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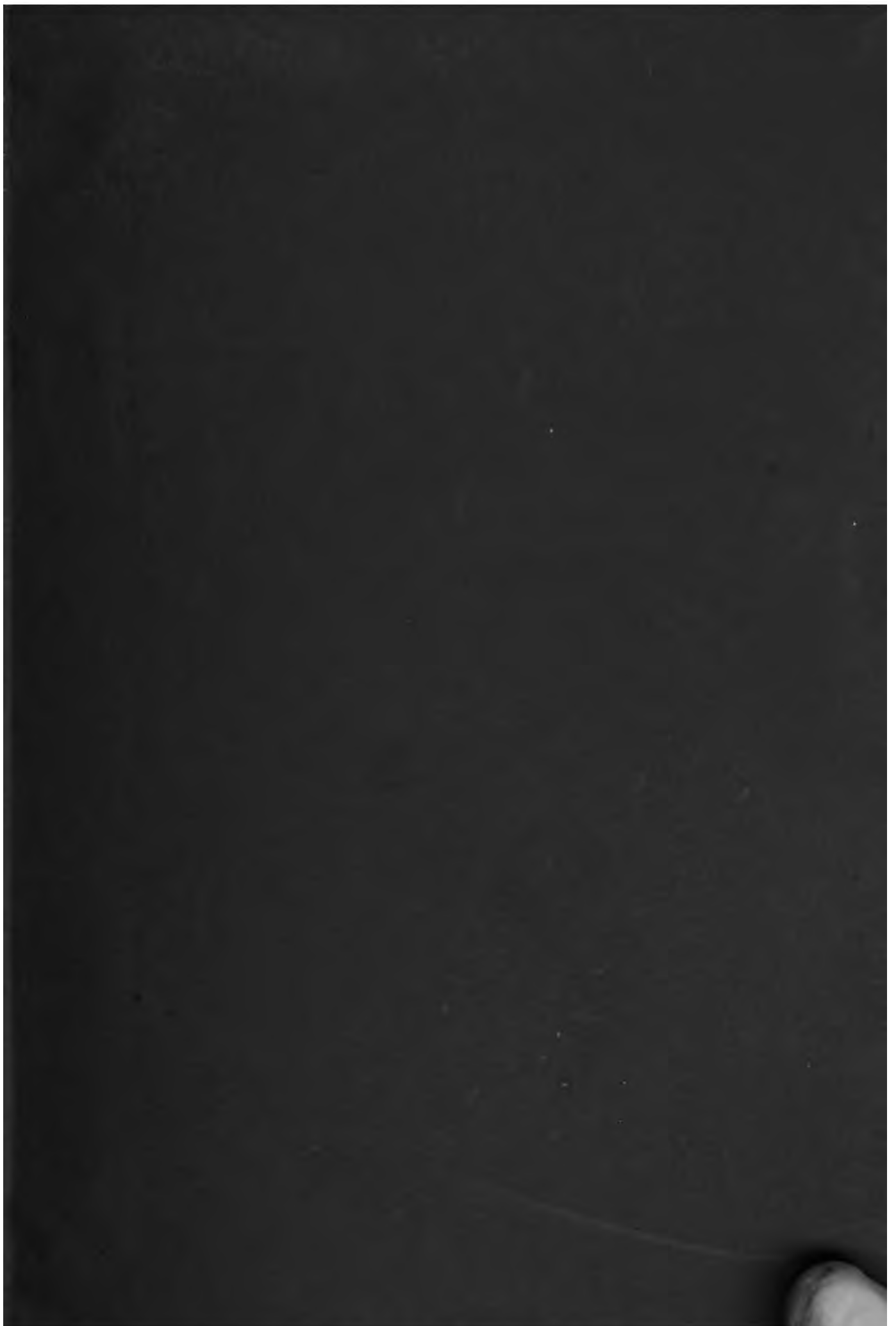
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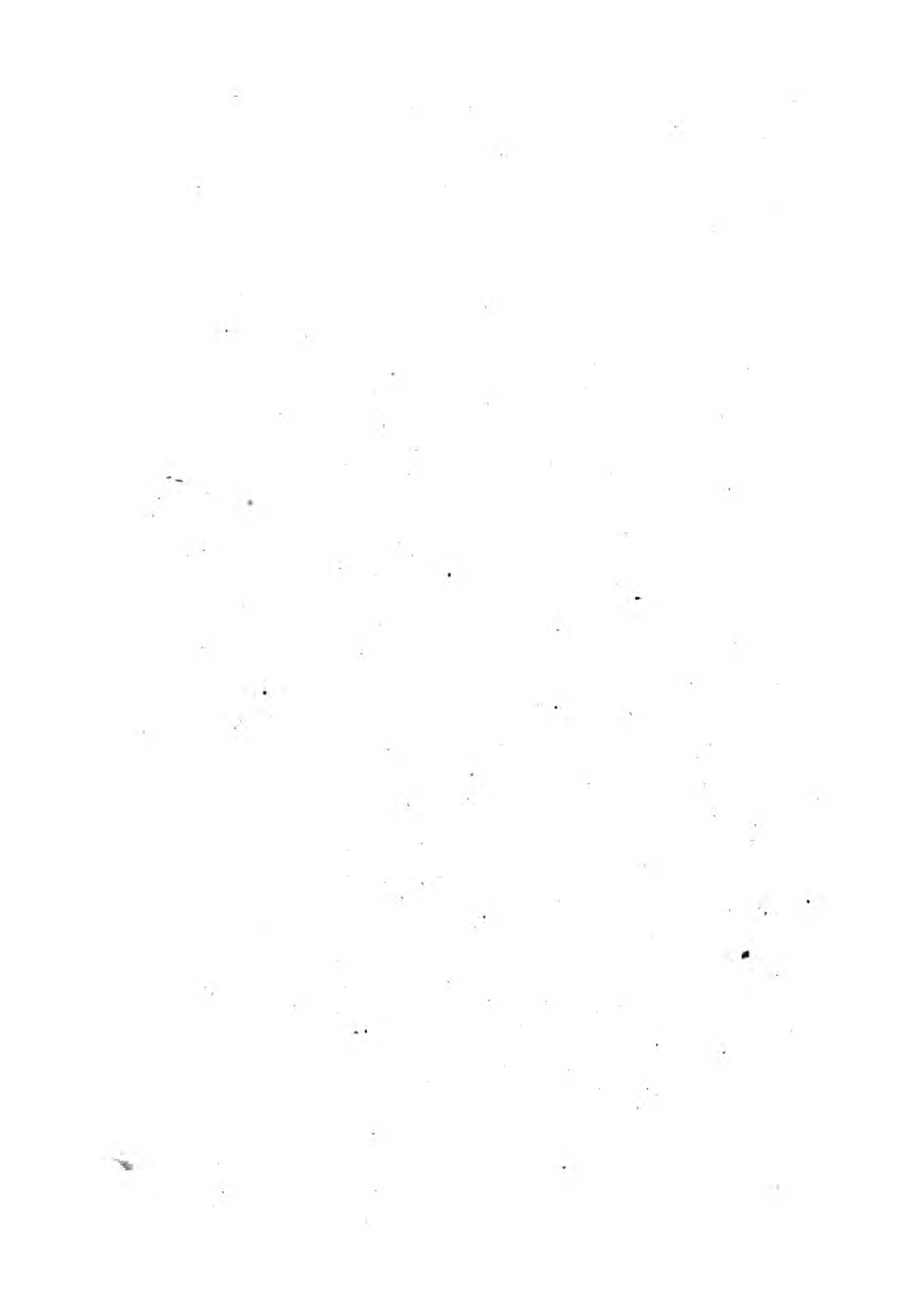
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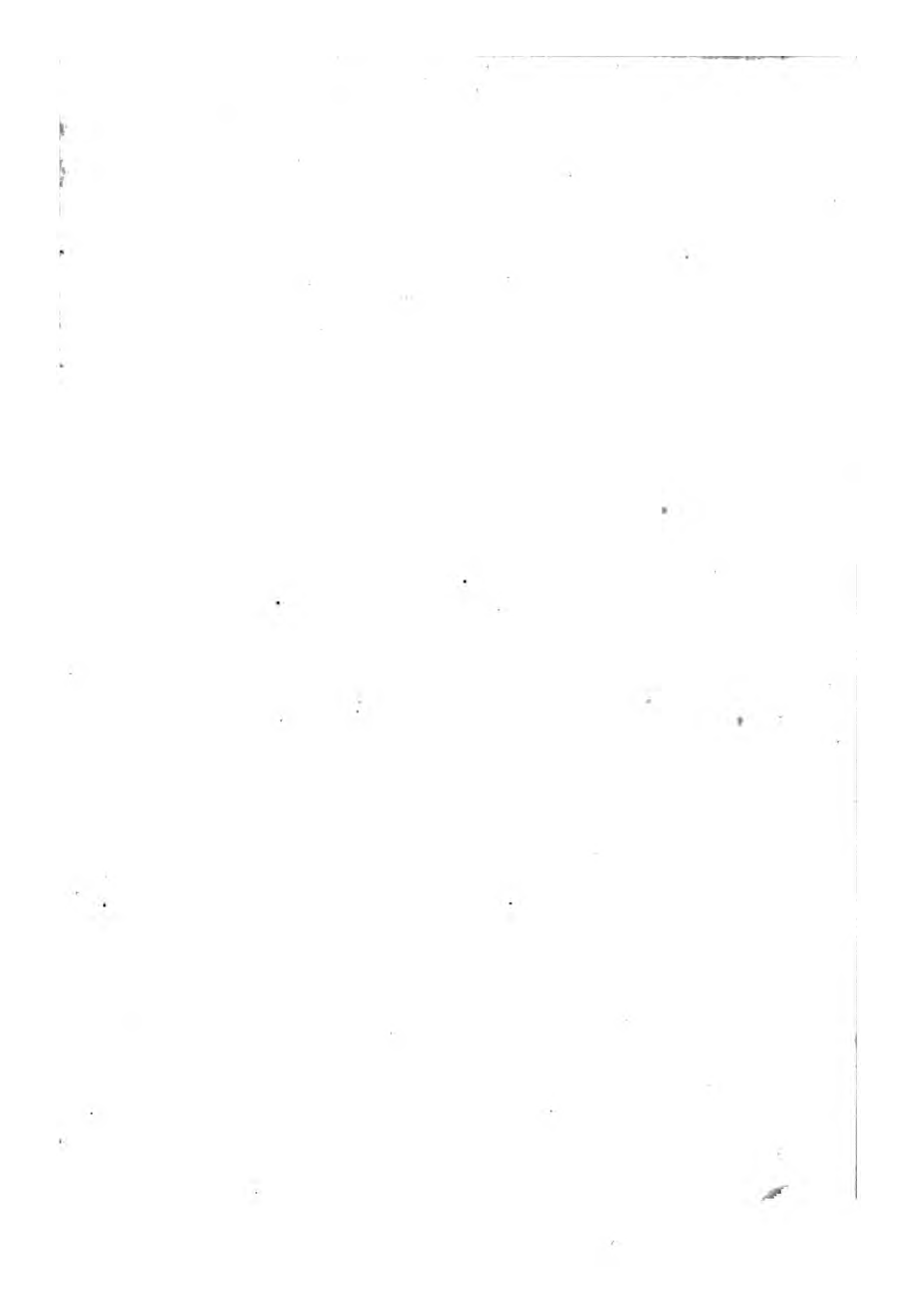


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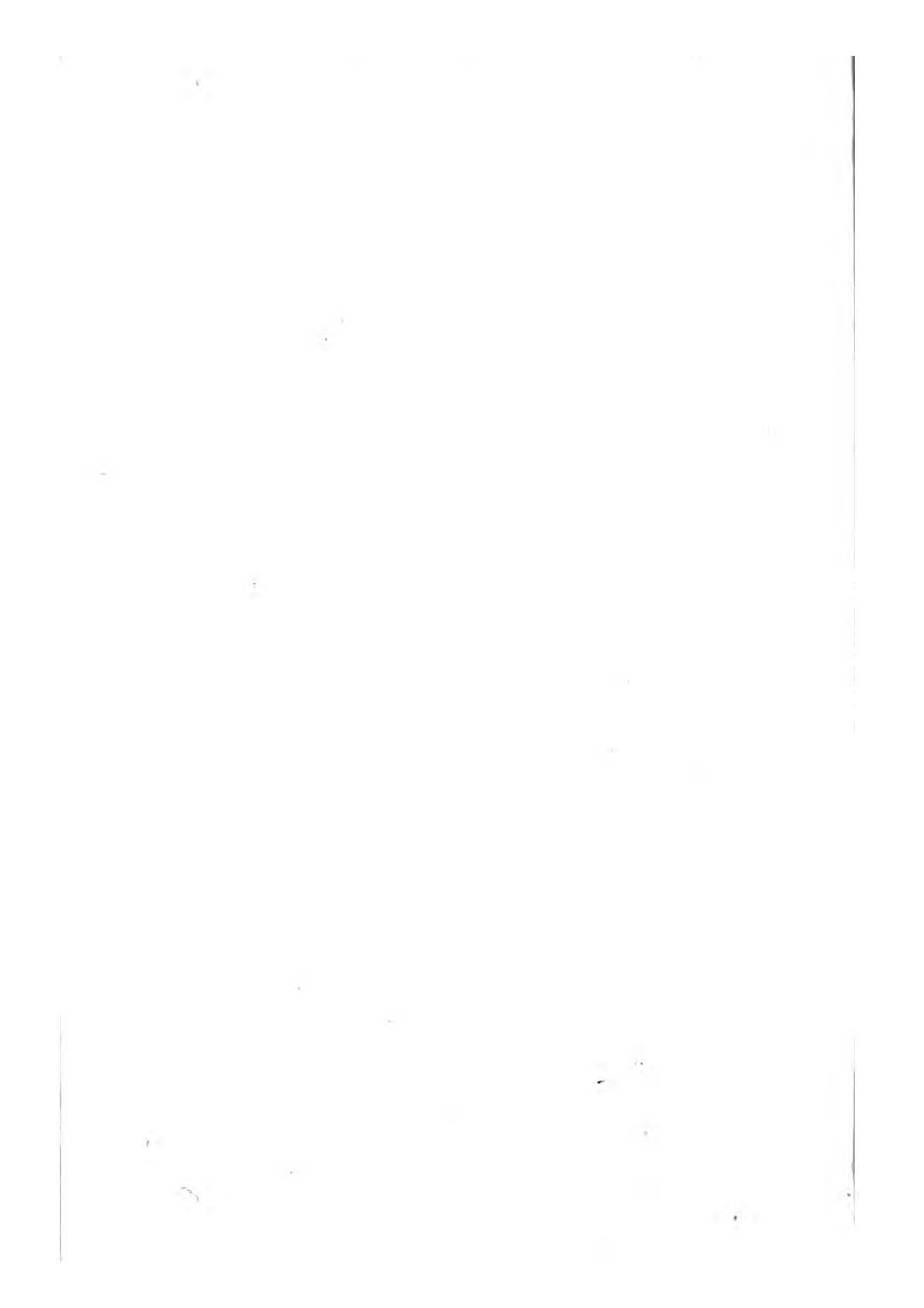








FAMILY PRAYERS.



FAMILY PRAYERS

For Five Weeks;

WITH PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS,

AND A TABLE

For Reading the Holy Scriptures throughout the Year.

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As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us. And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

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THE author of this book of Family Prayers is anxious that it should not be thought that, in presenting it to the public, he has any doubt of the excellence of the "aids to devotion" already in existence. In the course of his profession, he has had abundant evidence of what almost all thinking persons must have observed,—not only that people express themselves variously in their devotions, but that this arises from a variety in the manner in which their devotional feelings run. He believes, therefore, that, to meet this variety, there may be other aids to devotion besides those already existing, consistently with the utmost respect for these volumes. It is simply from this conviction that he offers, with all modesty he trusts, the pre-

sent Collection for the use of the public. His earnest hope is, that it may be found suitable for the purpose for which it has been prepared.

His aim has been to have the prayers short, expressed in simple and natural language, and such as may be used in any household.

The Occasional Prayers, and the Texts suited to emergencies, may be read to or by those for whose cases they have been prepared.

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*That may be used before reading
a portion of Holy Scripture.*

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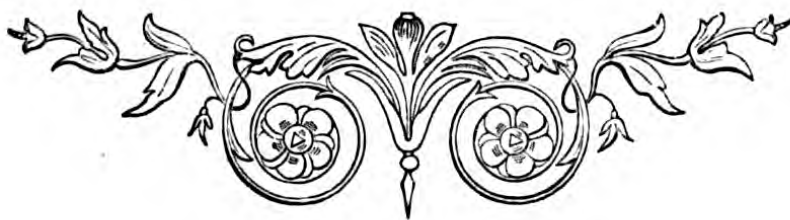
ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast been pleased to make known to us Thy will according to our needs, receive our thanks for the revelation which Thou hast given to us of Thyself in the Holy Scriptures. May it please Thee to assist us now by Thy Holy Spirit, and dispose us heartily to read what Thou hast written. May the truths of Thy Word be to us living truths. Open Thou our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of

Thy law. In Thy light may we see light clearly. May we be convinced of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Grant that we may have faith to accept Thy blessed precepts and promises, and grace and strength evermore to glorify Thee in our bodies and spirits, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

 HEAVENLY FATHER, who art light, and in whom is no darkness at all, help us who are ignorant to the understanding of what Thou hast revealed for our good. Grant that evermore we may search the Scriptures with interest, and receive what Thou hast written with all readiness of mind and heart. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth, and

make Thy Word quick and powerful. May we have a clearer and more vital acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures. May the Holy Spirit be present with us, and accompany our searching of Thy Word with living power to our souls. May Thy truth be our guide in duty, and our comfort in trial, and our hope in death, through Christ, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.



THE
LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION,

*That may be used after General Prayer,
Morning and Evening.*



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. Amen.

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



FIRST WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we bless Thee that Thou hast spared us to open our eyes on another day of the Son of Man upon the earth. We bless Thee that Jesus, Thy well-beloved Son, took upon Him our nature, clothing Himself with our shame ; that He suffered and died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and ascended up into heaven, and that He is making continual intercession for us at Thy right hand.

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We come to Thee now as a family, in Christ's name, and pleading His merits. O God, have mercy upon us. Enable us to surrender ourselves to Thee in Christ. Enable us to cast ourselves in our weakness upon Him, and find strength in His strength. May it please Thee to set us free from indwelling sin. Deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from self-complacency and spiritual pride. Deliver us from doubts and fears and misgivings of Thy love, and the efficacy of our Lord's sacrifice. Enable us to deny ourselves to everything that is displeasing to Thy holy nature. Grant that our wills may be subdued, and our consciences purged, and our souls purified and set free for Thy love and service this day. Give us a sense of Thy presence and majesty. May we see that Christ is our covenant Lord, and may we feel that He is our life. Give us the witness of the Spirit that

we are Thine. Grant that we may repair to Thy house of prayer with motives and feelings acceptable to Thee ; and enable us with greater reverence to think of Thy majesty and grace, and, with intenser adoration, to pour out our hearts before Thee. Grant that new depths of Divine knowledge and grace may be revealed to us ; and, together with Thy people on earth, and with the blessed ones in heaven, grant that we may ascribe honour and glory and dominion unto Thee and to the Lamb for ever and ever. We will go into Thy house, and wait upon Thee in Thine ordinances, in Thy tabernacle, under the covert of Thy wings.

Holy Spirit of God, may Thy reviving light and presence be in all Christian assemblies this day throughout the world.

Father of mercies and God of all grace, we pray for the unity of the

Church, and for an increase of love, amongst her members. We pray for the early advent of those times when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. Grant that vice and sin may this day be checked. Grant that all mere professors may close with the overtures of mercy and love, and be made altogether Christ's.

May Thy glory descend in large measure upon Thy believing people. Bless all ministers, and missionaries, and Sabbath-school teachers. May they realise the solemnities of their office. Make them earnest for the truth; as dying, may they speak to those who are dying of the freeness and fulness of salvation. Especially bless and strengthen our beloved pastor. May he see Thy work prospering in his hands. Be gracious to the young, and especially those who are related to us. Make them wise and

holy. Manifest Thyself to all who may be prevented through sickness, or any other necessary cause, from waiting on Thee in the services of the sanctuary. Give them Thy blessing. Bless all our friends and relatives this day, wherever they are. Whether they worship in the same sanctuary with us, or elsewhere, may we have communion with them at Thy throne of grace. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SUNDAY EVENING.



GOD, we bless and praise Thee, in that Thou hast made Thyself known to us as a loving Father in Christ Jesus. Grant that we may come to Thee this evening in Christ's name, and pleading His merits.

Give us grateful hearts for all Thy goodness and love. May it please Thee, for Christ's sake, to forgive the sins of this day. Pardon all our carelessness of thought and action—all our waywardness of will and feebleness of purpose in Thy service—all our fears regarding Thee, and our uncharitableness toward our brother.

Strengthen us, we humbly beseech

Thee, to overcome our spiritual enemies. Loosen us from the bonds of our besetting sins. Stablish us firmly in the truth. Enable us at all times to trust Thee, and repose in Thy Fatherly love. May we evermore bow before Thee, assured that it is well for us, not only when Thou givest, but when Thou takest away. Grant that, whether by working or suffering, in health or in sickness, Thy will may be done in us, and Thy glory manifested by us through Christ.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to enrich our souls with Thy gifts. Draw us within the circle of Thy love. Raise us to the dignity of being heirs with God, and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, graft in us, we humbly beseech Thee, the truths on which we have this day been meditating. May we feel their power throughout this week. Grant that they may be em-

bodied by us in our every-day life. Lift us above the world's cares and trials. May the entire tone of our minds and hearts be more spiritual in all time coming. May we live as those who have been bought with a price, and are ordained to life everlasting.

We desire to lay ourselves down this night to sleep, resting in Thy love. Bless us as a family. May we be united in the love of Christ, and of one another. Watch over us during the silence and darkness of the night. Give Thine angels charge over us.

With ourselves, O God, we beseech Thee to bless all men. Strengthen and increase the Church. Speed the coming of the Lord. Bless Thy ministering servants. May their life and labours be blessed unto the salvation of many. Have mercy on all who are enslaved by their sinful passions; that, being delivered from their bondage, they may become servants of the pure

and holy Christ. Have mercy on all who, having a name to live, are dead to Thee, and to the Gospel of Thy Son. Manifest Thyself to those on whom Thou hast laid Thy chastening hand. Grant that they may have grace to bow before Thee with holy resignation. Being united to Thee by faith, may they have the assurance that all things shall work together for their good. Be near to all who are related to us by the ties of kindred and friendship. May they ever experience Thy presence and love. These things we ask in the name of Jesus, Thy Son and our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



MONDAY MORNING.

HEAVENLY FATHER, whose we are, and whom it is our glory to serve, we bless Thee that Thou hast brought us through sleep and darkness to the beginning of another day. Help us to come to Thee this morning in the name, and pleading the merits of Jesus.

May the Holy Spirit descend upon us, and fill us with joy, and with true hearts and minds may we worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

Praised be Thy name for the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us, and of which Thou hast given proof in the cross and passion of Thy dear Son, our Saviour. May it please Thee to

pardon all our past sins and offences. Enable us to flee from ourselves to Thee. Heal us, we humbly pray Thee, for Thy mercy's sake. Revive our souls. May we believe in Thy love, and feel that we are ever surrounded by Thy presence.

Grant that the holy services of yesterday may strengthen us for the duties and the trials that are before us this week. May we see Thee, and hear Thy voice in everything. May we never lose the feeling that we are strangers and foreigners, having our true country and home in heaven. Grant that our faith in Christ may become more simple and childlike, and our wills evermore in harmony with Thy will. Give us increased earnestness in Thy service. Deliver us from groundless fears. Deliver us from self-confidence and self-seeking. Suffer us not to rest in the mere profession of religion. May we be moved by its life

and power. Grant that all the events of life—our comforts and crosses—our joys and sorrows—may be improved to Thy glory.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to bless us this day. Take away all evil from our hearts. Give us an increase of personal religion. Enable us to cultivate the spirit of Jesus. May we endeavour to promote the Gospel in the spirit of the Gospel. May all our secular duties this day become sacred from the heavenly motives from which they are done. Almighty God, vouchsafe to us whatever is necessary to our glorifying Thee here below, that we may be prepared by Thy grace and mercy for everlasting happiness.

Heavenly Father, grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that the riches of Thy grace in Christ may descend upon the whole family of man. Quicken and extend the Church by the outpouring


of the Holy Spirit. Have mercy upon the heathen. Bless the efforts that are presently used for their conversion. Have mercy on the ungodly and impenitent. Grant that they may be weaned from all sinful and worldly influences, and moved to glorify Thee with their lives. Be very gracious to the bereaved and dying. Cheer their souls with the overtures of love and mercy. We commend unto Thee the poor. May it please Thee to satisfy their wants, and enrich them with the blessing of peace. Manifest Thyself to our friends and our kindred according to the flesh. May they be Thine by adoption, and evermore recognise their sonship.

Hear us, and answer us, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

 MOST holy and ever blessed God, may it please Thee to hear us, when we call upon Thee at the close of another day, in the name of Jesus, our only mediator and advocate. Grant that we may recognise Thy presence, and be enabled to stay our hearts on Thee.

Thy glory, O God, is in the heavens. Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds, and the earth is full of Thy wonders. Thou art our Father and our friend. We bless Thee for the testimony of Thy power, and wisdom and goodness in all creation and providence. We bless Thee especially for the fuller and clearer revelation Thou hast given to us of Thy

nature and attributes in the person of Jesus Christ.

Remember not against us, we humbly beseech Thee, the sins and shortcomings of our by-past lives. Pardon all transgressions of Thy holy law this day. Forgive all pride and worldliness and self-seeking. Grant us true repentance. Manifest Thyself to us in Christ. Give us grace evermore to believe the doctrines contained in Thy holy Word, and strength to practise the precepts which Thou hast given us for our rule of life. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon us. Enlighten us that we may rise above earthly things. May we be delivered from the power of indwelling corruption. Increase in us all the graces of the Spirit. Grant that our acquaintance with Thy mind and will may be enlarged, and that we may enjoy the lofty position of those who are Thine own in Christ.

Holy Spirit of God, lead us and guide

us evermore, as a family, into the love of Christ, and into the fellowship of His sufferings, and into the earnest looking and waiting for His appearing.

Almighty God, may it please Thee to bless the Church over all the earth. May she be knit together in unity. Be gracious to the young. Keep them from the evil of this evil world. Grant that they may hear Thee speaking to them, and saying, My son, my daughter, give Me thine heart. Enrich them with Thy salvation. Strengthen them to give evidence that they are Thine. Have mercy on the widow and the fatherless and the orphan. Give them peace. Grant that they may suffer meekly—that they may grow in grace, and rejoice in Thee. Draw near to the dying. May they be moved to cast themselves on Christ, and grant that the faith of His sacrifice and intercession may sustain them.

Manifest Thyself to all our kindred

and friends and neighbours. Grant that they may have a place in Thy mercy. Guard them and us from all dangers during the coming night. And to Thee, the only wise, be glory, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



TUESDAY MORNING.



LORD our God, may it please Thee to humble our hearts, and make us fully alive to our dependence upon Thee for life, and for all the joys and hopes which come to us through Christ. Grant that there may be fresh out-goings of gratitude from us to Thee for all Thy goodness during the past night and this morning. Bring us into communion with Thyself, through Thy dear Son, our Saviour.

Deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from pride, and falseness, and impurity. May we evermore feel the need of being separated from sin, and of being

more watchful and self-denying and prayerful. May it please Thee to awaken within us higher and holier inspirations.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to dwell with us this day, and animate and guide us. Grant us fresh strength, that we may hold on in the struggle that is going on within us and around us. Bring us more directly under the influence of Christ's teaching. Give us more clearly to see Him, as our example, and to learn submission from His dying, and suffering the Father's will.

Almighty God, may it please Thee to overrule all things for our good—especially for the good of our souls; and that, in all the circumstances of our lives, we may be ready to do Thy work, to bear Thy chastisements, and to meet Thy summons. May we live in the remembrance that

we are mortal and immortal creatures; and with loins girded, and with lamps burning, grant that we may wait and long for the Lord's appearing.

Bless all men with a knowledge of Thy love—old and young, rich and poor, Jew and Gentile. Grant that the Church may be quickened and increased, and that the nations may speedily learn the first and most important of all lessons—that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.

We commend to Thee this morning especially our country. May all lawgivers and rulers be moved with the fear of God, and righteously do that to which, in Thy providence, they have been called. Be gracious to the fatherless, and the orphan, and the widow. May they find in Thee a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Bless all our friends and relatives. Grant

that their hearts may be right with Thee, and that they may live to glorify Thee on the earth. And unto Thee be all the praise and the glory, through Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



Thee. Thou makest the wrath of man to praise Thee, and preventest the designs of them that would injure Thy cause. Overrule, we beseech Thee, all things for Thy glory. Bless the Church. May she be found both waiting and working for the coming of her Lord. May the time soon come when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Be gracious to the afflicted. Give them patience. Be very merciful to the dying. Prepare them for their great change. Comfort the widow and the fatherless. Take the orphan by the hand. Remember the poor. Supply their wants out of Thy fulness. Be the friend of our friends, the rewarder of our benefactors, and the Saviour of all men.

We commit ourselves and all our interests to Thy keeping this night. Grant us refreshing sleep, and preserve us, with a sound mind in a

sound body, to see the light of the coming day. Again we pray Thee to forgive our sins, and to uphold us by Thy mighty power, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.



O HOLY GOD, may it please Thee to draw nigh unto us this morning, while we draw nigh unto Thee, as a family, in earnest and prayerful expectation. May everything that obscures Thee to our eye be taken out of the way.

We confess, O God, that we are estranged from Thee; that our sins and shortcomings are many and aggravated. Which of Thy commandments have we not broken? but we rejoice to know that Thou art full of mercy. We come to Thee pleading the merits of Thy well-beloved. We bless Thee that Thou hast shown to us Thy power, and wisdom, and goodness in creation,

and that Thou hast revealed to us the riches of Thy mercy, and the fulness of Thy grace and love in Christ. May it please Thee to pardon our manifold sins and wickedness. May we receive Jesus Christ, and be set free from sin. Grant that our souls may be filled with the glory of Christ's love and sacrifice. In all the trials and difficulties of this life, may we repair to Christ, on His own invitation, taking upon us His yoke, that we may find rest unto our souls.

Holy Spirit, descend upon our souls this day in blessing, like the dew and gentle rain from heaven, that our hearts may be refreshed, and may bring forth fruit unto the glory of God.

Almighty God, who seest all our ways, and to whom we must give account of all our doings, grant that, whatever we have to do this day, in our several industries, may be done

as in Thy presence. Deliver us from anxious or sinful fears. Deliver us from falling into any intemperance of thought or speech towards one another, or towards those we may come in contact with in the world. Grant that the living person of Jesus may rise before us in Divine majesty and gentleness, and may we be enabled to transfer the trust that we give to the world, and the things of the world, to Him.

May it please Thee to look in mercy upon the poor. Supply their wants out of Thy fulness. Be gracious to the sick, and especially to the dying. May they receive the consolations of the Gospel, and rejoice in Thy love. Bless the young. May they recognise in Christ the way, the truth, and the life. Bless the aged. Give them faith in Christ, and enable them to go on from strength to strength. Be gracious to our relatives, and all in whom we

are interested. Manifest Thyself to the whole family of man. May Thy law be the law of all hearts. May all nations and peoples speedily bow before the crucified, but now risen and exalted Redeemer.

O God, forgive all that we may now have asked amiss, and give us those things we have not asked, but which Thou seest we need, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY EVENING.

OLORD, Thou art a great God and a great king above all gods. Thyself uncreated, Thou didst create all things. Everything is under Thy control. All the inhabitants of earth and sea and air depend upon Thy bounty. Help us this night, we humbly beseech Thee, with true hearts to kneel before Thy throne, to praise and magnify Thy name.

We bless Thee for all Thy goodness to our race. Especially we bless Thee that when we were lost Thy mercy found us, and brought us back again ; and that when we were dead Thy grace quickened us, and called us to be sons of God, and made us heirs of

glory. Grant that we may believe in Thy mercy and grace, and evermore look away from ourselves, and from our own feelings, towards Thyself.

O God, we have to confess that we often forget Thee amid the abundance of Thy gifts, and that by our indifference and ingratitude we dishonour our profession and hinder the advancement of Thy kingdom. May it please Thee to have compassion upon us. Save us for Thy mercy's sake. May we have that life which is hid with Christ in God. May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon us, and, by inward teachings, may we evermore know the vanity of earthly things, and the excellence of heavenly things. Suffer no cloud to come betwixt Thee and us. When we cannot trace Thee, may we trust in Thee; and grant that Thy sustaining power may uphold us, and Thy loving hand guide us and direct

us, in all time of our sorrow as well as in all time of our joy.

Pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, O God, the sins that we have this day committed against Thee in thought and word and deed. May they not be remembered against us. May it please Thee to watch over us as a family during the darkness of the coming night. Give us refreshing sleep ; and if it be Thy holy will, grant that in the morning we may awake with Thee.

And with ourselves we beseech Thee to visit with the riches of Thy grace and love our kindred and friends and all our fellow-men, especially them that are in any distress, whether it be of mind or body or estate. May it please Thee to take the young under Thy protection. May they hear Thee speaking to them, and saying, This is the way ; and may they be moved by grace to walk therein. Bless the Church ; may she evermore be a faith-

ful witness to the nations, and earnestly and faithfully prepare for the coming of the Lord. Be gracious to Thy believing people everywhere. May they increase in grace and love to the Saviour. Have mercy upon the ungodly and impenitent. May they be arrested and brought to Thee, that they may live in Thy service and to Thy glory. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou art great, and greatly to be feared, and to be had in reverence. Thou art everywhere present, beholding the evil and the good. We see Thee in the earth and sky. We recognise Thee in the dispensations of Thy providence. We acknowledge Thee in the operations of Thy grace.

May it please Thee to fill our hearts with love and gratitude for Thy great goodness toward us during the past night and this morning. Give us, we humbly beseech Thee, a deep sense of sin, and of our great unworthiness. Suffer us not to rest in outward privileges or in past experiences. Give us a

thorough knowledge of our own hearts. Raise us above the principles and maxims of the world. May we have vital faith. May we be born of the Spirit and stamped with Thine image, and possess Christian joy. Grant that our souls evermore may thirst for Thee; and may the fruits of Thy salvation abound in our hearts and lives. O God, give us increasing illumination. Vouchsafe to us a fuller knowledge of Thee and of Thy fellowship. May Thy love overcome our coldness, and Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Work in us unwavering confidence in Thy love. Give us singleness of purpose in Thy service. Grant that, under the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we may make progress this day in the work of self-conquest, and become more dead to self and pride. Preserve us from being seduced by worldly gain or worldly loss. Grant that, whether in adversity, or pros-

perity, or temptation, we may have grace to extract spiritual strength to abide with Thee. In nothing may we be terrified this day, trusting in the Lord.

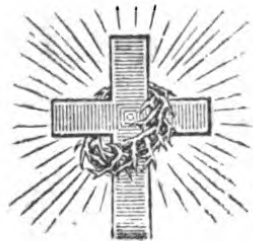
O God, may Thy kingdom come in the hearts and lives of men. May Thy people set Thee before them, and wait for Thee, and be blessed with the riches of Thy grace. May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon the Church. Bless all that are in authority, especially our beloved Sovereign. Give power and unction to the preachers of the Cross. Be gracious to the young. Be their guide and guardian through life. Manifest Thyself to those who are passing through the valley of the shadow of death. Speak peace to their souls. Bless all our friends, and all in whom we are interested. May they be saved from sin. Grant that they may know the power of Christ's resurrection, and the fellowship of His

sufferings, being made conformable unto His death by living the life which He will commend at His coming.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, in these our prayers, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY EVENING.



GOD, most holy, most mighty, and most merciful, help us this night to enter into our hearts, and search ourselves, and give ourselves to prayer and communion with Thee. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Forgive, we humbly beseech Thee, all the sinful departures of thought and word and deed, of which we have this day been guilty. Forgive us wherein we have broken Thy holy law, and lived without faith, and in

the love of pleasure more than of God. May it please Thee to give repentance, and vouchsafe to us meekness, and lowliness of mind, and heart, and a name and place among Thy children. Bring us, we humbly beseech Thee, into fellowship with Christ's sufferings. Grant that we may enjoy the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and know that Christ is ours, and that we are Christ's, and that Christ is God's.

Grant us, O God, the assurance of spiritual quickening. In all our duties and trials, may we recognise Thy presence, and feel that our souls are in Thy keeping. May we be moved to holy obedience. Every day that we live, may we have a fuller vision of the world everlasting. Be with us, we humbly beseech Thee, this night. Bless our family circle. Defend us from danger and sudden death. Spare us, if it be Thy will, to a new day.

May it please Thee to bless the

nations. Grant that all may speedily know Thee and own Thee as their King. Let Thy gracious influences be poured out upon the Church. Hasten the Lord's coming and kingdom. Grant that the purity and unity of Thy people may be increased. Be gracious to the afflicted and the bereaved. Give light to them in their darkness, and inward peace amid all their trials. Bless all our friends and relatives and neighbours. Grant that they may believe in Thee, and have in Thee their hope and peace.

We again commend us unto Thee, O God, beseeching Thee to hear our evening prayer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.



ETERNAL GOD, we rejoice to know that the God of Israel never slumbers nor sleeps, but watches evermore over His people. Fill our hearts, we humbly beseech Thee, this morning, with love and gratitude to Thee, for all Thy goodness toward us. May it please Thee to accept of us in the Beloved. Grant that we may lay aside our pride and all confidence in our own attainments. Give us unfeigned repentance, and enable us to come meekly and humbly to Thy feet, and receive the absolution of all our sins.

We desire, O God, to plead the promise, that Thou wilt give Thy Holy

Spirit to them that ask it. May it please Thee to give us Thy Holy Spirit now. Grant that we may be one with Christ by faith, and that we may depend on Christ's blood and righteousness alone for the forgiveness of our sins. Save us, this day, from the oppression of worldly duties. Enable us to rise above the temptations and trials that we may be called on to encounter. Help us to look above the outward and material things by which we are surrounded. Constrain us to live and act in view of eternity. Grant that, by Thy holy inspiration, the thoughts of our hearts may be cleansed, and that we may be saved from the spirit of bondage and sin, and be enabled worthily to magnify Thy holy name. May Thy grace quicken us and guide us. May our lives be the testimony of our love to Thee, and faithfulness to Thee be their characteristic. Deepen and perfect,

we humbly beseech Thee, our spiritual desires, and move us to a constant self consecration of heart and life to Thee. Grant that, as a family, we may evermore encourage, and countenance, and assist one another in the Divine life, and grow in vigour, and energy, and conformity to Christ, and in devotedness to His service.

Almighty God, may it please Thee to bless all who are dear to us, by whatever tie ; comfort them with Thy love ; keep them as the apple of the eye ; make known to them, by Thy Spirit, the power of the Gospel of Christ. Vouchsafe to Thy people everywhere a higher degree of holiness, and a closer fellowship with Thee and with Thy Son. Grant that the heathen and the ungodly may be speedily brought to know and serve Thee. Give life to all those agencies that have for their object the advancement of the Redeemer's king-

dom. Bless Thy servants in the ministry.

Bless all whom Thou hast invested with authority among the nations; may they rule in righteousness. Lead the young, and especially those who are related to us, to Thyself. Make them willing subjects in Christ's kingdom.

Be gracious to the poor, and the afflicted, and the dying. May they be strengthened and encouraged to carry their sorrows to the mercy-seat; and may they experience joy and peace in believing.

And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, Thy Son, and our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

MOST blessed and long-suffering God, we praise and magnify Thy name, in that Thou hast brought us safely and peacefully to see the close of another week. May it please Thee to hear us and answer our prayer, while we speak to Thee in the name of Jesus.

Thou art ever loading us with benefits. Every passing moment is a witness of Thy love. May our hearts be its faithful record. Grant that we may receive Thy gifts with gladness and thankfulness, and that evermore we may manifest our gratitude by doing Thy will, and living a life of faith on Thy dear Son, our Saviour.

Pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, the sins of which we have this day and this week been guilty. Forgive us wherein we have fallen short of the duties we owe to Thee and to our fellow-men. May we feel that we are not our own—that we are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot.

Holy Spirit of God, make us feel always as those who have been called with a holy calling. May we respond in our hearts to the calling of God.

Almighty God, may days and weeks, as they pass, and all the events of Thy providence, keep us mindful of this, that here we have no continuing city; and by Thy grace may we be directed to seek the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. In accordance with this, may we deny ourselves to all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly and righteously

and godly in the world. Grant that, in all the perplexing duties and difficulties of this life, we may be guided by heavenly wisdom, and stay ourselves on Christ, not doubting that He will fulfil whatever He has promised.

Almighty God, King over all kingdoms, Ruler over all princes, may all kings and nations be subject to Thy authority. May righteousness be our glory as a nation. Grant that the Church may be extended and her influence everywhere felt. Speed the coming of the Lord. May it please Thee to prepare Thy ministering servants for the duties of the morrow. Be specially gracious to our pastor, that he may conduct the services of Thy house, so as that we and all who worship along with us may have comfort, spiritual health, and profit from waiting upon Thee. May all that is done in sincerity in connection with our own or other congregations, for the promo-

tion of Thy cause and glory, be prospered of Thee for the good of souls. Bless all the religious institutions throughout the land.

We commend to Thee this night the family of the afflicted and the dying. Help them to lay their sorrows on the bosom of Jesus. Speak peace to their souls. Show them Thy light.

May it please Thee to watch over us this night, and all who are dear to us. Spare us, if it be Thy will, to open our eyes on another Sabbath. Grant that we may be prepared fittingly to serve Thee in its services. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, our mediator and advocate. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SECOND WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

LORD GOD, who hast Thyself said that unto Thee every knee shall bow in submission to Thy will, we desire now to bow ourselves before Thee, acknowledging Thy infinite grace in permitting us to approach Thee with our praises and prayers. We come, through Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Grant that we may be enabled to lay bare our hearts before Thee. May the blessed Spirit, the Comforter, be with us, to strengthen and to keep us.

O thou Bestower of all gifts, who art continually doing good, who hast loved us, and given Thine only begotten Son for us, we pray Thee that Thou wouldst forgive us wherein we have thought lightly of Thee in the past ; that Thou wouldst pardon our sins, committed against the clearest light and in the midst of the most precious privileges. Look upon us, we humbly beseech Thee, in the face of Him who is now engaged in the holiest of all, pleading our cause. Have regard unto His merits. Grant that our wants may be supplied out of the riches of Thy grace in Christ. May we know that we are Thy children, by the witnessing of Thy Spirit with our spirits. Enlighten our darkness, O Lord. Sanctify us wholly in heart and life.

Ever blessed God, we thank Thee that Thou hast spared us to see another Sabbath morning. May it please

Thee to show us Thy glorious presence this day. May the Holy Spirit speak to us in the Word read or preached. Give us the hearing ear and the understanding heart. Give us believing, child-like trust. Grant that we may feel that Thou art our Father reconciled, and that Christ is our friend and elder brother.

Bless all our fellow-worshippers, both within and beyond our own congregation. May the preaching of the Gospel, and all the services of Thy house this day, be to Thy glory. Look in mercy on all nations, classes, and conditions of men. Bless the Church in all its members, and all its efforts for the promotion of Thy cause. Bless the Gospel ministry. May it be faithful, zealous, and successful under Thy blessing. Bless our own pastor, and all the agencies over which he presides in the Lord. Prosper all Sunday-schools. Grant that teachers and

children may be humble scholars in the school of Christ. Be gracious to all who may be necessarily detained this day from worshipping Thee within the courts of Thy house. Have mercy on all those who are living in sin, and neglect Thine ordinances. Show them their duty.

Be gracious to the afflicted and the dying. Grant that they may take refuge in a Saviour's love, and be cheered and comforted with the blessed precepts and promises of the Gospel. Make us grateful for all acts of kindness toward us by our fellowmen ; and if there be any who speak of us or act by us unjustly, may their sin be pardoned. And unto Christ, Thy dear Son, and our Saviour, be all the praise, now and ever. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the source of all light, of all knowledge, and of all truth, may it please Thee to fix our thoughts this evening on Thyself, and hear and answer our prayer, for His sake who alone is worthy and mighty to save.

We confess before Thee our sinfulness, and unworthiness, and ingratitude. We confess that, even in our holiest services, our hearts are divided and unstable. Pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, the sins of this day. Lead us to a careful examination as to how we have served and worshipped Thee. Enable us to look to Christ,

and abide by faith on Him. Grant that we may yield ourselves humbly and teachably to the influence and guidance of the Spirit. Grant that we may appreciate more fully the depth of wisdom and love which is in the Gospel. May we be faithful to the convictions of Thy truth, and to the light Thou hast vouchsafed to us. May we know and feel Thy Word, and live it.

Grant us, we humbly pray Thee, an increase of light. Give us the reality of a personal union with Christ. May we have his image ever in our souls. May we receive the gracious anointing of the Holy Spirit, and be evermore transformed to Thy will, and be drawn into unity with Thy mystical body, the Church, and fitted for heavenly sympathies, and fellowships, and joys.

Deliver us, O God, we beseech Thee, in the future, from sinful ease and

indolence, and from pride and self-sufficiency. Help us, amid all our difficulties, and trials, and duties, to advance in the Divine life. Strengthen us with food from heaven, to sustain us in our pilgrimage, and to enable us in our life and conversation to show that we are indeed the disciples of Jesus, and have a desire and are waiting for His coming.

Almighty God, we renew our prayers to Thee this evening for the Church, beseeching Thee that it may be increased and strengthened; and for all men, that they may be brought into the knowledge of the truth. Give Thy servants in the ministry an enlightened sense of their responsibility. Especially cheer and comfort our pastor. May all his efforts for our spiritual welfare, and those who worship with us, be owned and blessed. Prosper abundantly the labours of all missionaries and Sabbath-school teachers at

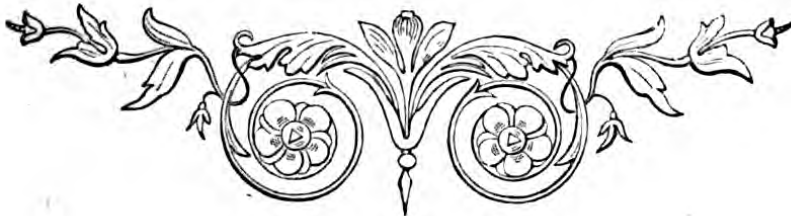
home and abroad. Give them the unction of the Holy Spirit. May impenitent souls everywhere be moved and melted by the love of Jesus, and be delivered from their sins, through the efficacy of His blood and intercession.

Speak comfortably to the afflicted, and the bereaved, and the dying. Bless all our friends and relatives; and forgive any who have in anywise done us injury. Take us into Thy protection throughout this night. May no evil befall us; and if it be Thy holy will, raise us to a new day, and prepare us for all that Thou art in Thy providence preparing for us, whether it be in the way of duty to perform, or of trial to endure. Give us the spirit of Christ, that, like Him, we may be patient, and resigned, and obedient to Thy will. These things we ask of Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee

the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all the praise and the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



MONDAY MORNING.



LORD our God, who art everywhere and seest all things, impress upon us this truth, that Thou knowest all our ways, and takest account of all our doings. May we come before Thee this morning deeply sensible of our sinfulness and unworthiness. We bless Thee that Thou hast spared us in health and comfort to the beginning of a new day. Grant that we may recognise Thy presence now, and feel our need of Thy strength for what we have to do this day ; and at the present time, may we have grace to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth, and with acceptance, for Jesus' sake.

We confess, O God, that we are unworthy to come to Thee ; but we are compelled by our necessities, and encouraged by Thy blessed promises. Have mercy upon us. Give us grace to exercise self-denial, and in all things to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Strengthen us to put into practice the truths and lessons which we learnt yesterday. May we testify throughout this week, by our Christian lives, that we have heard Thy word with profit. Grant that we may be actuated, from day to day, and from week to week, by this one desire, even that we may serve Thee in whatever employment we may be called unto.

May we never be disloyal to Thee, our king and our God. Grant that we may evermore dwell in the shadow of Thy wings, and be in safety from earthly foes and worldly calamities.

Deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from all selfishness, and from all con-

fidence in ourselves for salvation and godly living. Give us grace to resist and withstand all temptation. Help us to look for support from Thee. Show us the path of duty. Give us grace to walk therein, that we may glorify Thee in all our worldly affairs and domestic and friendly relations.

Give us concern for the souls' welfare of others, and may we be the honoured instruments of doing them good, unto Thy praise and glory.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to be with us this day to bless us. May the good and evil alike we may meet with, tend to our souls' everlasting wellbeing.

Almighty God, bless, we humbly beseech Thee, the nations. May Thy Spirit be poured out abundantly upon the Church. Unite Thy believing people. May they feel one in heart and soul, and be found evermore witnessing for Thee. Be very merciful


to the afflicted and the dying everywhere. Enable them to set Thee before them in holy confidence. Strengthen and increase their faith, and grant that they may learn in their experience the blessed truth that, amid outward troubles, Thou givest peace unto them that trust in Thee. Watch over those who are exposed to any danger by land or sea; may their trust be in God, in whose hands are all the powers of Nature.

Be gracious to all who love us, and who are beloved by us, and who in kindness seek our good. Be merciful to all who in any way seek our evil. Hear us and answer us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

RACIOUS GOD, who holdest all things at Thy disposal, Thou art not far from any one of us. Thou alone canst supply the wants of our nature. We approach Thee this evening in the name of Jesus, through whom Thou art ministering unto us of Thy grace, and giving to us exceeding great and precious promises.

We thank Thee for Thy holy Word. We thank Thee that the precepts and the promises of Thy Word are adapted to the varied circumstances of our present life, and to our aspirations and longings after immortality. Grant that we may understand Thy Word in all its fulness, and accept it with

gladness and joy. May Christ become our life, and may we have the increasing illumination of the Spirit.

May it please Thee evermore to deepen our convictions of sin. Grant that our failures and shortcomings may produce within us that sorrow which needeth not to be repented of; and grant that we may rise into the joy which is in Christ Jesus — that in our lives the peaceable fruits of righteousness may be manifest more and more.

O God, pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, the sins of this day. Forgive our forgetfulness of Thee, and our indifference to Thy truth. Forgive us wherein we have neglected duty, and been absorbed in the gainfulness of the world, or allured by its pleasures, or too greatly distressed by its adversities. According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Grant that we may

lay aside all grounds of confidence in ourselves, and in the things of time and sense, and be enabled to rest in single-hearted reliance upon Thee. Take away our self-righteousness, and everything that is displeasing to Thee, and may we be clothed upon with the righteousness of Christ. May we remember in the future that we are not our own ; and in all the relationships of life, may we seek to glorify Thy great name.

May it please Thee to watch over us and ours throughout this night. Defend our bodies and our souls from danger ; and if Thou pleasest to spare us to a new day, may we awake in Thy favour, which is life, and in Thy loving-kindness, which is better than life.

Almighty God, let Thy kingdom come. Let Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. May the Holy Spirit be shed abroad upon the Church.

Bless all missionary efforts. May the wilderness and the solitary place be glad for Christ; and may the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose. Be near to those whom Thou hast placed in positions of authority in the earth. May they be examples of the uprightness which Thou lovest. Have mercy on all who are resisting the movings of repentance. Save them from the great sin of seeking a resting-place out of Christ.

Manifest Thyself in an especial manner to the young and the aged, to the afflicted and the dying. May they all be brought into the narrow way, and be guided and comforted therein. Hear our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

HEAVENLY FATHER, blessed be Thy name, for Thy watchful care over us during the past night and this morning. Blessed be Thy name, that we are living to praise Thee. Vouchsafe to us, we humbly beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit. Grant that our minds may be enlightened, and that we may hold communion with Thee, in the name of Jesus.

We are unworthy to come to Thee. We are sinners by nature, and by wicked works; but we plead the worthiness of Christ. May it please Thee, for Christ's sake, to pardon our many sins. Grant that our minds

may be filled with a knowledge of the love of Christ. Grant that we may have an increased experience of that love in our hearts, and be enabled to show its increase by an increase of appropriate fruits.

Deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the fears and the anxieties of the men of the world. Suffer us not to sink in the moment of temptation. Deliver us from careless living and neglect of opportunities for our own good and the good of others. Grant that we may be faithful to our covenant engagements, and be inclined evermore to obey Thy holy Word, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Give us the power to die unto sin, as Christ died for our sins. Grant that thereby we may be made conformable unto His death, and also unto His resurrection, by walking in newness of life.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to guide us and protect us this

day in Thy wisdom. Save us from sinful and debasing motives in the things which we are called to do in the world. Give us the spirit of Christ. Enable us to fulfil the high calling wherewith God has called us out of this sinful world, to show forth His glory. May we feel, wherever we are this day, that the honour of Christ is in our keeping, as His disciples.

Heavenly Father, may it please Thee to bless our kindred, and all in whom we are interested. Especially bless the young and rising generation. May their ears be opened to Thy Word ; like Thine ancient prophet, in his youth, attentive thereunto ; like him, when he said, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Be merciful to the impenitent, who are careless of Thee and of Thy law. Bless all vested with authority in the earth. May they rule in Thy fear, not turning their power unto oppression, but using

it for those ends for which they have been called to its possession, in Thy providence. May it please Thee to strengthen and increase the Church. Hasten the time when all shall know and acknowledge Thee to be the only living and true God. Be gracious to the dying. May they be at peace with Thee, having their sins forgiven, and their hearts renewed and fitted for the great change. Graciously hear these our prayers, for Thy dear Son's sake, who taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



TUESDAY EVENING.

GVER blessed God, we desire this evening to come to Thee, in the name of Thy dear Son, our great Mediator. Grant us humility and godly sincerity.

We confess that we are sin-laden and guilty—that we have erred and strayed from Thee this day. May it please Thee to set our sins before us in their true light. Have mercy and compassion upon us. Wean us from our sins. Deliver us from self-indulgence and spiritual sloth. Enlighten whatever is dark in us, and strengthen whatever is weak, and purify whatever is unholy. May we not be contented to know Thy law with our

minds; may we know it by experience, in the obedience of our hearts and lives. May we know what it is to be sorrowful for our sins with godly sorrow, and to repent of them with the repentance which is unto life.

O God, enable us, amid the tumult of this world, to recognise Thee as the great Disposer of events; and may we have the habit formed in us, by Thy grace, of looking to Thee alike to help us in our labours, and to give us protection in our nightly rest. Strengthen us to reach forward and set our affections on things above. Grant that we may commit ourselves, body and soul and spirit, into Thy hands. May it please Thee to give us clearer and more definite views regarding our progress in the Divine life.

Holy Spirit of God, grant us Thy teaching and guidance. Hold us up, and we shall be safe. Help us to meditate evermore on the mysteries

of our faith, and the concernments of eternity, so that we may become wiser and better, and entertain a fuller and more grateful sense of the blessings of redemption.

Almighty God, help us day by day to lay up for ourselves treasures worthy of the name ; and in the hour when the distinctions of wealth and poverty are for us come to an end, may we be made partakers of the riches of Thy glory in heaven.

Watch over us throughout this night. Defend us from plague, and disease, and sudden death. Bring us in safety to the beginning of a new day.

May it please Thee, blessed God, to speed the coming of the Lord. Increase the number of Thy saints, and give them more and more to know the blessedness of communion with Thee, and with one another. Bless all vested with authority on the earth. Espe-

cially bless our beloved Sovereign. Manifest Thyself to all who are in trouble or distress: out of the cloud of their affliction may showers of blessings descend upon them. Take the young under Thy good care and keeping. Defend them from the allurements of the devil, the world, and the flesh. Grant that they may know Christ, and become His willing disciples.

Bless all our friends and relatives. Bring them to Christ, unto their salvation and the honour of His name. May they grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory, both now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we desire to approach Thy throne together as a family, and to raise our hearts to bless Thee for the undeserved goodness and loving-kindness of the past night and this morning. Gather in our wandering thoughts, and engage them about the service of prayer with which we now profess to be occupied.

Thou art daily speaking to us by the voices of creation, by the events of Providence, and by Thy revealed Word. May we take Thy Word into our hands as a precious gift from Thee ; and, with the consolations that are in Christ, may we have the illu-

mination of the Spirit to bring us to the understanding of Thy whole will. May it please Thee to pardon our sins for neglecting Thy holy Word in times past. Remember not our iniquities against us. Forgive us for our disregard of precepts, for turning away from the overtures of mercy, and for refusing to be comforted by Thy promises.

By Thy tender mercies, O God, which are over all Thy works,—by Thy love and compassion, which moved Thee to send Thy Son to die for sinners,—give it to us, that we may be attentive to Thy holy law. Draw us to Thyself in heart and life. Suffer no cloud to pass betwixt us and the light of Thy countenance. May we evermore obey Thy precepts, and be cheered by Thy promises. Vouchsafe to us, we humbly beseech Thee, the unfaltering faith, and the enlivening hope, and the ceaseless joy of them who have been redeemed from their

sins by the blood of Christ. May it please Thee to give us Thy Holy Spirit in larger measure, and enable us, amid the troubles and difficulties of everyday life, to find safety in Thee.

Almighty God, we commit ourselves to Thee this day. Be with us, we pray Thee, for good. Help us rightly to use the talent that Thou hast given to us. Save us from perverting to wrong uses our natural powers, or the opportunities of Thy providence. Grant, that individually we may fulfil our duties to Thee, and to each other as a family, and to our fellow-men.

And, with ourselves, we pray for all mankind. May the crafts and subtleties of the wicked come to nought, and may the work of the adorable Redeemer be advanced. May it please Thee to guide and direct all who are vested with authority throughout the world, especially our beloved Sovereign.

Bless our relatives and friends, and

benefactors and enemies. Extend Thy mercy to all ; and give Thy grace to them who are Thine own, that they may grow in all pious and virtuous living, to Thy praise. Be gracious to the afflicted. Be with the dying in the dark valley. Strengthen their trembling feet, and lead them into everlasting rest. And unto Thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we will ascribe the praise and the glory, now and evermore. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



WEDNESDAY EVENING.

BLESSED GOD, we give Thee humble and united thanks this evening, that it hath pleased Thee to invite us to draw near unto the throne of the heavenly grace, and to confess our sins, and to make known our requests.

We adore Thee as the unchangeable God, whose goodness is displayed in heaven and in earth. We adore Thee especially as the God of infinite love, who hast sent Thy well-beloved Son, that through His death, we, Thy sinful and erring creatures, might have eternal life. Glory be to Thee, O God, that the tidings of great joy have reached us, and that Thou art pleased

to magnify Thyself in our salvation, and not in our destruction. We should ever praise and thank Thee for Thy great and unspeakable gift to us, in Christ Jesus ; but we confess that our iniquities, like the wind, have carried us away ; that what we would not, that we do ; that we are prone to follow after that which is evil ; that our afflictions and worldly callings, through which we should serve Thee, too often being unsanctified, divert us from Thy service.

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy upon us. Give us Thy grace and strength. Keep us from besetting sin. Deliver us from the power of sin. Fix our affections on things above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand. Let Thy Holy Spirit be shed abroad in our hearts ; and grant that, in prosperity and adversity alike, we may be submissive to Thy will. Pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, the sins

of which we have this day been guilty. Forgive us wherein we have forsaken Thee, or forgotten our Christian calling and profession. Forgive us wherein we have despised Thy counsels, or let slip any opportunities we have had of glorifying Thee. May the influences of the Spirit evermore operate within us, to the sanctification of our hearts and lives.

May it please Thee to bless us as a family. Grant that our hearts may agree in one; and when we have finished our earthly course, may we meet in heaven, around Thy throne for ever. Be with us throughout this night. Grant that we may see a new day in peace and safety.

Bless our native land. Prosper her institutions that are founded on Thy Word. Bless our Sovereign and all in authority. Enlarge the kingdom of grace. May grace, mercy, and peace descend abundantly upon all who

name the name of the Lord Jesus in sincerity, and who are seeking to advance His kingdom. Heal the sick. Deliver the oppressed. Let all men rejoice in Thee. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, to whom, with Thee the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all the praise and the glory. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.

WE desire, O God, to wait on Thee together, as a family, to give Thee thanks for all the blessings and comforts of the life that now is, and for all the joys and the hopes which are in Christ Jesus, of that which is to come. May we have grateful hearts for what of Thy goodness we have received during last night and this morning. May it please Thee to give us grace and strength, that we may enter aright on the duties, and meet the trials, of a new day.

Discover to us, O God, our real condition before Thee. Show us how weak and sinful we are by nature and wicked

works. Show us how prone we are to forget Thee, and to occupy our thoughts with the things of time, to the neglect of our immortal souls. In Thy light may we see light. Deliver us this day from pride and anger, and from impatience with Thy will. Deliver us from the temptations of darkness, and from the allurements of the world and the flesh. Grant that as a family we may experience how blessed it is to dwell in unity, and how much more blessed it is to be in union with Christ. Clothe us with the whole armour of God. May we live in close fellowship with Christ, and strive to follow His example in all things. Suffer us not to be shaken by the agitations of the world. Give us something of the calmness and the rest of Christ. May we have His promise fulfilled in us,—Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you,—and enable us evermore to render enlightened and loving

obedience to Him. Grant that we may bear our part in the furtherance of Christ's kingdom upon earth, and esteem it a high privilege to spend and be spent for Him. Do Thou impress upon us that we have much to do ; that the time is short ; that we have not a moment that we can call our own. By many instances art Thou showing us that in the midst of life we are in death. Grant that we may be like those who, with girded loins and burning lamps, are waiting for their Lord's coming. Throughout all this day may we live and act as the stewards of Thy mercies, whom Thou beholdest always, and who must give account to Thee.

O God, may it please Thee to bring speedily the whole family of man into covenant relation with Thee. Be gracious to all who are vested with power and authority among the nations. May they know Thee as

the King of kings and Lord of lords. Bless all missionary efforts at home and abroad. Be very near the afflicted and the dying. Give them such a view of their afflictions that they shall feel regarding them as Thy servant did regarding his afflictions, when he said, Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Bless all our friends and relatives. Speak peace to their souls. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, Thy Son and our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY EVENING.

MOST merciful Father, at the close of another day we desire, as a family, to bow before Thy throne in the spirit of prayer and supplication. May it please Thee to bend Thy loving eye upon us, and hear our humble cry, for our Redeemer's sake.

Unto us belong shame and confusion of face. We confess that we have sinned and done wickedly this day; that we have been wayward and unthankful; that we have resisted Thy grace and abused Thy kindness. May it please Thee to forgive our sins. Extend to us Thy pardoning love. Cause the light of Thy countenance to

shine upon our souls. Let not the world come between us and Thee. Let not our sinful passions and desires have dominion over us. Grant that we may see with increasing clearness, that it is our high privilege not to live unto ourselves, but unto Thee. May it please Thee evermore to bring us into communion with Thyself as the source of life. Show us that the way of humble, holy obedience to Thy precepts is the only path which conducts to glory. Grant that we may take the yoke of Christ upon us, and become His willing servants. May we rest on His finished work with more simplicity, and delight in it with more entireness of heart. And when Thy purposes have been finished with us on earth, may we rise in Thy likeness, and know even as also we are known.

Most merciful Father, we further pray that Thy Holy Spirit may abide beneath this roof and in each heart.

Stamp upon us a resemblance to Jesus, and to the family in heaven. Defend us by Thy power through this night. May we awake with Thee.

Vindicate, we humbly beseech Thee, Thy great name among the nations. Hasten the Lord's coming. Be gracious to Thy believing people. May their walk and conversation be the manifestation of their inward experience of Thy grace. Grant that the ungodly may be moved to reflect on their state, and turn to Christ, who alone can give them peace. May the sick and the dying have their help, and their support, and their salvation in Thee. Bless our kindred, and all our friends. Impart to them the hidden graces of the heart. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.



GOD of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, who didst lead the patriarchs of old, and enable them to discern Thy goodness and mercy, may it please Thee, this morning, to help our infirmities. Direct us now into Thy presence, and show us Thy love, that we may with confidence make our common supplication unto Thee.

Adored be Thy name, for Thy loving care vouchsafed to us during the past night, and for Thy great goodness in preserving us this morning to meet together around the family altar.

May it please Thee, O God, to make known to us the glorious truth that

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Thou art our Father ; and grant that we may realise Thine unspeakable condescension and love in sending Thy Son to make known Thy character. May we be arrested by the mystery of the Lord in our nature, and by the self-consecration in which He said, The Son of Man shall be delivered into the hands of men. Grant that we may understand in fuller measure the value of His great atoning work. Remembering that we are the guilty for whom Christ died, may we humbly rest this day upon Him, and experience joy and peace in believing. May it please Thee to wean us from all sinful desires, and from all selfishness and uncharitableness. Give us grace to resist all sinful inclinations ; and, in so doing, may we know what it is to have fellowship with Christ in His sufferings. May it please Thee to give us fresh hopes of heaven, and increasing trust in Thy promises.

Prevent us from striving to reconcile the love of Thee with the love of the world. Grant that our faith may animate our whole character, and may we become more fruitful in good thoughts, and words, and works.

Almighty God, whose providence is over all, overrule, we beseech Thee, all government, legislation, and social change among men, for the freer entrance and the surer establishment of the kingdom of Christ. Be specially gracious to this country. Grant that the people may be distinguished by holiness and wisdom, by their love to Thee and to one another. Be gracious to all who are in authority. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon the Church universal. May it please Thee to sanctify affliction wherever Thou hast been pleased to send it. Draw near to the dying. Give them faith in Christ; and, in Thine own good time, grant that they may pass into the life

everlasting. Manifest Thyself to the young, and especially those who are related to us. May They be moulded to Thy will. Grant that all our friends and relatives may enjoy Thy friendship and love.

These things we beg, for Christ's sake, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY EVENING.

MOST holy and ever blessed God, may it please Thee to assist us to offer up unto Thee our evening sacrifice in sincerity and purity of heart. Thou knowest us altogether. We would not seek to hide ourselves, or disguise anything from Thee; but, in humility and lowliness of spirit, make confession, relying upon Thy mercy in Christ.

Each moment of our lives is a witness to Thy love, and to our dependence upon Thee. Thou hast visited us with salvation, and enlightened us when we were in darkness, and spoken to us in accents of joy when we were bowed down with sorrow. We ac-

knowledge, O God, that we are unworthy of Thy love and regard ; that we are out of harmony with Thee ; that we have forgotten Thy holy law, and yielded ourselves to sense and sin. May it please Thee to give us Thy Spirit according to our weakness. May we be forgiven. May our sins be all washed away in the blood of Jesus. Grant that we may have a sense of forgiveness and acceptance. May we experience the confidence of those who say, God is our refuge and strength, therefore will not we fear. May it please Thee to draw our hearts away from the trifles of earth, and enable us to centre them evermore upon Thyself. Grant that the spirit of obedience may be within us ; and that, while we are saved by grace, our faith may work by love, and yield fruit unto Thy glory. Deliver us from all confidence in ourselves, and all trust in any creature. Deliver us from the evils of sin. Grant

that the life of Christ may be manifest in our mortal bodies. Help us to feel it to be our duty and privilege to seek a closer walk with Thee, and to be faithful in the present, and hopefully to await the future.

We desire to cast ourselves on Thee, as a family, throughout the coming night. Grant that the shield of Thy protection may be over us. Raise us in peace and safety to a new day, and fit us for whatever lies before us therein.

And we beseech Thee, with ourselves, to bless all men. Make Thy Church throughout the world a faithful witness to Thy Gospel. May those who are in the spring-time of their life receive into their hearts the fruitful seeds of Thy truth. Be gracious to the aged. May they have a living union with Thee, and experience that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. Manifest Thyself

to the afflicted, and especially to those who are drawing near to the gates of death. May the influences of the Holy Spirit be upon them; and may they be enabled to say, I know whom I have believed. Grant that our relatives and friends, and all who have an interest in our prayers, may be included in Thy covenant love.

And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, in whose name and words we further say,—

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, the same yesterday, today, and for ever. Thou art acquainted with the secrets of all hearts. To Thy piercing eye all is open and visible. May it please Thee to infuse into our hearts the spirit of prayer. Clothe us with humility. Fill us with self-abasement and self-distrust. Suffer us not to hide our sins and shortcomings from Thee. Help us this morning, in the name of Jesus, humbly to confess them ; and grant that, for His sake, we may obtain pardon and forgiveness of the same.

We confess that we have sinned

against light and privilege ; that our ears have oftentimes been deaf to the overtures of love, and that we have frequently refused to acknowledge Thee in Thy word and works. Have mercy upon us. Purge us, we humbly beseech Thee, from all sinful love of ourselves. Reveal Thyself to us as our God and Saviour. May we see more deeply into the truth, and have a livelier sympathy therewith. May the spirit of the life of Christ be seen in all our life. May we be like Him in lowliness and meekness, and advance from grace unto grace, till we are made perfect in holiness. May we trust in His atoning death.

O God, we thank Thee for Thy watchfulness over us during the silence and darkness of the bypast night, and for Thy loving care toward us this morning. May it please Thee to strengthen us for the duties of this day. Grant that we may be upholden

under trial, and find a way of escape in temptation. Prevent us, by Thy grace, from yielding to anger or impatience with any of Thine orderings. Deliver us from the snares of pride and vainglory. In the world, and dealing with its affairs, may our life still be a Christian life, consistent with our profession.

Almighty God, with whom giving doth not impoverish, and withholding doth not enrich, be abundant, we beseech Thee, in all temporal and spiritual gifts to the whole family of man, and especially to those with whom we are more closely connected by any tie of kindred, or affection, or neighbourhood.

Father of mercies, may Thy gracious influences be shed abroad upon the Church. Grant that the ministers of Thy Word, and that all who are in authority among the nations, may be specially blessed with grace, that in

their several spheres they may show forth the glory of Thy great name. May the riches of the rich not prove a snare to them. Preserve the poor from murmuring under Thy providence. Be very near to all who are drawing near to death. May they trust in Christ, and at last fall asleep in Him. Hear these our morning supplications, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SATURDAY EVENING.



GOD, at the close of another day and week, we draw near to Thee, in our feebleness, and ignorance, and imperfection. May it please Thee to draw near to us, with all Thy fulness and love. Have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Pardon all our sins of thought, and word, and act, this day and this week. Forgive us wherein we have trusted in ourselves contrary to the spirit and intention of Thy Gospel; wherein our sinful natures and the love of the world have blinded us to the perfection of Thy character and will. Take away, we beseech Thee, the cause of our error, and give us a clearer vision

of Thyself, and of Thy wise and holy counsels. Lighten our burdens, and give us peace. Enable us this evening, in Thy light, and in the light of the Judgment-day, to consecrate ourselves—even to Thee and to Thy service.

O God, we thank Thee for all our temporal blessings. We thank Thee especially for our spiritual mercies, through the gracious mediation of Christ. We thank Thee for our acquaintance with the Gospel, and for the homage of our hearts and wills in any measure to Thee, as our reasonable service. Grant that the Holy Spirit may make us more earnest than we have ever yet been in the great work that concerns us. As a family, may we know the secret of happiness to consist in a closer walk with Thee. Grant that we may be helps, not hindrances, to each other, in fighting the good fight of faith, and in running

the Christian race. May we pass through the world, looking on the things thereof as temporary, watching that we lose not our crown, and having our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Blessed Jesus, may it please Thee to make us like Thyself. Fulfil Thy works in us. Grant that the fulness of Thy joy may be ours. Grant us what Thou pleasest; take from us what Thou pleasest; only perfect us in love. Make us like Thyself. Do with us as seemeth good in Thy sight, only conform us to Thy blessed will and example. Give us grace meekly to bear our cross, and to know that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope—even the hope which maketh not ashamed. And may we continue to the end steadfast and immovable, filled with wisdom, and joy, and peace, and abounding in Thy work.

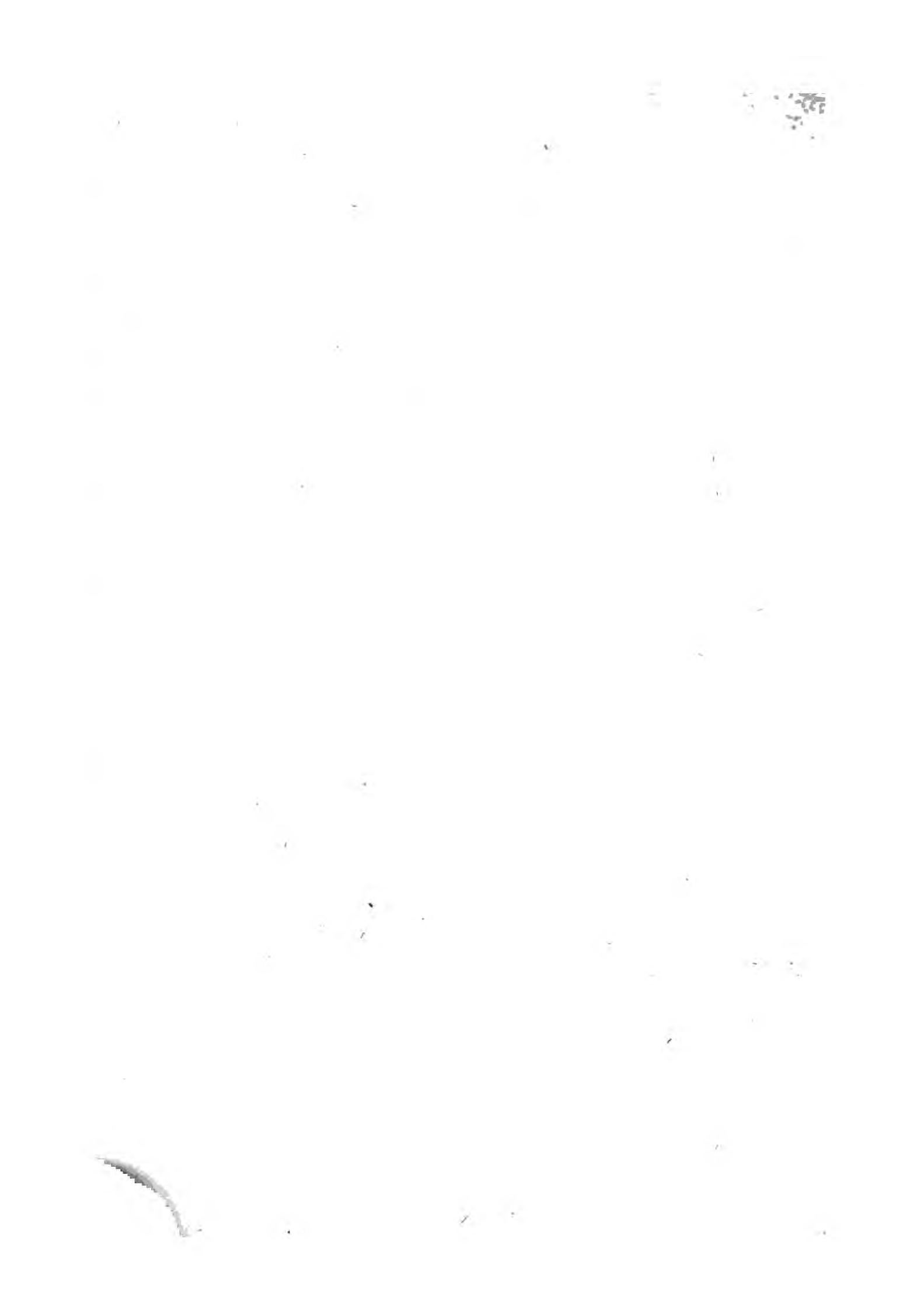
Almighty God, make speed to save the nations. Grant that Thy name may be speedily known and honoured amongst all the inhabitants of the world. May it please Thee to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all teachers, and missionaries, and ministers of Thy Word. Prepare them for declaring Thy counsel on the Lord's-day, near to which Thou hast again brought us in Thy providence. Bless the Church universal. Purify her, wherever she needs Thy purifying hand, from every error in doctrine and practice. Strengthen the belief of all them that believe according to Thy Word, and may they adorn Thy doctrine in all things. Have mercy on all careless, impenitent souls. Awaken them to a sense of their sins and a knowledge of Thy truth. Be merciful to all who have fallen from virtue into any manner of vice. Turn them unto Thee, O Lord, we beseech Thee. Be

with the dying everywhere. Make them Thine own ; and when the time cometh, may they be admitted to behold Thee in Thy glory. Bless all our kinsfolk and friends. Watch over them and us throughout this night ; and if it be Thy will to spare us, grant that we may be fitted for the Sabbath's duties, and for any trials it may bring. These things we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.







THIRD WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou hast been the dwelling-place of Thy people in all generations. Our fathers trusted in Thee, and Thou didst strengthen them; and we rejoice to know that Thou art ever the same. Enable us, we humbly beseech Thee, to come before Thee this morning with thanksgiving, and offer unto Thee the homage of our hearts. May the Holy Spirit help our infirmities.

O God, Thou hast revealed Thyself to us in creation and providence.

The heavens declare Thy glory, and the earth is full of Thy praise. Thou hast revealed Thyself especially to us, who are sinners, in the person of Jesus Christ. We bless Thee for all that Christ was and is. We bless Thee for His holy incarnation, for His spotless life, for His obedience unto death. We bless Thee for His resurrection, and ascension, and intercession. Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that we may know more of Christ's love, and grant that, loving Him, we may be weaned from the things of earth.

O God, give us grace to appropriate Christ as our sacrifice. May we recognise Him as the King of Zion, and the Fountain of living waters. Let not our eyes be holden, but may we see Him who is Thy Son and our Saviour. May it please Thee to subdue our wilful hearts. Teach us humility. Perfect our trust in Christ. Save us from the idolatry

of earthly things. Enable us to take up our cross and follow Christ. Suffer us not to weary of our self-denial, or be impatient of our cross. May we live not unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again ; and grant that evermore we may feel that we are dwelling in Christ and Christ in us ; whom having not seen may we love ; in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, may we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Almighty God, we thank Thee that Thou hast spared us to open our eyes on another Sabbath-day. Grant that this may be a day of refreshment to our souls. Graft in our hearts the love of Thy name. Increase our stature in Christ. Keep us in Thy fear, and uphold us by Thy free spirit, and fill us with joy and peace.

May it please Thee to shed Thy

light this day upon the Church of Christ in all lands. Grant that Thy people may be renewed and enriched; and may those who are living in sin feel the plague of their hearts, and repair to the Great Physician. Be gracious to Thy ministering servants everywhere. May they be wise to win souls. Especially support and strengthen him on whose ministrations we wait. Be gracious to all missionaries and teachers. Hasten the coming of the Lord. Draw near to all who may be prevented this day, through sickness or any restraint of Thy providence, from meeting Thee within the courts of Thy house. Grant that they may hear Thy voice in Thy dispensations, and be enabled to say, It is good for us that we have been afflicted. May it please Thee to bless all ranks and conditions of men. Especially bless all related to us by whatever tie. Be merciful to those

dear to us whose hearts are not right with Thee. Grant that they may be delivered from the bondage of sin, and drawn to Thee and to Thy service.

We ask these things for Christ's sake, in whose name and words we further call upon Thee, saying,—

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SUNDAY EVENING.

FATHER of love and light, we desire this evening, in the name of Jesus, to come into Thy presence as a family, and breathe together our confessions and thanksgivings.

We confess that we have sinned against Thee this day in heart and life, and that we are not worthy to be called Thy children. Pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, all the sins of which we have been guilty. Forgive the sins that mingled in our holiest services. Deliver us from self-deception, and from every refuge of lies, and constrain us to lay hold on the hope which is set before us in the Gospel.

Blessed be Thy name, O God, that we have been permitted to meditate this day on Thy holy Word. May the Holy Spirit bring to our remembrance what we have read or heard. Deepen whatever good impressions may have been made upon us. May Thy heavenly teachings strengthen us to live faithfully to Thee in the world. Help us to abide in Christ, and to reflect Christ's image. Give us the sense and the remembrance of Christ's love, and grant that this may be the moving power in our souls to all self-sacrifice and holy activity. Give us clearly and continually to discern the vanity of earthly things. May our glimpses of eternity be increased. May we grow in faith and all heavenly graces. Seal us as Thine own. Give us the marks of the people of God; and may we depart not only from everything false in doctrine, but everything unholy in practice. May

we evermore have a loving view of Thee, our Father, in heaven. May we place implicit trust in Christ's atoning work and intercession. May we carry to Christ every burden, and look to Him for the fulfilment of the promise, when, being freed from all sin and weakness, we shall be for ever with the Lord.

Almighty God, may it please Thee to follow with a blessing all the religious services in which Thy people everywhere have been engaged this day. Acknowledge and bless the least act of service. Have mercy on all who are living without Christ, and all who are continuing to stifle convictions of sin. May it please Thee to arrest them in their folly and wickedness, and give them a saving interest in the Gospel.

Bless all young persons, especially those who are dear to us. Lead them to the Saviour. May they consecrate

themselves to Thy service. Reveal Thyself to all bereaved and sorrowing ones. May they be sharers in the friendship of Jesus, and be strengthened to bear the cross. We commend to Thy love all our friends, and relatives, and enemies. May they know the Gospel, and, by the gracious outpouring of the Spirit, may they daily show forth the Gospel in their lives.

May it please Thee to take us, and all in whom we are interested, into Thy care and keeping this night. Defend us from danger and sudden death. Raise us up, if it be Thy will, strengthened to enter upon the work of the morrow. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.



GOD, who hast created and dost order all things according to Thy will, we approach Thee this morning with gratitude for all Thy gifts. Our faculties of body and mind, our food and raiment, all we have and enjoy, have come from Thy goodness.

We desire especially to adore Thy power, and wisdom, and goodness in the Gospel of Thy Son, by whom Thou art now reconciling the world unto Thyself, and by Thy grace art creating men anew in righteousness and holiness. We thank Thee that, in Thine infinite love, Thou hast sent Thy Son, in our nature, to suffer and

die and rise again, that now and hereafter, in soul and body, we might have life through Him.

Blessed Saviour, grant that we may be influenced by the truths and lessons on which we were meditating yesterday. Give us the aid of the Holy Spirit. Suffer not the world to come betwixt Thee and us. Preserve us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the snares of the wicked one. Be our strength in the midst of weakness, and our victory in the hour of conflict. Give us more of Thy Spirit. Mould us after Thine image. May we never be ashamed of Thee and of Thy blessed Gospel. Grant that in all our words, and thoughts, and actions we may seek Thy honour and glory.

Our God and Father, help us this day, and all our days, to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thee. Grant that our love for Thee may preserve us unshaken by adver-

sity, and incapable of being seduced by prosperity. Grant that evermore we may become pilgrims and soldiers, that we may pass from stage to stage in the Divine life, and that we may overcome in the conflict, as Jesus overcame. May we show the sincerity of our love for Thee by the sacrifices and the exertions we make for Thy cause.

Hear us while we repeat our petitions this morning for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. Bless the efforts of all ministers, and missionaries, and teachers. Hasten the Lord's coming. May the Holy Spirit be poured out in greater measure. Comfort and sustain all who mourn. Give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. May it please Thee to reclaim all who are living in sin, and in contempt of Thy holy Word. Lead them to a

knowledge of Thy truth. Restore them to Thy favour. Bring their hearts to Thee, that they may live holily, and righteously, and godly before Thee. Be very merciful to the poor. May it please Thee to give them those things that are needful for the support and comfort of their bodies. Above all, give them the bread and the water of life; and may their souls be greatly refreshed. Be very merciful to the young, especially those who are known to us. May their hearts be inclined towards Thyself, and may they be led to devote themselves entirely to Thee.

And unto Thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we ascribe the glory and the praise, now and evermore. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we come to Thee this evening under the pressure of conscious unworthiness. Teach us how to pray in these our supplications. May it please Thee, for Christ's sake, to hear us and to answer us.

We confess that we have sinned against Thee this day, that we have offended against Thy holy law. Have mercy upon us. Grant that the wickedness and deceitfulness of our hearts may be forgiven and subdued, and grant that our consciences may be cleansed and our wills renewed by Thy gracious Spirit. May we feel that Thine anger is turned away.

May it please Thee to give us a sense of acceptance and a feeling of union with Christ. Grant that we may sit loose to earthly things, and evermore see the vanity and emptiness of worldly pleasures and ambitions. May we have a large experience of the Divine life in our souls. May it please Thee to give us an intense desire to know Christ and obtain an insight into His mind and heart. May we see in Christ a free, and full, and finished salvation. May our hearts be filled with the love of Christ. May the features of His character be seen in us more and more. May the holy, self-denying, self-sacrificing life of Christ be our rule of life.

Almighty and everliving God, may it please Thee to spread the knowledge of Christ's name amongst all nations and peoples. Have mercy on those who are selling themselves for that which cannot satisfy the im-

mortal soul. May the Holy Spirit cause the truth to sink into their hearts, and produce an abiding impression. Grant that Thy people everywhere may cultivate and extend a Catholic spirit; and anticipate the beatitude of those who have fought the good fight and won the victory, and now inherit all things. Bless the rising generation, and especially those who are known to us. May they come to Christ with full surrender of heart, and witness ever for Him.

May it please Thee to manifest Thyself to the family of the afflicted everywhere. Grant that they may yield the government of their wills to Thee, and experience that peace which passeth all understanding. Be gracious to all our relatives and friends. Grant that they may be weaned from the influences of the world, and that they may depend, with changed hearts, on Christ's finished work.

Bless the tie that unites us together as a family. Preserve us by Thy grace unto Thyself, so that, as we live together here, we may meet hereafter—not one being wanting in Thy glory. Here us, in these our prayers, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



TUESDAY MORNING.

HEAVENLY FATHER, in the morning Thou shalt hear our voice; to Thee we will direct our prayer. We come to Thee this morning as children, sinful children, yet children still, to implore together a Father's forgiveness and a Father's blessing.

We rejoice to know, that through Christ, Thy dear Son, Thou hast appointed a way of access to Thyself. And when we come to Thee in the name of Jesus, we feel assured that Thou wilt hear us and answer us. We thank Thee for Thy loving care over us during the past night, and for Thy presence this morning. We thank

Thee for the promise of deliverance in the hour of temptation. We thank Thee for the protection of Thy providence and the riches of Thy grace.

Heavenly Father, by the side of Thy goodness and love we desire now to place the thought of our own want of merit. Thou art never forgetting us in Thy kindness, yet we are often forgetful of Thee, in our blindness not seeing Thee, ungrateful even while enjoying Thy gifts. We confess that in times past we have not walked according to Thy law, but according to the law of our sinful hearts. May it please Thee to write the recollection of our sins and shortcomings on our souls. Grant that we may have a constant remembrance of Thy love, against which we have so frequently transgressed, and of Thy long-suffering patience, which we have opposed. May we be anxious, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, in the

future, to overcome the devil, and the world, and the flesh. Watch over us, we humbly beseech Thee, this day, for good. May Thy Holy Spirit be with us. Deliver us from all self-seeking. Give us grace to do and to know Thy will in all things. Preserve us in the faith. Suffer nothing to drive us from Thee. May our conversation be in heaven. Help us to live in the light of Christ.

Blessed Lord, grant that Thy blessing may rest upon all men. Enlarge Thy kingdom. Hasten Thy coming. May it please Thee to arrest the careless and the ungodly. Speak peace to Thy hidden ones.

Be gracious to the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Give them Thy strength. Be gracious to our relatives, and friends, and neighbours. Shed abroad Thy love in their hearts. In time of weakness and doubt, be Thou their light and joy. May they have

grace to be faithful in duty and indifferent as to the result. And unto Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



TUESDAY EVENING.

INFINITE and eternal God, we, Thy sinful and erring children, desire this evening, with humility, to approach the footstool of Thy heavenly grace. May it please Thee to solemnise our minds by the sense of Thy presence.

We come to Thee, in the spirit of praise and thanksgiving, in memory of all Thy goodness and loving-kindness toward us. We thank Thee for life and health, and for the countless benefits with which Thou dost daily load us. We thank Thee for our mental powers, and for the faculty of speech, and for all the associations of kindred, and affection, and friendship. We thank Thee for the Gospel revela-

tion; for the spotless life and sacrifice of Christ; for His glorious resurrection, ascension, and continual intercession; and for the blessed assurance that He will come again, with power and glory. And we thank Thee for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by which we are sanctified, and sealed, and strengthened.

O Lord God, we have to confess that we are unworthy of any of Thy gifts. Under a feeling of our unworthiness, we humble ourselves before Thee now, beseeching Thee, of Thy great mercy, to have compassion upon us for all our waywardness and ingratitude. May it please Thee to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon us. Grant that we may see the beauty of the Gospel revelation, and feel within us the throbbings of the hidden life. And grant that in the future we may devote all the faculties of our bodies and our souls to Thy service. Forgive, we humbly beseech Thee, the

sins of which we have this day been guilty. May they never rise up against us. Deliver us this night from danger. Prepare us for the duties and trials of a new day.

What we thus beg for ourselves, we pray Thee to communicate to the whole family of man. Quicken the Church. Prosper all institutions that are founded upon religious principles. Amid the darkness and doubts of this life, may Thy people rejoice in Thee. Grant that the dying may be cheered and comforted amid the swelling of Jordan. Bless all our relatives, and friends, and neighbours. May they walk by faith, not by sight, redeeming the time. Hear and answer these, our humble petitions, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

UNDER a sense of sin, O God, and of our weaknesses and our infirmities, we surround Thy throne this morning as a family to worship Thee. We confess that we are not worthy to approach Thee. Yet as, in the person of Thy Son, Thou didst stoop to our nature, and art inviting even the guiltiest and the most depraved to come to Thee, we venture near. May the Holy Spirit assist us; and may it please Thee to give ear to the voice of our adoration and prayer.

O God, we have nothing to give Thee, for we have nothing,—we are poor, and blind, and naked,—but we

would seek to present to Thee the gratitude of our hearts for all Thy love and goodness toward us. We bless Thee for what of Thy goodness and love we have experienced during the past night and this morning. May it please Thee to manifest Thyself to us throughout this day. Deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from pride and unbelief, and from the fever of worldly cares and pursuits. Grant that our stubborn wills may be subdued. Help us to live above the world, and to work the work we have to do in an unworldly spirit. Grant that we may show that we are Thy people, by our keeping Thy commands. May Thy law be written in our hearts. Enable us to advance in the Divine life. May we become evermore conscious of our relationship to Thee. Make us more earnest, and more faithful, and more loving toward Thee. Prepare us for trial and

days of darkness. May our heaviest burdens become light, and our times of trial and sorrow be made peaceful by Thy Spirit. Fill us with hope that maketh not ashamed, which is an anchor of the soul, and which is the pledge and earnest of fruition. Holy Spirit of God, help us. Leave us not to ourselves. Perfect us in faith, and hope, and love.

And with ourselves, O God, we would seek to commend to Thee all our brethren of mankind. Bless all the efforts that are being used to spread Christianity amongst the nations and peoples of the earth. Grant that all who call themselves Christians may be followers of Christ, and give themselves heartily to His work. Hasten the coming of the Lord. Be near to all who are in offices of influence and authority among the nations. Grant that the bereaved, and the afflicted, and the dying may find Thee a living,

ever present Saviour, and derive grace and peace from Thee. Be very gracious to all in whom we are specially interested—our relatives, and friends, and neighbours. May they know Thee, and strive to be like Thee, who art holy.

Hear these our petitions, and grant us an answer, for the sake of Christ; unto whom, with Thee the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all the praise and the glory, now and ever. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we bless Thee that Thou hast taught us in Thy holy Word that Christ Jesus, Thy well-beloved Son, our Saviour, is the way, and the truth, and the life. May it please Thee to grant that through Christ we may have access this evening together unto Thee.

Give us, we beseech Thee, humble, lowly, contrite hearts, while we make confession before Thee. We confess, O God, that we have sinned this day against light, and grace, and privilege. Have mercy upon us. Hide Thy face from our sins. Cheer our hearts with tokens of Thy favour and accept-

understanding. Have mercy on the rich. Grant that they may regard every accession of substance as an increase of responsibility.

Bless our friends and relatives with Thy friendship. May they be related to Thee by faith. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we adore Thee as the God of nature and of grace. All blessings, temporal and spiritual, have their origin in Thee. May it please Thee this morning to shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, and grant that we may feel that to draw near unto Thee, and to commune by prayer with Thee, is the most blessed privilege that we enjoy on earth.

We are unworthy to come into Thy presence, yet we rejoice to know that Thou dost make us welcome. Grant that we may feel the burden and the bitterness of our offences as sinful, erring children. And may we come to

Thee in the name and through the mediation of Thy dear Son. O God, we thank Thee for the gift of life, and for all our social blessings and comforts. We thank Thee especially for the glorious manifestation of Thy love in Christ, and for all our spiritual privileges, and for all the joys and hopes by which Thou hast revealed Thyself in us. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and strengthen our belief in the atonement of Christ. Grant that there may be no discrepancy betwixt our knowing and our doing. Impress upon us evermore that Christianity is a life; and may its living truth regulate us at all times, and sweeten our enjoyments, and moderate and mitigate our sorrows.

May it please Thee to accept of our grateful thanks for Thy watchful care over us during the unconscious hours of the bypast night, and for Thy great goodness to us this morning. Shine

upon us throughout this day. May we not enter into temptation. May Thy law be our guide, and Thy will our only will. May Christ be in us the hope of glory. May we know what it is to be Thy children. May we be faithful in our love to Thee, and be enabled by it to display the fruits of the Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon the nations. Be specially merciful to our native land. Grant that her strength and power may be maintained. May all that are in authority use the power that Thou hast given them in Thy fear and for the public good. Be gracious to the Church. Bless thine ancient people. May they, with the Gentiles, speedily realise in Christ the Saviour of the world. Bless all who are engaged in making Christ known. May the language of their hearts be, Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Have mercy on all whom Thou hast laid on beds of sickness.

May they recognise Thy hand in their chastisements, and be stimulated to live closer to Thee. Be with all our friends and relatives. May they recognise Thy presence, and be moved to close with the overtures of salvation.

These petitions we beseech Thee to answer, through the merits of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY EVENING.

WE adore Thee, O God, as our Father in Christ. May it please Thee to draw us this evening as a family to Thyself, by Thy great love toward us. All the comforts that we have ever tasted, all the blessings we now enjoy or expect to enjoy, are blessings flowing from Thee. When we were in our sins Thou didst not spare Thine own Son, but didst deliver Him unto the death for us all. In each moment of our life Thine all-seeing eye has watched over us, and Thy almighty arm has supported us. Our whole history is a chain of mercies. Grant that we may have grateful hearts to

Thee for all Thy goodness, and for all the tender interest which Thou hast in us.

May it please Thee to help us now to make a full surrender of ourselves to Thee. Grant that pride, and passion, and the love of the world may be destroyed within us. Grant that the blood of Jesus Christ may cleanse us from all sin. Give us, we humbly beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit. Quicken us to newness of life. May there be a response to Thee in our body, and soul, and spirit. May the whole sympathies of our being go forth to Thee. May the whole tenor of our words, and thoughts, and actions show to the world that we are guided by the wisdom that cometh from above.

May it please Thee, O God, for Christ's sake, to forgive the sins of this day—all our ingratitude, our waywardness, and neglect of Thy law.

Grant that we may lay ourselves down to rest this night at peace with one another, and with all mankind, and with Thee ; and if it be Thy will to spare us, may we rise to enter on the duties and trials of a new day in Thy fear, depending upon Thy grace.

These great blessings that we beg for ourselves, we beseech Thee to extend to all men. May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon the Church. May the careless be awakened to see and feel the real evil of that which now they follow blindly as their good. May Thy people everywhere rejoice. Draw near to those who are dear to us by whatever tie. May they be united to Thee and give evidence of their union. Be gracious to all who are mourning on account of bereavement. May they live by faith on Thee, and evermore feel that all things are working together for their good.

Manifest Thyself in an especial manner to those who are approaching the gates of death. May they believe on Thee, and stay themselves on God. Take from them the fear of death. May they feel that they have a real victory through Christ. May this faith sustain them till they see Thy face in glory.

Forgive our sins, and hear our prayer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY MORNING.

HOLY and ever blessed God, we come to Thee as a family, at the beginning of a new day, to present together our prayers, and to cast ourselves, and all that concerns us, anew on Thy boundless mercy and faithful word. May it please Thee to refresh and strengthen us.

Mercifully forgive our ingratitude and forgetfulness of Thee. May we abandon evil habits and passions in the future. May we have spiritual sympathies and sanctified feelings. May the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit be poured out upon us this day. May we not be conformed to the world, but transformed by the renew-

ing of our mind. Teach us how to live. Enable us to enter with renewed earnestness upon that supreme duty to which Thou hast called us, even of working out our salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is Thou that dost work within us. Grant that sin may be more clearly seen by us, and more hateful to us. Give it to us to understand Thy mind and love Thy will. Grant that our souls may be quickened, and that we may attain to a completer likeness to Christ. From Him may we learn how we are to resist temptation. Grant that we may evermore imitate Christ's devotedness to His Father,—His trustfulness,—His calm endurance. May we put on the whole armour of God, and be good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit of God, extend Thy love and mercy to us. Confirm our good resolves. May we be steadfast in the Christian life, enduring unto the end.

Ever blessed God, may it please Thee to quicken and prosper the Church. Let Thy glory fill the earth. Have mercy on all who are resting in a barren profession, having the form but not the power of godliness. May their consciences be awakened to see the evil of sin. Turn them unto Thee. Grant that heathen nations may speedily come and worship Thee. Supply the wants of the poor out of Thy fulness ; and, above all their getting, may they receive large supplies of Thy love in Christ. Grant that the abundance of the rich may lead them to remember that they are stewards, and must one day render account to Thee.

Manifest Thyself to the afflicted and the dying. Grant that their trials may wean them from the creature, and move them to cast themselves in simple trust on the mercy of Christ. We would commend to Thy care and

guidance the young, and all in whom we are interested. May they find rest in Christ. May their souls be stimulated to greater conformity to Him.

Hear us, O God, and answer our prayer, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY EVENING.

MOST mighty and merciful God, we are weak, sinful, and dependent creatures. We desire, therefore, this evening to come to Thee, by whom alone our sins are forgiven, and from whom alone our daily strength proceeds.

Grant us more power of prayer, and greater strength in pleading and wrestling with Thee. May the Holy Spirit convince us of our condition by nature and by wicked works.

Forgive us, O God, we humbly beseech Thee, the sinful affections, and desires, and actions of this day. May it please Thee to humble us before Thee. Revive and deepen within

us the sense of Thine unspeakable love. May we receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save our souls. May we know what Christ is. May we know the preciousness and power of His blood for the removal of our guilt, and of the sin of our hearts and lives. May we see more of Christ's infinite perfections, and be strengthened to fix our faith on Him as our Mediator. Grant that we may realise an increasing interest in His sacrifice, and be delivered from yielding to our own selfish promptings and purposes. Show us, O God, our moral responsibilities and obligations. Help us in the future to keep a careful watch over ourselves, that we may give ourselves up more fully to Thy service. Grant that our language may evermore be, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? and may we feel that we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us. Grant that

we may become mighty in the Scriptures, and thoroughly furnished unto every good work.

Almighty God, may it please Thee to take us, as a family, into Thy keeping throughout this night. May no evil come nigh our dwelling. Raise us up in the morning to do Thy will. Bless the whole human family. Grant that those with whom Thou hast intrusted the talent of influence and power may be at peace with Thee, and strive to spread Thy name. May Thy believing people everywhere be blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. Grant that the afflicted and the dying may be cheered by the thought of the Mediator as a brother. Have mercy on the ungodly. May it please Thee to fill their souls with the love of Thee and of Thy service. May the rising generation, and especially all those who are dear to us, be kept from the impurities

that are around them in the world. And we further plead that all our friends, and relatives, and enemies may be united to Thee by faith, and live daily as those whose lives are hid with Christ in God. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SATURDAY MORNING.

WHOO, O Lord, is a God like unto Thee? Thou art everywhere directing the movements of creation, and lavishing Thy gifts on the creatures of Thy hand. Thy providence embraces all things, great and small. There is nothing too small for Thy inspection, or too great for Thy control. Blessed be Thy name for Thy watchful care over us as a family throughout the bypast night. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead us and guide us this day.

May we realise in fuller measure now Thy mercy and love in Christ. May we receive the pardon of all our sins, and experience the assurance that

we have been accepted. Give us the peace of them that trust in Thee. Grant that evermore we may give evidence that we are born again, that we are overcoming the world, and that we are mindful of that blessed hope—the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour. Grant that we may know what it is to die daily to sin and live daily to righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. May we know what it is to be transformed into the image of Christ, and changed from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of our God.

May it please Thee evermore to impress upon us the truth that every moment bears its witness for or against us. Enable us, we humbly beseech Thee, to redeem the time, because the days are evil, feeling that every moment is precious. Prepare us to meet the duties and trials of this day, whatever they may be. May the

Holy Spirit be shed upon our hearts. Deliver us from evil counsels and rash enterprises. Deliver us from pride and self-sufficiency. Grant that, in joy or in sorrow, we may stay ourselves on Thee, and strive to glorify Thee, and fulfil the end of our being.

Almighty God, with ourselves we pray for all ranks and conditions of men. Bless the Church. May she be quickened and increased. Lead her to greater triumphs. May she be speedily gladdened with the appearing of her Lord. Grant that the weak may be strengthened, and the ignorant enlightened, and the doubting be confirmed in Thy truth.

Comfort the afflicted, and the bereaved, and the dying. Fill them with the love of Christ. Help them to look beyond the present. Enable them to put their souls and all that concerns them into Thy hands, and to realise that all things are working together

for their good. We pray for the young. May they early prize the Scriptures, and know the Saviour. We would remember also our relatives, and friends, and neighbours, beseeching Thee to keep them in Thy favour, and for Thyself, unto everlasting life.

Lord, we feel our need of Thee at all times. Have us under Thy good care and keeping all day long; and hear and answer us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SATURDAY EVENING.



VERLASTING GOD, we adore Thee as the author of our being, and the object of our hope and trust. Blessed be Thy name for our continued preservation, and for all the temporal and spiritual comforts that we enjoy. Blessed be Thy name that Thou hast spared us to the close of another week. We approach Thy throne this evening in the name of Thy well-beloved, with all our wants, and difficulties, and doubts.

May it please Thee to show us our weaknesses and our besetting sins. Grant that we may experience nearness to Thee. For Christ's sake, have mercy upon us. Forgive our wilful-

ness, and pride, and want of charity, —all our sins and shortcomings.

Holy Spirit of God, quicken us anew, we humbly pray Thee, to the life of faith. Deliver us from sinful desires and habits. May it please Thee to work in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Grant that we may be moulded into conformity with the will of God.

Almighty God, and our heavenly Father, help us, we beseech Thee, as a family, to consecrate ourselves this evening to Thee. Wash us, we humbly beseech, in Christ's blood; clothe us with His righteousness; cleanse us by the power of Thy heavenly grace. Grant that we may live as those whose every week may be their last on earth. Grant that Thy presence may evermore dwell in our hearts and home, and may we be found faithfully working and waiting for the appearing of the Lord.

Heavenly Father, grant that this night we may lie down under the shadow of the Cross, and commit ourselves to Thee and to Thy heavenly benediction, with hearts loving and confiding. May it please Thee to defend us from the dangers of the night, and, if it be Thy will to spare us, may our minds and hearts be put in a spiritual frame for the solemnities of the morrow.

And what we petition for ourselves, we beseech Thee to vouchsafe to all men. May the light of Thy truth shine on the Church. May she be quickened anew, to prepare for the coming of her Lord. Bless Thy ministering servants, and all missionaries and Sabbath-school teachers everywhere. Prepare them for their work. May they be true servants of God and successful in their several offices. Especially bless Thy ministering servant on whose ministrations we

wait. Grant that, by his instrumentality, the ungodly may be brought to see the error of their ways, and that the humble and believing may experience a fuller knowledge of the mind of Christ.

May it please Thee to bless the orphan and the fatherless everywhere. May they be moved to cast themselves on Thy fatherly love and care. Grant that the afflicted and the dying may take their griefs to Christ, and find rest to their souls. May all who are dear to us give their hearts to Thee, and live the life of faith upon the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

For His sake hear these our prayers, and grant us an answer in peace. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FOURTH WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.



GOD, most holy and most gracious, the source of all being and happiness, we draw near to Thee, as a family, on the morning of another Sabbath-day, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We confess that we are sinful and rebellious, and that we are unworthy to come to Thee; but we rejoice to know that Christ died for our sins, and rose again for our justification. May it please Thee to have compassion upon us. Remember Him, we

humbly beseech Thee, who died and rose again. May we be reconciled to Thee through His death. May we be saved by His life. May mercy and grace be imparted to us. Grant that we may be clothed in Christ's righteousness. Help us to renounce all dependence on our own wisdom for guidance, and on our own strength for victory. May we feel the presence of Thy Spirit and power. Vouchsafe to us a sense of pardon and acceptance.

Grant that our reading this day of Thy holy Word, and our meditation thereon, may produce within us an ever-enlarging conception of the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of Christ. Grant us higher and more exalted affections than those of this world. May we be strengthened to look beyond time and sense. In this day may we experience a foretaste of the

rest that remaineth for the people of God.

May it please Thee, O God, to strengthen and increase our faith in the atonement of Christ. Enable us to cherish hopes of attaining to the joys of heaven. Grant that we may, by anticipation, know something of the ascriptions we hope to make to Thee, along with the saints already made perfect, of honour, and blessing, and thanksgiving, and praise.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to come to our souls in an abundant measure, and bring us into the likeness of Christ. Grant that we may love Him, not by profession only, but in deed and in truth. Grant that our thoughts may be brought into captivity to Jesus, and that we may strive evermore to be good and to do good.

O God, grant that the Church this day may be filled with Thy glorious

presence. Hasten the Lord's coming and kingdom. Breathe, we humbly beseech Thee, on the slain in the valley of vision. Excite in their hearts and in their minds a true sense of their condition. Cause them to look to, and venture upon, and cast themselves entirely upon, Christ. Grant that all ministers, and missionaries, and Sabbath-school teachers may experience Thy power. Inspire them with love to Jesus. Make them successful. Be specially near to cheer and bless our beloved pastor. May it please Thee to comfort and support all those who may be necessarily prevented from waiting upon Thee in the house of prayer. Bring them nearer to Thyself, that out of Thy fulness they may be supplied according to their needs.

Bless the dying. Cheer their souls with the overtures of mercy and love. Bless all who are related to us by

blood and friendship. Grant that they may believe in the light, and become children of the light and of the day ; and in Thine own good time grant that they and we may meet around Thy throne in heaven.

We present these our prayers in the name of Jesus, our great High Priest and advocate. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou art the fulness of power, and wisdom, and goodness. All things testify of Thee in heaven and in earth. We draw near to Thee, at the close of another Sabbath-day, with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, acknowledging, at the same time, our sinfulness and our unworthiness. May it please Thee to hear and answer us, for Thy dear Son's sake.

We thank Thee, O God, for the Gospel of Christ, for its adaptation to our circumstances and wants, and for the blessed prospect it opens up to our faith, and hope, and love. And we thank Thee for the life-giving influ-

ences of the Holy Spirit, by whom we are convinced of sin, and awakened from our natural state, and enabled to understand the Gospel, and made partakers of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Blessed be Thy name, Thou dost pity us still, though we have often provoked Thy displeasure, and grieved Thy Holy Spirit. Grant that we may feel that we are unable to save ourselves, that we can do nothing to secure Thy favour and forgiveness. Help us, O God, we humbly beseech Thee, to look to Christ, and rest upon Him alone for salvation. May it please Thee, for Christ's sake, to vouchsafe to us the forgiveness of all our sins. Pardon the sins of which we have this day been guilty. Pardon wherein we have been negligent of the counsels of Thy Word, and of the services of Thy house. Pardon our waywardness of will, and unworthi-

ness of thought and action. Deliver us from self-complacency, and self-dependence, and spiritual pride. May Christ be formed in each of us the hope of glory. Grant that we may become doers of Thy Word, and not readers or hearers only. May we know experimentally that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Grant that evermore we may recognise spiritual things in a spiritual light, and that, while they arrest the mind, they may purify the heart and the affections, and lead us to consecrate ourselves body and soul to Thy service.

Blessed God, Thou hast commanded us to pray for all men. We humbly beseech Thee to follow with a rich blessing the religious exercises in which Thy people throughout the world have been engaged this day. Bless the preaching of the Gospel. Water the seed that has been sown.

Hasten the coming of the Lord. Help Thy people to take up their cross, and follow Christ more earnestly and faithfully through all the steps of His most blessed life. Have mercy upon the ungodly. Suffer them not to quench the Holy Spirit. Have mercy upon all who have never heard of the Saviour.

Bless our kindred according to the flesh, and all our friends. Grant that they may be brought into the fold of Christ. Turn the hearts of the young and rising generation to Jesus. Be gracious to all who have been prevented, through sickness, or bereavement, or any other necessary cause, from waiting upon Thee this day in Thy house of prayer. Grant that light may break upon their path, and that their sorrows may become joys.

Watch over us during the coming night. Give us the sleep of Thy Beloved. And with the redeemed and

glorified, who rest not day and night, we would join in ascribing blessing, and honour, and glory, and power unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



MONDAY MORNING.

BLESSED GOD, in Thy great goodness Thou hast refreshed us with sleep during the by-past night, and renewed Thy comforts to us this morning. Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that we may have grace to repeat our resolutions to love and serve Thee. Help us to enter on the duties of this day in the spirit of the holy services in which we were engaged yesterday. Enable us to stay ourselves on Thy love, and rest in Thy will. May we know the wisdom which cometh from above, and learn how poor our life is without Thee.

Lord, we confess that, in times past, we have lost precious opportunities,

and given way to sinful thoughts and angry words, and been overcome by evils within and temptations without. May it please Thee to give us Thy Holy Spirit, and perfect that which concerneth us. Deliver us in the future, we humbly pray Thee, from the lust of praise, and from everything that feeds our vanity. Grant that our faces may be turned evermore towards heaven; and may all our doubts, and illusions, and temptations flee before Thee, our strength and our Redeemer. Whatever our hand findeth to do, grant that we may do it with our might; and may no worldly success or honour cause us to forget that time is short and uncertain, and that we are strangers and foreigners in this world. Grant that, amid all our difficulties and trials, we may be able to hold converse with Thee, and experience within us joy and peace, and be guided into perfect day.

Suffer us not, O God, to live in vain. Help us this day to advance in the Divine life, and do something for the promotion of Thy glory. Grant that, as a family, we may be joyful in Thee, and useful to those by whom we are surrounded.

With ourselves we would humbly supplicate Thee on behalf of all men. Manifest Thyself to the Church. Hasten the Lord's coming. Bless this nation. May it have the righteousness which alone truly exalteth any people. Be gracious to all in authority. Grant that Thy Spirit may rest upon all ministers and missionaries at home and abroad, and all who are preparing themselves to speak to their fellow-immortals of Thy great love. Grant that they may be united to Thee in covenant bonds, and become honoured instruments in bringing souls to Thee, through Thy dear Son.

Be gracious to all who are in trouble


and distress, by land or sea. Visit them with Thy salvation, and uphold them by Thy righteousness. Be gracious to the poor. Remember them with Thy favour. Bless the widow. Carry the young in Thy bosom. Give them the graces of wisdom and purity. Manifest Thyself to our relatives, and friends, and neighbours, and enemies. May they know what it is to be at peace with God. These our prayers are before Thee; may it please Thee to answer them. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, Thy dear Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



MONDAY EVENING.

 LORD, we approach Thee this evening with reverence and with confidence, for Thou art our only God and Saviour. Thou art infinitely above us. Thy throne is in the heavens, and yet Thou art always near to us—our life, our light, and our joy.

O God, may it please Thee to forgive the sins of this day—all our errors of heart and life, all our departures from Thy holy laws, and our disobedience of Thy will and commands. Grant that we may feel our own weakness and dependence. Deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from all sinful habits and disposi-

tions; from thoughts that we dare not reveal, but with which Thou art fully acquainted. Deliver us from the guilt, and the power, and the punishment of sin. Enable us to rise above our self-indulgences, and to crucify the flesh and its affections. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit. Be merciful to us as individuals and as a family. Vouchsafe to us unfeigned humility and sin-loathing dispositions. May it please Thee to endue us with a simpler trust in Thy mercy, and with a heartier love to Thee and to all men. Grant that while in the world we may live above it and look beyond it. May we evermore see that the world is full of distractions and allurements, which retard our progress in the Divine life. Help us to realise the power and comfort of Thy presence at all times, and especially in temptation, and in busy and anxious seasons. Move us to honour

Thee more heartily in the future with our substance, and to direct our thoughts, and energies, and influence towards the glory of Thy great name.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to bless the Church and the world. Spread abroad among all men the holy influences of the Gospel of Christ.

Almighty God, uphold Thy believing people. Have mercy upon all who have a name to live, and are dead. Suffer them not to abuse their probation in seeking refuges of lies. Have mercy upon the impenitent and the ungodly. Give them a sense of guilt. May they be moved to think, and fear, and pray, and weep. May they experience the preciousness of Christ. May it please Thee to take the young, and especially those of them who are dear to us, under Thy care and keeping. Grant that they may give their hearts to Christ, and

devote themselves to His service. Cheer and comfort all who are in trouble and distress this night. Lead them to Christ, and enable them to stay themselves on Him. Be with all our friends and relatives. Give them grace and peace. Defend us and ours from the dangers of this night. Refresh us with sleep for the duties and trials of a new day, if it be Thy will to spare us.


These petitions we present before Thee, in the name of Jesus, who taught us thus to pray,—

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



TUESDAY MORNING.

ORD GOD, Thou art the fountain of light and truth, and the bestower of every good and perfect gift. We have nothing that we have not received from Thee. Blessed be Thy name for Thy care over us during the past night, and for the comforts of this morning. Blessed be Thy name that we have not slept in death, but that we are here the living—the living to praise Thee.

May it please Thee, O God, for Christ's sake, to look upon us in Thy great compassion. We are sinful creatures, wholly corrupt by nature; in our understanding and conscience, our mind and our will, our natural

tendency is only toward this world. Give us grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to rise and set our affections on the unseen and eternal. And forasmuch as Thou hast given Thy dear Son, our Saviour, to be for us the pledge and assurance of all blessing, may the Holy Spirit strengthen us to follow Him alike through good and evil report. May our affections be sanctified and quickened. May we be enabled, day by day, to carry our thoughts into eternity, and hold communion with Thee, and bring our Christian principles to bear upon all that we are called upon to do or suffer in Thy providence here.

Almighty God, send forth Thy light and Thy truth to lead and guide us this day in all our ways. Suffer us not to wander in any way of error. Take possession of our hearts. Deliver us from all undue anxiety for anything earthly. May

our love flow out to Jesus, and lose itself in Him.

We beseech Thee to spread Thy name, and hasten the Lord's coming. Have mercy on Thine ancient people. Grant that they, with the Gentiles, may speedily own Thee as their God, in Christ Jesus. We pray for all in authority, and especially those in our own land. Grant that they may see Thy light, and learn Thy fear.

Be with all who are in distress. Draw near to the dying. Give them peace and joy in Thee. Be gracious to all our friends and kindred. May they live in joyful expectancy of another and a better life.

Hear these our morning petitions, and grant us an answer in peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and ever living God, may the angel of Thy presence be with us now, whilst, as a family, we bow before Thee in prayer. We are daily reminded of our infirmities, and of our need of Thee. May it please Thee to humble us, this evening, on account of our sins. Help us to cast ourselves trustingly on Thee; and grant that our souls may be filled with the fulness of Thy friendship in Christ.

O God, may it please Thee, for Christ's sake, to forgive the sins of this day. Pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, all departures of thought and action from Thyself. Forgive all

harsh, or hasty, or unkind words. Have mercy on our indolence and self-confidence. Vouchsafe to us a sense of forgiveness. May our strength be renewed. Give us larger and intenser views of Divine truth. Fill us with Thyself. Impart Thy holy nature to us. Write Thy new name upon our hearts. Give us the peace and the joy that passeth all understanding.

Holy Spirit of God, sanctify and regulate our emotions in the future. Suffer no worldly cares to disturb our minds, or sinful thoughts to find a lodgment in our hearts. Help us to strive with our besetting sins in calm dependence upon Thee; and enable us evermore to lay ourselves out thoughtfully and prayerfully to be our brother's keeper. Deliver us from selfishness and worldliness. May we improve and create opportunities of usefulness amongst those by whom we are surrounded.

Almighty God, take us, we humbly beseech Thee, into Thy keeping throughout this night. May we repose in the arms of Thy protection. Give us refreshing sleep. Grant that our waking thoughts may be of Thee. Bless our relatives and friends. May they and we form a portion of Thy redeemed family. Be gracious to all who travel by land or sea. May they feel that Thou art with them, and may they give ear to Thy loving voice.

May it please Thee to draw the afflicted and the dying to Thyself. May they partake in Christ's victory, and have their joy in His joy, who has conquered sin and death. May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon the Church universal. May she be strong in her unity and purity. Grant that all anxious and troubled souls may be delivered from sin, and reconciled unto Thee. Have mercy on all who

are undecided about Christ. Renew their wills, and strengthen them to venture on Christ, that they may rejoice in Him.


And all that we ask is in the name and for the sake of our only and all-sufficient Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



WEDNESDAY MORNING.

RACIOUS GOD, almighty and everlasting, Thou art the creator and the preserver of all things. Thou knowest no variable-ness neither shadow of turning. We are creatures of a day, depending upon Thee for everything, temporal and spiritual. We adore Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us, not only as our creator and preserver, but as the pardoner of our sins and the purifier of our hearts.

May it please Thee, this morning, to show us ourselves—our nothingness and sinfulness, and Thy great goodness and love to us in Christ. Vouchsafe, we humbly beseech Thee, Thy

pardon for all our past offences. Remember us in mercy. Impart to us Thy peace. Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings. May we not be satisfied with our present attainments. Grant that while the day of grace lasts, we may redeem the time and improve our opportunities, looking unto Jesus, and mortifying our passions, and putting on Christ. Grant that we may be possessed with a deeper and more fervent desire to win Christ, and to be found in Him, and to grow in grace.

May it please Thee to give us Thy Holy Spirit in large measure, to purify us and make us holy. May we indeed feel that our truest blessedness consists in forgetting ourselves, that Christ may be glorified. Grant that, having true faith in Christ, all duty, however humble, may be dignified by the feeling that in it we are serving the Lord. Grant that our faith in Christ may

sanctify our pleasures, and sweeten our sorrows, and strengthen us to meet temptations.

We thank Thee, O God, for Thy care over us as a family during the past night, and for the comforts and blessings we have received from Thee this morning. Draw us, we pray Thee, heart and soul and spirit, this day, to Christ. Grant that we may have grace to show our thankfulness to Thee in our lives, by yielding ourselves entirely to Thee and Thy service. Grant that we may find that nothing is too great or too irksome for us to do, approaching it in the strength of our dear Lord and Master.

Bless, we humbly beseech Thee, the nations. Especially bless our native land, and all in authority. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon the Church throughout the world. Purge her from all error. May she be evermore anxious to prepare the way of the Lord.

Be gracious to all who are afflicted in mind, body, or outward estate. May they realise Thy mercy and love. Draw near to all who are near and dear to us. May Christ dwell in their hearts by faith; and grant that they may give evidence of a closer walk with Thee.

Hear us in these our prayers, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



WEDNESDAY EVENING.

HEAVENLY FATHER, the source of all goodness and love, we desire to come to Thee, at the close of another day, adoring Thy great goodness, and humbly acknowledging our manifold sins, and imploring forgiveness.

We bless Thee that through Christ Jesus we may come to Thee our Father reconciled. We bless Thee for all that Christ was, and did, and taught, and suffered. We bless Thee that, lifting up our eyes to the heavens, we behold one in our likeness, and hear Him saying, Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. We confess before Thee that, notwith-

standing our knowledge of Thy goodness and love, we have often sinned against Thee. We confess that we have vowed and promised to believe in Thee, and to obey Thy holy law, yet again and again we have been drawn away into unbelief of the truth, and forgetfulness of Thee. May it please Thee, heavenly Father, for Christ's sake, to have mercy upon us, and help our unbelief. Forgive all our sinful departures this day, all selfishness and pride of heart, all our want of love to Thee and affection for our neighbour. Grant that we may cast ourselves this evening on Christ, and bend our willing hearts to His loving Spirit.

Blessed Jesus, may it please Thee now to pronounce, in the depth of our souls, the blessed absolution, Son, daughter, be of good cheer ; thy sins are forgiven Thee.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to enlighten our minds and warm

our hearts with the love of God. May the law of the Lord be made plainer to us, that, by a growing acquaintance therewith, we may be enabled to magnify Him more and more by our holy living.

Heavenly Father, be very merciful to us as a family. May we evermore experience the constant presence of the Spirit. Grant that we may continue in love together. Help us in all things to be witnesses for Thee, and to live as those who are looking for the coming of the Lord. Receive us into Thy loving protection this night. If it be Thy will to spare us to a new day, may we find ourselves still with Thee.

And what we ask for ourselves, we humbly plead for others. Grant that all men may speedily know and love Thee. Multiply, we humbly beseech Thee, Thy believing people. Bless all efforts at home and abroad to make known the truth as it is in Jesus.

Bless the young and all who are ripening to fill offices of trust on the earth. May they become disciples of Jesus, and may their wills become more and more pliant to do Thy will. Bless the aged ; may they receive crowns of glory. Have mercy upon the bereaved and the dying. May they have a refuge in Christ, and in the word of His grace, and experience the consolations of the Comforter. Bless all our friends and kindred. Make them Thine own, and vouchsafe unto them Thy peace.

And all that we ask is in the name and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank Thee that Thou hast taught us to come to Thee and confess our sins, and ask of Thee grace and strength. Thou needest not that we should tell unto Thee our state ; but, in Thy great goodness, Thou art inviting us to hold communion with Thee, and to express unto Thee the wants which we feel, confidently believing that Thou wilt give us what we need. We remember the words of our Redeemer : Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you.

We come to Thee this morning, believing that Thou art, and that Thou

art the rewarder of them who diligently seek Thee. We acknowledge that we owe everything to Thee ; that we have been created by Thy good pleasure, and for Thy glory and honour. Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that this may be the purpose of our life on earth. However varied our duties and trials may be, may Thy truth evermore lead us in the way of truth ; and may all our aims and efforts have Thy glory as their chief end. May grace be given us both to know and do Thy will. May we die daily to ourselves and to the world. And being in fellowship with Thee, grant that we may rise to newness of life, and devote our time, and our health, and our substance to Thy service.

May it please Thee to be with us this day for good. Keep us from falling into sin. Defend us from all danger. Grant that we may abide in

union with Thee, and speak and act in Thy Spirit. Grant that we may strive to glorify Thee here on earth, as Thou art glorified in heaven. If Thou increasest our earthly good, may it be sanctified to our souls. And if Thou seest meet to take anything from us, may we have grace to say, Thy will be done.

O God, we beseech Thee to bless all ranks and orders of men. Prosper the Church. Grant that unity and peace may prevail within her, and that sinners everywhere may be converted, and Thy believing people strengthened, and grow in grace.

Grant that our kindred, and all in whom we are interested, may be blessed with the blessings of salvation. Be gracious to the rising generation. Incline their hearts unto Thyself. Grant that they may be brought into Thy fold. Manifest Thyself to the aged, and the in-

firm, and the afflicted, and the dying. May they seek comfort in Thee, and experience Thy loving-kindness.

These blessings, for ourselves and others, we beg for His sake, in whose words we further pray, saying,—

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY EVENING.



GOD, Thou art good, and Thy mercy endureth for ever. We desire, as a family, to come together into Thy presence, at the close of another day, to render Thee thanks for all Thy goodness toward us, and to make confession of our sins and shortcomings, and to implore forgiveness, and a renewal of grace and strength.

We thank Thee, O God, for all the temporal comforts and influences wherewith Thou hast visited us. But especially we thank Thee for Thy dear Son, our Saviour, and for all the joys and the hopes that are treasured up in Him. We thank Thee for Christ's

spotless life and self-sacrificing death. We thank Thee for His glorious resurrection and ascension. We thank Thee for the eye of faith by which we can follow Christ into heaven, whither He is gone to make continual intercession for us. And we thank Thee for the gift of the Holy Spirit, whereby we are strengthened and encouraged to behold this great mystery.

Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that each of us may believe in the mystery of godliness,—that God was manifest in the flesh,—and that we may know Jesus, not only as the Saviour of the world, but as our Saviour. Deliver us from self, and pride, and ungodliness. May we daily experience desires after communion with Thee here, and that holiest communion of all, with Thee in heaven, to which we look forward in hope. Grant that the life of Christ may be manifest in our persons. May we experience within us the

quickenings of the Spirit, and be enabled evermore to take up our cross and follow Christ.

Almighty God, may it please Thee to pardon us wherein we have thought or spoken or acted amiss this day. Forgive all who may have injured us, and forgive all the offences we have committed against Thee and against our neighbour. Grant that evermore in the future we may strive to serve Thee. May our faith in Christ work by love. May we possess the spirit of patience and forbearance, and be kindly affectioned one to another, in honour preferring one another.

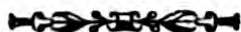
With ourselves, we beseech Thee to bless all men. May all who are united to us be blessed with Thy grace and the guiding of Thy providence. Be gracious to all our friends, and neighbours, and countrymen. Save our beloved Sovereign. May our legislators be wise, and our exactors righte-

ous. Hasten the Lord's coming. Bless the Church, and all who devote their time and talents for the instruction of the ignorant or the comfort of the distressed. Have mercy upon the afflicted. May they come to Thee with their griefs, and receive consolation.


Be with us this night. May our household have Thy watchful care. Hear us, and answer us, for His sake with whom Thou art ever well pleased, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY MORNING.

 MOST gracious God, by Thy creative word we were called into existence, and by Thy supporting hand we are upheld every moment in being. In every blessing which we participate, and in every comfort which we enjoy, we recognise fresh instances of Thy goodness and love.

We desire this morning to render Thee our united thanks for all the blessings and comforts of this life, and especially for all the joys and hopes that come to us through the person of Thy dear Son, our Saviour. We thank Thee that when we were lost and ruined by sin, Christ died, and

that, by His gracious sacrifice, He hath given us access to life, and light, and glory. Grant that we may believe in Christ, and rest upon Him for salvation. Remember not against us our former iniquities. Give us, we humbly beseech Thee, a sense of pardon and acceptance. May the Holy Spirit witness with our spirits that we are Thine. Let us see Thy smiling face, and hear Thy pardoning voice.

Grant that faith in Christ may be the animating power in our conduct. May we live as those whom the Son has made free. Suffer us not to give way to idle wishes. Help us to take all Thy appointments with resignation; to receive the prosperity that Thou givest us with humility; and to endure the cross with patience. Vouchsafe to us increase of love to Jesus, and of zeal in spreading His name. Grant that we may be evermore looking for

that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Be with us this day. May we experience Thy gracious presence.

Almighty God, may it please Thee to bless all men. May the life of the Church be quickened and increased. Grant that all nations and peoples may speedily know the joyful sound. May it please Thee especially to bless all the stewards of Thy mysteries, and all who are in authority, and who guide the affairs of nations. Grant that the ungodly may cease to trifle with the truth. Be with all who are in the furnace of affliction. May they feel that the Son of Man is with them, and that they are reconciled to Him ; and may their souls become purer and brighter. Be very gracious to the dying. May they be at peace with God ; and when their life on earth is ended, may

they pass from imperfect to perfect bliss.

Be with our friends, and relatives, and neighbours this day. May they experience Thy loving protection and guidance. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY EVENING.



LORD GOD, at the close of another day, we draw near to Thee, not in our own name, or trusting in our own righteousness, but in the name, and resting on the merits, of Him who is ever interceding for us at Thy right hand. We come bringing with us all the poverty of our natures, and desiring to take refuge beneath the Cross, in simple and lowly obedience. May our prayers be sincere.

Thou art kind and loving even to the unthankful and the evil. May it please Thee, most merciful God, to pardon all the sins we have committed against Thee this day. Forgive the sins

for which our own hearts condemn us, and all sins besides which Thou hast seen in us. Renew in us the sense of pardon and acceptance. Being saved from the guilt and the penalty of sin, grant that we may be saved from its power. May Thy living Word be to us life-giving. Grant us grace to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, depending upon Thy Spirit. Enable us to die daily to self and sin. May Christ be formed in us the hope of glory, and may His life be manifest in our life.

Most blessed God, may it please Thee to strengthen and uphold us. Give us purity of heart. Grant that we may evermore dwell in Thy love, and be filled with Thy light, and walk in Thy ways. In Thine own time, may we be enabled to give in our account to Thee with joy. Whatever anxieties or fears we this night have, enable us to have our rest in Thee.

With ourselves, we would remember, at the family altar, all nations and peoples. Grant that the nations who are in darkness may be brought to see the light that is guiding the feet of others to glory, and honour, and immortality. Hasten, we humbly beseech Thee, the coming of the Lord. Increase the number of Thy believing people. Have mercy on the careless.


Be gracious to the afflicted. May they experience the power of faith and the efficacy of Christ's blood. Manifest Thyself to all our friends and kindred, as their God and Saviour.

These our petitions are before Thee. Send us an answer in peace, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

VER blessed God, Thou hast brought us as a family, in Thy good providence, to the beginning of a new day. Grant that our souls may flow out in gratitude to Thee, for Thy goodness to us during the past night and this morning. May we feel aright the burden of our sins. May we see the danger to which we have been exposed by guilt, and may Thy great love to us lead us now to commit ourselves to Thy mercy through Christ, and to enter upon Thy service this day with renewed devotedness.

O God, may it please Thee to give us a feeling of our need, and grant

that we may be not only humbled, but taught to walk by faith. Suffer us not, we humbly beseech Thee, to be seduced by Satan. Deliver us from the love of the present world. Help us to pursue the path of duty with calm deliberation and with steady purpose. Grant that we may look above earth and beyond time. Give us increased faith in the unseen. May we be satisfied with Thy mercy, and rejoice to lie in Thy hand. Give us the inward testimony that Thou art with us, and that we are Thine. Grant us the indwelling of the Spirit. May we become really and truly members of the body of Christ, and receive out of His fulness abundant grace.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to inspire us this day with wisdom, and courage, and light, to fight the good fight of faith. May we evermore feel that our religion is a life. Enable us to do our work in

Thy fear, and look to Thee for the blessing. Enable us to follow the example of Christ's patience, while we rejoice in the comforts of His salvation. Teach us to glory in the cross of Christ, and, by its effectual power, grant that the world may be crucified unto us, and we unto the world.

Blessed God, be gracious to Thy people everywhere. May it please Thee to give them increased acquaintance with Christ. Prosper the efforts of the Church in all lands. Cheer, and comfort, and strengthen all teachers, and missionaries, and ministers of Thy Word. Be gracious to all in authority. Hasten the Lord's coming. Bless the young. May they watch against the beginnings of evil, and may they love and serve their Creator now, that they may serve and enjoy Him for ever.

Manifest Thyself to the dying. Grant that, amid bodily debility and decay, they may experience more and

more the life which Thou givest to them who are Thine own in Christ. Bless all our friends and relatives. Grant that they may rejoice in Thy salvation, and rise to brighter and more comforting views of Thyself; and may they know the blessedness of the relation which believers in Christ have to Thee.

These things we ask in the name of Christ, to whom with Thee the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, be ascribed all the glory, now and evermore. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SATURDAY EVENING.

ADORABLE FATHER, from whom proceedeth all that we presently enjoy or hope to possess, Thou hast guided us through the dangers of another day, and another week, and permitted us this evening, as a family, to approach Thy throne, through the merits of Thy well Beloved, in the spirit of prayer and supplication. Save us, we humbly beseech Thee, from all formality and lip-service. Grant that our approach may be real, and that our contrition and repentance may be sincere.

May it please Thee to accept of our united thanksgivings for Thy great goodness to us throughout this week,

in supplying our temporal wants and necessities, in preserving us by Thy providence from unseen dangers and difficulties, and in speaking to us lovingly in Thy Holy Word and by Thy Holy Spirit.

O God, we acknowledge before Thee our many sins and shortcomings. We confess that we have given way to pride and worldliness, and have not sought Thy favour, or striven to advance Thy glory as we ought to have done. Have mercy upon us. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants. Forgive all our sins. Help our infirmities. Under the thought of those sins, to which we are still liable as Christians, we feel deeply thankful that we have an advocate with Thee the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Holy Spirit of God, enable us to dedicate ourselves afresh unto Thee this evening. Give us grace to place our hearts, all that we are, and all

that we have upon the altar of the Lord, and grant that in the future we may live as becometh those who are waiting for His coming. May we feel that Christ is our living Lord. May He be the Lord of our conscience and the Lord of our life.

Almighty God, who bringest night over the earth, may we this night sleep in peace; and if it be Thy good pleasure to spare us, may we wake again upon the morrow in Thy favour. May the morrow bring to us a Sabbath-blessing, and a Sabbath-rest, and a Sabbath-service. May the Church be greatly enriched, and Thy people everywhere gladdened. Arrest the progress of vice and unbelief. Clear away doubts from the minds of men. Bless all those whose office it is to make known the way of life. Especially bless and strengthen our pastor. Give both to him and to us the aids of Thy Spirit, that he may speak and we may hear

with profit to our souls ; and may all the services of Thy house be blessed of Thee to our good.

Sanctify trial and affliction wherever Thou in Thy providence hast sent it. Bless our kindred, and all who are dear to us, with Thy salvation. Receive these our prayers, through Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.





FIFTH WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

MOST mighty and merciful God, the source of all light, and life, and joy, we bless Thee for the gifts of Thy providence, and for the privilege of the means of grace during our bypast lives. We bless Thee for permitting us to meet together on another Sabbath morning around the family altar, and to unite in praise and the voice of thanksgiving. May we be gladdened by the assurance of Thy presence. May we feel our weakness, and sinfulness, and need of Christ;

and grant that, by Thy quickening and sanctifying spirit, we may receive the riches of His grace, according to our need.

O God, renew, we humbly beseech Thee, within us the spirit of true religion. Save us by Thy might and mercy. Deliver us from pride and the love of the world. May we experience the reality of being planted together in the likeness of Christ's death, that so we may be also in the likeness of His resurrection. May we not be satisfied with our present attainments in Christian knowledge, but seek to know more of Thy mind and will. Grant that our faith in Christ may be manifest in our holy lives, in our watchfulness against everything that would be offensive to His spirit, and in all good works.

May this day be blessed to our souls. May our sanctification be promoted. Grant that the Holy Spirit may descend with efficacy upon our hearts

and consciences. Be with us, we humbly pray Thee, in our secret devotions. Be with us in the public services of the sanctuary, if it be Thy will to spare us to join in them. Grant that we may worship Thee intelligently and lovingly. Let us see Thee, O God, as Thou art, that we may serve and praise Thee as we ought.

Holy Spirit of God, we pray Thee that Thou wouldst be pleased to pour out Thy rich blessings upon the Church. Grant that the same saving influences which abounded to so many hearts in the day of Pentecost may still abound to many who shall hear the Gospel this day.

Almighty God, may fuller measures of faith and assurance be vouchsafed to all believers. Grant that those who have known Thee long, and have experienced much of Thy grace, may be drawn to Thee the more in faithful love by every remembrance of Thy

dealings with them, and of the way by which Thou hast led them.

Bless all missionary efforts at home and abroad. Remove from men's hearts the darkness both of superstition and unbelief; and may the light which is of Thee spread over all lands, and penetrate into all souls. Bless thy ministering servants everywhere, especially Thy servant who is over us in the Lord. May he breathe Thy love this day, and live in Thy light. Bless and prosper the Sunday-schools. Manifest Thyself to the young. May they early seek Thee and find Thee. Draw near to the aged. May they have increased knowledge of Thee, and of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and of the blessed operations of the Spirit. Be gracious to the poor, the afflicted, and the dying. Be Thou their sanctuary in their trouble. May they flee to Thee, and hide themselves in Thee.

Be gracious to all our relatives and

friends, and all in whom we are interested. Grant that they and we may witness for Thee on earth, and at last be admitted into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Christ, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SUNDAY EVENING.



O GOD, blessed be Thy name, that we have been spared to the close of another Sabbath-day. May it please Thee to strengthen us, while, as a family, we approach Thy throne in the name of Jesus, to give Thee thanks for all the mercies with which Thou hast visited us.

We thank Thee for all the blessings of this life. We thank Thee especially for the revelation of Thy goodness and love to us in the person of our dear Lord and Saviour. We thank Thee that Christ Jesus had compassion upon us in our sins, that He came to earth and entered into our nature, and offered Himself up a sacrifice for

us upon the cross ; and we thank Thee for the righteousness, and the peace, and the glory which Thou dost vouchsafe us, through the merits and intercession of Christ.

Follow, we humbly beseech Thee, with a rich blessing, all the services of this day. Pardon whatever Thy pure eye has seen amiss in us. Deliver us from resting in outward forms. May we become more earnest and diligent students of Thy holy mysteries. May we give ourselves without reserve to Christ, and, trusting in His all-sufficiency, grant that we may be evermore guided in our thoughts, and words, and actions by His Spirit.

Blessed Jesus, put away from us, as a family, all strife and anger, all pride and selfishness, all weakness of purpose and fear of confessing Thee before men. Grant that the spirit which moved Thee through all Thy life on earth may reign in our hearts.

Let no impatience drive us to the world for comfort. Being at peace with God, through Thy sacrifice, may we feel that Thou art our strength and our very life.

Almighty God, bless the Church universal. Hasten the coming of the Lord. Grant that this day may be remembered as a day of increase. We believe that Thou livest. May all Thy people feel this in their hearts. Grant that every impenitent soul may find the sure foundation and build thereon. Cheer and comfort all ministers and missionaries. May they be full of Thy knowledge and of Thy likeness. Be specially gracious to our dear pastor. May he see an increase of spiritual life amongst his people. Prosper the efforts of all Sunday-school teachers throughout the land.

Be very gracious to all who have this day been denied the privileges of the sanctuary, through affliction or distress

of body or mind. May they find in Thee their light, and joy, and exceeding great reward. Bless all who are dear to us by the ties of blood and friendship. May they be united to Thee in covenant love. And now, O God, we commit ourselves to Thee during the silence and darkness of the coming night. Keep us in safety till the beginning of a new day. All which we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our times are in Thy hand, and Thou doest according to Thy will in all things. We desire, this morning, as a family, to renew our thanksgivings unto Thee for thy continued love and care over us.

We thank Thee for our powers of body and mind, and for all our temporal comforts. We thank Thee especially for our spiritual privileges. We bless Thee for all that Christ was and is. We bless Thee that He was not only the revealer of Thy will, but was Himself the revelation of Thee. We bless Thee that Christ Jesus took our nature into union with His own.

O God, Thou hast witnessed the satisfaction of Thy justice in the person, and the work, and the sufferings of Christ. Look upon us, we humbly beseech Thee, in Him ; see that our sin has been taken away ; and remember not against us any of our offences—the faults of our youth, or the transgressions of our riper years. May Thy Spirit be given to us this day, to purify, and guide, and comfort us. We know not what is before us. Strengthen us for that which Thou seest we are to encounter. Suffer us not to fall before any temptation that may meet us in our home, or in our worldly calling, in connection with any work or pleasure we may engage in. May we be deaf to the voices of the world or of the flesh. Grant that we may be drawn to Christ, and learn of Him. May we learn humility from His humiliation, and power to resist and overcome from His temptation,

and love to Thee, and to each other, and to all men, from His love. Grant that we may experience evermore the resurrection-power of Jesus in our newness of life, in which may we walk, magnifying the redemption of Christ by our redeemed life.

Continue Thy blessing upon the services of yesterday, that they may be of lasting good.

Pour out Thy life-giving energy upon the world and the Church. Hasten the Lord's coming. Bless all institutions calculated to promote the material and the moral welfare of society. Strengthen and encourage all who are engaged in spreading the Gospel of Christ. Grant that, even if called upon to sow in tears, they may reap in joy. Bless all the afflicted and the dying with faith in Christ and the full assurance of hope. Manifest Thyself to our relatives and friends. Grant that they may feel

that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

These, and all needful blessings, we pray Thee to grant us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



MONDAY EVENING.



EVER blessed God, who hast perfect enjoyment in Thyself, we thank Thee that Thou dost permit us to approach Thee this evening with our homage.

We bless and praise Thee for the exalted position that Thou hast assigned to us in the scale of being; that we are permitted to go beyond the rest of Thy creation upon earth, and to enjoy the greatness and goodness of Thy works, and thereby to know something of Thy nature. We thank Thee especially, that while we were yet sinners Thou didst send Thy Son, that through His death we, Thy sinful children, might have eternal life.

Almighty God, we are not worthy to approach Thee even with our praises and thanksgivings. We confess that we have sought Thee in the days of adversity, and forgotten Thee when all things went well with us. We confess that we have often acknowledged Thee at Thy throne, and forgotten Thee in the world ; but we rejoice that Thou art able to deliver us from the burden and the power, as well as from the guilt of our sins, and that Thou hast said, if we wait upon Thee, Thou wilt perfect that which concerns us.

May it please Thee evermore to convince us of the evil of sin. Help our unbelief. Increase our faith. Give us Thy Holy Spirit. Deliver us from our stubborn wills and rebellious hearts. Deliver us from pride, and passion, and uncharitableness. Have mercy upon us for the sins of which we have this day been guilty. Grant that, as a family, we

may more and more closely encircle the cross of Christ, and derive the increased consciousness that our sins are forgiven, and receive fresh courage and strength to live in the future only to Him.

These things we beg this evening, not for ourselves only, but for all who are partakers of our nature. Give Thy Word success in heathen lands. Hasten the coming and kingdom of Christ. Grant that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be endued with the graces of the Spirit. Bless the poor; give them support and employment. Be gracious to the distressed and the dying. Reconcile them to their crosses. May they be united to Christ in childlike trust.

Grant that our relatives and friends may have faith in Thee, and evermore enjoy thy friendship and peace. Watch over them and us this night. May we have refreshing sleep. If it be Thy

will, raise us to a new day with strength to perform its duties. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, Thy Son, and our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



TUESDAY MORNING.

WE desire, O God, this morning to come to Thee, in the name of Thy well-beloved, with adoring, thankful hearts. Thou art infinite and self-existent. Thy glory gilds the heavens, and the earth is full of Thee. Everywhere do we trace Thy power, and wisdom, and goodness. In the plenitude of Thine attributes Thou dost ever watch over and provide for the wants of Thy creatures. We have laid ourselves down and slept, and we have awaked again, because the Guardian of Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.

Blessed be Thy name that Thou hearest prayer, and that those that

come to Thee through Christ find peace and rest to their souls. We confess our sins before Thee. We have sinned against Thy Word and Spirit, and even against our consciences and the light of reason. We confess that we have sometimes preferred bodily pleasures, and the society of the world, to fellowship with Thee and with those whom Thy grace has purified. Have mercy upon us. Forgive our sins, and errors, and shortcomings. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon us.

May it please Thee, O God, to accept of our united thanks for all Thy goodness, and especially for the grace that has hitherto guided and strengthened us. May we not forget Thee this day anywhere, in any employment or amusement. Purify our springs of thought, and will, and life. Suffer us not to give way to vanity or idleness. Grant that we may have our chief enjoyment in Thee. May we serve Thee

with our whole heart. Lead us and guide us, we humbly beseech Thee, amid all difficulties and temptations. Whatever we may lose, may we never lose Thy favour. Whatever we may gain, may we not count it better than Thy love. Teach us in all things to recognise Thee, and keep Thee ever before us.

Almighty God, we plead with Thee on behalf of the nations and peoples of earth. Overturn, we humbly beseech Thee, all idolatries. Hasten the coming of the Lord, in the power of His Gospel, to subdue men and nations to Himself, and in His glory to judge the world, and receive His people into everlasting habitations. Grant that the Church whom Thou hast been pleased to describe as the Bride, the Lamb's wife, may put on her beautiful ornaments, and be pleasant to Him who has chosen her in His love. May it please Thee to vouchsafe the grace

of wisdom to all whom Thou hast invested with power in the earth. Be specially gracious to our beloved Sovereign. Be very near to all who are exposed to peril by land or sea. Make Thyself known to them as the preserver of men.


Let the afflicted, and the sick, and the dying hear Thy voice as their Comforter, and Healer, and Redeemer. Be the friend of all our friends. May all our relatives be related to Thee; and if there be any who seek our evil, may they be turned from their purpose, and forgiven.

We look for an answer, only through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

 THOU art everywhere present,
O God. We see and hear
Thee in the winds and
waters, in seed-time and harvest, in
summer and winter, in cold and heat.
Thou art ever good and kind to us.
We recognise Thy love in everything
that Thou hast created, and in every
good and holy influence that is
brought to bear upon our lives.

Grant that we may cast ourselves
this evening confidingly on Thine all-
sufficient aid in Christ. May the
Spirit of the living God breathe upon
us, that, with true hearts and united
desires, we may offer unto Thee our
thanksgivings, and make our wants

known. We thank Thee, O God, for all our temporal comforts. We thank Thee especially for the purpose and plan of salvation, and for the love from which they have proceeded. Help us by Thy power, in the view of Christ's sacrifice, to apprehend Thy mercy. Forgive, we humbly beseech Thee, all our transgressions, known and unknown to us, remembered or forgotten by us. Pardon the sins and shortcomings of this day. In Thy great pity have compassion upon us. Draw us into a closer fellowship with Thyself, and into a deeper sympathy with Thy love and righteousness. Give us the spirit of holiness, that we may evermore love Thy will and do it. Grant that we may know Thee more fully in the experience of Thy purifying grace. Enable us to be useful, in some measure, in promoting Thy cause on the earth. May our life be spent in Thy favour; and, through death,

may we pass into Thy more glorious presence, and enjoy Thee for ever.

Almighty God, we commit ourselves to Thy care and protection this night. Defend us in the same. Give us refreshing sleep. Spare us to see the light of a new day. May we awake in Thy favour, and be strengthened for its duties and trials. Bless the whole human race. Be gracious to all who labour among Thine ancient people, and all who are engaged in instructing the heathen. Hasten the Lord's coming.

O Holy Spirit, the comforter of all them whom God hath chosen to Himself in Christ, come in rich effusion, and bless and enrich His heritage.

Heavenly Father, we commend unto Thee the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying. Give them the help which is not in man. Vouchsafe to them unwearied peace and tranquillity. May it please Thee to bless all who are

endeared to us by the ties of blood and friendship. Be Thou their portion and reward. May faith reign in their hearts, and may they will according as Thou willest.

Hear us, and answer us, for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



WEDNESDAY MORNING.

FATHER of mercies, and God of all grace, blessed be Thy name for Thy watchful care over us during the past night, and for Thy continued forbearance and loving-kindness to us, in that Thou hast spared us to meet together on the morning of another day around the family altar. Grant that we may come into Thy presence now with thankful, earnest, loving hearts.

Thou art acquainted with our frailties, and with the dangers and difficulties by which we are surrounded. Our sins have brought darkness over our souls. We come to Thee for light. Reveal Thyself to

us, and within us. Take away our darkness, we humbly beseech Thee. Strengthen us with Thy strength. Save us from an unbelieving spirit. Grant that we may have grace to forsake every false refuge, and come to Christ, and hide ourselves in Him.

We thank Thee, O God, for Him who is the light of the world and the life of men. May we live in and through Him, and so know Thee more and more as our Father in heaven. Teach us submission and obedience to Thy will. Suffer us never to yield to discontent and impatience. May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, influence our hearts. Help us to glory in our tribulations, for the heavenly discipline they yield us through Thy grace. May we feel that Thou art ever with us at morn and at even-tide, in our going out and our coming in.

May it please Thee to defend us, this

day, from the snares and wiles of the devil. Give us a clearer knowledge of our responsibilities in mingling with our fellow-men. In all our relationships, may we live as those who have named the name of Christ. Keep us from evil. When we are in doubt as to the right way, do Thou direct us. May we not be tempted by the prospect of gain, or the love of ease, or the applause of our fellow-men, from that which our own consciences approve as just and good according to Thy law.

We beseech Thee to bless the nations. Grant that the kingdom of Christ may be advanced in men's souls and hearts. May Thy people everywhere be brought more and more under Thy governance. Stand by the sick and the dying in the moment of extremity and need. Help them to make a full surrender unto Thee. Bless all our kindred and

friends. Be gracious to the young and rising generation, and especially those who are known to us. May they be led to Christ, and be moved to build on Him for salvation. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake, in whose name and words we further call upon Thee, saying,—

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



WEDNESDAY EVENING.



RACIOUS GOD, we adore Thee as the first and the last, as the greatest, and the wisest, and the best of all beings. Thou art ever the same, and Thy years fail not.

How shall the finite grasp the Infinite, or the creature comprehend the Creator! We acknowledge Thy great mercy in bringing Thyself, in some measure, within our knowledge. Reveal Thyself to us, O Lord God. Especially do Thou make Thyself known to us in the person of Jesus Christ, as a reconciled God and Father, to the satisfaction of our consciences, and that we may live before Thee in purity, both now and for ever.

O God, grant that we may come to Thee this evening, and make confession of our sins. Suffer us not to hide ourselves from ourselves. May we know our weakness, that so we may seek to have our strength in Thee. May it please Thee to forgive wherein we have offended against Thee this day in our thoughts, or affections, or words, or deeds. Wash Thou us, and so we shall be clean. Grant us Thy Spirit. Give us the assurance that, as a family, we dwell in Christ, and belong to the family of the redeemed. May we realise the high place in Thy favour to which Thou hast called us, and may the character both of our outward and inward man evermore be suitable thereto. Keep us amid our joys and comforts, as well as in our sorrows and temptations. Grant that grace may overcome nature, and Thy love triumph over our self-love. Help us to dedicate ourselves

more heartily to Thy service. Grant that we may be witnesses together for Thee. May we be one in heart and one in purpose, fearing the Lord.

With ourselves, we beseech Thee this evening to bless all our kindred and friends. May they know the blessedness of serving Thee as Thy children. Grant that the afflicted and the dying may intelligently comply with Thy righteous will. Grant that the young may own Thee as their God and King. May their hearts respond to Thy law in love, and their lives in obedience.

May it please Thee to open the eyes and soften the hearts of the careless and the impenitent. Renouncing all false foundations, feeling their vanity, may they build upon Christ, the chief corner stone, elect, precious, which Thou hast laid. Bless the whole family of man, through the destruction of evil and the advancement of all good. Hasten the Lord's coming.

Take us under Thy protection throughout this night. May we rest under Thy keeping, and awake in Thy favour.

Be pleased, O God, to hear us, and answer us, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.

HEAVENLY FATHER, Almighty and everlasting God, Thy nature undergoes no change, and Thy love and mercy no diminution. Grant that our approach to Thee at this time may be in sincerity and truth, with reverence, yet without dread, for Jesus' sake.

We thank Thee, O God, for the gift of Thy dear Son. We bless Thee for all that Christ was, and did, and suffered—that in His miracles we see His power and mercy, and in His words His wisdom, and in His death of shame our sacrifice. Grant that our hearts may throb with love to Christ, and our wills be more and

more conformed to Thy will. Suffer us not, we humbly beseech Thee, amid the pressure of the affairs of this life, to forget that we are mortal. Leave us not to ourselves. May our life *from* Christ become life *to* Christ. Pardon all our sins. Deliver us from all ambitious, self-seeking, self-exalting suggestions of the mind and heart. Grant that our inward man may evermore be brought under the influence of faith, and hope, and love.

Holy Spirit, rule in our hearts by faith. Make us pure and upright in all our ways. Train us to the habit of connecting our thoughts and actions with the Judgment-day and eternity. May the law of unselfish devotion to Christ's name and cause reign supreme within us, and may we never be weary of the Christian race.

Almighty God, let not the world weaken our Christian faith this day, or lead us into conduct inconsistent

therewith. Prepare us to do and to suffer Thy will, walking humbly before Thee. May it please Thee to increase our knowledge of ourselves, and vouchsafe to us a corresponding knowledge of Christ. Grant that our gains may be blessed, and our losses sanctified of Thee.

Hasten, we pray Thee, the coming of the Lord. Bless Thy Church in all lands. Grant that her ministers and all her people may acknowledge each other as brethren. May grace in them be an active force, sustaining them in efforts for the good of men and Thy glory.

Be gracious to the afflicted and the dying. Have mercy upon them and save them. Fill their hearts with the light of Christ's love, and put a new song in their mouth. Especially may this be so with any of our own acquaintance or neighbours who may be in such case.

Now, unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,—to the only wise God, our Saviour,—be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY EVENING.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. O our God, we trust in Thee. Thou art worthy of our adoration and our praise. The day never comes without some proof of Thy watchfulness and care, and the day never goes without leaving some memorial of Thy love and sympathy. Grant that we may have grateful hearts this evening, for the temporal comforts and joys of life. Especially may we have grateful hearts for all Thy spiritual blessings in Christ.

Almighty God, we acknowledge that we have been weak and vacillating; that our love to Thee in the past has been cold; that we have been living

to ourselves. Grant that Thy mercy may interpose on our behalf, and that Thy loving compassion may abound toward us. Pardon our iniquities. Help us to abjure our own righteousness, and accept that which Thou hast prepared. May it please Thee to enable us evermore to believe in Thee, and to love Thee with our whole heart. Grant that we may believe in the perfections of Thy character, and receive the fulness of Thy glory, and enjoy a sense of oneness with Thee in Christ. Grant that our belief may rest upon Thy holy Word, through the power of the Holy Ghost. May we become more and more as little children, in our willingness to learn of Thee. Give us grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to sacrifice every corrupt inclination, and desire, and passion. Purify our hearts and lives. May we give to Him who died for us our undivided homage. Grant that the Holy Spirit may be

vouchsafed to us, and dwell in our souls, that we may have light in darkness, and unfailing comfort and joy at all times.

O God, pardon all the sins of which we have this day been guilty. Give us a sense of forgiveness. Take us, as a family, into Thy keeping this night. May we lie down to rest with holy thoughts of Thee. Raise us in safety to a new day.

Grant that men of every land may receive the blessings we have now asked for ourselves. Hasten the appearing of Christ. May Thy believing people live more habitually under the influence of Thy presence, and approve themselves examples of integrity and self-denying industry. Grant that, in the sunshine and the shade of life, they may still trust in Christ, and labour for Him. Manifest Thyself this night to the afflicted and the dying. May they be at peace with

Thee, and find shelter in the great hiding-place. Grant that they may feel that all things in their history are ordered well, and are tending toward a blessed end. Bless all our friends and kindred according to the flesh. May they be washed in the blood of atonement, and strive daily to glorify Thy name.

Hear us, O God, and answer us not according to what we desire or deserve, but according to the riches of Thy grace, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY MORNING.

BLESSED GOD, we come to Thee this morning with the voice of thanksgiving for all Thy past goodness and mercy toward us. May we realise the truth more fully that Thou art our Father, and grant that we may have the freedom of access that true children enjoy.

We bless and praise Thee that He who was the brightness of Thy glory, and the express image of Thy person, assumed our nature, and tabernacled among men, and manifested Thy love and grace in His life and death. Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that we may believe in Christ, and receive the pardon of all our sins, and have our hearts

purified and quickened. Help us to rely with child-like trust on the merits and intercession of Jesus. Grant that we may be drawn closer to Him in heart and life. May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon us, and may we have power evermore to resist and overcome our spiritual enemies. Vouchsafe to us joy and strength in our hours of trial and moments of weakness. Enrich our minds with a knowledge of Thy will, and fortify our souls for all coming trials by the needful accession of Thy grace. Grant that our lives may be a daily preparation for death ; and, when it comes, may we be in nothing terrified, trusting in Thy love, and hoping to see Thy face in glory.

May it please Thee, O God, to accept of our united thanks for Thy loving care over us during the past night and this morning. Be with us throughout the day. Save us from wilfully going

against Thy will in anything we are called to do and suffer. In every variety of life grant that Christ may be the centre of our joys and hopes.

Almighty God, these great blessings that we petition for ourselves, we beseech Thee to communicate to all men. Grant Thy continual presence to the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Bless our relatives and friends. May they live and act as in Thy presence, remembering that they must give account to Thee. May it please Thee to hasten the Lord's coming and kingdom.

Hear us, and answer, according to the fulness of Thy grace in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

LORD GOD, who holdest the earth in Thy hand, and numberest the hairs of our head, we worship Thee as God self-existent, and the source of all being. Thou needest not our praises ; yet, in infinite goodness, Thou dost invite us to praise Thee.

We adore Thee as the God of salvation. With shame and sorrow, confessing our weakness and our sin, we draw near to Thee, in the name of Jesus, at the close of another day. For His sake have mercy upon us ; and grant that the light of Thy countenance may be shed upon our souls.

O God, we confess that iniquities

prevail against us, and that temptations beset us,—that we have frequently tampered with sin, and willingly fallen into sin. We confess that we have often indulged in thoughts that tended to draw our hearts from Thee,—forgetful of our present peace and of our highest destiny. We confess that this day we have yielded to sin, that we have been intemperate in thought, and that, in the spirit of self-seeking, we have pursued our own pleasure and profit.

May it please Thee, by the righteous life of Thy dear Son, by His victory over sin and Satan, by His suffering unto death, by His glorious resurrection and ascension, to have mercy upon us. Deliver us from all our sins. Convince us of our weakness. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Guide our footsteps in the way of life. Suffer us not to live only by what this world can give. May we evermore seek a

higher life. Deliver us out of the keeping of our natural wisdom, and bring us evermore into Thy keeping, who art infinitely wise and good ; and as it has pleased Thee to bring us into saving relationship with Thyself, may we be more and more conscious of this our new state, and have in it more and more our joy.

Heavenly Father, bless, we humbly beseech Thee, the nations with Thy light. Grant that the Church may be quickened with the life of Thy truth. May the afflicted and the dying be taught, in watchfulness and prayer, to wait the appointments of Thy providence. Watch over us as a family during this night. May we wake with Thee to a new day. And all that we ask is for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

MOST holy and most merciful God, we bless Thee that Thou hast spared us to the beginning of a new day, and hast permitted us, as a family, to draw near the throne of Thy heavenly grace. We come to Thee by that new and living way which Thou hast opened up, through Jesus Christ.

Enable us, we humbly beseech Thee, to realise more fully the redemption that is in Christ. Enable us to trace it in promise, and prophecy, and sacrifice ; and grant that we may be stimulated evermore to adore the love which is in Christ for all such as believe in Him.

Merciful God, show us our weakness and our depravity, and the temptations which surround us, and the power and subtlety of the great adversary; and may it please Thee to have mercy upon us, and come to our help; for Thou alone canst help us. Grant us, we pray Thee, Thy salvation. May we have peace and joy in believing. May we have that faith which sanctifies the heart and overcomes the world; and by its means, through Thy Spirit, may our affections be controlled and our wills directed in accordance with Thy good pleasure. May the same Spirit be given us, that we may be slow to wrath, forbearing with one another, remembering our own weakness and infirmity.

May it please Thee to be with us this day. Assist us, by Thy grace, in all our duties, and amid all our temptations and trials.

Grant that the earth may be speedily

illumined with the knowledge of Christ. Bless all Christian labourers. May they be gladdened with the fruits of their toil. Comfort and succour the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Be merciful to all who are dear to us. Give them peace in believing; and grant that, when Thy Son shall appear the second time unto salvation, they and we may appear together with Him.

Hear us, and answer us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who knowest all our wants, and who alone canst give us what we need, we bless Thee that Thou hast told us that it is our duty and privilege to pray without ceasing. Grant that our hearts may be in accord with this Thine own invitation, and that we may have satisfaction and joy in compliance therewith.

O God, we come to Thee this evening in our poverty, and helplessness, and guiltiness, pleading the merits of Jesus. We confess that we have often thought, and spoken, and acted throughout this week, as if we had no connection with Thee, in thoughtless-

ness of Thee and of our eternal state. We confess that we have been unmindful of Thy power and our need of Thy wisdom, and have forgotten Thy love. For Christ's sake have mercy upon us, and strengthen and enrich us with the blessings of salvation.

May it please Thee to impress upon us evermore that we are probationers for eternity, that our days and weeks, like shadows, are passing away, and that we must render an account to Thee of all our words, and thoughts, and actions.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to purify us from indwelling sin. Create within us a clean heart; renew within us a right spirit. Help us, we humbly pray Thee, in the future, to keep Thy Holy law, and fulfil all the duties to which we are called by Thy providence. May we have an increasing desire after the purer life and happiness of heaven.

Give us whatever Thou knowest to be conducive to the growth of our souls in grace, and withhold from us whatever might be unfavourable thereunto; and grant that, in all circumstances—in prosperity and adversity, in sickness and in health—we may worthily magnify Thy holy name.

Almighty God, strengthen us, we pray Thee, to look forward joyfully, week by week, to the return of the Sabbath, with its holy privileges and associations. Bless us as a family. May we live in love and harmony; and when we have finished our course on earth, may we all be found in Thy glorious presence, an unbroken family, not one being wanting. Watch over us this night. May we wake on the morrow in peace and safety.

We pray for all men. Bless the Church universal. Let not denominational distinctions divide Thy people in heart and soul from one another.

Stand by all whom Thou hast appointed to any office in the Church, especially him who stately ministers to us in holy things. Encourage his heart and strengthen his hands in Thy work. Be very merciful to the sick, the dying, and the bereaved. May light break in upon them. Grant that all who are dear to us may be united to Christ, and receive the baptism of the Spirit. Especially bless the young. Give them Thy grace. May they be kept as precious jewels for the crown of Christ in the day of His glorious manifestation.

And all that we ask is in the name of Jesus, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

BEFORE THE COMMUNION.

GIVER blessed God, we come to Thee now, beseeching Thee, in an especial manner, that Thou wouldst be pleased to prepare our hearts to approach the Holy Sacrament of the Supper. We will wash our hands in innocency: so will we compass Thine altar, O Lord.

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

Almighty God, most holy and most gracious, search us, we humbly beseech

Thee, and try us, and assist us by Thy Holy Spirit to search and try ourselves. Vouchsafe to us true repentance for all our sins. Deliver us from self-complacency and deception, from false confidence and diffidence. Deliver us from trusting in ourselves or in our own righteousness. Free us from every refuge of lies. Increase our spiritual hunger and thirst. Clothe us with the spotless robe of Christ. Fulfil in us the graces of the Spirit.

May it please Thee to give us a sense of acceptance and oneness with Thee. May we have the consciousness of the Holy Spirit within us. Grant that we may have a lively remembrance of our blessed Lord at His Table. May the bread and wine speak to us of His passion, and death, and of the freeness and fulness of His salvation ; and may we receive Him as the bread of life, for the nourishment and growth of our souls. Grant

that our love to Christ and our charity to all men may be quickened, and our resolutions to glorify Thee strengthened and invigorated.

O God, may it please Thee to vouchsafe Thy love and mercy to all who may join with us in the approaching solemnity. Bless Thy Church everywhere throughout the world. Hasten the Lord's coming.

Hear us, and answer us, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.



AFTER THE COMMUNION.



O GOD, we give Thee praise and thanks for all Thy great goodness toward us, and especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, our Saviour. We adore Thee for the purpose and plan of salvation, and for the love from which they have proceeded. We thank Thee for the renewed opportunity which Thou didst vouchsafe to us this day, of commemorating the Redeemer's death.

Forgive, we humbly beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, the weaknesses and infirmities that mingled in our holy services. Deepen and strengthen whatever good impressions may have been made upon our minds and hearts.

Grant that we may never forget the love and the joy which we have experienced this day, and the vows and promises of new obedience which we have breathed.

Blessed Jesus, grant that we may evermore dwell in Thy love, and be filled with Thy light, and abide in union with Thee and with all Thy people. Deliver us, in the future, from giving way to pride, and unbelief, and rebellion. Increase our faith. 'Stablish us in the truth. Give us more simplicity and love. Direct our goings in Thy ways. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon us, and make us unchangeable in our love to Thee, as Thou art in Thy love to us. Grant that the influence of Thy death may be manifest in our heart and life—that as Thou hast died for our sins, we also may die daily unto sin, and that we may be constant both to will and to do that which is agreeable to our

Father who is in heaven. May we evermore place our hearts on the altar of self-denial, and dedicate our whole life to the promotion of Thy name and cause upon the earth.

And what we now petition for ourselves, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to communicate to all who joined us this day in the solemn ordinance of the Supper, and to all our fellow-communicants everywhere.

Bless the Church universal. May she evermore become a faithful witness to the world, and prepare for Thy glorious appearing.

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



CHRISTMAS DAY.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we bless Thee for all Thy goodness to our race, and especially for Thy love, as manifested in the gift of Thy dear Son, our Saviour. We rejoice to believe that Jesus Christ clothed Himself with our nature, that He might take away our sins, and bring us into communion with Thee.

Help us, we humbly beseech Thee, so to meditate on the great mystery of our Lord's incarnation, that we may be moved to penitence and thanksgiving. Vouchsafe to us a deeper and fuller devotion to Jesus. Grant that with humility and sincerity we may

now join our voices with the angels' song, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. As the wise men worshipped the Holy Child Jesus, and presented to Him gifts, so now would we render to Him our homage, acknowledging Him as our King with praise and thanksgiving, by the submission of our hearts and lives. May our sins be forgiven us. May we be at peace with Thee, and deeply feel that we are so, on this day, which brings to our remembrance the proclamation of peace from heaven. May Thy beloved Son be evermore our life.

Almighty God, enlighten our darkness. May the festival of Christ's incarnation be a remembrancer to our faith and hope of the great things Thou hast done for us, and hast promised us in and through Him. Grant that in the future we may walk in the light of Thy revealed truth.

Like Jesus, may we be humble and self-denying, having our will in harmony with Thy will. Take from us every sinful passion and desire and inclination, and give us grace to advance in the Divine life.

Bless all ranks and conditions of men in Thy providence and with Thy grace. Enlarge in the hearts of Thy people the spirit of brotherly kindness, under the remembrance of the common salvation.

Be very gracious to the poor. Supply their temporal wants. May they rejoice in Him who, by becoming poor Himself, has taken from poverty its reproach. Teach us to act toward them in imitation of Him who gave up all for us.

Bless all our kindred and friends. Keep them by Thine own power, and through Thine own name; and grant that they and we, who are reminded by this day of the advent of Christ in our

nature, may so live in dependence upon Him, and the work which He came into this world to finish, that we shall meet together with joy in the day of His second appearing.

Hasten the coming of the Lord. May the glory of the Redeemer be speedily manifested to all men. Give peace among the nations. Bring to an end all unholy ambitions and rivalries, out of which come strife and war. May we know more and more of the goodwill Thou hast proclaimed by Thy ministering angels, and may we be at peace with Thee, and in our own hearts, and with one another. And unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be ascribed all the praise and the glory, now and evermore. Amen.



LAST NIGHT OF THE YEAR.

HEAVENLY FATHER,
we rejoice to know that,
amid all changes, Thou art
unchangeable.

At the close of another year, we desire to come to Thee as a family, and to cast ourselves on Thy fatherhood. May it please Thee to accept of us, for Christ's sake. Blessed be Thy name that Thou hast spared us, whilst many throughout the year have been cut down around us. We thank Thee for all the temporal comforts we have received. We thank Thee for all the means of grace, and for all the blessed hopes and joys we have experienced in Christ. We thank Thee

for Thy loving hand, that guided us when we went astray ; and we thank Thee for any good which, by Thy grace, we have obtained from our trials or disappointments or bereavements.

We confess, O God, that we have been unworthy of Thy goodness and love, that we have often turned a deaf ear to Thy voice, that we have abused gifts and despised opportunities, that we have not sought first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, but have occupied ourselves with the cares and the trifles of time and sense. Have mercy upon us, O Lord God. Deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from self-sufficiency and pride of wisdom. Help us this night to look into our hearts, and to see our sins, and to cast them out. Give us the aid of the Holy Spirit. Grant that, in humble penitence, we may believe in Christ, and trust in Him, and receive pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

May it please Thee to bring our thoughts into captivity unto the obedience of Christ. Make us more watchful and prayerful in the future. Bind our hearts evermore to Thee, O Lord. May we recognise the value of our years by the rapidity with which they are passing away, and what they are doing for us, and what they are laying up in store for us. Suffer us never to separate time from eternity, and our thoughts, and words, and actions from what they bring to us or to others.

May we retire this night to rest at peace with Thee and with all mankind; and if it be Thy good will to spare us, may we rise on the morrow, invigorated in body and mind, to dedicate ourselves afresh unto the Lord.

Hear and answer these our prayers, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Saviour. Amen.

FIRST MORNING OF A NEW YEAR.

ALMIGHTY GOD,—ever-living fountain of all being, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift,—grant that we may have grateful hearts unto Thee, for all Thy goodness and love toward us as a family, and for sparing us to the beginning of a new year. May the influences of the Holy Spirit descend upon us this morning.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, all our sins. Forgive us wherein we have offended against Thee, in thought, or word, or deed, throughout the year that is now past. Enable us to commit ourselves to Thee and to Thy heavenly benediction. Deliver us from an evil

heart of unbelief. Bend our stubborn wills. Grant that we may lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus.

May it please Thee to help our infirmities. Give us more and more the strength of the new life which is in Christ. May we rise to the height of our duties and our privileges, and be ever ready in time to come to be fellow-workers with Thee. May the precepts of Thy holy Word evermore mould our character, and its doctrines refresh and rejoice our hearts. Increase our faith. Seal us as Thine own. Make us a willing people before Thee, through faith, and keep us free from everything false in doctrine and unholy in life.

O Lord God, may it please Thee to give us now a sense of Thy presence. Grant that we may pass through life

gladdened by the assurance of Thy nearness.

What this year may bring to us, as a family,—what forms of joy and sorrow,—Thou only knowest ; but we desire to put our trust in Thee, and to feel that every experience shall be a blessing to us. In Thy love, and keeping, and guidance we seek to live. Help us to go forward in Thy service, growing in grace ; and when our end comes, may we fall asleep in Jesus.

And now, unto Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, be all the praise and glory, for ever. Amen.



FOR A PERSON APPARENTLY DYING.

FATHER OF MERCIES, from whom no sighs or groanings are hid, be merciful to Thy servant before Thee. Restore [her] him to health, if it be Thy will. If Thou hast ordained otherwise, prepare [her] him for the great change.

Visit [her] him, we humbly beseech Thee, with Thy salvation. Give [her] him true repentance. For the sake of Christ Jesus, who died for us, may all the sins of [her] his past life be forgiven. May [she] he be filled with the light of Christ's love. May [she] he possess the wealth and the blessedness of peace with Thee. May [she] he have the witness of the Spirit that

[she] he is a child of God. Enable [her] him heartily to say, For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Adorable Redeemer, mercifully assist Thy servant in this the time of [her] his extremity. Give [her] him relief. Deliver [her] him from [her] his sufferings. Let [her] him hide [herself] himself in Thee.

Holy Spirit of God, perfect Thy servant for glory. If [she] he is to die at this time, may [her] his death be precious in the Lord's sight. Grant that [she] he may peacefully fall asleep in Jesus. Hear us, and answer us, for Christ's sake. Amen.



FOR A TIME OF BEREAVEMENT.

ALMIGHTY GOD,—unchangeable, everlasting,—grant that we may recognise Thy presence at this time, and speak to Thee as children to a Father. May it please Thee to hear us and vouchsafe to us help and succour, for Christ's sake.

In Thine inscrutable providence, Thou hast sent the messenger of death to our home, and removed one of our number. We thank Thee for all Thy goodness toward our dear [child] father departed throughout [her] his pilgrimage on earth. We thank Thee especially for that measure of grace, and peace, and joy, which Thou wast pleased to grant [her] him. And we

seek now to entertain the pleasing and the blessed hope, that Thou hast taken [her] him to Thyself.

Under the shadow of this sore bereavement we cry to Thee for help—we look to Thee for a renewal of grace and strength. We confess that we naturally cling to those on earth whom we love; but do Thou move us to keep close by faith to Thee; and grant that faith in our experience may overcome nature. Enable us to bow with holy resignation under Thy chastening hand, not only because Thou art infinitely great, but also because Thou art full of compassion, and causest all things to work together for our good.

May it please Thee to sanctify this dispensation of Thy providence to us all. Pardon, we humbly beseech Thee, our suspicions of Thy goodness and love. Forbid that we should refuse to be comforted, or sorrow as others who have no hope. May we be

at peace with Thee in the depths of our hearts. May our souls be cheered with the precepts and promises of the Gospel.

Increase in us the conviction that Thou art our Father in Christ. May we remember that as by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. From our hearts do we thank Thee, that if it is written, The wages of sin is death, it is also written, But the gift of God is eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we may know the power of Christ's resurrection, and be made conformable unto His death. Grant that this void in our affections may be filled up by Christ; and may we evermore be conformed to His blessed will and image. May light arise in our darkness, and may our sorrows become joys, and our joys the foretaste and reflection of the joys of heaven. Grant that we may be

weaned from the vanities of the earthly, and become more and more alive to the realities of the heavenly.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst be pleased to sanctify this dispensation of Thy providence to the souls of all our relatives, and friends, and neighbours.

Holy Spirit of God, may it please Thee to impress upon them and us, with fresh vividness and power, that we are probationers for eternity ; that we dwell in houses of clay ; that in the midst of life we are in death ; and grant that we may be quickened anew, and strive more earnestly and faithfully in the future to be followers of those who, through faith and patience, are now inheriting the promises.

And all that we ask is for Christ's sake. Amen.

PASSAGES OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*For the Comfort of the Sick, the Dying,
and the Bereaved.*

For the Sick.

THIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as

white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the

peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

The Lord healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He will not always chide, neither will He keep His anger for ever.

Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him.

For the Dying.

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Me, shall never die.

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things ?

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and pre-

pare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

I know that my Redeemer liveth.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

For we know, that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called Thee by thy name; thou

art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee ; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

Now we see through a glass, darkly ; but then face to face : now I know in part ; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Into Thine hand I commit my spirit :
Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God
of truth.

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

For the Bereaved.

The Lord looketh from heaven : He beholdeth all the sons of men.

Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive evil ?

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Why seek ye the living among the dead ? He is not here, but is risen.

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities ; but

was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

I would not have ye ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth because Thou didst it.

We glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope: and hope maketh not ashamed.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world.



A TABLE

FOR

READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
 Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts; quicken me in Thy righteousness.
 Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth.

FIRST WEEK.		SECOND WEEK.		THIRD WEEK.	
Morning.		Morning.		Morning.	
Su.	Ps. i., ii.	Ps. v., vi.	Ps. vii., viii.	Ps. ix.	Ps. x., xi.
M.	Gen. i.	Gen. viii.	Matt. vi.	Gen. xviii.	Matt. xii. 1-21.
Tu.	" ii.	" ix. 1-17.	" vii.	" xix.	" " 22-50.
W.	" iii.	" xi. 1-9; xii.	" viii.	" xx.	" " xiii. 1-30.
Th.	" iv.	" xiii.	" ix.	" xxi.	" " 31-58.
F.	" v. 1-26.	" xv.	" x.	" xxii. 1-19;	" " xiv.
S.	" vii.	" xvii.	" xi.	" xxiv. 1-28.	" " xv.
FOURTH WEEK.		FIFTH WEEK.		SIXTH WEEK.	
Morning.		Morning.		Morning.	
Su.	Ps. xii., xiii.	Ps. xvi., xvii.	Ps. xviii. 1-24.	Ps. xviii. 25-50.	Ps. xix.
M.	Gen. xxiv. 29-67.	Gen. xxxi. 25-55.	Matt. xxi. 23-46.	Gen. xl.	Matt. xxv. 1-30.
Tu.	" xxvii. 1-29.	" xxxii.	" " 1-22.	" xli.	" " 31-46.
W.	" " 30-46.	" xxxiii.	" " 23-46.	" xlii.	" " xxvi. 1-35.
Th.	" xxviii.	" xxxiv.	" " xxxiii.	" xliii.	" " 36-75.
F.	" xxix.	" xxxv.	" " xxxiv. 1-28.	" xliv.	" " xxvii. 1-32.
S.	" xxxi. 1-24.	" xxxvii.	" " 29-51.	" " xlv.	" " 33-66.
"	" xxxi. 1-22.	" xxxix.	" " "	" " "	" " "
SEVENTH WEEK.		EIGHTH WEEK.		NINTH WEEK.	
Morning.		Morning.		Morning.	
Su.	Ps. xx., xxi.	Ps. xxiii., xxiv.	Ps. xxv.	Ps. xxvi., xxvii.	Ps. xxviii., xxix.
M.	Gen. xlvi.	Ex. iv.	Acts vi.	Ex. xii. 1-28.	Acts. x. 19-48.
Tu.	" xlvi.	" v.	Acts vii. 1-29.	" " 29-51.	" " xi.
W.	" xlix.	" vii.	" " 30-60.	" xiii.	" " xii.
Th.	" l.	" viii.	" " viii.	" xiv.	" " xiii. 1-25.
F.	Ex. i. 1-14; ii.	" ix.	" " ix.	" xv.	" " 26-52.
S.	" iii.	" x., xi.	" " x. 1-18.	" xvi.	" " xiv.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.
 I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my delight.
 Be merciful unto me according to Thy word.

TENTH WEEK.		ELEVENTH WEEK.		TWELFTH WEEK.	
Morning.		Morning.		Morning.	
Su.	Ps. xxx.	Ps. xxxii.	Ps. xxxiii.	Ps. xxxiv.	Ps. xxxv.
M.	Ex. xvii.	Ex. xxxiv.	Acts xx.	Num. xvi., xvii.	Acts xxvi.
Tu.	" xix.	Levit. x.	" xxi.	" xx.	" xxvii.
W.	" xx.	" xvi.	" xxii.	" xxi.	" xxviii.
Th.	" xxiv. [xxxii.]	" xxv.	" xxiii.	" xxii.	Rom. i.
F.	" xxxi. 12-18,	Num. xii., xiii.	" xxiv.	" xxiii.	" ii.
S.	" xxxiii.	" xiv.	" xxv.	" xxxv.	" iii.
THIRTEENTH WEEK.		FOURTEENTH WEEK.		FIFTEENTH WEEK.	
Su.	Ps. xxxvi., xxxvii.	Ps. xxxviii.	Ps. xxxix.	Ps. xli.	Ps. xli.
M.	Deut. v. [1-15.]	Deut. xxxi.	Rom. x.	Joshua vii.	Rom. xvi.
Tu.	" ix.	" xxxii.	" xi.	" viii.	" xvii.
W.	" x.	" xxxiii. xxxiv.	" xii.	" xxiii.	1 Cor. i.
Th.	" xi.	Joshua i., iii.	" xiii.	" xxiv.	" ii.
F.	" xxix.	" iv., v.	" xiv.	Judges ii.	" iii.
S.	" xxx.	" vi.	" xv.	" "	" iv.
SIXTEENTH WEEK.		SEVENTEENTH WEEK.		EIGHTEENTH WEEK.	
Su.	Ps. xlii., xliii.	Ps. xlv.	Ps. xlvi., xlvii.	Ps. l.	Ps. l.
M.	Judges v.	Ruth i., ii.	1 Cor. xi.	1 Sam. xv.	1 Cor. xvi.
Tu.	" vi.	1 Sam. i.	" xii.	" xvi.	2 Cor. i.
W.	" vii.	" ii.	" xiii.	" xvii.	" ii.
Th.	" viii.	" iii., iv.	" xiv.	" xviii.	" iii.
F.	" ix.	" ix.	" xv. 1-34.	" xix.	" iv.
S.	" x.	" x.	" " 35-38.	" xx.	" v.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear.
 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: and teach me Thy statutes.
 Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments.

	NINETEENTH WEEK.		TWENTIETH WEEK.		TWENTY-FIRST WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. li.	Ps. lii, liii, liv.	Ps. lv.	Ps. lvi, lvii.	Ps. lviii, lix.	Ps. lxx, lxxi.
M.	1 Sam. xxviii.	2 Cor. vi.	2 Sam. xxii.	2 Cor. xii.	1 Kings xvii.	Mark iv. 1-20.
Tu.	2 Sam. i.	" vii.	" xxiii. 1-23.	" xiii.	" xviii.	" " 21-40.
W.	" ii.	" viii.	" xxiv.	Mark i. 1-22.	" xix.	" v. 1-20.
Th.	" xii.	" ix.	1 Kings vi.	" " 23-45.	" xx.	" " 21-43.
F.	" xv.	" x.	" viii.	" ii.	" xxi. 1-20.	" vi. 1-29.
S.	" xviii.	" xi.	" x.	" iii.	" xxii.	" " 30-56.
	TWENTY-SECOND WEEK.		TWENTY-THIRD WEEK.		TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. lxxii, lxxiii.	Ps. lxxiv, lxxv.	Ps. lxxvi, lxxvii.	Ps. lxxviii.	Ps. lxxix.	Ps. lxxx, lxxxi.
M.	2 Kings i., ii.	Mark vii.	2 Kings viii.	Mark xi.	2 Kings xviii.	Mark xiv. 43-72.
Tu.	" iii.	" viii.	" ix. 11-37.	" xii. 1-17.	" xix.	" xv. 1-23.
W.	" iv.	" ix. 1-29.	" x.	" " 18-44.	" xx.	" " 24-47.
Th.	" v.	" " 30-50.	" xi.	" xiii.	" xxi. [1-19.	" xvi.
F.	" vi.	" x. 1-27.	" xii.	" xiv. 1-25.	1 Chron. x., xi.	Gal. i.
S.	" vii.	" " 28-52.	" xiii.	" " 26-42.	" xxix.	" ii.
	TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK.		TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK.		TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. lxxii.	Ps. lxxiii.	Ps. lxxiv.	Ps. lxxv, lxxvi.	Ps. lxxvii.	Ps. lxxviii. 1-24.
M.	2 Chron. vi.	Gal. iii.	Nehemiah i. ii.	Eph. iii.	Job ix.	Phil. iii.
Tu.	" vii.	" iv.	" iv.	" iv.	" xii.	" iv.
W.	" ix.	" v.	Esther v., vi.	" v.	" xiv., xviii.	Col. i.
Th.	" x.	" vi.	" vii. viii.	" vi.	" xxi.	" ii.
F.	Ezra i., iii.	Eph. i.	Job i., ii.	Phil. i.	" xxix.	" iii.
S.	" v., vi.	" ii.	" v.	" ii.	" xxxviii.	" iv.

I will meditate in Thy precepts.

Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.
 Quicken me, O Lord, according unto Thy word.

	TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK.		TWENTY-NINTH WEEK.		THIRTIETH WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. lxxviii. 25-72.	Ps. lxxix. lxxx.	Ps. lxxxiii. lxxxiv.	Ps. lxxxvii. —viii.	Ps. lxxxv. lxxxvi.	Ps. lxxxvii. —viii.
M.	Job xl.	Luke i. 1-25.	Luke iv.	Luke viii. 1-18.	Prov. xxvi.	Luke viii. 1-18.
Tu.	Prov. i. ii.	" 26-56.	v.	" 19-36.	" xxvii.	" " 19-36.
W.	" iii.	" 57-80.	vi. 1-26.	" 37-56.	" xxxi.	" " 37-56.
Th.	" iv.	" ii. 1-24.	" 27-49.	" ix. 1-27.	Eccles. i. ii.	" ix. 1-27.
F.	" viii.	" 25-52.	vii. 1-23.	" 28-62.	" iii. iv.	" " 28-62.
S.	" xi.	" iii.	" 24-50.	" x. 1-24.	" v. vi.	" " x. 1-24.
	THIRTY-FIRST WEEK.		THIRTY-SECOND WEEK.		THIRTY-THIRD WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. lxxxix. 1-15.	Ps. lxxxix. 16-32.	Ps. xci.	Ps. xcii. xciii.	Ps. xcii. xciii.	Ps. xciv.
M.	Eccles. vii. viii.	Luke x. 25-42.	Luke xiv.	Isaiah l. li.	Isaiah l. li.	Luke xix. 28-48.
Tu.	" xi. xii.	" xi. 1-28.	" xv.	" li. liii.	" li. liii.	" " 1-18.
W.	Isaiah i.	" 29-54.	" xvi.	" liv. lv.	" liv. lv.	" " 19-47.
Th.	" ii.	" xii. 1-40.	" xvii.	" lix.	" lix.	" " 19-47.
F.	" iii. ix.	" 41-59.	" xviii.	" lx. lxi.	" lx. lxi.	" " 1-38.
S.	" v. vi.	" xiii.	" xix. 1-27.	" lxii. lxiii.	" lxii. lxiii.	" " 39-71.
	THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK.		THIRTY-FIFTH WEEK.		THIRTY-SIXTH WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. xcvi. xcvi.	Ps. xcvii. xcviii.	Ps. cii.	Ps. cii.	Ps. ciii.	Ps. civ.
M.	Isa. lxiv. lxxv.	Luke xxiii. 1-26.	Isa. cix. c. ci.	1 Thess. v.	Jer. xix.	1 Tim. iii.
Tu.	lxxvi.	" 27-56.	" xii.	2 Thess. i.	" xxiii.	" iv.
W.	Jer. i.	" xxiv. 1-35.	" xiv.	" ii.	" xxiv.	" v.
Th.	" ii.	" 36-53.	" xv. xvi.	" iii.	" xxv.	" vi.
F.	" vii.	1 Thess. i. ii.	" xvii.	1 Tim. i.	" xxvi.	" 2 Tim. i.
S.	" ix.	" iii. iv.	" xviii.	" ii.	" xxix.	" ii.

The word of the Lord endureth for ever.
 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
 Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

	THIRTY-SEVENTH WEEK.		THIRTY-EIGHTH WEEK.		THIRTY-NINTH WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. cv.	Ps. cvi.	Ps. cvii.	Ps. cviii., cix.	Ps. cx., cxi.	Ps. cxii., cxiii.
M.	Jer. xxx.	2 Tim. iii.	Jer. xlii.	Heb. i.	Jer. lii.	Heb. vii.
Tu.	" xxxi.	" iv.	" xliii.	" ii.	Lamen. i.	" viii.
W.	" xxxii.	Titus i.	" xliv.	" iii.	" ii.	" ix.
Th.	" xxxiii.	" ii.	" xlix.	" iv.	" iii.	" x.
F.	" xxxv.	" iii.	" l.	" v.	" iv.	" xi.
S.	" xxxix.	Philemon.	" li.	" vi.	" v.	" xii.
	FORTIETH WEEK.		FORTY-FIRST WEEK.		FORTY-SECOND WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. cxiv., cxv.	Ps. cxvi., cxvii.	Ps. cxviii.	Ps. cxix. 1-32.	Ps. cxix. 33-64.	Ps. cxix. 65-96.
M.	Ezek. i.	Heb. xlii.	Ezek. viii.	1 Pet. i.	Ezek. xviii	2 Pet. ii.
Tu.	" ii.	James i.	" ix.	" ii.	" xix.	" iii.
W.	" iii.	" ii.	" x.	" iii.	" xx.	1 John i., ii.
Th.	" iv.	" iii.	" xi.	" iv.	" xxi.	" iii.
F.	" v.	" iv.	" xii.	" v.	" xxii.	" iv.
S.	" vi.	" v.	" xvii.	2 Pet. i.	" xxxiii.	" v.
	FORTY-THIRD WEEK.		FORTY-FOURTH WEEK.		FORTY-FIFTH WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. cxix. 97-128.	Ps. cxix. 129-152.	Ps. cxix. 153-176.	Ps. cxx., cxxi.	Ps. cxxii.—iii., iv.	Ps. cxxv. vi. vii. viii.
M.	Ezek. xxxiv.	2 John.	Ezek. xliii.	John iii.	Dan. v.	John vi. 41-71.
Tu.	" xxxv.	3 John.	" xlvii.	" iv. 1-30.	" vi.	" vii. 1-27.
W.	" xxxvi.	Jude.	Dan. i.	" 31-54.	" vii.	" 28-53.
Th.	" xxxvii.	John i. 1-28.	" ii.	" v. 1-18.	" viii.	" viii. 1-30.
F.	" xxxviii.	" 29-51.	" iii.	" 19-47.	" ix.	" 81-59.
S.	" xxxix.	" ii.	" iv.	" vi. 1-40.	" x.	" ix.

Thou art near, O God; and all Thy commandments are truth.
 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever.
 Uphold me according unto Thy word, that I may live.

	FORTY-SIXTH WEEK.		FORTY-SEVENTH WEEK.		FORTY-EIGHTH WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. cxxviii., ix.,	Ps. cxxxi. ii. iii. iv.	Ps. cxxxv.	Ps. cxxxvi.	Ps. cxxxvii.-viii.	Ps. cxxxix.
M.	Dan. xi. [cxxx.	John x. 1-21.	Hosea xi.	John xiii. 1-17.	Amos ii.	John xvii. 19-40.
Tu.	" xii.	" " 22-42.	" xiv.	" " 18-38.	" iii.	" " xviii. 1-24.
W.	Hosea v.	" xi. 1-29.	Joel i.	" xiv.	" iv.	" " 25-40.
Th.	" vi.	" " 30-57.	" ii.	" xv.	" v.	" " xix. 1-22.
F.	" vii.	" xii. 1-22.	" iii.	" xvi.	" viii.	" " 23-42.
S.	" viii.	" " 23-50.	Amos i.	" xvii. 1-18.	" ix.	" " xx. 1-18.
	FORTY-NINTH WEEK.		FIFTIETH WEEK.		FIFTY-FIRST WEEK.	
	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.	Morning.	Evening.
Su.	Ps. cxli., cxli.	Ps. cxlii., cxliii.	Ps. cxliv.	Ps. cxlv.	Ps. cxlvi.	Ps. cxlvii.
M.	Obadiah.	John xx. 19-30.	Micah v.; vi.	Rev. v.	Zeph. i.; ii.	Rev. xi.
Tu.	Jonah i.; ii.	" xxi.	" vii.	" vi.	" iii.	" xii.
W.	" iii., iv.	Rev. i.	Nahum i.; ii.	" vii.	Haggai.	" xiii.
Th.	Micah i.	" ii.	" iii.	" viii.	Zech. i.; ii.	" xiv.
F.	" ii.	" iii.	Habak. i.; ii.	" ix.	" iii., iv.	" xv.
S.	" iv.	" iv.	" iii.	" x.	" v., vi.	" xvi.
	FIFTY-SECOND WEEK.					
	Morning.	Evening.				
Su.	Ps. cxlviii.	Ps. cxlix., cl.				
M.	Zech. vii., viii.	Rev. xvii.				
Tu.	" ix., x.	" xviii.				
W.	" xi., xii.	" xix.				
Th.	" xiii., xiv.	" xx.				
F.	Malachi, i.; ii.	" xxi.				
S.	" iii., iv.	" xxii.				



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