon thee; and surely we thy unworthy creatures should praise thee, for thy patience with us, and thy bounty towards us. Thou hast brought us to the end of another day; and we will lay us down in peace and take our rest, because thou, Lord, only makest us to dwell safely.

But let us not give sleep to our eyes, nor slumber to our eyelids, before we commit ourselves solemnly and fervently to thy pardoning mercy in Christ Jesus. Thou hast so loved the world, as to give thine only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but should have everlasting life. Lord, we believe; help thou our unbelief. We look to Christ for the remission of all our sins, and not least for the many offences of the day past; for, O God of mercy, we have no other hope; none other do we seek; for thy word has assured us, that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. O our God, how needful is such a Saviour, how urgent our want of such a refuge! With what numerous violations of thy law, and with what guilty neglect of thy salvation, are our consciences burthened, their peace wounded, and thy love dishonoured! O grant us grace to approach thee, like the sinking apostle; and with his despair of other mercy, and his simple trust in thy power and love, to make our earnest prayer for help, "Save, Lord, or we perish." O how swiftly are passing days conducting us towards that awful moment, when the cross of thy Son, and the promises of thy Gospel, will be our only possession. We are rapidly advancing towards death, and judgment, and eternity. Lord make us more earnest to flee to Christ; and to seek the things which belong to our everlasting peace, before they are hid from our eyes. Enable us to redeem the time; and whatsoever our

hand findeth to do, let us do it with our might; knowing that there is no device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither we are hastening. We are surrounded by the most serious and awful realities; and if we consider them not now, yet, in the latter days, we must consider them perfectly. Save us, O our God; from a vain, light, and trifling spirit, which may forget the things that belong to our eternal peace; and make us serious in seeking that salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

And, O Lord, hear us in behalf of others. Have mercy on the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Pity those who suffer for thy Name's sake. Shew thy mercy on all prisoners and captives—on all, whether strangers or related to us, who travel by land or by sea. Have mercy on all widows and orphans,—on all that mourn the loss of friends and relations,—on all who feel the crosses, trials, and vicissitudes of earth. Hasten the time when the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of Christ, and he shall reign from sea to sea.

[We also commend to thy especial care our dear children, beseeching thee to grant them every needful blessing both for their souls and bodies.]

And now we pray thee, O God, to watch over us with the unslumbering eye of thy love; and, with to-morrow's light, enkindle in our hearts new desires to serve thee, and to be thine for ever; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

BLESSED Lord, thou hast brought us safely to the beginning of this day, and we are assembled to present our united praises unto thee. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God.

And now, O Lord, look favourably upon us, we beseech thee, and hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. We are wholly dependent upon thee. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their master, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, so our eyes wait upon Thee. We come to thee, and ask, believing that as a father pitieth his children, so will thou pity them that fear thee, and give good gifts to them that ask thee. Hear us then, O, our Father, who ask thy Holy Spirit. For Jesus' sake send upon each of us that precious gift which thou hast promised; thou knowest, Lord,

every soul here before thee, and thou knowest what is most needful to promote the best welfare of each. O mercifully hear our united prayer for those supplies of which we severally stand in need. If any one in this house is living at a distance from thee, in known sin, in hardness of heart, in carelessness and thoughtlessness, O let thy Holy Spirit convince that soul of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. If any one is wavering, halting, drawing back, O let thy Holy Spirit quicken, decide and settle him. If any is tempted, strengthen him; if any is afflicted, comfort him; if any is weary, renew to him thy power, that he may run and not be weary, and I may walk and not faint. O let thy Holy Spirit ever effectually work in us all, conforming us to thy will, and causing us to grow up unto Christ, who is the Head, in all things.

And now, Lord, be with each of us, we beseech thee, through this day. Help us in all that lies before us. We have our respective duties to perform, enable us to fulfil them as to thee: may we set our hand to nothing upon which we dare not ask thy blessing: may we walk in no way where we cannot ask thee to go with us. May we make it our object to be doing good, to do the work thou givest us to do; and whatever we do, whether we eat or drink, to do all with a view to thy glory. May we live in love and peace; and do thou, the God of love and peace, dwell among us. May we live for the benefit of one another, caring for one another, helping one another. Above all, may we live for eternity, waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Hear us, O Lord, we beseech thee, in all these our supplications and prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we thank thee that thou hast preserved us unto the close of this day, and dost afford us another opportunity of meeting, as a family, to worship before thee. In the name of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, we would now come into thy presence; for his sake be gracious unto us and bless us. Enable us to examine our conduct during the past day, that we may know how far we have erred and strayed from thy ways. O Lord, we would mourn over our many short-comings, our heedlessness, our weakness. We would now confess them unto thee: we would hide nothing from thee. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us, and

know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Most merciful Father, we rest upon the promises of thy word; we believe that thou wilt pardon us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we lie down this night in peace with thee, through him who hath made peace by the blood of his cross: and if thou shouldest spare us to see another day, may we go forth in the consciousness of thy forgiveness, more ardent, more faithful, more constant, in thy service, to discharge our several duties.

Whilst we pray for ourselves, we would include others also in our petitions. May all whom we love be brought to love thee. Shed abroad thy Spirit. May his cheerful and life-giving power be felt by the whole Church. Lord, bless thy Church everywhere; unite it in one holy bond of faith and truth and unity. May all the members be knit together in love. Teach them that they are one, and inhabited by one Spirit, and that they have but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. Bring back into thy fold the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Bless all missions to the heathen; comfort and succour those who are engaged in the work of preaching the glad tidings to those outcasts. Speed that time when Jew and Gentile shall form one fold under one Shepherd. And now, O Lord, we would commit to thy special care this land in which we dwell; may this people prosper and be at peace. Bless our Queen, and all those who are put in authority over us. May they fear thee, and study to employ their influence to promote thy cause. Defend from all false doctrine the Church to which we belong. Increase the zeal and usefulness of its ministers. May it be the glory of all Churches—a pattern of zeal, and of activity, and of charity.

Finally, O Lord, we thank thee for mercies received. Continue them, we beseech thee, and add such things as shall be good for us. We would adore thee for thine own perfections. We praise thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Confiding in thy power and in thy love, we commit our souls and bodies into thy keeping during this night, believing that thou wilt hear our prayers which we offer unto thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O FATHER of Mercies, and God of Love, who hast defended us in the hours of darkness, and by whose undeserved care we rise in health and peace; we desire to praise thee for the blessings which thou hast so abundantly bestowed upon us: to acknowledge our unworthiness, and to cast ourselves wholly upon thy protection, power and goodness. O deliver us from danger, supply the wants of our bodies and our souls, and so fix our hearts in holy and grateful devotion, that, ensnared and endangered as we must be, nothing may be able to separate us from that love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

O, our God, thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, neither shall sinners dwell in thy sight. Only the pure in heart are blessed, for only they shall see God. Mortify the love and overcome the power of iniquity within us. Make our bodies the temples of the Holy Ghost, habitations of God, through the Spirit. O let us come out from the ways and practices of sin; let us not touch the unclean thing, that thou mayest be a Father unto us, and that we may be the children of thy love, and the heirs of thy bliss, through Jesus Christ. O our Lord, how exceeding sinful should sin appear, when we remember that the blood of thy Son was shed to deliver man from its dominion, and its penalty. How necessary should holiness appear to us since Jesus Christ died to purify to himself a peculiar people zealous of good works. O give us grace to resist the first temptation to sin, not merely by considering what misery it will bring upon our souls, here and hereafter, but also what dishonour it will do to God; what contempt to the cross of Christ; what despite to the Spirit of Grace. Thou, O God, art a holy God! if we seek conformity to thy image, if we would dwell in thy love, and hope for thy salvation, we must deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world. Help us so to live; take away the stony heart, and give us a heart of flesh. Enable us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset us. Let not sin reign in our bodies, that we should obey it in the lusts thereof. Create us anew in Christ Jesus unto good works. Sanctify us wholly, that our duty may be our delight; that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise, until we are removed from thy service on earth to see thy face, and do thy will in heaven.

And we beseech thee to bless us in view of the approaching Sabbath. Be with thy ministers in their studies, prayers, and preparation for their public labours on the morrow. Let all who call upon thy name remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy;

making this day every personal and family arrangement which will enable them the more devoutly to observe the Sabbath. May thy day be set wholly apart for its privileges and duties, and earnestly may we this day in secret seek thy blessing on all the public means of grace on the morrow. Regard with thy favour our Queen and all whom thou hast placed in authority over us. Give heavenly grace to all bishops, priests and deacons, and all appointed to minister in holy things. Look upon a world lying in wickedness, in the fulness of thy mercy and compassion. Bless us as a family. [May our children be thy dear children, renewed and sanctified by thy Holy Spirit.] Let the bonds of family love be multiplied and strengthened, and become eternal, by our seeking chiefly and supremely the spiritual good of one another. Oh hear and answer us, for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O THOU ETERNAL GOD, who inhabitest eternity, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, we, whose life is as a vapour, who have here no continuing city, do in this our day of grace and salvation, come unto thee for eternal life and blessedness. If we, being evil, know how to give good things to our children, how much more wilt thou, our heavenly Father, who art altogether good, give unto us good things. Give us then that unspeakably good gift, thine own Spirit, to be our Teacher and Sanctifier, to create us anew, in thine own image, and strengthen us to do all thy will.

Unworthy as we are to approach unto thee, there is one in our nature who is truly worthy, and who is thine elect, in whom thy soul delighteth. He wears our very form, and he is now at thy right hand, on thy throne, making intercession for us. By him then we come near to thee, and now desire the joy of communion with the Father of our spirits.

Our wants are indeed many and great. We would seek a constant spirit of prayer, a believing heart; a soul in which love to God and man shall be largely shed abroad from on high. Give us many spiritual blessings on the approaching Sabbath. Let it be a day remarkable for the fulness of thy grace. Bless us in all its services. Pour showers of blessing on our dry and weary souls.

Open the mouths of thy ministers to speak thy word; open the hearts of the people to understand and receive it; and let thy word sown bring forth fruit in them, some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred fold.

O Lord, graciously preserve us and deliver us from mere formality in prayer. Let us not, in daily and weekly confession of sin, lose the sense of what it is which we confess; but let us feel that it is an evil thing, and very bitter, to sin against the Lord. Let us learn to hate sin with real hatred, and not to bear with it in ourselves or in others.

Bless all the congregations of thy people on the morrow, in all the churches of Christ throughout the world. Thousands, O Lord, of the sick, would fain attend thy house, and are kept from it. Lord, bless all such with Sabbath grace, while unable to come into thy courts. Tens of thousands wilfully absent themselves. Lord, convert them. Lord, teach them to prize what they now despise or disregard. Many are kept away by thy providence; some on the wide ocean, some in foreign lands, some beyond reach of the public means of grace, and some unexpectedly and unwillingly detained from them: Lord, look on them all in their respective necessities. God be merciful to his people Israel, convert and bless them, and lift up the light of his countenance upon them! God grant that Christ may speedily be the light of the Gentiles. Let all thy people, let all men with one accord unite in saying—'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with thanksgiving.'

O Lord, hear the prayers which we, a feeble company of thy sinful children, at the close of another week, and the approach of another Sabbath, have now made. We acknowledge our utter helplessness before thee, and that in vain will thy ministers preach, in vain will the song of praise ascend, if thou pour not out of thy Spirit; if thou do not kindle the sacred fire of prayer and praise and love; if thou give not the seeing eye, the hearing ear, the understanding and believing heart. Grant to us and to all thy worshippers throughout the earth, these inestimable blessings, that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

Which may be added to the foregoing or used separately.

FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

O LORD God, whose tender mercies are over all thy works, we pray thee to bless all the members of this family, present or absent, both spiritually and temporally; to sanctify to us all the dispensations of thy Fatherly hand; to relieve us in our sorrows; and teach us to trust always in thy goodness. Keep us, O Lord, in body and in mind; do for us according to our several necessities, preserve us in all dangers; succour, comfort and direct us in all our ways; make us happy, if it please thee, in this world; and bring us to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR CHILDREN IN A FAMILY.

LET the dear children of this family, O Lord, be the especial objects of thy Fatherly regard. Thine they are; thou hast given them to us; thou hast redeemed them by the blood of thy dear Son; and they have been brought to thee, devoted to thy service in holy baptism, according to thy gracious will. O may the Holy Spirit, sought and pledged to them in that holy rite, be now and ever in them; to teach and to guide them; to sanctify and cleanse them from their natural corruption; and to renew them day by day, after thine own image, in righteousness and holiness of life. Thy promise is to them as to ourselves; we would plead it on their behalf, and implore the abundant fulfilment of it among us as a family, from the least unto the greatest. *Amen.*

FOR CHILDREN.

TOUCH the hearts of the younger members of our family with thy love, O blessed Saviour, and draw them unto thyself; turn away their eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken thou

them in thy way; may their feet be turned into the narrow path that leadeth unto life; conduct them into the green pastures, and to the refreshing streams of thy word. *Amen.*

FOR CHILDREN.

MAY our children be the objects of thy love, and subjects of thy grace. O be thou the guide of their youth, and let thy Fatherly hand be ever over them. *Amen.*

FOR CHILDREN.

HAVE mercy upon the children of this family. They have been dedicated to thy service in the sacrament of baptism: O may they never forsake the Guide of their youth, nor forget the covenant of their God. *Amen.*

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS FOR CHILDREN.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for his sake bless our children with healthful bodies, and understanding souls, and sanctified hearts; that they may remember their Creator all their days. Let thy grace preserve them from the temptations of an evil world, and may we never be wanting in any part of our duty to them; but instruct them in the faith and duties of a christian life, convince them of their faults, and correct them in reason and love. O be thou, O God, their Father and their portion in this world, and in the world to come. *Amen.*

ON THE BIRTH-DAY OF A CHILD,

ALMIGHTY God, who hast commanded us to train up our children in thy love and fear, enable us, we beseech thee, to perform that duty to thy glory, and their eternal salvation. Sanctify their youthful affections; fill their tender hearts with gratitude to thee, and affectionate kindness to each other; that, amid all the changes and chances of life, their trust may be in thy mercy, and their comfort in mutual affection. More especially we pray for thy blessing on this our dear child, who, on this day adds to the number of *his* years. May this day of *his* birth be to *him* one of spiritual mercies: may *he* learn in youth to devote *himself* to thee, *his* God and Saviour: and so to number *his* days that *he* may apply *his* heart unto wisdom; enlighten

his understanding, that *he* may comprehend thy will; purify *his* affections, that *he* may love it: and strengthen *his* resolutions, that *he* may obey it. May *he* live to be to us, *his* parents, a blessing in our declining years; and when parted here, may we meet again in that world of peace, where there is no sorrow and no parting; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYER BEFORE THE BAPTISM OF A CHILD.

O LORD, our God and Saviour, to whom all power in heaven and earth is given, who didst command thy apostles to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, according to the direction of thy word and thine own gracious invitation, to suffer little children to come unto thee, for of such is the kingdom of heaven—we would bring our child to thy holy baptism. O Lord, give thou thy blessing with the means of thine own appointment. Baptize our child with the Holy Ghost. Give both the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. Give us the full comfort of knowing too that our child is holy and dedicated to thee, and give us grace to bring up this child as the Lord's, and in thy nurture and admonition.

We beseech thee to make this a time of spiritual blessing to our whole household. Let all be now reminded of their baptismal vows, and bring every member of our family into the mystical body of thy church; that the name which was named upon us in our baptism, may be no mere outward form, but a reality felt and enjoyed in our souls. Let the name of the Father be to us a seal of adoption, the name of the Son a seal of his living image in our hearts, the name of the Holy Ghost a seal of his indwelling grace and power, and let us ever be living in the hope of thy glory. Hear us, for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER THE BAPTISM OF A CHILD.

THANKS be unto thee, O our Father, for the many precious promises which thou hast given in thy word to those who are baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and admitted by covenant into thy church. Enable us to rely upon thy faithfulness; and, in dependance upon thy loving-kindness, to bring up, in our family, this child now baptized in thy name, for thee in every thing. We would believe thy precious promises to us and to our children. We would view this child

as a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven; and, as such, would train up our child day by day, in faith and prayer, in the way in which *he* should go, in full assurance that when *he* is old, *he* will not depart from it. Oh strengthen our resolutions, and give us thy grace to carry them patiently and steadily into effect; not spoiling our children by over-indulgence—not giving way to unholy tempers with them—not misleading them by a bad example; but daily teaching them thy truths, leading them on in the ways of Christ, restraining and checking all that is wrong, and encouraging every thing that is good. Give thy blessing to our efforts, that there may not only be in this child another member added to our family, but another member trained up in the household of faith, for a heavenly and eternal home, through Jesus our Redeemer. *Amen.*

BEFORE CONFIRMATION.

WE especially commend unto Thee those young persons connected with our family and our neighbourhood, who are about to be confirmed. O Lord, give them thy Holy Spirit abundantly; make them thoughtful, serious, and earnest, in renewing their solemn baptismal promise and vow. Make them truly upright and sincere before Thee. Let this be a time to be much remembered for thy grace imparted to them. Give them firm decision in thy ways, and entire yielding up of themselves to thy service; so that hereafter they may never fall back, or be ashamed to confess thy name. Through Jesus our Redeemer. *Amen.*

AFTER CONFIRMATION.

WE bless thee, O our God, for the grace given to those young persons connected with us and our neighbourhood, who have been confirmed. Oh put thy fear into their hearts, that they may never depart from thee. Give them, with full purpose of heart, to cleave unto thee, O Lord; and do thou thyself keep them by thy power, through faith, unto thy salvation, ready to be revealed. O our God, grant them grace to cleanse their way amidst the many temptations which will try them, by taking heed to thy word. Remembering that thy vows are now upon them, let them take heed to perform them, and be strong in thy strength, and more than conquerors through him that loved us. Hear us, for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

FOR SERVANTS.

LET the servants of this household receive thy blessing. May the grace of thy gospel effectually bring salvation to their souls, and teach them to discharge their several duties, not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but with faithfulness and integrity, and good will, as to the Lord.

AGAINST IMPENDING CALAMITY.

O GRACIOUS God, thou hast said that thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men; look down then in mercy, we beseech thee, on us thy trembling and fearful servants; remove from us the evil which fills our hearts with apprehension; save us from the flood of sorrows that threatens to overwhelm us; renew to us our broken peace of mind, and make our hearts again to rejoice with gladness, amid the blessings with which thou hast surrounded us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

UNDER BEREAVEMENT.

O HEAVENLY Father, in all our past sorrows thy mercies have refreshed our souls; vouchsafe now to crown them all, in our present bereavement, by the spirit of resignation to thy blessed will. Give unto us submissive hearts, make them more devoted to thy service, and more worthy of thy pardoning goodness; and grant that all our trials may but bring us nearer unto thee, and lead us in deeper humility and penitence to seek thy favour, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer; that, after this passing scene is over, we may be re-united to all whom we have here loved and lost, in unchanging, everlasting happiness. And this we pray, through the atonement and intercession of him who loved us, and gave himself for us, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ON RESTORATION TO HEALTH OF ANY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

MOST merciful Father, thou hast spared us in love from the trial which seemed to await us; thou hast restored to health one near and dear to us, and not permitted the destroyer to break in upon our peace. For this new instance of thy tender love, we desire now to praise and bless thy holy name; we prostrate ourselves before thee in grateful adoration; we offer

up to thee the incense of thankful souls; we bring unto thee the only return that we, thy poor dependent creatures can make, hearts overflowing with gratitude and penetrated by a deep sense of our own unworthiness; sanctified too, we trust, by the sincere desire and prayer that our future lives may be conformed more and more to thy holy will. Receive these our praises, hear this our prayer, turn our gratitude into obedience, and love for thy servant into love for thee, who hast spared *him* to us. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

ON SETTING OUT UPON A JOURNEY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose Providence we are preserved day by day from the innumerable dangers which every moment surround us; be thou our guard, we beseech thee, in the journey upon which we are now entering. May it be blest to us in health, and all rational enjoyment. May the scenes of nature through which we pass awaken our hearts to love and praise, and fill them with joyful anticipations of the beauty of that world which sin has never defaced. May all the social pleasures we meet with be regulated by prudence, and hallowed by a pious spirit. Watch over those dear to us, whom we leave behind; guard us who go, in all our wanderings, and grant that we may return to our home confirmed in health, cheered in spirit, and strengthened to run with renewed ardour the course of duty to which we are called. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR ONE ABSENT ON A JOURNEY.

O ETERNAL and ever present God, thou who art about our path and about our bed; we beseech thee to be also an ever present guard to thy servant now absent from us, and exposed to the perils of travel. Do thou be to *him* more than a father's care or a mother's love, in shielding *him* from all evil both of soul and body; and restore *him* to us in renewed health and safety, with a grateful sense of thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE QUEEN AND ALL IN AUTHORITY.

HAVE mercy upon our Sovereign lady the Queen, the Prince Consort, and their offspring. Bless her Ministers, the Governor General, [the Provincial Parliament now assembled], and

all that are set in authority over us. Give them grace to rule and legislate according to the principles of thy Word, and for the glory of thy name.

FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

HAVE mercy upon the Universal Church, wheresoever it is dispersed on earth, or by whatsoever name it is known amongst men ; and more especially upon that branch of it to which we belong. Preserve it in purity and truth ; purify it from every error in doctrine, and from all ungodliness in practice. Keep it in the hour of peril : make it the glory of all churches by its apostolical doctrines, zeal, and spirit. And may those who minister in holy things be men of God, thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work, and constrained by the love of Christ to labour for the good of souls, and for the glory of thy great name. And bless all thy dear people according to their various wants. Let grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied upon them, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus their Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE JEWS.

BE pleased to regard with thy favour thine ancient people Israel. Remember for them thy sure and everlasting covenant : take away the veil of ignorance and unbelief which is now spread over their hearts, and turn them unto thyself, as the God of their fathers, and unto Jesus, thy beloved Son, as their only Messiah and Saviour. *Amen.*

FOR THE HEATHEN.

WE desire also to bring before thee the state of those our fellow-creatures who are living in the darkness of heathenism, and in ignorance of thee the only true God. Look graciously upon them, O thou God of all mercy, and send unto them the light of thy truth, and the blessing of thy Holy Spirit, that they may be turned to thee from their idols, to serve and praise thee, and to wait for thy dear son from Heaven. *Amen.*

FOR SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES.

WE desire to commend unto thee the schools and universities of our land ; beseeching thee to grant that the young may be

trained in the principles of thy true religion, guarded from the influence of all evil example, and become a generation to walk in thy ways, and show forth thy glory. *Amen.*

BEFORE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

WE pray thee, O Lord, that thou wilt be graciously present with those of us who may this day be permitted to approach to the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ. O help us to come with godly sorrow and contrition for our manifold sins and iniquities; with a firm and childlike faith in thy fatherly goodness towards us in Jesus Christ; with a believing apprehension of the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, in dying for us, and of the innumerable benefits, which, by his precious bloodshedding, he hath obtained for us; and at the same time with a steadfast purpose to lead a new life, following thy commandments, and walking in thy holy ways. And, O thou gracious God, do thou vouchsafe to feed us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ; and to assure us of thy favour and goodness towards us, that our souls being refreshed and strengthened, our lives may be more devoted to thy service, and show forth thy glory. *Amen.*

FOR A SACRAMENT SUNDAY.

BE present also especially with those of us, who shall this day show forth our Saviour's death, according to his holy ordinance, by receiving bread and wine in memory of his most precious body and blood, which were given for us. Grant that we may verily and indeed receive into our souls, and spiritually feed upon our adorable Redeemer—that true manna which cometh down from above, and the fountain of living water—that we may thus be strengthened and refreshed to fulfil our daily duties, and carry on our daily conflict. *Amen.*

AFTER THE SACRAMENT.

WE desire to thank thee, O thou gracious God, for having again permitted some of us to partake, this day, of the supper of the Lord. How great is thy goodness toward us in having spread thy table for us, and given us those holy mysteries as pledges of thy love, and for a continual remembrance of the death of thy dear Son, to our great and endless comfort! Make us heartily thankful for these thy great mercies; and so assist

us by thy grace, that, whilst we rejoice in thy free and fatherly goodness towards us, we may also do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE INCREASE AND PROSPERITY OF
CHRIST'S CHURCH AND KINGDOM.

WE humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, to bless and prosper the word of thy grace. Send forth thy light and thy truth to all nations. Hasten the fulfilment of all that thou hast promised concerning the glory of thy dear Son, and extend his kingdom over all the earth. Let him be the Light of the Gentiles, and the Glory of thy people Israel. Lord, we plead with thee for the sake of thy great Name, the truth of thy promises, and the happiness of thy creatures; and beseech thee to give unto thy Son, the Heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Arise, O God, and plead thine own cause. Have respect unto the covenant of grace and mercy, for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. How long shall the prince of darkness usurp the promised inheritance of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. O let the throne of the Redeemer be established on the ruins of Satan's kingdom. Pull down the strong-holds of Antichrist; and convert all nations, making them obedient to the faith of the Gospel.

And while we thus pray, we also bless thee, O Lord, for the general desire thou hast created to spread the word of thy truth and righteousness throughout the world. Lord, increase it, we beseech thee, an hundred fold. Give thy blessing to all the Societies, in this and in other nations, which have for their object thy glory and the salvation of man. Guide the minds of those who conduct their affairs. In all their trials and difficulties comfort and support them.

Regard, we beseech thee, with thy most gracious favour, all the Ministers of thy Gospel, and especially those who are preaching to the poor Heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ. Water both them and their labours with the continual dew of thy heavenly blessing. Send forth the messengers of thy grace with the good tidings of salvation; and prepare thy way before them. May every valley be exalted, and every hill made low; may the crooked ways be made straight, and the rough places plain; that thy word in all nations may have free course and be glorified.

May all Christian Missionaries be chosen vessels to bear thy name unto the Heathen. Bless them with health of body and

peace of mind. Preserve them pure in doctrine and holy in life. Grant that they may never lose that first love which constrained them for thy Name's sake to leave their country, and all that was near and dear unto them. Give them grace to be faithful unto death that they may receive the crown of life. May thy Gospel be so preached by them, that it may drop as the rain, and distil as the dew: may it come down as rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth. May the wilderness be glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose; may it blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing. Let thy word never return unto thee void but prosper, and accomplish thy purposes of grace and mercy to a lost and ruined world. May all nations see the glory of the Lord, and the excellence of our God, and be filled with holiness, peace, and love.

Look down, O Lord, with tender compassion on thine ancient people the Jews, and receive them again to the arms of thy mercy. O pity the seed of Abraham thy servant, and the children of Jacob thy chosen. Look not to their stubbornness, nor to their iniquity, nor to their sin; but remember Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, thy servants; and hasten in these latter days the fulfilment of all the glory thou hast promised to Israel thy people. Take away the veil from off their hearts: grant them to know that Jesus Christ is their true Messiah, and that he came to visit and redeem his people. Save them from that unbelief and hardness of heart which have brought such guilt and misery upon them; and give them faith so to believe in Jesus, that they may say, "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: *We* did esteem him smitten of God and afflicted; but he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, and by his stripes we are healed. O let them not abide in unbelief, but bring them into thy church, O Lord God of Israel, to the glory of thy Name, who only doest wondrous things.

We beseech thee to pour out thy Spirit, to give light and life to all who are dead in sin. It is not by any human wisdom or power that the nations of the earth can be converted unto thee; but by thy Spirit, O Lord. Stir up thy faithful people to pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost, in all his mighty power; and do thou hear and answer their supplications. Send down from above a more abundant measure of his Divine influence, to carry on the great work of salvation; that the blessed Redeemer may see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. O let the earth be speedily filled with His glory, whose Name is above every name; to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, be ascribed, as is most due, everlasting dominion and praise. *Amen* and *Amen*.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, impress us with a solemn sense of thy presence and glorious perfections, that we, who are but dust and ashes may approach thee with reverence and godly fear. Pour upon us the spirit of grace and supplication when preparing in obedience to thy command to make intercession for all men.

O Lord, we beseech thee to give unto *thy servant our most gracious Queen Victoria* the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, that her throne may be established in righteousness; that she may approve things that are for thy glory, the extension of thy kingdom, and the welfare of her subjects throughout the vast empire which thou hast brought under her rule and governance. Grant that *all placed in authority under her* may rule justly, being guided by thy holy word in all things, and so bear the sword as to be a terror to evil men, but a protection and encouragement to those who do well.

Be thou in the midst of *our Parliament*; direct their counsels; keep them from making statutes which are not good; but dispose them to adopt such laws as thou shalt be pleased to bless, for establishing our country in peace and prosperity. O Lord suffer them not to give power to evil men who hate and oppose thy truth, and sow strife and sedition amongst us. Frustrate the wicked designs of the ungodly. Turn their counsels into foolishness; and restrain the madness of the people.

O our God, we would especially implore thee to *hinder the spread of false doctrines* which encourage obedience to Antichrist, and so exalt the form of godliness as to deny the power thereof. O Lord dispose our *Queen* as the defender of the faith, and dispose *our bishops* as having the oversight of thy church, to resist the inroads of Satan. Stir up the *faithful ministers of thy word*, to cry aloud in showing the people their error; and cause them not to touch the unclean thing, but to be separate. O God, we implore thee to impart unto *those who labour in thy word and doctrine* all needful gifts. Make them full of the Holy Ghost, eloquent and mighty in the scriptures. Enable them to preach Christ as he is there set forth—the mighty God, the man that is thy fellow, our atoning sacrifice, the Lord our righteousness, our great High Priest and Advocate, our wisdom and sanctification, most precious and altogether lovely. May they speak of these glorious truths, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth. Grant that they themselves may partake abundantly of the savour and

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influence of every good and comfortable word which is given them ; and so live as to be ensamples to thy flock. Bless *the deacons of our church*. Preserve them from the snares of the adversary. Make them jealous over themselves with godly jealousy, that they may abstain from all appearance of evil, and, as men of God, flee all youthful lusts ; that so they may purchase to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. O our God, all things are possible with thee, and thou canst make men to know and preach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Look then in mercy on *such ministers as are ignorant* of thy salvation. Enlighten and correct them, and cause them to become burning and shining lights.

Make *all who are preparing for the ministry* pastors according to thine heart. Give them to know the mysteries of the kingdom, that they may come forth prepared to feed many with knowledge and understanding, and to declare the whole counsel of God.

Open the hearts of *those who hear*. May thy gospel come unto them, not in word only, but in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance. O Lord, revive thy work in *thy people* ; comfort all who mourn, deliver the tempted, guide the perplexed, reprove the inconsistent, and heal the backslider.

Look on the *sick members* of thy church ; make all their bed in their sickness ; prepare the dying for death ; spare useful lives, and may those who are raised up to health live more decidedly to thy glory, and the salvation of perishing sinners.

Grant thy people grace and strength to fulfil their particular duties. Bless the labours of all *who teach* out of thy holy word in *Sunday and day schools*.

Grant *unto parents* wisdom to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Let them act upon thy promise, and cast the seed upon the waters, trusting that they shall find it after many days.

O Lord, keep thy people who are *engaged in lawful callings* in this world from the evil one. Let them not be of the world, but be kept unspotted from it. Help all thy children to walk in wisdom towards those that are without, and so to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things as to win souls to Christ.

O Lord, we earnestly entreat thee to grant, that *our kindred* may be grafted into Christ. Hear any before thee who may sigh and cry for a parent, a child, a husband, a wife, a brother, a sister, who is walking according to the course of this world. Remember such, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people. O visit them with thy salvation !

O Almighty God, we beseech thee to have mercy upon the *multitudes who shun thy sanctuary*, profane thy sabbaths, openly transgress thy law, and are led captive by the devil. O magnify the riches of thy grace, by plucking them as brands from the fire, by giving them repentance unto life, through a knowledge of their sin, and faith in Christ Jesus.

Prosper the labours of *all societies* that seek to promote thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; raise up more *missionaries* to preach thy word to the nations that are perishing for lack of knowledge. Bless thy gracious word: let it run, let it be glorified; work mightily to convince *the heathen* of their guilt and madness, in saying to the works of their own hands, "Ye are our gods;" reveal thyself unto them as the only living and true God; shew them thy great salvation, and give them the obedience of faith, that they may become spiritual worshippers of thee, and holy followers of Christ. And O let thy power, and the lighting down of thine arm, be felt *nearer home*. Many are the refuges of lies; and multitudes who profess to depend on Christ for salvation are seeking it through their own works, the power of their priests, the help of saints and angels, and other delusions; reveal Christ to them in all his fulness, that they may say, "What have I any more to do with idols? truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel."

O our God, we especially beseech thee to show thy mercy to the seed of *Abraham*; make it manifest that even at the present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace, take away the veil that is upon their hearts, that they may return unto thee, acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write; O convince them of their sin, that they may prize the precious blood of the atonement, and so behold the beauty of the Redeemer, as to rejoice in him as all their salvation and all their desire.

O Lord, we pray thee to gather in the number of *thine elect*, and to hasten thy kingdom. Come, thou Deliverer, that all Israel may be saved; and be thou King over all the earth, that all the Inhabitants thereof may partake of the blessings of thy righteous government, thou Prince of Peace.

Grant unto thy *whole church* now *militant upon earth*, to love, wait for, and desire the appearing of Christ. Make us wise to understand the words of prophecy, to discern the signs of the times and to profit thereby; and may we so live as to be ever ready to hear and obey the cry: "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him."

O God, if there are *any before thee* who are *not prepared for the coming of Christ*, who are not born again, who have not the

Spirit of Christ, make them to feel their danger; and whilst the day of thy long suffering lasts, let them seek thy face, and call upon the name of the Lord. And O, we pray thee, be entreated for them; hear their cry, and deliver them from their iniquity and sin.

O our God, in everything we have fallen short in making these intercessions, we offer them up unto thee, through the great Intercessor and the High Priest of our profession. For his sake pardon and accept them, and do for us, and all whom we have remembered before thee, exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think. And to thee, O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, shall be all the praise and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

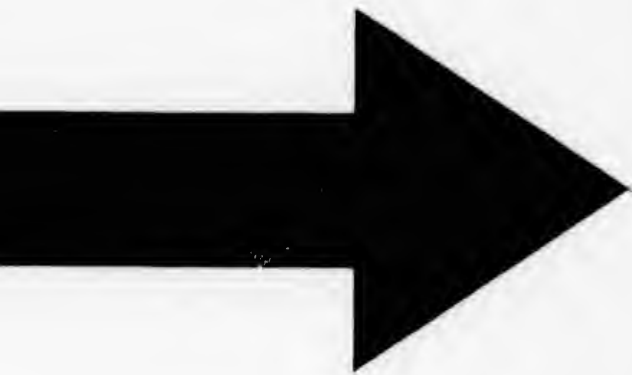
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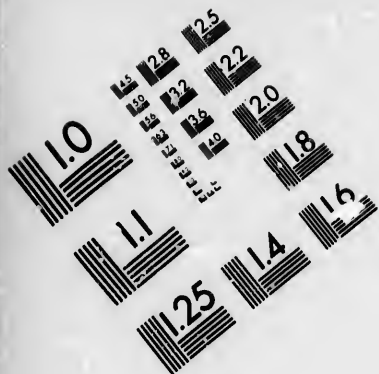
O LORD of the harvest, who, seeing the harvest to be plenteous and the labourers to be but few, didst command thy disciples to pray that the Lord would send forth labourers unto his harvest, for this we now call upon thy name. Everywhere the harvest is needing the labourers; in our own land, and in foreign lands. Lord, prepare and call them forth; give thou the word that great may be the company of the preachers.

And, O thou who didst ascend on high, leading captivity captive, to give gifts to men, and gavest apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and preachers; multiply such gifts now, as thy church and the world need, according to the largeness and fulness of the grace of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

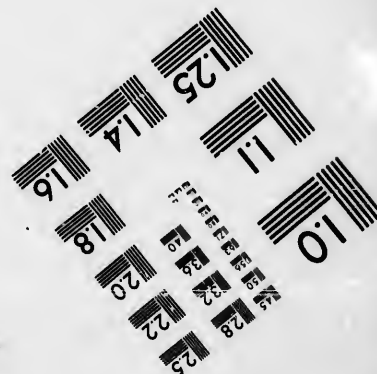
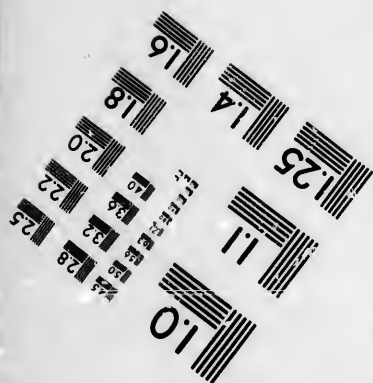
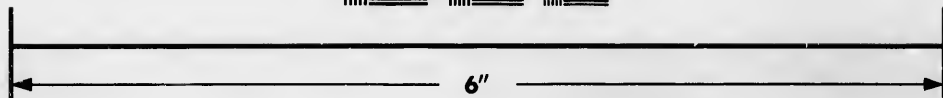
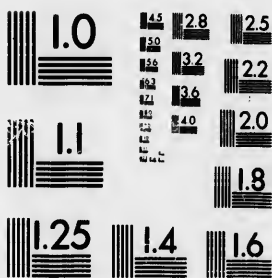
And bless very largely all who minister in holy things. Look on the bishops, priests, and other ministers of thy church everywhere. Give them increasing knowledge, love, zeal, faithfulness, patience and perseverance. Send thou help from the sanctuary, and strengthen them out of Zion. Open effectual doors of utterance for them; cause them always to triumph in thee, Christ Jesus; and make manifest the savour of thy knowledge by them in every place, to the glory of thy righteousness and thy grace, and the salvation of innumerable souls, their joy and crown of rejoicing in thy day, O our Redeemer, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*







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FOR RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE SOCIETIES.

O LORD ALMIGHTY, who by thy holy prophet hast promised that from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, thy name shall be great amongst the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto thy name, bless and prosper, we beseech thee, the endeavours of the societies established for the propagation of the gospel. Take thou from them to whom the glad tidings of salvation shall be preached, all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; so that thy word being sown in good and honest hearts, it may bring forth fruit abundantly to thy honour, and the salvation of their souls; and grant that all who have heard and received it, may live according to its doctrine and precepts.

Bless all the religious and other societies amongst us, for the promoting of christian knowledge and practice. O Lord, increase the number of these societies, and grant them all to choose the wisest and most effectual means for accomplishing their several ends, and to prosecute them diligently; and with a zeal directed by wisdom and prudence. And grant that all of them, being free from worldly interest, may steadfastly pursue the advancement of thy glory, and the good of mankind. through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

 IN A TIME OF WAR.

O Most holy God, to whom all things are known, and who hast wise reasons for permitting every event which takes place, give us grace to "humble ourselves under thy mighty hand." Take away from us, we beseech thee, all hardness of heart. Cause us seriously to reflect on the miseries of war, and to obey that awful voice which now calls us to weeping and to supplications. Sanctify to us the solemn situation into which our sinful passions have brought us, that we may not only "call upon thy holy name," but put away the evils which provoke thy righteous displeasure.

O merciful God, though we be chastised, let us not be forsaken by thee. Give wisdom, we humbly beseech thee, to those who manage our public affairs, that they may discern, and adopt, the best measures that can be pursued at this time: and do thou be pleased to give success to them.

But let our eyes be directed to God, and suffer us not to "trust in an arm of flesh." Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and remove that sore judgment with which we are now visited,

that both we, and all who suffer in this war, may again enjoy the blessing of peace.

Thanks be to thy name, O God of all grace, for the prospect of a better state. O that the sins and miseries of this world, may serve to wean our hearts from it, and to make us the humble and faithful followers of that Saviour, who hath opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

ON THE RETURN OF PEACE.

O LORD God, who hast now given unto us the blessing of peace, enable us to yield humble and hearty thanks to thee, for removing that dreadful scourge, with which we were, of late, deservedly punished. Suffer us not, O Lord, to provoke thee, by our sins, to give us up again to the desolations of war; but may we live to Thee, who hast been graciously pleased to put a stop to the effusion of human blood.

And now, O Lord, that the earth is quiet, grant that thy "word may run and be glorified." May the knowledge of thy truth prevail, and the force of those divine principles contained in the gospel be felt every where, that "wars may cease in the world;" and that righteousness, as well as peace, may flourish among all nations.

And be graciously pleased, O Lord, to enable us, like faithful followers of Jesus, to resist sin, and Satan, unto death; that we may be admitted into that kingdom of peace, into which all thy true servants shall hereafter enter.

FOR MEETINGS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Our Father &c.

Be graciously with us, O Lord! in our present meeting; and may all our counsels be ordered in heavenly wisdom, and crowned with thine abundant blessing. Make us deeply sensible of our great unworthiness to be co-workers with Christ and his ministers in the salvation of souls. Instruct thou us by thy Spirit, that we may know the mind of the Spirit in Holy Scripture. Give us grace and opportunity to continue in the work committed to our trust, that so we may impart of that which we have received, and be thine instruments in leading many into the way of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And we beseech thee of thine infinite mercies, O God! to bless the children who are given to our charge. Open their understandings, and dispose their hearts to receive thy truth,

which is able to make them wise unto salvation. Awaken in their minds by thy Spirit, a deep sense of their sinfulness, and bring them to ask and receive the mercy which is in Christ Jesus. Let them fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger of soul or body. Grant, if it be consistent with thy wisdom, that their lives may be prolonged on the earth. Prepare them by thy grace to fill, with honour to themselves and usefulness to the world, every station of life to which thy providence shall call them; and let it please thee, O Lord! to raise up from among them those who shall testify for thee in the gospel of thy Son. And when they shall have served thee in their day, may they be gathered into thy kingdom in heaven, there to rest in an eternal Sabbath from sorrow, labour, and care through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God! who hast commanded that children be brought up in thy fear and service, give thy grace to all parents, sponsors, and guardians, that with all diligence and affection of heart they may train up the children of their charge in the way in which they should go, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O merciful God! we implore thy special blessing upon thy servant whom thou hast appointed to minister to us in the gospel of Christ; that he may be led by the Spirit, and faithfully serve before thee to the glory of thy name; and that his labours may be abundantly blessed by winning souls to righteousness, and crowned with acceptance in the day of the Lord Jesus. May we have grace to hear and receive what shall be delivered out of thy most holy word, or agreeably to the same as the means of our salvation. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient for him, for us, and for thy whole Church, we humbly ask through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MORNING PRAYER PROPER FOR A SCHOOL.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, creator and preserver of all mankind, be pleased to accept our thanks for every mercy, and especially for having preserved us through another night. Grant thy blessing upon the several tasks assigned us this day. Grant that every evil and corrupt affection may be subdued in us, and that our minds may be duly prepared to learn those things which for our profit may be taught. Give us a laudable ambition to excel in those studies which shall make us

honourable to our parents and friends, useful to ourselves and our fellow creatures, ornaments of thy church and kingdom here on the earth, and meet partakers of everlasting happiness in the world to come. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient for us, we humbly beg, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in compassion to our infirmities, hath taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father, &c.,

ANOTHER MORNING PRAYER FOR A SCHOOL.

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, who hast kindly preserved the pupils and the teacher of this school during the past night, grant us a continuance of thy protection and blessing during this day. We cannot spend the day prosperously and happily without thee. O be with us, and help us all to be faithful in duty.

Guide the teacher in all that he may do. Give him wisdom and patience, and faithfulness. May he treat all his pupils with kindness; and if any of them should do anything that is wrong, wilt thou help him, gently but firmly to endeavour to bring him back to duty. May he sympathize with the difficulties and trials of all, and promote the present happiness, as well as the intellectual progress of all who are committed to his care.

And, O Lord, bless the pupils. May they spend the day pleasantly and happily together. Wilt thou who didst originally give us all our powers, direct and assist us all this day in the use and improvement of them. Remove difficulties from our path, and give us all fidelity and patience in every duty. Let no one of us destroy our peace and happiness this day by breaking any of thy commands, or encouraging our companions in sin, or neglecting in any respect our duty. We ask all in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

A PRAYER AT OUR FIRST ENTRANCE INTO THE CHURCH.

LORD, I am now in thy house; assist, I pray thee, and accept of my services. Enable me, and all who shall this day meet in thy name, to worship thee, in spirit and in truth.

Let thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, and dispose our hearts to seriousness, attention, and devotion, and grant that

we may improve this opportunity to the honour of thy holy name, and the benefit of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AFTER THE SERVICE IS ENDED.

THANKS be to thy holy name, most gracious God, for this opportunity of attending thy public service. Accept the services of prayer and praise I and all here have made. Pardon our wanderings and imperfections; and deal not with us according to our deserts, but according to our need and thy rich mercies in Christ Jesus our Saviour. *Amen.*

A GRACE BEFORE MEALS.

Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, this refreshment to our use, and us to thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A GRACE AFTER MEALS.

O God, relieve the wants of others; and give us thankful hearts for these and all thy mercies, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CHILD'S FIRST PRAYER.

O LORD, make me a good child. Take care of my dear father and mother;* and my dear brothers and sisters;* keep us this day [night] from all evil and sin, and when we die take us to Heaven for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

THE CHILD'S SECOND PRAYER.

O LORD, bless me, and put the fear and love into my heart. May I always speak the truth, and fear a lie. Bless me in my learning. May it be my delight to read thy holy word, and to do thy blessed will. Bless my dear father and mother,* and grant that I may be a comfort and a blessing to them. May I always love them, and mind what they say to me. Give them grace to train me up in the way that I should go; and may I never depart from it. Bless my dear brothers and sisters:* may we be very kind to each other, and dwell together in peace and love. Preserve and keep us this day [night] from all evil. Forgive us our sins; subdue our evil tempers, and make us holy; that, when we die, we may go to heaven, and be with Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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