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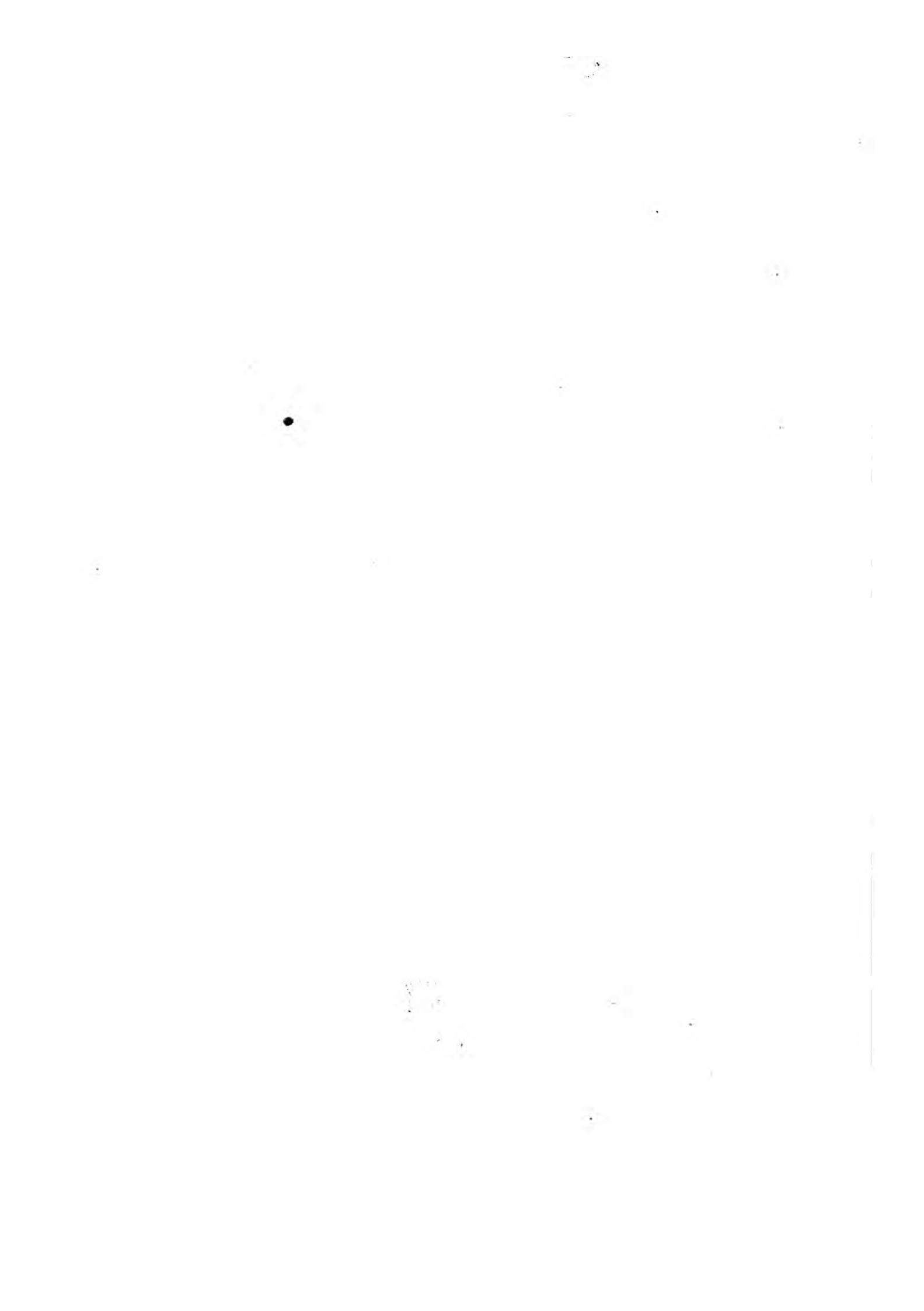
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PREFATORY NOTE

THESE prayers, designed to cover a period of two months, have been prepared for boys and girls from twelve to eighteen years of age. They may prove useful also to those who are older. Devout and reverential habits cannot be cultivated too early or too earnestly, and it is hoped that this book may, by the divine blessing, prove helpful to young people, and enable them to strengthen their hearts in faith, and their lives in goodness.

Prayers for special occasions will be found at the end of the volume. It is recommended that the Lord's Prayer be used at the close of morning and evening prayer.

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DAILY PRAYERS

After Morning and Evening Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Prayer in Church before Service

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, grant me the presence of Thy Holy Spirit while I seek to worship Thee within Thy house. May I be reverent, devout, and teachable. Enable me to offer up prayer and praise to Thee with my whole heart. Keep my thoughts from wandering. Make them pure and humble and believing. Bless me and teach me, and help me to love Thee all my days. I ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Thou art ever loving and kind, and Thou hast brought me to Thy house that I may worship Thee and hear Thy truth. Cleanse my mind from all foolish and vain feelings. Help me to set my affection on things that are above. Strengthen me each day more and more with Thy Holy Spirit, that I may grow in grace and advance in goodness, may live in Thy favour and die with Thy blessing : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prayer in Church after Service

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, I give Thee thanks for the blessings of Thy house and of Thy day. I praise Thee for the mercy and the grace which Thou hast shown to me, for the thoughts that have passed through my mind, and the words that I have heard. Possess my heart continually with Thy presence, and fill it with Thy love. Strengthen me when I am tempted ; comfort me when I sorrow ; raise me up when I fall : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

GRACIOUS and loving Lord, grant that Thy truth may sink into my heart, and bring forth fruit in my life to Thee. I pray Thee to increase at all times my hatred of sin, and my love of Thee. Teach me to walk always as in Thy presence. Purify my soul with reverence for Thy holy law, and may it be the steadfast purpose of my life to serve Thee with all diligence, using faithfully in Thy service whatever talents Thou hast committed to me : through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. MARK III. 1-5

HEAVENLY Father, who in Thy mercy hast given us the rest of the Lord's Day, I thank Thee for its gracious opportunities, and I ask Thy presence to be with me to give me thoughts of peace. I seek on this quiet day to have fellowship with Thee. May I spend its hours wisely. In all my thinking, and reading, and conversation, may I try to please Thee. May I hear Thy voice speaking to my heart. May I feel Thy love moving me to a better life. I thank Thee, Lord, for the ministry of Thy word ; for the fellowship of praise ; for the quiet life of home, and the busy and happy life of school ; for the presence of friends, and the prayers and love of those who are absent from me. Thou hast surrounded me with many blessings that should make me better. Enable me to use them well. When on the morrow I return to my daily work, may I try to be true to the holy purposes and aims to which I devote myself in the worship of Thee to-day. And grant, O loving Father, that not only on the day of rest, but in all my work and struggle, I may have that peace of Thine which passeth understanding. I ask it for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XCII. 1-8

GRACIOUS Lord and Heavenly Father, Thou hast taught me this day within Thy holy house, and Thou hast made a temple of my heart. I bless Thee that Thou hast spoken to my conscience, and brought my life a little nearer to Thee. I have heard once again of Thy love, and how Jesus Christ died, the just one for the unjust. May Thy truth never be forgotten by me. They that seek Thee early shall find Thee. O God, help me ever to be finding Thee, and keeping close to Thee. May I not be drawn aside from Thee by the desire of anything, whether mean or precious. May I remember that the world passeth away, but Thou abidest for ever. May my life be hid with Christ in Thee. I have joined in the prayers and praises of all Thy true worshippers. Grant that I may live a faithful and pure life. Help me to do Thy will with cheerfulness and diligence, and grant that my mind and heart may be always fixed where true joys are to be found. Direct me by the light of Thy truth, and never let me be separated from Thy love. Bless all who heard Thy truth to-day with the joy of Thy salvation. Guard me this night while I sleep, and remember in love all my friends : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JOHN IV. 19-24

O GOD, Thou art my God, early will I seek Thee. I begin the day asking that Thy presence may be always with me. I thank Thee for giving me rest in sleep during the hours of night. Thou art the kindest of friends, and Thy promises are exceeding great and precious. Help me to believe them with all my heart. Thou art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that I can ask or think. May I never doubt either Thy word or Thy power. Grant me Thy help, I beseech Thee, that I may not through sin, unfaithfulness, or foolishness of heart, fail to receive the needful measure of Thy goodness, or miss any of those gifts and graces which Thou hast made ready for me, or in any wise fall short of Thy loving purpose concerning me. Bless me in my lessons to-day. May I be diligent, patient, earnest. May I seek to honour Thee in all that I learn. Make me obedient to my teachers, loyal to the welfare of the school, friendly and kind to my companions, pure in heart, sincere in conscience, as faithful in the little things I have to do, as in the great things. Give me wisdom, I beseech Thee, to discern my besetting sins, and strength to overcome them. May every day witness in me growth in Thy goodness and love : through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. JOHN I. 1-13

O LORD, merciful and gracious, I bow before Thee this night in humble acknowledgment of all the mercy and lovingkindness Thou hast shown to me to-day. Thou hast spared me and given me health and food and every needed earthly comfort. I would not forget my spiritual benefits. I praise Thee for Thy holy word. May it ever be my light. I bless Thee for Thy Church: may I worship Thee in Thy house. I thank Thee for Jesus Christ: may His hand save me and His grace sustain me. I bless Thee for the power to pray, for the gift of Thy Spirit who convinces me of sin, and leads me to Thee. I thank Thee for my home and my school, for my parents and teachers, for relations and friends. Thou hast made my life very happy by filling it with many blessings. May my thankfulness to Thee measure my service of Thee. Thou hast given me all things. May I give Thee myself. May I fear nothing in this world but Thy displeasure. Lord, enable me to keep the purity and faith of my youth unstained. If I have learned wickedness, help me to unlearn it, and forget it. Make me wise and loving-hearted, self-denying and earnest. Keep me from foolish and frivolous habits. Give me a sense of my value to Thee. Lord, I go to my rest thankful and trustful. Thou wilt save me. When I awake, may I still find myself in Thy presence and ready to serve Thee: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CIII. 1-13

HEAVENLY Father, Thou art ever merciful and mindful, and with a glad heart I praise Thee this morning for the gift of this new day, for the refreshing rest of sleep, for the continuance of my health, and for the opportunities of serving Thee that have come again. I pray Thee to keep my heart ever thankful. Help me to remember that all I have has come from Thee, and that every moment of my life I depend on Thee. Strengthen my faith in Thee, so that I may know that Thou art with me in all the way I have to take. Keep constant within me the desire to do Thy will in all things. Enable me, to remember Thy law and obey it. Give me an earnest mind and a loving heart, and save me from falling into sins of selfishness and indolence and unkindness. May I have a sincere hatred of all wrong actions. Grant me the wisdom to avoid everything that tends to lead me away from a life of simple and true devotion to Thee. Thou hast loved me with an everlasting love. May I be worthy all through this day of so great a blessing, and may I not grow weary in the efforts I make to honour and serve Thee. Thou art my loving Father : may I be Thy loving child. Hear my prayer, and bless and guide me, for the sake of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: PSALM CXXXII. 1-12

GRACIOUS Heavenly Father, Thou art ever showering Thy goodness upon me, and I bless Thee in this evening hour for all Thy love. I would not forget Thy mercy and all Thy kindness.

I bless Thee for the gift of Thy dear Son, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through whose poverty I can be rich in goodness, and by whose stripes I can be healed from sin. Lord, I sorrow with true penitence for the faults and sins that have marked my life this day. I bring every burden of my mind and heart to the cross of Christ. My heart is glad when I think that notwithstanding the evil and sin of my life, Thou wilt for His sake love me freely, and receive me graciously, and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Lord, I beseech Thee that I may know how to trust Thy goodness so that it may create goodness in me. Enable me to look upon my daily life and all the events that occur in it as having a divine meaning, and as appointed by Thee to help me to keep close to Thee. Whether I eat, or drink, or learn, or play, may I seek to glorify Thee. Make me patient, faithful, truthful, and honourable. May I always seek the things that make for peace, and may I be enabled to build up others in goodness.

Lord, I humbly commit myself to Thy care during this night. The darkness hideth nothing from Thee. Bless and save me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE: I ST. JOHN III. 1-7

O LORD, my loving Father, I praise Thee for giving me restful sleep, and raising me to the duties of another day. Be with me in all the coming hours. Keep me from doing anything displeasing to Thee. Make me obedient to those who are set over me. May I show in the words I speak, and in all my actions to-day, that I am eager to serve Thee. Enable me to put aside all selfish and idle habits, all unkind manners and ways, and to remember and care for my example in the presence of others. If any opportunities come to me to-day of serving those about me, may I willingly use these. May everything that can express my love to Thee be a joy to me. If there are difficulties to be met to-day, may I meet them with my heart confident in Thee. If I am to suffer, may I be submissive and believing, remembering Him who learned obedience by the things which He suffered. Bless my teachers and all my fellow-scholars. Bless my parents, my brothers and sisters, and all my friends. May their prayers for me be richly answered, according to Thy good word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. MATTHEW X. 24-33

O LORD, my heavenly Father, I bless Thee because Thy goodness never grows old or fails. I bless and praise Thee that at the close of another day I am permitted to draw near unto Thee. Accept, I beseech Thee, the joy and thanksgiving of my heart. Help me to feel Thy nearness and holiness.

Lord, Thou art ever merciful; forgive me the sins of my past life. Forgive me for permitting goodness to be so weak in me, and that selfishness, pride, and forgetfulness of Thee are so strong. Lord, I ask that I may know Thy will more perfectly. I ask strength to do it more perfectly. Lead me to Thyself by whatever way Thou judgest best. Give me the power to receive and to understand Thy truth. While I strive to do the work which Thou hast given me to do, help me to bear the burdens of others. O Lord, give me a sympathetic, kindly heart, a thoughtful mind, and an obedient will. May my daily life be a daily consecration to Thee. May I not grow discouraged either in my school tasks, or in my efforts to do good. May I press forward for the prize of my high calling in Christ Jesus my Saviour. May He be my teacher, and may I sit at His feet and hear His word.

Lord, bless me with Thy protection during the night. Shield me from harm and sin. Bless all my friends: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : EPHESIANS III. 8-19

FATHER in heaven, I bow before Thee with a grateful heart. Thou hast not forgotten me. Thou hast wakened me from sleep to the work of a new day. Thou art with me in the light as in the dark. Lord, help me to see Thee in all my life to-day. I am feeble, and ignorant, and foolish, without Thee. May Thy presence be my joy, Thy promise my hope. My heart rejoices when I think of Thy wonderful goodness to me. It is Thy goodness that leads me to repentance, and creates in me the longing to be good. I feel I am not worthy of Thy love. I have grieved Thee, I have been unmindful of Thy word, I have not heeded Thy laws which were made to keep me safe, I have wandered into dangerous paths, and have sometimes willingly placed myself in the way of temptation. I ask forgiveness of my sin. Cleanse my heart from all evil likings. Let me not think or speak that which will bring dishonour to Thy name. May my conduct in public and private be upright, true, pure, in all things acceptable to Thee. May I hear Thy voice whispering in my heart in the hour of temptation : may it give me courage and strength. Let me not lose hold of Thee at any time. Strengthen my faith in Thee, and my desire to serve Thee : for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CXXI

GRACIOUS and loving Father, receive me this night for Jesus' sake. I offer to Thee a prayer of thanksgiving.

In Thy great mercy forgive all my sins. My life to-day has had many shortcomings : some duties have been neglected or badly done ; I have missed some opportunities of usefulness ; wrong motives have moved in my heart and prompted some of my actions ; again and again when I should have remembered, I have forgotten Thee. Lord, for Jesus' sake forgive all these sins that have weakened and shamed my life to-day. I pray for a more loving heart. Make me faithful in friendship, pure in life, just, and kind, and meek, earnest, and wise, and self-denying. Give me a strong desire for goodness, and let no temptation or difficulty hinder me from winning it. Make me helpful to my companions, honest in my studies, loyal to my teachers, faithful in all things to Thee.

Bless any good thing I have done to-day. Forgive any who have injured me or spoken against me. Forgive me if I have spoken or done anything wrong against any one.

Graciously watch over me to-night. Care for all my friends. Shield us from every evil. I ask it for the Saviour's sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. LUKE X. 38-42

MOST loving Father, I thank Thee for Thy Holy Word. Help me to love it more, to read it more reverently and patiently. May it always be a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Show me the things of Christ. Help me to understand what Thou wouldst have me do. Enrich my memory with helpful words, and pure and inspiring thoughts. Fill my heart with simplicity, faith, and pure delight in goodness, and give me the comfort of Thy presence in my busy and in my quiet times. In all that I learn, may I not forget to learn of Thee. Make me very sincere in all my resolutions to please Thee. Save me from the weakness of my own will. Help me to set my mind firmly on doing my duty, whether at lessons or at play. May I not waver in choosing that which is right. May I be persevering in all my efforts after goodness. Give me courage to stand up for that which is truthful, pure, honest, just, and let me never be afraid to stand alone in resisting evil. Purify my affections. Set them on high things. May my mind not be occupied with mean and trivial things. Give me a right understanding of Thy will, and make me brave to do it. I ask this through Jesus Christ my Saviour. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: PSALM I

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, I draw near to Thee this evening with a trustful heart. I have enjoyed Thy goodness throughout another day. Thou continuest Thy lovingkindness to me every day. Thy mercies never fail. May the thought of Thy wondrous care keep me more trustful and happy in Thee.

Lord, Thou knowest how I have lived to-day, in what things I have displeased Thee and failed to serve Thee. If I have not been thoughtful of others, or diligent or truthful, wilt Thou in Thy love forgive me? Teach me Thy will; purify me by Thy Spirit; destroy all evil likings that lurk within my heart; kindle pure affections within me that will grow stronger every day; enable me to be loving and sincere, and make my conduct fruitful in good influence upon others. I am ignorant and weak, and do not know how to guide my life; take Thou control of it. Whether Thou givest me a hard or an easy task to perform, may I always be earnest and faithful in doing it.

Lord, bless all the world with the blessings of the Gospel. May Thy truth be known among the nations of the earth. Bless our own country: make it great in Thy righteousness. Bless my home, my school, and all whom I know and love, and keep me safely this night: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MARK VIII. 31-38

O GOD, Thou art my Heavenly Father, and my hope is fixed on Thee. Thou didst give me my life, and Thou art seeking that I should live it for Thee. Help me to do this earnestly and thoughtfully. I cannot live well without Thee. Thou knowest my feelings, my temper, my habits, the way I speak and bear myself among others. Thou knowest, too, my hidden faults. I desire to be good, and to serve Thee first and always. Hold me by Thy strong hand. Overshadow me with Thy presence. Make me to rejoice greatly in Thy commandments. May my love for Thee grow stronger every day. Help me to remember Christ and all that He was, and did, when He lived on the earth. May I take His yoke upon me, and find it easy, and may His burden, as I carry it, prove to be light. Make me interested in my studies. May I have a love for knowledge and truth. Bless the books I read, the enjoyments I share, the companions with whom I work and play, my parents, and my teachers. May the Spirit of Jesus grow in me, His kindness, His sympathy for the poor and weak, His love of goodness, His hope and His joy. May I follow Him whithersoever He goes, growing in grace, and going on from strength to strength until my life on the earth is ended. I ask it for His sake. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : HEBREWS XI. 1-7

O LORD, my loving Father, teach me into whose presence I now come, and to whom I now speak. Make me reverent and believing in my prayer. Another day of mercy and blessing has passed. Thou hast added another day to my life, and Thou hast added fresh gifts of grace and love. O Lord, give me a thankful heart at the remembrance of Thy goodness. Forgive all my past murmuring, and discontent, and want of love to Thee. Teach me to love Thee more. Let me not be cast down by the disappointments that come to me, by the evil of my own heart, or by the unfriendliness and opposition of any of my companions in school. May I never lose sight of the help which Thou dost promise to those who pray and put their trust in Thee. Teach me so to trust Thee, my Father, that the difficult and trying things in my life may be the means of blessing to me, and may train me to be a true servant of Thine. Be Thou my Shepherd, and I shall not want. Increase my love, strengthen my prayerfulness and hope, and enable me every day to press toward higher things. Lord, remember lovingly all my friends this night, and bless them. Pity the poor, and sorrowful, and lonely, and all young people who are sick and needy. Keep me safely while I sleep. May I never fear to lie down to my night's rest, trusting in Thy love. Hear me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE: PSALM CXXXVIII

O LORD, my God, I bless Thee for the coming of the holy Sabbath. May I be enabled to worship Thee in love and trust. Inspire my heart with a true filial affection that shall always become purer and stronger, and shall lead to a clear and steadfast faith. May my soul be enriched to-day with the gift of Thy Spirit, and receiving much from Thee may I consecrate all to Thee. May I serve Thee in patience, and humility, and in hatred of all evil, setting my heart on things holy and pure, and judging myself in the light of Thy perfect law. Give me a sense of my unworthiness, and help me to pray sincerely for Thy forgiveness. Accept, I beseech Thee, my imperfect repentance, and make it more hearty and earnest. May I hear Christ's voice, and receive much of His love. Bless Thy holy Word to me. Order my footsteps in Thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Make Thy face shine upon me, and teach me Thy statutes. Cause Thy word to be the power of God unto the salvation of many this day. May it indeed prove to be the sword of the Spirit, convincing people of sin and leading them to Thee. Bless all Christian work and Christian workers. Comfort all who mourn. Be near to the helpless and lonely. Remember my school companions; draw them to Thyself in faith. May we all be willing to confess Christ, and serve Him: for His sake. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. LUKE IV. 31-37

O GOD, my Heavenly Father, I praise Thee for Thy great loving-kindness, and the joy of Thy truth and salvation. Thou hast made me glad in Thyself, and in this evening hour I would bless Thee with a thankful mind. I have heard this day Thy gospel, which is tidings of great joy to all people. Help me to remember what I have heard. May my love for Thee be no longer the love of a wayward child, needing Thy continual forbearance. Lord, I come oftener to Thee with the prayer for forgiveness than with the blameless offering of a pure and obedient life. Forgive me, that I have so constantly needed Thy forgiveness, and grant that what I have felt and learned of Thy love and help to-day may make me more easily conquer my sins, and more constantly serve Thee. Give me a sense of Thy power within me. Put strength into my will and affection. May my hatred of evil be deeper. May my daily life be nearer to Thee. It was good for me to be within Thy house of prayer, and now that the service of the day is over, grant that the blessings it brought may abide on my soul for ever.

Lord, watch over me, and give me restful sleep. Bless all my dear friends. Write our names, I beseech Thee, in Thy book of life: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XXXIII. 12-22

O LORD, my God, I put my trust in Thy mercy, which is everlasting, and I seek that Thy divine favour rest on me throughout this day. Thy love to me is strong and new, and I bless Thee for sparing me to pray to Thee again. Help me to live all the day as under Thine eye. May I be reverent, earnest, pure. Make plain to me the grievous folly of forgetting Thee, or straying from Thy path. Guide me, and help me in all things this day. My way is beset with danger, and it is often difficult for me to do right. The temptations that are round about me are many, and they assail me suddenly. Greatly do I need Thy strong arm to lean upon. Strength belongeth unto Thee, and Thou art always found of them who seek Thee. Help me to be willing to pray in the time of danger. May I never hesitate to choose the right. Draw me always nearer to Thyself. May the memory of my past mistakes not dishearten me. May my past defeats be turned by Thy wisdom into great victories in the future. Help me to be earnest in using the present, in making up by diligence the time I have lost in indolence. Deliver me from careless moods. Keep before me the true value of my life. May I not grow up heedless of its worth in Thy sight. I have been redeemed not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Save me, bless me, for His sake. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PROVERBS XVI. 1-9

GRACIOUS Heavenly Father, I render Thee loving thanks for the life and joy Thou hast granted me this day. Thou hast kept me strong and well, and hast enabled me to do the work that I had to do. Lord, may I always perform my duties with a happy confidence in Thee. May it always be a pleasant thing for me to serve Thee, and to help others. Save me from the misery of a selfish life. Search my heart, and show me how imperfect I am, and help me to humble myself before Thee. Let me not think of myself more highly than I ought to think. Give me those victories that are won, not with pride, but with lowliness of mind, and only those successes that honour Thee. Enable me day by day to walk from the freshness and purity of my youth, untempted, through all the coming experiences of my life, without swerving and without contamination. Oh, save me from evil ways. Breathe upon me by Thy Spirit, so that everything good and pure within me may be lifted up and strengthened, that everything evil may be made powerless, and that all my life may please Thee.

Lord, Thou art my protector. I am safe only when resting in Thee. Give me sleep this night that shall renew my strength, and give me a hopeful heart for the work of to-morrow: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JOHN XIV. 1-8

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, Thou guardest me waking and sleeping. I bless Thee for Thy constant care. Be my strength throughout this day. I humbly beseech Thee to be with me in all I have to do, and wherever I have to go. I dare not go into the world, or face its temptations, without asking protection and safety from Thee. May I take to myself the whole armour of God, and be able to stand in the evil hour. May I be enabled to hold fast that which I have, that no man take my crown. Forgive my sins, good Lord, and keep within me to-day the sense that Thou hast forgiven me. Make me truly penitent on account of my sin, and give me power to forsake it. May it be more and more my desire to love what Thou dost love, and to loathe what I know is to Thee impure. Give me strength to fight against evil, whenever it comes. Let me not listen to sinful whisperings. May I believe sin to be what Thou sayest it is. Lord, make me gentle and obedient to-day, helpful and kind to others. May the spirit of the Lord Jesus touch me so that I may gladly respond to His call to follow Him, and be ready to do any task that He may entrust to me. Hear me in my prayer, for Thy mercy's sake, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. MATTHEW X. 37-42

MY Heavenly Father, I pray to Thee because of my wants. Every day and night my needs remind me of Thee. My hope and joy are in Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord, my God, that Thou wouldest fill my heart with a sense of Thy graciousness and goodness. May Thy love banish from my mind all troublesome doubts, and needless fears. May I feel that Thou knowest how to take care of weak and sinful creatures, that their faults may not be their ruin. May I be glad to believe that though my sins and offences are many, Thou forgivest them all.

Thou hast kept me safely this day. Thou hast given me many joys. Thou hast delivered me from sin, and saved me in temptation. Thou hast helped me in my lessons, and made me eager to learn more diligently, and with greater gain. If I have not served or honoured, or loved Thee as I should have done, forgive me. If I have been unkind to my companions, mean and selfish in my conduct towards them, deceitful and untrue to my teachers, mercifully forgive me: and put strongly within me the determination to live a better life. I am weak, O Lord, guide me. I am easily tempted, save me. I am forgetful, keep Thy law before my mind. I beseech Thee to watch over me during this night. May no evil come near me, and may my soul be at peace with Thee: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : 2 TIM. II. 19-26

I BLESS Thee, O Lord, my Heavenly Father, for all Thy kindness to me. I thank Thee for what I know of Thee, through Thy Holy Word, and through the life and death of Jesus Christ. May I live under the influence of what I thus know. Keep me true to all that Thy Holy Spirit teaches me in my heart. I praise Thee for the night's rest, and the strength I have received in sleep. Now I go forth to the enjoyments and duties of another day. May I live as Thy child wherever I am. Make plain before me, I pray Thee, Thy path, and when the way is dark and difficult, may Thy presence be felt by me to be very near. Grant me a trustful mind, and a pure heart, and from all idle and listless ways, all self-seeking, and wrong thinking, in Thy mercy, deliver me. In the times of sharp temptation, send me help from the heavenly places : and when I am hesitating, or afraid to do right, be Thou my strength. May the days of this my youthtime be all consecrated to Thee. May I love and obey my parents, my teachers at school, and may I try in all I do to remember and love Thee. Help me to be conscientious in my conduct, generous and truthful at play. With a glad and faithful heart, may I humbly strive to serve Thee : through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM VIII

O LORD, Thy tender mercies have been around me all this day : and I thank Thee with a loving and believing heart. I cannot number Thy gifts. Thou never withholdest one blessing that Thou seest I need. Help me to see Thy goodness everywhere, to find Thy love even in the unlovely things that happen to me. May I learn to praise Thee as willingly for discomfort as for happiness, for pain as for pleasure. All comes from Thee.

It is my joy, Lord, that I live and have my being in Thee. I am glad that Thou art my Father. May my life grow up every day pleasing Thee. Bless me very much in my schooldays. May I so use the powers of my mind that they may help me to serve Thee in the world wisely and usefully. Enable me to destroy all fleshly lusts which war against my soul, and to preserve my body as a temple for Thy Holy Spirit to dwell in. Save me from being blind to the difference between right and wrong. So fill my nature with Thy strength that all my powers and faculties, uniting together, may help me to do Thy will on earth, as it is done in heaven. Lord, mercifully preserve me from the faults of my own temper and will. Make me strong to overcome every wrong tendency, and brave to face my own weaknesses.

I lie down to sleep resting on Thee. Do not leave me, or forsake me, at any time. Bless me, and all I love : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ISAIAH LV. 6-11

MOST gracious God, my Heavenly Father, be with me this day as Thou hast been with me through the night. I thank Thee for having preserved my life from danger and death during the hours of sleep. Incline my heart to obey Thy voice and to run in the way of Thy commandments this day. Thou hast promised to fulfil the desire of those that fear Thee. May that promise be fulfilled in me. Help me not to lose reverence of feeling, purity of heart, the love of good and holy things. I ask Thee to forgive my sins, and to bestow on me the strength of those gracious influences which I always need in trying to do right. In Thy favour is life. May I be happy in Thee. May I know the saving power of Him who loved me and gave Himself for me. Thou dost help those who strive to keep Thy commandments. Help me never to be weary in doing right. May I be unselfish, bright, and courteous in all my actions to-day. May I be thoughtful of others, kind to those who need help, loving to those who may be lonely and sad. May I never shrink from doing a good deed though it be difficult. May I never be unwilling to show myself on Thy side. I ask it for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JOHN VI. 27-33

MY God, and Heavenly Father, I would praise Thee this night for all the blessings of the day. Thou hast not forgotten me. I praise thee with a thankful song of blessing within my heart. Thou hast kept my soul in life, and hast satisfied my daily need. For food and clothing, for comfort and friends, for the means of grace, and the hope of glory, I bless Thee. Thou hast called me to faith and to a life of dutifulness. Save me from doubt, and despondency, and sad forebodings. Forgive the sins I have committed this day. Grant, Lord, that the assurance of Thy forgiveness may make me hate them more, and avoid committing them again. Help me to walk every day by faith, and not by sight. Keep me ever listening for the inward teaching of Thy Spirit, and write Thy lessons upon my heart. Make me brave to face reproach, or scorn, or pain, for Christ's sake, and the Gospel's. Help me to get rid of all those base desires and impure passions which cut me off from Thy favour. Make me resolute against all attacks of the tempter. I pray for others. I commend all whom I love to Thy holy love. Be kind to the aged and the weak. Heal the sick, comfort the sad, and help all young people at school to learn of Jesus Christ how to live and act. Lord, defend me this night from all ill : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XVI. 6-11

HEAVENLY Father, teach me this day how I may live for Thee. I bless Thee for the rest Thou didst give me in sleep during the past night. May I show my gratefulness to Thee by the way in which I shall live for Thee to-day. Help me not to forget Thy commandments. May I remember what I have read in Thy Holy Word. Fill my heart with a love of all good things. In all my school work and play may I please Thee. Give me an earnest love for my lessons. May I be eager for knowledge. May I cherish the teachable spirit, and be always willing to learn. Thou hast blessed me with many advantages: helpful books and helpful friends, patient teachers and loving companions. Lord, enable me to prove true every day to the rich opportunities with which Thou hast filled my life. I desire to be saved from all wrong habits both of thinking and acting. I seek that my motives and feelings, as well as my conduct, may be such as will please Thee. Show me that there is no life so happy as the life that is industrious, and diligent, and self-denying, and loving. May the mind that was in Jesus Christ, my Saviour, be in me, and may I endeavour to follow Him in spirit, and serve Him in doing good to others. I ask this for His sake. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PROVERBS XV. 1-7

FATHER in heaven, hear my evening prayer. I put my trust in Thy compassion. Bring me to repent truly, and deeply, of the sins of this day. Do Thou save me, and lift me out of my weakness of will. I praise Thee for Thy great goodness to me to-day. May my constant remembrance of it help me to be worthy of it, and may I strive by my life to show Thee I have a thankful heart, and a heart that clings to Thee.

Lord, let Thy blessing rest on all my life at school. May Thy grace sow in me the seeds of a noble life. Ripen in me the fruit of earnestness, and wise purpose, and fidelity to Thee. May I not be impatient with the slow growth of goodness in me. May I resist everything that will tempt me to spend my life in idleness. Save me from the sins of listlessness. May I never delay doing what I have to do. Make me prompt, zealous, watchful. Strengthen me in every effort I make to remove the hindrances that lie in my path towards useful learning and worthy conduct. Let me not sink under my difficulties, or give way to despair, or think there is no use in trying any longer to do right, and be right. Show me that I am in Thy hands, and Thou wilt not forsake me, if I bravely endeavour to please Thee. Let me remember this when I am weary and despondent.

In Thy love keep me. Shield me from danger this night. Bless all whom I love, and save us all : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW IV. 1-11

LOVING Lord and Father, I give myself to Thee this morning in earnest prayer. Thou art preserving my life day after day. May I show my gratefulness by giving it to Thee every day. Lord, I need Thy strength and guidance. I would strive to do Thy will : but I shall fail, unless Thou dost help me. Strengthen all my endeavours after what is right. May my heart be filled with pure aspirations, and lofty desires. Let no bad temper, or selfish disposition, lead me away from Thee. Keep unholy thoughts from my mind, and impure likings from my heart. Give me a hearty love for my work at school. May I feel that in learning my lessons I am truly serving Thee. In all my intercourse with my teachers and companions, make me true, faithful, just, thoughtful, loving. May nothing tempt me to jealousy, envy, and evil-speaking. Give me a hatred of pride, greediness, coarseness. In my struggles with the evils that are about me, be always near me to help me : encourage me by a sense of Thy presence, and an assurance of Thy loving-kindness. When I am cast down with sorrow, or dejected because I have failed, I pray Thee to comfort and cheer me. Bless my father, mother, brothers, sisters, friends, teachers. Keep them, and keep me, in Thy love and peace for evermore : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : HEBREWS XI. 13-19

MY Heavenly Father, in Thy great love be pleased to hear my evening prayer. Thou art great, and holy, but Thou delightest to dwell with penitent and humble hearts. I come to Thee praising Thee for Thy wondrous mercy to me throughout another day. I thank Thee for all that I have been taught to-day. May knowledge continually brighten my life. Make me a willing learner, eager to understand, ready to apply my mind to truth. May every day show me something of Thy goodness. This world speaks of Thee. Its beauty, and largeness, and changes have a message to my heart. As the days pass, may I grow more and more obedient to Thy voice.

Forgive the faults and sins of my youth. Deliver me from all habits of mind and conduct that will weaken, and in the end destroy my life. Thou hast called me to live for Thee, and I trust Thee. May I never be ashamed of my faith. May I never fear being reproached and laughed at for following Christ. Give me a devoted heart, and may I not complain of the difficulties that make me persevere and endure. Bless me, and protect me in my sleep, this night : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE: EXODUS XX. 1-17

LOVING Heavenly Father, may I come very near to Thee on this holy day. Open mine eyes that I may see: incline my heart that I may desire: order my steps that I may follow the way of Thy commandments, and may I serve Thee always, as I would worship Thee now, in spirit and in truth. How great is Thy goodness that Thou shouldst make my heart a temple in which Thy Spirit can dwell. May Thy presence and love cleanse my heart from all evil desires, unholy feelings, and thoughts, and may my whole life to-day be a willing offering to Thee. Lead me into Thy truth. Give me reverence for Thy word, and faith in its teaching. Enlighten my understanding, and give me the vision of heavenly things. Grant that I may not be a hearer of the word only, but a doer of it as well. So may I bring forth fruit in my life, and become more worthy to call myself Thy disciple. Keep me in the meekness and peace of Christ, that with Him I may inherit Thy kingdom at last. Show me the love of Christ, and enable me to feel its power. Show me my own soul, and teach me how much I need to be forgiven. Send out Thy light and truth into all the earth. May all the world see Thy salvation and be glad in it. Bless me now, with all dear to me, at home and far away: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : COLOSSIANS III. 1-11

LOVING Heavenly Father, I draw nigh to Thee this night with confidence and love. Thou art never weary of my prayers. Thou art never slow to hear the faintest whisper of my heart.

Thou hast enabled me, O Lord, to worship Thee in Thy holy house. I bless Thee for the joy of common praise and prayer. And now, ere I lie down to sleep, I desire to ask Thee that I may not have heard Thy gospel in vain to-day. Lord, write its truths upon my heart as well as upon my memory. Help me ever to set my affection upon the things that are holy, and just, and true. Set me free from the bondage of self-will and evil passions. Enlighten me with wisdom from above. Bring me back to Thyself when I lose the way in sin. Hold me up when I stumble, and raise me again when I fall. Teach me to live always as in Thy presence. May it be the steadfast purpose of my life to serve Thee with all diligence, and with earnestness of heart. Let Thy word accomplish in me that which Thou pleasest. Bless it wherever it has been preached to-day. Oh, may people all the world over love Thee and serve Thee. Watch over me in my sleep. Be with all my friends : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I SAMUEL III. 1-10

O LORD, with a glad and thankful heart I begin the day with Thee. Thou art my Master : make me, and use me as Thy servant. I bless Thee that Thou hast spared me through another night. May this day not be spent in forgetfulness of Thy goodness. Save me from everything that would take me away from Thee, or make my love for Thee grow faint. Keep me close to Thy heart. I am weak, and need Thy strength. I am ignorant, and need Thy wisdom. I am blind, and need Thy guidance. Help me to cultivate a trustful, happy spirit. Save me from carelessness and idleness, from self-conceit and pride, from all jealousy and envy of others, and all confidence in my own heart. Help me to set a watch over my lips that I may not fall into untruthfulness or exaggeration or concealment in my words. Give me courage to be straightforward, frank, and resolute : to be open-hearted, kind, and thoughtful for the well-being of others. May I not forget to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and to endure hardness for His sake. Lord, take pity upon me for my past failures and sins, and forgive me, and help me never to be downhearted in all my endeavours to do right. May I win victories to-day in Thy strength : for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XXVII. 1-8

HEAVENLY Father, I draw near to Thee with reverent confidence. Thou art the rewarder of them that diligently seek Thee. Bless me to-night. Give me a grateful heart, and help me to pray sincerely. Lord, Thou hast filled the day with Thy love as with light. Thou hast done exceeding abundantly above all that I could ask or think. Thou art ever doing more for me than I know. Thy kindness and Thy help are wonderful, and so are all Thy ways.

Lord, forgive all the sins of which I have been guilty to-day. Suffer me not to rest in things that are false, and impure, and unholy. May I rise higher in goodness every day. Make my life more an earnest striving after goodness. Check the first growth of sin in my nature. Show me my failings. May Thy voice within my heart tell me Thy way. Keep me from hasty speaking, and from every appearance of evil.

I thank Thee if I have gained the victory to-day over some temptation, if I have mastered some difficulty, if I have grown wiser and more watchful. This is the springtime of my life : help me to sow seed that will grow to a rich harvest, and will be an honour to Thee. Lord, Thou watchest over all Thy children. Keep me safe from all evil and danger this night, and bless all whom I love : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JOHN XIV. 25-31

MOST loving Father, I give Thee humble thanks that in Thy loving-kindness Thou hast preserved me from all harm during the past night. Give me Thy help so that I may live a faithful and useful life to-day, to Thine honour and praise. I bless Thee that notwithstanding my sinfulness, Thou lovest me with an exceeding great love, and that Thou hast patience with me, notwithstanding my past failures to do right, and the sins that I have willingly committed. Forgive me all my transgressions. Send Thy strength to me in my weakness. Make me careful to-day in improving all my opportunities. In this the spring-time of my life may I sow good seed in mind and heart, that the harvest may be plentiful and worthy in my after years. Fill my memory with the words of Thy truth. Enlighten my mind with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and make all the wishes and desires I have to centre in what Thou hast commanded. When I speak to others may I be courteous, truthful, kind. In my conduct may I be generous, thoughtful, upright. Let no wicked thing have power over me to endanger my life. Lord, Thou art my help, be ever with me: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XII. 46-50

O LORD, my Father, Thou hast surrounded me this day with Thy love, and I offer to Thee my prayer of thanksgiving. Help me to pray to Thee out of an honest and sincere heart.

In Thy great love Thou hast helped and saved me and brought me safely to the close of the day. May I discern my sins and shortcomings, as well as Thy great mercifulness. Thou hast withheld from me no good thing. Thou hast taught me, and if I have fallen into indolence and heedlessness in school or elsewhere, it is because I have forgotten Thee and Thy requirements. Lord, take away my weakness. Remove my distrust and disobedience. Give me freedom from every habit that is crippling my nature and preventing me growing up a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Save me from selfish thoughts and mean actions. Uphold me that my feet slip not when I run in the way of Thy commandments. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon me, and enlighten my darkness, and bestow Thy grace.

Grant all needful blessings to my friends. Guide us all nearer to Thee every day we live, and after death receive us into Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant me quiet sleep this night : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XIX. 7-14

HEAVENLY Father, Thou art my Creator and Preserver, and I bless Thee for the sleep of the past night which has refreshed my mind and body. I thankfully acknowledge Thy goodness, and give myself again to Thy service. Lord, grant that in all my duties to-day I may not forget the instructions of Thy word. Whatever I do, may my soul rest on Thee. Through all the day be near to me. Supply all my needs. Give me strength for the difficult things I have to do. With a happy heart and steadfast purpose may I do my work in school to-day, and may I leave it when done in Thy hands, and be at peace. Save me, Lord, from habits of carelessness and idleness, from ungentle manners and selfish ways. May Thy Holy Spirit dwell within my nature to teach me and to sanctify me. May He so purify my heart that I may always see Thee, and see Thee everywhere. Lord, kindle within me right impulses and desires. May my good resolutions not fail. May no unworthy passions possess me. Deliver me from all weaknesses of temper. Support me in any dangers or temptations that may befall me. Help me to endure as seeing Thee who art invisible. Make me diligent in well-doing, and so learn the great lesson of life : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JOHN VI. 35-40.

LOVING Lord and Father, I kneel before Thee with a thankful heart. Thou hast been the God of my life and my salvation to-day. I praise Thee for Thy mercies, and remember Thy loving-kindness.

Heavenly Father, I humbly beseech of Thee to forgive the unworthy acknowledgment I make of the love Thou dost pour upon me day after day. Thou art a true Father to me : help me to be Thy dutiful and loving child. Save me from the foolishness of distrusting Thee, and the sin of disobeying Thy commands. May every day witness in me a more earnest desire to please Thee and do Thy will. May no difficulties hinder me, and no sin weaken me in my efforts. I know it is not Thy will that the way of my life should always be easy and smooth. If trouble and hardship come, be Thou my hope and strength, and let me not fall from Thee. May every day's knowledge of Thy love make me more trustful and less fearful.

Forgive all my sins. Bless my friends, and teachers, and companions. Forbid that I should ever grieve them by foolish, unkind conduct. Make me thoughtful, sympathetic, wise.

O Lord, be with me in the silent hours of night. May I sleep peacefully, trusting in Thy promises : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ROMANS XII. 1-5

HEAVENLY Father, help me to live before Thee to-day with a loving and joyful heart. May I not doubt Thy goodness to me : help me to see it everywhere. I would strive to keep Thy commandments. Help me to do so both when I am with my companions, and when I am alone. If I fail, may my repentance make me rise up and begin again. Save me from losing heart when trying to do right. May the remembrance of some of Thy promises come to me at the moment of temptation and fear. Give me wisdom for all the little things which have to occupy my mind. Fill my heart with such a love to Jesus Christ my Saviour, that I shall not desire to do, or be, anything otherwise than He requires. Teach me how to acknowledge Thee in all my ways that Thou mayest direct my steps. Whatever I have to do to-day, incline my heart to do it heartily, as unto Thee, and not unto men. Bless the books I read : may they be a treasure of wisdom to me. Bless my companions : may we be helpful to one another. Bless my teachers : may I honour and reverence them. Bless my home : may my heart ever love it : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PROVERBS XXIII. 19-23

O LORD, my God, Thou art unseen but near us all, and Thou hast been close to me this day and hast seen all that I have done. Thou knowest all things, and Thou knowest wherein I have displeased Thee. I ask that Thy pardoning mercy may cover all my sins. Help me to believe even now, while I pray, that all the guilt and shortcoming of this day has been removed, and that I am accepted and loved of God. Gracious Father, hadst Thou not loved me first, I should never have thought of loving Thee. May Thy love be a strong power within my life. May it rule and shape all my conduct. Every day shows me how much I have been forgiven, and how much more I ought to love Thee. May I be a faithful witness to the saving power of Thy love. Lord, I thank Thee for all Thy goodness to me to-day : for my happy companionships, my recreations, my lessons, the opportunities I have had of learning something useful, and of being something worthy. May I grow in grace and in wisdom, in favour with Thee and with people about me. Teach me to value the hopefulness and gladness of my young years, and to spend them wisely.

Care for me, I beseech Thee, during the night, and watch over my friends. Make us all heirs of eternal life : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I TIMOTHY I. 14-17

ALMIGHTY and most loving Father, I lift my heart to Thee in gratitude and praise. My life is in Thy keeping always. The darkness cannot hide me from Thee. The night is as the day to Thee. I bless Thee that I live, and that, awaking from sleep, I am still with Thee. I commit myself to Thee for another day. Bless my school life. Lord, help me to value the opportunities that lie in it. Teach me to understand the priceless worth of my youth. Create in me the spirit of an eager zeal to excel in all things that are right. Make me persevering in my work. May I remember that Thou art my Master, and that everything I do should be done to Thy glory. Deliver me from slothful ways. May I understand that I can be about my Father's business when I am carefully learning my lessons or sharing in the recreations of the school. My mind should be consecrated to Thee : help me to consecrate it by filling it with knowledge and pure thoughts. My body should be consecrated to Thee : may I not in any wise defile or dishonour it. My spirit should be consecrated to Thee. May it be brought by means of the task of to-day into loving communion with Thee. May holy desires fill my soul. I ask this through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: PSALM XXXII. 7-11

MOST gracious God and Father, I come to Thee in this evening hour, in my Saviour's name, to thank Thee for Thy goodness, and to ask Thy forgiveness of my sin, and Thy protection during the hours of sleep. Lord, thou dost enable me to believe in Thee by showing me Thy loving-kindness continually. Sustain my faith in Thee. May Thy everlasting arms bear me up in my journey through this world, and help me to use the knowledge I gain at school, and in life, as a stepping-stone to higher things. Fill me with the spirit which will make my life one great striving after pure and divine truth. I would seek so to bring my will into agreement with Thine as to feel that Thou art with me always, and all that I seek of goodness Thou wilt help me to gain. May I spend my life in true dutifulness. Help me to grow in earthly, and in heavenly wisdom. Save me from neglecting such talents as I have. Forbid that I should despair, and do nothing, because Thou hast entrusted me with what seems so little.

Lord, in Thy mercy, forgive the sins I have committed this day. Help me to live a better and more useful life to-morrow. Make me more tender, and pitiful, and sympathetic. Keep me safely while I sleep. Bless all whom I love: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MARK XII. 28-34

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, Thou art always good, and Thou never forgettest me. I praise Thee for keeping my life safe, and showing me the light of another new day. I would earnestly seek to live for Thee this day. May Thy presence be my help through all the hours, and when the evening comes, and my work is done, may I bless Thee with a glad heart. Lord, hold me up that I stumble not. I am ignorant and sinful, and I cannot do without Thee. Establish my heart in the precepts of Thy word. Write Thy law upon my heart. Keep me pure and unspotted from the world. Save me from the dangers of a wandering fancy, and an unholy curiosity. Make me brave to turn away from listening to offensive words, and watching wrong actions. Give me a tender conscience, a prayerful spirit, a heart full of love to Thee. Lord, if I am strong, be Thou the glory of my strength. If I am weak, let Thy strength be made perfect in my weakness. If I am in difficulty, guide me with Thy counsel. If I am happy, make me thankful to Thee for the joy. May I be faithful to my teachers, earnest in my studies, unselfish towards my companions, and obedient to Thee : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : 2 SAMUEL I. 17-27

MY Heavenly Father, Thou didst send me forth in the morning, and Thou hast been with me all the day, and now I come at the close of the day with my prayer of praise and gratitude. Jesus has taught me about Thee and Thy gracious love, and him that cometh unto Thee, Thou wilt in no wise cast out. May I never doubt Thee. May I never dread Thee, and seek to run away from Thee. May I always feel that my life is only safe when it is nearest to Thee. Help me to trust Thee wholly.

Lord, I bring to Thee my failures and sins and mistakes. I have sometimes forgotten Thee to-day. I have sometimes, even when I have remembered Thee, been heedless of Thy will. I have not been considerate of others. I have been selfish, and harsh, and sullen. I have chafed against Thy law of love. I have in many things not followed my Master, Jesus Christ. Lord, I cannot hide anything from Thee, and I would not. Thou seest into every corner of my mind and heart. Lord, forgive all my sins. Thou art willing to forgive, and Thou delightest to forgive. Help me to be courageous in learning to do well.

My Father, I need Thee always. In the hours of night when I sleep, be near me. Watch over me, and save me from all harm. Remember graciously all whom I love : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XII. 1-8

O LORD, my God, on the morning of Thy holy day I bring my earnest thanksgiving to Thee for all the blessings which Thou hast bestowed on me. I cannot name them all, but enable me to thank Thee by honouring Thee in them, and devoting them to good and holy uses. Most of all will I remember Christ, who rose from the dead on the Sabbath morning. May I rise into the new life through Him. Loving Father, help me to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. May my wandering thoughts be fixed on Thee, and my dull and cold desires quickened into fervent longings after Thee. May I join in the prayers and praises of all Thy true worshippers this day, with ardent and trustful affections, and may the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer. Save me from self-righteousness, and envy, and meanness, and a proud, selfish heart. Fill me with something of thine own great love for sinners. May I hinder no one from finding Thee. May I do something to help some one to love Thee. Make me Thine in faith and true devotion, and never let me be separated from Thy love. May I so learn of Jesus Christ that His yoke may become easy to me, and His burden light, and that I may find rest unto my soul. I ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. LUKE XIV. 1-11

HEAVENLY Father, breathe upon me an evening blessing. Thou hast set Thy goodness within my heart and hast helped me to know and love Thee better. I have heard once again of Christ and His great love for all the world. O Lord, give me a wise understanding of the truths He taught, and a humble obedience to the law of love which He set forth in His words and life. May I always reverence His purity and holiness. May it be a strong shield for me against the power of evil. May my love for Him, and my devotion to His cause, be fruitful in good works. May I feel that I am not my own, but belong to Thee. Keep me as Thy charge : love and bless me as Thy child. Be Thou a light to my eyes, and a full contentment to my heart. When I go to school to-morrow, and learn and play with my companions, may I not forget the teaching I have received from Thee to-day. May I keep Thy commandments more willingly, show a better example, and love and help others more gladly. May I be enabled, because of this day's worship, to love Thee with a love that will save me from sin, that will give me strength for every duty, and patience to bear every cross. Let Thy loving arms protect me while I sleep, and may I sleep joyfully in Thee. Hear me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW IX. 18-26

MY Heavenly Father, hear my morning prayer. I seek to acknowledge Thee in all my ways that Thou mayest direct my steps. I desire Thy help that I may be enabled to live as Thy child this day. Make me willing to do Thy will. May I feel that what Thou sendest me to do is really that which is best for me. May I so fulfil the tasks Thou givest me to perform that by means of them I may rise nearer to Thee, and love Thee more. Lord, when I find it difficult to do right, may I not forget to cry to Thee for help. Give me the wisdom that will enable me to see what is right, and what is wrong. If I am tempted to do what is pleasant and easy, but is wrong, give me power to resist and overcome. If I have to do what is irksome, but right, let me be willing to do it. Help me to obey the voice of my conscience. May I never deaden that voice. Give me a clear sense of my duty. Make me more sincere in heart and life. Save me from falsehood and unreality : save me from trying to appear what I am not. Save me from calling Thee, my Lord and Master, and never doing the things Thou commandest. Order my steps in Thy word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me. Cleanse me from my sin, help me to hate the evil and cleave to that which is good : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : MALACHI III. 13-18

LOVING Lord and Heavenly Father, what shall I render for all Thy benefits to me? Day after day they come to me afresh. Every moment Thou art revealing Thyself in blessing. This day Thou hast again sustained and sheltered me, and given me all that I needed for my good. Thou hast blessed me in my body and my soul. O Lord, grant that I may never abuse Thy goodness, or take it as if I deserved it. May I never grow careless or indolent, or live as if this world were all.

Father, save me from deceiving myself, and saying, I have not sinned. Help me to know myself. My own heart condemns me, and Thou art greater than my heart, and knowest all things. I have striven to-day, and have failed. In my thoughts, and words, and actions, I have fallen short of pleasing Thee. There is no one can help me but Thyself. I come to Thee, for Thou never turnest away from Thyself any one who seeks strength for goodness, and hope and courage in life. Forgive all that Thou hast seen to be wrong in me this day, and if any good thing has begun to grow within my heart, do Thou nourish and strengthen it, until it grows strong over all my life.

Let Thine eye be upon me in the darkness. Thou watchest over all Thy children with a tender, fatherly care. Grant that no danger may befall me, and that I may sleep in peace : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CXVI. 1-9

MOST loving Father, I bless Thee for the morning and the new day. May I begin a better and happier life to-day. Forgive all my past sins, my disobedience, my want of love, my unkindness, and insincerity, and forgetfulness of Thy truth. If any besetting sin has held me fast, and made me its slave, help me to cast it off, and rejoice in the glorious liberty of the children of God. Lord, guide my steps continually. I am continually wandering from Thee, or following Thee afar off. Draw me nearer, and enable me to do Thy will more willingly. Lord, make my life a useful life. If I am not able to do much good, may the little I can do be done with a very glad and grateful heart. Help me to find out what talent I have, and save me from hiding it. Deliver me from my own foolish fears, and from an unsubdued temper. Forgive me for not being truthful in my words, and sincere in my actions. Forgive me for my great liking for trivial things, and for my feeble liking for eternal things. Lord, may I fill this bright youthtime of my life with earnest purposes, and may Thy grace help me to accomplish them. Let me not misspend my time or neglect my opportunities : for Jesus' sake, I ask it. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XXXVII. 1-8

HEAVENLY Father, hear my evening prayer. I thank Thee I can pray to Thee, and that Thou canst listen and bless me. I have much to ask, but much, too, for which to bless Thee. Thy goodness never fails, and Thy goodness has been round about my life to-day. Lord, Thou art rich in mercy to the sinful. Forgive, I beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the transgressions which I have committed against Thee this day. I have not shown myself as I had promised, Thy faithful servant. I have been treacherous and false to Thee. I have yielded to my evil passions. I have been unloving in my temper. I have been rash and thoughtless in my conversation, and I have been vain and evil in my actions. Let me never return to those sins of which I am ashamed, and which bring sorrow and loss. Give me command over my wrong inclinations, an intense hatred of sin, and a love to Thee above all the desires of my heart.

O Lord, Thou art the keeper of Thy children. Shield and defend me, and all whom I love. Leave us not, nor forsake us. Let peace be with us all, and let Thy loving favour rest on us continually; and grant that we sleep in safety this night: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ECCLESIASTES XII. 1-7

HEAVENLY Father, help me to be very reverent when I pray to Thee. May I never lose the feeling of Thy greatness and goodness, Thy holiness and Thy majesty. May it be the comfort of my young life that though Thou art so mighty, Thou dost love me with an unchanging love, and dost seek to guide me. Help me to listen for Thy voice speaking to me amidst all the enjoyments and duties which will fill up this day. Help me to see Thy hand shielding me, directing me, holding me back, lifting me up. Give me a bright and cheerful temper. Save me from fretting and worrying. Keep me from anger and impatience. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. Lord, help me to believe, and never to doubt Thy goodness. Make me more in earnest about my work in school. May every day, and every term, be an opportunity which, with Thy help, I shall use for Thine honour, and my own good. Strengthen me in my determination to do right: to bear up in my struggle against sin and to carry the burdens of those who are weak. May my example be good among my companions. May every action of mine help them, as well as myself, along the path which leads to Thee: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XIV. 53-58

GRACIOUS Lord, my Heavenly Father, I kneel before Thee to thank Thee for Thy goodness, to confess my sins, and to entrust myself to Thy keeping for the night. Lord, I am not worthy of the least of Thy mercies, yet Thou sendest Thy blessings upon me every day.

Forgive me, gracious Father, in those things wherein I have offended Thee, by grieving or resisting Thy Holy Spirit. Forgive my forgetfulness of Thee, my neglect of duty, my coldness of feeling, my want of kindness and unselfishness, my lack of sincerity and truthfulness, the unholy thoughts, the hasty, passionate words, the inconsiderate and inconsistent deeds that have stained my nature. Bless every right achievement I have made. If I have overcome a temptation, defeated and crushed some evil habit, gained honour in the school, or been better for some failure, it is because Thou hast seen it to be needful for me. I praise Thee for Thy wise leading of my life to-day.

And now, Lord, I humbly commit myself and all whom I love to Thy fatherly care. Grant me refreshing sleep. Defend me from all ill. Spare me to the new day : for the Lord Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ISAIAH LV. 1-5

MY Heavenly Father, Thou art very near to me at all times. In the night time, as in the day, Thou watchest over me with great love. I praise Thee for Thy goodness to me during the night that has gone. I willingly and gladly entrust myself to Thee for the day. I cannot tell what will befall me, but Thou knowest everything, and whatever Thy purpose concerning me is, help me to fulfil it. Help me to feel Thy presence in my heart, and to make that presence apparent to others, by the life I live, the thoughts I utter, the actions I do. Aid me in my work throughout this day. Help me never to forget that Thou sustainest all who strive to do the right and destroy the evil. Lord, I pray for a diligent and faithful spirit. Help me to love my lessons, and to feel that I am serving Thee in learning them. Enable me to keep my mind fixed on my immediate duty. May I be courteous to my teachers, affectionate to my companions, just and fair in all my dealings, bright and unselfish in my play, truthful, sincere, honest. May I never be afraid to defend the weak, to speak out for the right, and to suffer, rather than soil my conscience. Thou art my Heavenly Father : may I obey Thy law first, and may I seek to have it ruling me in every part of my life : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : HEBREWS XI. 20-29

MERCIFUL and loving Father, another day of Thy mercy and loving-kindness has ended. It has been full of Thy gifts. I praise Thee with a very grateful heart. Lord, if I have learned anything at school to-day that is worthy and inspiring, help me to remember it, and to show it in my life. Take from my memory and heart every impression that will mislead me. If I have not shown myself brave and true and pure, forgive me. If I have been unkind, angry, selfish, help me to be so no more. Teach me to love Thee better. Thy love spares and forbears, it provides and withholds. May I believe that Thy love is always wise. How little I have loved Thee : how feebly I have served Thee. Thou hast seen much in me that has been wrong. Take it away, good Lord. May I delight more than I have yet done, to do Thy blessed will, and may I follow the footsteps of my Saviour more faithfully.

And now I lay me down to sleep. May I fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Bless my dear father, and mother, and brothers, and sisters. Take care of all who are in sorrow. Bless Thy work in the world among the sinful and the lost : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XXV. 1-9

O GOD, my Heavenly Father, from Thee come all the good things I enjoy. I thank Thee for this new day, for my health, for my friends, for parents, and brothers, and sisters, and companions. Thou carest for me as a loving father careth for his children. Thy love is always overshadowing me. Thy tender mercies are always round about my life. Fill me, O Lord, with a spirit of thankfulness for all Thy goodness. Help me to make such a use of Thy gifts that they may be to others, as to myself, a source of gladness. Thou art ever gracious and pitiful. I pray Thee to be with me this day and to help me to believe that Thou art taking care of me. I thank Thee for having kept me safely through the night. Make me to trust Thee willingly all this day. May I remember how weak I am, and how strong Thou art. Take every wrong thing out of my heart, pride, conceit, selfishness. Save me from envious and jealous feelings. When I hear others praised, may I be glad. Thou hast bidden me work while it is day. Give me grace this day to do my duty. Teach me to desire to do the very smallest things as Thou wouldest wish me, and to offer all my thoughts, words, and deeds, to be made worthy and holy by Thee : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XIV. 13-21

HEAVENLY Father, Thou hast blessed me during the day. I commit myself trustfully to Thy care for the night. I thank Thee for having kept me in life and health. Lord, make me thoughtful about my time, and the use to which I put it. May I not trifle with it. May I grow in goodness every day, as well as in earthly knowledge. Thou hast seen, Lord, what my life has been to-day. It has been marked by faults and mistakes and failures. Lord, in Thy great loving kindness, forgive my carelessness, my unworthy motives, and my unworthy conduct. Where I have been weak in goodness to-day, make me strong to-morrow. May I grow better in my life every day. Forgive me if I have wronged any one. Forgive those who have wronged me. Guide me in my words and feelings.

Bless the school and all the scholars and teachers. Bless my parents, and brothers, and sisters. Look in mercy on our country, and make it truly Christian. Succour and save all who are in danger this night, on land or sea. Help all who are making Thy gospel known. O Lord, who art the Protector of all, lovingly watch over me, and all dear to me this night. The darkness is as the day to Thee. Sleeping or waking, may I be Thine : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW VI. 24-30

MOST loving Father, I humbly beseech Thee to hear my prayer, and to let Thy blessing rest on me throughout this day. I need Thy forgiveness. Teach me to hate evil and to forsake it. Save me from bad thoughts, from angry and untrue words, from wrong actions, from disobedience and idleness, and from all habits that prevent me doing right. Give me power to withstand all temptations. Save me from hesitating to do right. Save me from idle dreaming about my duty. Even when all seems dark, and I know not what to do, enable me to believe that Thou art near me, and wilt not cast me off. May I always desire to be on Thy side, on the side of goodness, of righteousness, of truth. Teach me to do Thy will gladly. May I love the Lord Jesus with my whole heart, and, remembering His words, try to follow Him. I thank Thee for the many blessings I enjoy, for food and clothing, home and school and friends, my health and my happiness, my work and my play. All good gifts come from Thee. May I be kept mindful of Thy great kindness, and may I serve Thee with a grateful heart. Teach me to live to-day with humility and earnestness, and to do something that will make another's life happy. May I always be faithful to my opportunities. I ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I CORINTHIANS II. 1-9

GRACIOUS Lord and Father, Thou hast blessed me throughout another day. I thank Thee for Thy love. Thou hast brought me in safety to its close. Give me wise and earnest thoughts. Teach me to remember that the night comes when no one can work. Help me to live for eternity. All this day Thou hast seen me, hast watched every action, hast heard every word I have spoken, hast observed every secret thought. Nothing is hid from Thee. O loving Father, pardon everything in my life that has been displeasing to Thee. If I have had unkind thoughts towards any one, or shown an angry temper, or been deceitful, or untruthful, or failed to be kind and helpful, forgive me. Increase my faith in the promises of Thy word. Incline me to cast upon Thee all my cares, and earnestly to seek Thy guidance and strength. Convince me that without Jesus Christ I can do nothing, but that through His strength I can do all things. May I lie down to my rest, assured of Thy protection and help. If it be Thy good will, waken me on the morrow to a life of greater faithfulness and truth, and more willing and loving service: through Jesus Christ, my Saviour. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CXII. 1-7

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, Thy presence is always with me, and Thy love never fails me. I thank Thee for safety and for sleep, for the quiet night and healthful rest. I praise Thee for this holy day, and I accept it as the token of Thy remembrance and goodness. Help me to begin it with Thee. Set my heart longing afresh for holy things. Help me to keep the day holy by guarding it from sin. Give me grace to rest from work, from care, and from selfish ways. Enrich the whole day by giving me power more perfectly to serve Thee, and to understand Thee, and to obey Thy will. I would earnestly by Thy help follow in the footsteps of Jesus to-day. Reveal to me His message of eternal life, as I read Thy word, and worship Thee in Thy house. May I make mention of my sins without fear, since Thou hast washed them away. May I gain strength to-day for a better life. May earthly things not possess my heart and mind, and prevent me hearing Thee speak to me. Bless all who shall worship Thee in Thy house to-day. Bless Thy servants who preach Thy gospel. Guide and strengthen them in their ministry. Let not Thy word return unto Thee void. Make it accomplish that which Thou pleasest. Bless all instruction given to the young in homes and Sunday schools. May the good seed sink into many hearts. I ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MARK XII. 41-44

GRACIOUS Heavenly Father, may I find in Thee, now and always, my true, inward, abiding peace. Thou hast brought me safely to the close of this holy day. I would trustfully commit my spirit to Thy care, and lie down to rest in Thee. When the morning breaks, and I go out again to serve Thee, may Thy love renew the blessing which I have sought to-day. May these hours of worship fit me for the hours of work. Lord, I thank thee for what Thou hast taught me to-day. Thou hast been training me for Thyself. May I thoughtfully ask, What wilt Thou have me to do? Grant me to accept whatever Thou dost send, and to give up whatever Thou dost take, and to do whatever Thou dost ask. Make me faithful to the many blessings with which Thou hast surrounded me. In my life, before my companions, may I labour with wisdom, and patience, and self-denial. Enable me to help them in Thy way. Give me grace to resist and overcome temptation. Help me to glorify Thee in everything. May I become more worthy of Thy goodness, and the place I occupy ; and by my steadfast obedience and trustful love, prove that I know Thee as my Father in heaven. Watch over me, and all dear to me this night : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ISAIAH XL. 1-8

MOST loving and gracious Father, help me to love Thee with all my heart and soul. Thou art worthy of all my affection. Thou art so mindful of me, ever rich in blessings toward me, careful over me by night and by day. I thank Thee, Lord, with a happy heart. Save me, I humbly pray Thee, from distrust of Thy love. Deliver me from all doubt of Thy willingness to save and guide me. I thank Thee for every good life, which shows us how we may serve Thee. Especially do I thank Thee for the divine teachings and holy example of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, and I earnestly pray now that I may possess something of His patience and obedience and faith. May the sweet spirit of His humility fill my life. May I learn of Him how to be strong and valiant in the struggle with temptation, to labour steadfastly at the work given me to do, and to take up my cross, and deny myself, and follow Him. Lord, in these days when I am learning so much that is useful from my books and from my teachers, help me to learn also from Him, to listen to His words, and to keep His commandments. In all my school life may I be about my Heavenly Father's business. I ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XL. 11-17

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, I pray to Thee with a penitent and thankful heart. I confess all my sins to Thee. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Forgive me if I have forgotten Thee this day, or slighted Thy good spirit, and endangered my soul. Thine eye sees every secret place, and Thou art acquainted with all my ways. Oh, forgive all my wrong feelings and thoughts, my ill-temper, my harsh and unkind moods, the rash words I spoke, and the unchristian conduct I showed. Let no unforgiven sin rest upon my soul this night. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth, and forsaketh them, shall have mercy. Lord, I acknowledge all my transgressions: help me to amend my life. Guide and confirm me in all righteousness and truth, that no temptation may draw me away from Thee. Renew Thy gracious work within me. Help me to run the race set before me with diligence and an earnest mind. Increase my desire for goodness. Give me strength to do Thy will. Bless and protect all whom I love. Bless my home and school. Give Thine angels charge concerning me. Keep all evil from me. When I awake, whether in life or death, may I still be with Thee. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. LUKE VIII. 4-15

ALMIGHTY Father, ever gracious and loving, I bow in praise to Thee this morning with a thankful spirit. In seeking Thy face, I know I will not seek in vain. I confess to Thee all my sins. Because of them I feel I am not worthy to ask any blessing from Thee. I have often forgotten Thee, often broken Thy holy law, and grieved Thy good Spirit, and followed my own way, and done my own will, and cared not for Thine. But Thou art merciful and kind, and for Jesus, my Saviour's sake, I beseech Thee to forgive me. Help me to yield myself entirely to Thee. Let it be the purpose of my life to honour Thee, and to do only such things as are pleasing in Thy sight. Send me to school with Thy blessing. Make my heart pure and trustful, let my aim be to do Thy will. Deepen this desire within me. And when this desire grows weak, do Thou renew and strengthen it. Incline me, O Lord, to put forth the most earnest efforts after goodness. Bless my school and my schoolfellows. May the friendships I have formed not be broken through sin. Help us to love one another, and to aid one another in trying to live a good life. Keep my conscience clear, keep my tongue from evil speaking, from falsehood, slander, and unkindness. Keep my feet firm on the path of right and duty : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS XI. 30-40

O HOLY and loving Father, in Thee I live, and move, and have my being. I cannot live apart from Thee. Thou gavest me my life, and Thou blessest my life with Thy goodness every day.

Lord, teach me to be thankful in all things and for all things. I praise Thee for the teaching I have had from my teachers this day. In all my reading and learning, may I know how to scorn idleness, deceit, vice, and cruelty. May I see how I can live, not for myself, but for Christ, and for others. May I find how to rejoice in the glory and beauty of Thy works, and to discover pleasure in what is lovely, and true, and good in books, and the noble actions of wise people. I thank Thee for my kind friends who strengthened my heart in goodness when I was young, who pointed me to high duties, and an earnest life, who quickened my love, and purified my mind, and taught me to scorn baseness, and to fear sin. I bless Thee most of all for my Saviour, Jesus Christ, who died for me, and who seeks that I should live for Him. Give me, O Lord, grace to do so, and, for His sake, forgive me all my sin, making my heart right, and binding me to Thyself, in loving trustfulness. Make me Thy child in my example and conduct. Lord, take care of me during the night. I am helpless without Thee. Hide me in the shadow of Thy wings, and grant me sweet sleep: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XXIII

MOST loving Father, I desire to praise and thank Thee with a grateful heart. I thank Thee that Thou hast made me, and hast kept me in health safely until now, and hast blest me with the gift of a new day. I desire to live it with Thee. Forgive me, help me, strengthen me. Make strong within me every good wish and feeling. Stir and inspire my will. Help me to shun that indifference which would lead me into forgetfulness of Thee and my duty. Make me true in my thoughts and words, true to myself that I may not be false to any one. Save me from every habit which would expose me to temptations, enfeeble my mind, and destroy my usefulness. Keep me ever mindful of the evil that lies in delaying to do the work in its season which Thou hast appointed. May I do with my might whatsoever I have to do. May my influence be good over others. May I have happiness and success in my studies. Keep before my mind the value of my present opportunities. May I use my time wisely. May my memory be active and my heart discerning. Save me from disobedience and faithlessness. Guide me by Thy Holy Spirit, and keep me in loving service of Thee. Pity my weakness, and let the light of Thy countenance shine upon me: for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I ST. JOHN I

HEAVENLY Father, be pleased to hear my evening prayer. I come with thanksgiving to Thee. Thou hast been my helper and my strength to-day.

Lord, I thank Thee for what I have learned in school to-day. Give me a growing love for knowledge and truth. Keep me always diligent in my studies. Deliver me from indolence of mind and disobedience of spirit. Thou hast called me to a hard fight with sin : be near me in all the conflict, and save me from cowardice and defeat. As I go about among my companions may I live as an heir of eternal life. Let me not be cast down and depressed if I fail to do right. If I am at any time not so successful in my work as I had hoped, give me help so that the coming days may be brighter than the past days. Teach me to remember that the best prize to strive for is that of a good character, a pure and loving disposition. When I am tempted to do the things my better nature urges me not to do, and the strength of my good resolve is like to fail, keep me from yielding, and make me strong to conquer. Bless me with hope and faith in Thee.

And now, Lord, I commit myself to Thy care for the night. My trust is in Thee. Be near me in the darkness. May no evil come near to grieve me. May the peace of God which passeth understanding rest on me for ever : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ISAIAH LIII. 1-9

O LORD, my God, I cast myself this morning on Thy care. I am not worthy of Thy goodness. I confess all my sin. I beseech Thee to forgive it, to receive me graciously, and to supply all my needs. Lord, Thou knowest my wants. Thou hast promised to them that seek first Thy kingdom and its righteousness, that all other things shall be added. May I not doubt Thy love to me. May my one desire be to please Thee. Thou wilt not leave me nor forsake me. May I be strong in faith to-day. Let me not fall back into the sins of my past life. May I press on to do better than I have done. If I shall meet with discouragements to-day, may my confidence in Thee not fail. If temptations are too strong for me, keep me steadfast, and help me to cling to Thee, nothing doubting. May I listen for Thy still small voice within my heart. Make the darkness light before me, and the rough places smooth, and the crooked things straight. Help me to give diligent heed to Thy word lest I forget Thee. Help me to be hopeful and persevering in my work to-day. May I learn gladly, and look up to Thee with trustfulness. Give me the mind that thinks of others, and the heart that loves them. Lead me day by day in my life in this world, that at the end I may, by Thy mercy, enter into Thy heavenly joy : through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: I ST. PETER III. 8-16

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, in Thy loving-kindness, hear my humble prayer. Let the good work which Thy Spirit has begun in me continue according to Thy wise and holy purpose.

Lord, I praise Thee that Thou art not weary with me when I fall by reason of my own sin. Thou knowest how to spare that Thou mayest heal. Thou delightest in mercy, and dost not cast Thy children from Thy love. O Lord, I thank Thee for Thy kindness, for Thy patience, for all Thy wonderful goodness, and for Thy unwearied fatherly love which sustains and defends me. I pray that Thy goodness may lead me to repentance. May I be helped to live better every day. Lord, give me joy in my school duties. Give me a spirit of docility, an eager mind, a glad and hopeful heart. In all the contentions and struggles of my life, give me Thy peace. Bless me in my learning, and make me a blessing to others.

Glorify Thyself in the lives of all Thy children. Remove ignorance from people's minds, and the sins that hide Thy face. Bring them to the Cross of Jesus, and fill them with Thy love. Be with me in the silence and darkness of the night: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. LUKE IX. 46-56

O LORD, with true reverence would I worship Thee. Hear my prayer of thanksgiving. I bless Thee for the gift of another day. Help me to use my time thoughtfully. May my faith in Thee make me sure that Thou art with me, watching me, keeping me, saving me all through the day. Lord, I desire to have a loving, courageous spirit. May the influence of my life in school bring good to my companions. Help me to value my books, my friendships, my teachers, and the opportunities that are mine now of fitting myself for the place Thou art pleased to give me afterwards in the world. I am sinful, and need Thy forgiveness. Show me the beauty of goodness. Cleanse my nature from all wrong tendencies. Fill it with pure and earnest desires. Imprint upon my mind Thy holy teachings, and let no evil destroy my trust in them. Give me enthusiasm for goodness. May I be natural, and frank, and true, in my religious life. Bless me in my talk with others. May it be sincere, pure, kindly, loving. Bless me in all my intercourse with my teachers and fellow pupils. May I be earnest, considerate, helpful. Put Thy love within my heart : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ISAIAH LX. 17-22

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, I ask that Thy benediction may rest on me at the close of this day, and throughout this night. Thy blessing always maketh rich, and it addeth no sorrow. I have tasted that Thou art gracious and good to me, and I come to praise and thank Thee.

I have to confess, most merciful Father, that in my daily life I too often fail in the work of faith, and the labour of love, and the patience of hope. I have not served Thee as I should have done. I have not felt the claim of Christ upon me. I have forgotten that I am not my own but Thine. Save me from the deceitfulness of sin, and the snares of evil desire. Blot out all my transgressions. Take all my broken vows, and selfish life, and wrong feelings, and heal them, and bring great good out of them, to Thy glory. Save me from wrong pleasures. May Thy favour and peace be more dear to me than these.

O Lord, make me more deserving of Thy loving-kindness. May I see the example and commandments of the Lord Jesus on all the way of my earthly life. If I have been unprofitable to Thee, enable me by Thy grace to be better at home, and school, and wherever I am. Shelter me this night from all harm. Bless all my friends, and bless me, with Thy heavenly peace : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I CORINTHIANS XV. 1-10

ALMIGHTY God, my Heavenly Father, Thou sustainest my life with Thy unchanging love. Thy goodness and mercy are always following me : Thou preparest my way before Thee. With a grateful heart I praise Thee for light, and health, and food, and raiment, and love, and friends, and most of all, for Thine unspeakable gift, Jesus Christ, my Saviour. I desire to follow Him this day. Increase my desire, and grant me, I beseech Thee, what I pray for. I love Thee but too little : strengthen my love. Let the thought of Thee be my joy to-day. Show me when I am weak, and disposed to do wrong, that I must needs be on my guard. Let me not so forget my weakness as to be surprised by sudden temptation, led astray by false likings, or wrong companions, or yield to the sin that so easily besets me. May the enemy of my soul not prevail through my weakness, but be conquered through Thy strength. Prosper me in my school work to-day. Give me an unselfish ambition. May I earnestly seek to fit myself for serving Thee. May I so remember Thee now in the days of my youth, that my years all through may be blessed to Thy glory, and the good of others : through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JAMES IV. 10-17

O LORD, my Saviour, may my life before Thee be a continual thanksgiving. Thou art always making Thy goodness to pass before me. I offer to Thee in this evening hour the gratefulness of my heart. Lord, Thou hast been merciful to me because of my sins. I have often been forgetful and faithless : Thou hast always been true to Thy word. Even when I have forsaken Thee, Thou hast been kind and patient, and hast not forsaken me. Lord, be pleased out of Thy pitiful love to forgive me my past wanderings ; my neglect of Thy law ; my resistance to Thy will. Help me to make my future better than my past has been. May Thy Holy Word be a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. May I learn from its wisdom how to be wise. May my words be honest and truthful, and make others honest and truthful. May I always have courage to speak for the right, and against the wrong. Nourish my heart, my faith, and my zeal with strength from the water of life, Jesus Christ. Lead me in the way Thou choolest, and give me grace in that way to be evermore learning of Thee. Keep me in Thy service, a disciple at Thy feet. Lord, comfort and succour all in need this night. Bless and protect those in peril on the sea. Bless my home : let Thy presence be always felt by us in school. Keep me safe this night while I sleep : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JOHN X. 37-42

HEAVENLY Father, I thank Thee for the gift of another day of rest. Help me to worship Thee as I ought. Let the joy of Thy presence be in my heart throughout the day. Let me join in prayer and praise, and the service of the Church with warm and true affection. Let me listen to Thy word with earnest attention, and obey it with a sincere and humble mind. May I be helped to love the Lord Jesus more sincerely, and to follow His example and do His will more obediently. He is the good Shepherd, may He seek and find the lost sheep. O Heavenly Father, let the world be blessed with Thy salvation. Show the power of Thy salvation among the nations of the earth. Rouse those who are careless : bring back wanderers : and strengthen and make glad all who love and serve Thee. Be with all who preach Thy truth to-day. May they preach it in simplicity and love and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Have compassion on the careless, and those who forget Thee. While they are seeking their own pleasure do Thou seek them by Thy grace. Lead all young people who hear the gospel to-day into Thy loving service, and make them glad, and ready to follow Jesus Christ. Bless my parents, and friends, and companions, with Thy goodness and mercy : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : REVELATION III. 1-6

HEAVENLY Father, Thou art the giver of every good and perfect gift, and from Thy hands I have received this day many blessings. I have learned something of Thy love to me, the fulness of Thy forgiveness, and the strength Thou dost bestow on those who strive to serve Thee. Grant, I pray Thee, that all that I have learned to-day, may enable me with more earnest and steadfast resolution, to devote myself to Thy service. May I love Thy word more. May I be more willing to please Thee. Grant me more strength with which to overcome my besetting sins and faults. I would seek to go forth to all the work I have to do, and to mingle with my companions with Thy hand laid upon me in control and guidance, and with the light of Thy love shining on my path. Oh, lead me in Thy truth and teach me, and bring me every day nearer to heaven, and Thee.

I pray Thee to care for all whom I love. May we all be joined together in love of Thee. I commit my life to Thy care for the night. Give me quiet sleep, and strengthening rest, and fit me for the new day. Hear me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XI. 20-30

FATHER in heaven, I come to Thee again with a glad heart. Thou hast lovingly watched over me in the darkness and hast spared me to see the light of a new day. Help me to trust Thee with a happy faith. The darker the journey the more closely may I cling to Thee. Hold up my goings in Thy paths that my footsteps slip not. Teach me, Lord, to love the thing Thou commandest : to seek that which Thou dost promise : and to follow where Thou leadest. When I am tempted, may I stand firm, and yield not one step. Make me fearless in the midst of fear : calm and brave amidst opposition and dislike : hopeful in Thee when things are against me. Help me to wear the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. May I be kind, generous, courteous, pitiful, full of sympathy and love. Let me not yield to any influence that would draw me away from Thee. May I not forget Thy law. Bless my parents, my teachers, my friends and relations, my companions. May I seek to make my life at home and in the school an example of honour, purity, truth and kindness. Lift me above all weakness, and save me from giving way in any effort I make to do right. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS XII. 1-7

GRACIOUS and merciful Father, in this evening hour before I sleep, I give Thee praise and blessing for Thy goodness to me throughout this day. Thou hast made my life glad and happy. Thou hast widened my knowledge, and deepened my interest in the wonders of Thy great world. May I learn more and more ardently of the goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee. Thou hast placed me in this world to learn. May I not be unwilling or impatient or uninterested. Give me an active, inquiring mind: a heart that can cherish pure enthusiasms and noble ideals: that fears God, and keeps His commandments. May every day see me rising higher in all good attainments: becoming more successful in the achievement of those wise purposes which Thy Holy Spirit puts within my heart. Help me to hear Thy voice in Thy written word, in the life of Jesus, in the wonders of nature, and the events of history. Give me the ready mind that can say, Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth. May I learn to my spiritual profit.

Lord, my sins are before Thee: cleanse me from them all. Set me free from their tyranny. Give me an ardent love of goodness. Fix my mind on eternal things. May all my life move towards Thee.

I entrust myself to Thee for the night. I am safe as in the daytime, if I hope in Thee. Defend me from all ill: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE: NUMBERS VI. 22-27

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, I praise Thee for Thy goodness to me. Thy love passes knowledge. May I live worthily of it this day. I am Thy poor weak child, and I need Thy constant care. Give me Thy grace, I beseech Thee, that I may be helped to depend on Thee, and to please Thee. Make my thoughts and feelings pure and holy. Cleanse me from Thy sins that my conduct to-day may be to Thy glory. Make Thy will my will, and of Thy great love, make me more like Him who is my example. May the thought of Jesus' presence be a check on my heart when tempted to sin. Help me to remember that Thine eye sees me: that Thou canst discover every sin I commit, and every purpose I form in my mind, and that what I do, whether good or bad, Thou knowest. Make me more earnest and thoughtful. May Thy light never fade from my soul. Save me from wandering away from Thee, and being lost in forgetfulness of Thy law, and in a love of evil things. Through all my life I would set Thee always before me. Be Thou on my right hand, and my left, and I shall not be moved. I go to my lessons: may I learn for Thy glory. Fill my heart with good desires, my memory with good thoughts, and may I all through this day be a diligent scholar at the feet of Christ: for His sake. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XLVI. 1-7

O LOVING Lord and Father, it is because Thou hast been my strength that at the close of the day I am here to praise Thee and give Thee thanks. I bless Thee for all things, for all things have been sent by Thee. I bless Thee for the trials that have trained me to patience, and the temptations that have taught me to trust only in Thy help : for the troubles that have lifted me nearer to Thee, and all the wrongs and hardships that have brought me to Thee in prayer. Grant me to see Thy goodness in all that happens to me. Help me to do Thy will more firmly in every action of the day. May it be my joy to serve Thee in the thought of Thy love. Help me to live for others. And if it should please Thee to give me only some small task to do, let me not despise it, but do it cheerfully. If the work should be difficult, and should try me, give me power to fulfil it. Be Thou my teacher always, that I may learn from all the experiences of life some great lessons of love and faith. Give me the assurance of Thy presence and care, that I may not faint in my efforts after goodness, nor be weary in my labours for others.

Father, forgive the sins of the day, and let me lie down renewed, and accepted in Thy love. Watch over those who are dear to me. Bless me with restful strengthening sleep : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : GENESIS XXII. 3-14

HEAVENLY Father, Thy mercies are new every morning. Thy kindness never fails. Thou hast wakened me from sleep to duty : open my eyes to see Thee everywhere. Open my heart and mind to love Thee and to understand Thy will. I bring to Thee my sins and failures, the troubles and anxieties of my daily life, the temptations that I fear, the work that I find hard to do. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Help me by my life to-day to show how much I deserve to be Thy child. May my repentance of sin be made true by my earnest effort to lead a better life, a purer, and more unselfish life. Save me from being weak in goodness, undecided, and unprofitable. Help me, O Lord, my Master, to be Thy patient learner. May I know my true needs, and Thy perfect sufficiency, and may all my thoughts, and wants, and hopes, lead on to Thee. Give me the spirit of knowledge, and understanding, and by my diligence and perseverance may I prove worthy of that goodness and mercy of Thine which have never ceased to follow me. Make me wise in the use of my time : earnest in the training of my faculties : and help me in body, soul, and spirit, to glorify Thee this day : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: I ST. PETER I. 1-9

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, I beseech Thee for Jesus' sake to listen to my evening prayer. May I love to speak to Thee. Thou lovest to speak to me. Thou hast been speaking to me this day. I have had many blessings from Thy hand, and every blessing has been a revelation of Thy heart, and has declared Thy mindfulness and love.

Lord, my Father, I desire to be better. As I grow older, may I grow wiser, purer, more Christian. Help me to cast off the bondage of every sinful habit: to turn away from every sinful companionship. Teach me not to ask great things for myself, but always to be pure hearted, and humble minded, and glad to please Thee. Take my life and shape it every day as Thou wantest it to be. Make me willing to accept everything that will train me to patience, unselfishness, and a happy faith in Thee. May my education day by day be an education of the heart, as well as of the mind. Lead me in Thy path and grant me courage and readiness to follow. Lord, I desire to live a bright and trustful life. Thou knowest the difficulties that are in my own heart, in my school life, in my circumstances. May Thy grace be sufficient to help me. Teach me always to love Thy will and do it. Defend me, and all I love, from the perils and dangers of this night. Bless me with sleep and good health and quiet rest: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PROVERBS X. 1-9

O HEAVENLY Father, Thou art very near to me, though I see Thee not. Help me to recognise Thy love. Keep within me the spirit of thankfulness. I praise Thee for Thy goodness to me during the past night. I seek to go forward to the duties of to-day with a humble yet trustful heart. May mine be the happiness of Him that findeth wisdom, and getteth understanding. Thou knowest all that I am, and all that I need. Be my helper, my strength, my exceeding great reward. Bestow a blessing upon my studies to-day. Make me teachable, eager to learn, conscientious in all I do, obedient to those in authority over me, loving towards my companions. Give me a right heart so that no base or impure thoughts, no mean and covetous likings may lodge there. Rule my tongue so that no corrupt communication may proceed out of my mouth. Guard my eyes, guide my feet, control my whole life, so that my example may be helpful in goodness to others. May Thy loving purposes be accomplished in me. Help me not to forget Thy word. In all things may I be faithful. In all the paths of my daily life, may I be watchful and prayerful. I ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : EPHESIANS III. 14-21

MY Father in heaven, look down in love upon me as I offer my evening prayer of confession and thanksgiving. Thou hast great compassion, and wilt listen to the prayers which Thy children make to Thee. Lord, I come to Thee trusting in Thy love for me, Thy child, and praying that Thou wilt forgive me where this day I have gone amiss, and help me in my endeavours to do what is right and pleasing in Thy sight. Thou hast taught us all by the Saviour Jesus that Thou hast joy over one sinner that repenteth, even more than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance. I repent of all my wrong actions. I would seek to turn from my sin and live a good life. Strengthen me in all my resolutions. Aid me in withstanding the temptation to slip back into evil ways. Lead me in the paths of purity and righteousness.

Lord, I praise Thee for the continuance of Thy love. I cannot count up Thy mercies. Make my life more worthy of Thy gifts. Where I have failed to-day, make me victorious to-morrow. Thou art always seeking to do me good. May I show by my conduct that Thy goodness helps me. I commend myself to Thee for the night. Protect and save me : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XXXIV. 1-9

MOST gracious Father, I thank Thee with a glad heart for bringing me to the beginning of another day. Go with me through all its hours, and duties, and joys, and cares. May I not refuse Thy loving guidance. Help me to touch Thee with the loving touch of faith. May I live before Thee as one who sincerely feels that without Thee life must be unblessed and unsafe. Help me to give myself to my work with a happy and hopeful mind. Enable me to drive away all such disquieting and perplexing thoughts as may mislead or hinder me in the doing of those duties which Thou requirest of me. I am weak, but Thou art strong. May Thy strength be made perfect in my weakness. I know that I shall fail, and fall, if I try to live without Thee. Stand by me in the hour of need. Succour and save me when temptations come. Make me to know what Thou wouldest have me to do, and give me the will and the power to perform it. Let my way towards Thee be safe and direct. Grant that I may do all things in love. Let not my daily work be performed merely from habit, but with devout regard for Thee. May I never dishonour Thy name. I ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM LXIII. 1-8

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, bless me as I come to Thee offering my evening prayer. Be gracious to me and give me a thankful heart.

Another day has gone. Thou hast filled it with kindness and love. I thank Thee for what Thou hast done for me this day. Thy presence has been with me. Thou hast satisfied my wants : Thou hast kept me in health : Thou hast blessed me in my duties : Thou hast given me joy in my heart. Every good and perfect gift comes down from Thee. May I never forget Thy goodness. Lord, my Father, I am not worthy of Thy blessings. When I think of my life it is a wonder to me that Thou carest for me. Lord, Thou art everywhere, and seest and knowest all things. I have to confess that I have not desired nor cared to know Thee. I have not been faithful to Thy truth, nor followed in Thy way. I have had unworthy thoughts about Thee, and rebellious feelings concerning Thy ways. I have all too easily turned from Thy commandments, and have not loved others, and been forgiving and kind. Lord, create in me a heart that loves Thee, and make my life a life that serves Thee. Make my school-days bright with Thy goodness, and help me to fill them with honest and true work.

Lord, care for me, I beseech Thee, while I sleep. The darkness is as light to Thee. Preserve me from all sin and danger : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PROVERBS IV. 1-13

MY Heavenly Father, Thou hast blessed me all my days. May the dew of Thy grace be upon my youth. I thank Thee for Thy nightly care of me. Lead me and defend me to-day. I need Thee every hour. I would not forget my duty to Thee. Make me earnest in doing the work Thou hast given me to do in this school. May I feel it to be Thy work. Take from me all tediousness and languor of mind. Be pleased to strengthen and increase my faith in Thee. Though it be small as a grain of mustard seed, grant that it may grow. Give me a pure heart, a zealous mind, and such diligence as shall not be in vain. May I grow in goodness and in wisdom. Give me freedom from those sins and temptations that specially try me. Save me from unworthy thoughts, and from a harsh, morose, and unkindly spirit. Remembering Thy great love of me, may I be bright, contented, considerate, and in all my merriment, as in all my dutifulness, may I show myself a disciple of Jesus Christ, a learner in His school. Forgive my past cowardice, my many shortcomings, my fears, my thoughtlessness, and show me that my true happiness is only found in fellowship with Thee. Incline my heart to run in the way of Thy commandments. I ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : JOB XXII. 21-30

HEAVENLY Father, wilt Thou hear my evening prayer? I thank Thee for Thy love to me through another day. Give me faith to rest quietly under Thy care throughout the night.

Lord, I bless Thee for all Thy manifold gifts. They are more than I can number. May Thy wonderful goodness lead me to repentance, and to the love of Thee, and all good things. Let me not be growing worse in heart as I grow older: less mindful of great things: less willing to live for Thee and serve Thee. Help me to rise out of myself, and follow the great purpose of Christ, the redemption of the world from sin. Thou knowest how I have lived to-day. If I have yielded to temptation, or given way to some besetting sin: if I have been unkind or false in my speaking, or have shown a hasty and selfish temper: if I have been heedless, and prayerless, gracious Father, forgive me for Jesus' sake. I wish to be freed from the power of evil within my own heart. I wish to be the true and faithful soldier of Jesus Christ, and every day to fight in His name the good fight of faith. Clothe me with Thy spiritual armour, O Lord. I pray for my parents, friends, teachers, companions. May they all be Thine. May Thy peace be upon them all. Lord, watch lovingly over me this night, and keep me safe: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : DEUTERONOMY . V. 1-21

ALL loving and gracious Father, I lift up my heart with gladness to Thee on this holy day. I bless Thee that Thou hast spared me to see it. I thank Thee for the rest and strength Thou hast given me, by means of which I may enjoy it. Lord, make it a very happy and bright day for me. Grant me the spirit of true consecration and devotion. Incline my heart to seek Thee. Help me to set my affection on things above. May I be kept in perfect peace, because my mind is stayed on Thee.

Bless Thy word as I read it. Bless Thy message of salvation and life as I listen to it. Help me to cast off the bondage of every sinful feeling and habit, and set me in the liberty of Christ. May Thy word have free course, and be glorified this day. Be the helper of all Thy servants who in so many places in the world to-day will proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. May the world in its hunger and need find the bread of life. Bless all young people to-day, and all parents and teachers. In Thy great compassion have pity upon the godless and careless in our own land, and the heathen in distant lands. May Thy Holy Spirit show them all Thy salvation. Lord, may the worship of to-day help to train me to be Thy servant. May my life be spent for Thee. Wherever I am, and whatever I do, may I be an earnest follower of Jesus Christ : for His sake. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PHILIPPIANS I. 1-11

ETERNAL and most merciful Father, Thou hast brought us to the close of the day of rest. I thank Thee for the quiet hours of thought and prayer which Thou hast granted to me. Help me not to forget what I have heard. May the seed of Thy truth sink deep into my heart. May it produce some day an abundant harvest. May I never be so busy as to refuse to let it grow. May I think and meditate on Thy word. Forbid, O Lord, that I should ever forget or forsake the simple trustfulness of my youth. If I have become proud, or vain, or selfish, help me to renounce these sins, and return to childlikeness of heart. Make me to be more in love with the goodness of Jesus Christ. In all my learning may I search until I find the pearl of great price. May I be prepared by the worship and work of the Sabbath for living a better life in the world. Open my eyes to see that the goodness I seek to win can only be found in Thee. Save me from unkind thoughts and words and selfish actions. I commit myself to Thy care, and as my body takes its natural rest, so may my soul rest in Thy love. I ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : HOSEA XIV

MOST merciful Father, Thou hast a wonderful care over me night and day. I bless Thee for Thy great love. Help me to walk wisely before Thee. Help me to serve Thee by doing right in the school, before my teachers, and among my companions. Grant that Thy loving-kindness may be followed by my obedience. Make me, and keep me always, sincerely humble, cheerful without frivolity, thoughtful without dejection, active without foolishness. Give me, O Lord, a watchful heart which no envious feeling may lead away from Thee : a steadfast heart which no difficulty may overcome : a free and glad heart which no temptation may ever enslave. Make me tender and unselfish, true and just. Teach me that Thy will is love, that Thy love is wise. Bestow on me, most merciful Lord, understanding to know Thee, diligence to seek Thee, wisdom to find Thee, and habits of life pleasing to Thee. May Christ, my Lord, teach me. May His grace not only pardon my past, but preserve my future from evil. Loving Him, may I become more like Him, and finally obtain the crown of life which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee : through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ROMANS VIII. 1-8

GRACIOUS Lord, my Father in heaven, let Thine eye of love be upon me now as I kneel before Thee, and ask Thee graciously to hear my evening prayer. Lord, make me reverent and thoughtful in mind. Help me to feel and know that I am in Thy presence. Teach me to pray, and help me in prayer.

Lord, I give Thee praise and gratitude for Thy goodness to me this day. Thou hast been loving in all Thy gifts, and hast given me all that I needed. Forgive me that I have not lived a life more worthy of all Thy care and love. Forgive me that I have so often failed to do well, that I have been so often weak and wayward. Help me, as I remember my sin, to remember also Thy mercy and strength. Thou leavest no one to his own strength who sincerely strives to serve Thee. I would seek to live a true life in Thee. May my light shine. May my influence spread for good. May my example be always in favour of honesty, purity, truthfulness, courage. May I carry some others' burdens, and help and comfort some weak and sad life. Help me to behave grandly in little things, to be tender-hearted, unselfish, forgiving.

Lord, Thy love has kept me through the day. May it keep me through the night. Refresh me with sleep. May I awake in strength to serve Thee more faithfully : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XXV. 1-13

O LORD, my God, Thou art holy and pure. I humble myself before Thee, and confess my sin. Thou art a God that pardoneth iniquity. Wash me in Thy love, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou art worthy of a greater love than I can give, or understand. Fill my heart with such love toward Thee as may cast out all indolence and fear, that nothing may seem too hard for me to do or suffer, in obedience to Thee. Give me grace faithfully to improve all the talents Thou hast committed to my trust. My understanding is easily deceived. Establish it in Thy truth. My will, O Lord, is wavering and irresolute, and clings uncertainly to Thee. My goodness is as the morning cloud, and as the early dew it passeth away. Strengthen and confirm every good wish and intention of my heart. Whatever good work Thou hast begun in me, graciously perform it unto the day of Christ. Thou seest, O Lord, my weakness, and knowest the strength of my temptations. Leave me not to myself. Help me to put on the whole armour of God. May I prove a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and fight the good fight of faith. Teach me, O God, and make me wise unto salvation. Bless all who are dear to me. May my friends be Thy friends. Hear me in my prayer : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CXXXIX. 1-12

MERCIFUL Lord, my Heavenly Father, by Thy goodness I have been spared throughout this day, and in my evening prayer I come to thank and bless Thee. Thou hast dealt very bountifully with me, and I have lacked no good thing that is needful for me. If this day I have misused any of Thy gifts, if I have wasted my time, or forgotten Thee, or have been thoughtless about others, unkind, and unloving, mercifully forgive me. Show me that all the blessings I have are Thine. I am Thy steward : make me faithful in my stewardship. It is my duty to serve Thee : help me to serve Thee with all my heart, with an intelligent mind, and an obedient and happy will. May goodness be a delight to me. I bless Thee for Jesus Christ, my Saviour, and for Thy Spirit within my heart. I bless Thee for Thy Holy Word, and all the wise helpfulness of friends and companions. May my life by these means grow better every day, and may it always have a good influence.

The night has come, and I seek my rest. May I sleep in the assurance that Thou, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, watchest over me. Preserve me in safety. Bless all whom I love. Keep evil thoughts and imaginations from my mind : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PHILIPPIANS IV. 1-9

MOST loving Father, with a grateful heart I bless Thee for the gift of the morning light. I have lain down, and have slept, and have waked again : Thou hast sustained me. Thou art always doing good. May I trust Thee and think of Thee with a very happy mind to-day. Help me not to forget the love Thou hast toward me. Preserve me from disobedience and wilfulness. The way before me to-day is hidden. I cannot tell what the day, or one hour of it, may bring forth : but Thou art everywhere, and nothing can happen to me without Thy notice and control. O Lord, my Father, keep me in Thy path, and cause Thy light so to shine upon me that I shall bravely walk in it. When I am tempted, may I remember Jesus, and ask that in the moment of danger His strength may be my strength, that His victory also may be mine. When I am at my duties, may I be perfectly faithful. When no human eye is watching me, may my thoughts be clear and right, and my actions blessed of Thee. Save me from wasting my time. Help me to have my mind occupied with some rightful interest. I desire Thy favour. Help me to prepare for the future life by making this life divine, and unselfish, and earnest. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM LXXVII. 1-12

MY Heavenly Father, I pray to Thee in my Saviour's name. For His sake receive me, and forgive me, and help me. I thank Thee for my life to-day. I thank Thee for the great goodness which Thou hast been pleased to send me. I thank Thee for my teachers, my opportunities of learning, my books, companions, and many comforts. Thou hast made my life very happy. Grant that I may not spoil and waste it by my negligence and sin. Lord, fill my heart with a sense of my obligation to Thee, and of confidence that Thou wilt do the best for me if I love and cling to Thee. May all the difficulties and trials of my life serve as a true discipline, and lead me to know my duties and responsibilities. May they educate my heart into a life of love, and the practice of all true virtues.

Forgive me my waywardness when my desires are crossed. Let not my evil thoughts and feelings master me. Cleanse my heart from all base passions. Give me a burning hatred of mean and unholy things. May I show a daily obedience in following Christ.

And now, Lord, I lay me down to sleep, beseeching Thee to protect me, and all whom I love. May Thy love be ever round about me, and, sleeping or waking, may I be Thine : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : 2 CORINTHIANS X. 1-6

O LORD, my God, and Heavenly Father, Thou art ever mindful of Thy children. I praise Thee for so lovingly guarding me while I slept. Make all this day bright for me by giving me a sense of Thy love. May the desire I have to please Thee to-day not die out of my heart. Make me steadfast in doing what is right. And if I am not certain what is right, teach me, and help me to learn what Thy will is, that I may do it and not fail. Help me to have a kind and forgiving spirit. At my games, and at my lessons, may I show myself to be truly unselfish and thoughtful of others. Keep me from being harsh in my words, angry, impatient, sullen. Strengthen the good resolutions I have formed. May I remember them, and firmly keep them. Make me fearless in the fight against the wrong. May I know that I shall not be defeated if I faithfully serve Jesus Christ. Put within my heart a hatred of all that is shameful and unworthy, and give me a strong love for everything that is pure and lovely and of good repute. Lord, I cling to Thee : direct my steps : be on my right hand and my left. Do not leave me or forsake me. I ask it for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: I ST. JOHN V. 17-21

O LORD, my Heavenly Father, Thou hast brought me through this day to its close in safety, and I kneel before Thee to thank Thee for Thy loving care. I bless Thee for all Thy goodness to me this day. I would seek to live more devotedly for Thee. Give me an earnest purpose in my life, and help me wisely to use my time, my opportunities, my means of grace. Strengthen my religious faith. Give me a warm love for goodness. May my heart learn to respond readily to all the holy influences that come from good books, and good people, and that dwell so richly in Thy Holy Word.

Father, forgive me my faults and sins. Thou knowest how easily I forget Thy truth, and wander into forbidden ways. Help me to see what I lose when I forget Thee and Thy loving will. Give me an earnest mind that is resolute in doing right. May I never be afraid to stand alone in doing right. Help me, too, to put my heart into my work at school. May I grow in intelligence, prudence, and pureness of life.

Be pleased to watch over me this night while I sleep. Care for all whom I love. I commend them to Thy blessing. Spare me if it be Thy will for the new day, and for serving Thee better: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : EPHESIANS IV. 20-32

MOST loving Father in heaven, open Thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. I thank Thee for Thy loving and tender care. Thou hast given me health, and food, and raiment : from the beginning of my days until now, Thou hast not failed to bless me. With a very grateful heart I praise Thee for Jesus Christ, my Teacher, my Master, my Saviour. I would seek to follow Him to-day. O Lord, I pray Thee to take out of my heart everything that would hinder me doing right. If I stumble, save me from falling. If I fall, be near to lift me up. Give me strength to hold control over myself, over my temper, my desires, my thoughts. Lord, enable me to do with all my heart the work which Thou hast given me to do here. May I show a spirit of faithfulness, sincerity, conscientiousness, and happy obedience. May I fear only to do wrong. May all my work be done in a high and earnest spirit as unto Thee. Wherever I am sought and found, may I be about my Father's business. Let not any right action of my life, however humble, seem to me common or unclean. May it always be marked with the beauty of glad and sacred service. Bless, with myself, my fellow scholars, teachers, and parents : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MARK X. 13-22

LORD, my Father, with joy in my heart I praise Thee this night. Thou hast done great things for me whereof I am glad. Thou hast kept me from danger to body and soul. Thou hast led me and supplied my wants : Thou hast protected me, and taught me, and surrounded my steps with Thy goodness. Lord, give me a grateful heart, and a heart that always remembers Thy love. Enable me every day I live, to live more for Thee. May I feel that as life is a race, I ought to run it with my mind on the prize. Give me high thoughts of my duty to Thee and to my neighbours. Save me from a selfish life. Grant that I may not spend my time foolishly. Help me by Thy grace to cultivate decision of character. Strengthen my will, and my liking for all pure and noble ways.

Lord, show me wherein I have failed to please Thee this day, and help me to amend my faults. May I never be afraid to look into my own heart, and by Thy strength to put right what is wrong. Lord, I lie down to my sleep, thankful for Thy loving kindness to me : wishful to please Thee. Spare me if it be Thy will to live better, and love Thee more. Care for me, and all my dear friends and companions : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XII. 46-50

MERCIFUL and loving Father, I come to Thee this morning to thank Thee for Thy goodness, and to seek Thy favour. It is Thou who givest me my days, and every day is a fresh stage in my earthly journey, and every day comes to me but once. So teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. Give me a thoughtful mind. Lead me to think rightly of time. Preserve me from wasting it. Help me by Thy strength to live to Thee. May all my duties be performed as to Thyself. In every aim and purpose of my mind give me unwearied earnestness, and also unwearied patience. Stir within me pure ambitions, and give me a humble but hopeful heart. Give me courage, and give me also gentleness. Save me from the sins that specially trouble me. Grant that I may not tempt others to do wrong. Give me a reverent spirit. May I love all true and noble things, and learn something of Thee from this wondrous world which Thou hast made. Keep me in the paths of uprightness and truth. Help me to make my conduct so steadfastly honest and just that no selfishness, or wrong liking, may draw me from my duty, or make my love to Thee fail. Teach me to deny myself, and take up my cross, and bear it wherever it is appointed me to go. I ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : TITUS II. 11-15

A GAIN, O Lord, my Father, I come to Thee. My life for another day has closed. I lie down to my sleep beseeching Thy forgiveness and Thy protection. I began the day with Thy benediction, and goodness and mercy have followed me. Lord, wilt Thou cleanse my heart from the stains of sin, and give me the assurance of Thy forgiveness? Defend me in soul and body from all evil this night. Take me into Thy gracious keeping, and shield and save me. I thank Thee with a glad heart for all Thy goodness to me this day. Bless what I have done that is pleasing to Thee, and graciously forgive all the wrong that has stained my life to-day. If I have been selfish, indolent, unkind and untrue : if I have wasted my time, and neglected my opportunities : if I have been unfaithful and thoughtless, give me grace to hate my sins and to commit them no more. In Thy great compassion deliver me from the temptations which so easily cause me to fall into sin. Make my thoughts and motives pure and holy, and of Thy great love make me more like Him who is my example and Saviour. Watch over all I love. Be with those who wake, or watch, or weep to-night, and save us all : through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ACTS XVI. 6-15

ETERNAL and loving Father, on this holy day I seek a rich and abiding blessing from Thee. I would rest in Thy great love. To-day I would learn how to trust Thee, and how to make my trust grow strong. Speak Thy word to my heart. Help me to listen, and believe. Create in me pure hopes and desires. Quiet every anxious thought, and cast out all fear by giving me Thy love. Prepare my soul for worshipping Thee in Thy house. Fill my heart with reverence and godly fear. Purify my mind from all vain and sinful thoughts. Let my private devotions so prepare me for public worship and Christian service that all the holy duties of this day may strengthen my religious life, and make me better in my conduct in the world. Teach me to do Thy will. Take me under Thy care, and instruct me in Thy law. I give myself to Thee. I would keep nothing back from Thee, no sin from Thy all-searching eyes, and no wish of my soul from Thy rebuking love. And may all the prayers and worship and teaching of this day bring me so closely into Thy presence that I may find Thee ever near me to guide, and uphold, and bless me. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CXXVI

GRACIOUS and merciful Father, I render thanks unto Thee for the wisdom that has guided and taught me this day. Thou hast been my light and my salvation. Thou hast given me again the joy of hearing Thy word, and worshipping with Thy people. Lord, grant that any impression of good that has been made upon my mind to-day may not pass away. May to-morrow's duties and temptations and difficulties not make me lose my faith, or forget Thy love. Lord, I would seek to cling more trustfully to Thee. Day after day I am upheld by Thy loving-kindness. In the midst of all my waywardness and indolence, Thou dost continue to bless me. Waken my heart to gratitude, O loving Father, for mercies which have flowed upon me day by day, in health and sickness, in work and rest, and train me to live my life more and more in agreement with Thy pure will. May every Sabbath day find me more trustful in Thee, and more obedient to Thee.

Lord, send Thy light and truth into all the earth. Bring men and women and young people to Thy love and peace. Let Thy kingdom quickly be set up in all the earth. Receive, O Lord, my loving thankfulness for Thy goodness to me to-day. Bless me to-night, and all dear to me: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW V. 1-12

LORD, Thou art my Father, good at all times, ever mindful of Thy children. I praise Thee for renewing my life, and sparing me to praise Thee this morning for Thy mercifulness. I do not know what lies before me to-day, but Thou knowest. Guide me when I am in doubt. Help me in difficulty. Strengthen me when I am tempted. Make all things work together for my good. Be with me throughout all the hours of to-day. Help me to do the work I have to do as unto Thee, and, even in the common and simple things, give me grace to serve Thee. Bless all whom I love. May we be united in love to Thee as we are united in love to one another. Enable me this day to adorn Thy teaching, and do Thy will. Have compassion on my weakness. Forgive the perversity and waywardness of my heart. Save me from my foolish fears, and from discontent with what I have. Forgive my want of truth in word and deed. Renew a right spirit within me. Deliver me from bad temper, rash speaking, envy, jealousy, unkindness, and from conduct that would dishonour Thy holy law. May I follow Jesus Christ, and remembering His teaching, strive to do His will : for His sake. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CXIX. 57-64

ALMIGHTY and most loving Father, graciously hear me in my evening prayer. Thou hast been with me throughout this day, and I come to thank Thee for Thy goodness. Thou hast blessed me with all needful blessings. Thou hast supplied my wants : Thou hast maintained my health : Thou hast helped me in my duties : Thou hast brought me in safety to these closing hours. O Lord, wilt Thou in Thy great goodness forgive the sins I have committed this day. Thou art ever calling me to repentance, and showing Thyself ever kind and ready to forgive. Let me not through my heedlessness and waywardness receive Thy grace in vain. Cleanse me from the guilt, and preserve me from the memory of evil things. Keep wakeful within me my feeling of responsibility to Thee. All I have is Thine. If I have wasted Thy goods or misused them, forgive me. If I have neglected my opportunities, allowed the hours to pass unimproved, injured others by my words or conduct, or grieved Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, in Thy tender mercy, forgive me. Let me lie down to my sleep this night accepted in Jesus Christ, and at peace with Thee. In Thy great love for me watch over me in the darkness : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PROVERBS XIII. 1-10

O HEAVENLY Father, the light of a new day calls me to Thy side. I praise Thee for the tokens of Thy love which Thou hast given me in rest and renewed strength, and the opportunity of serving Thee through another day. Guide me and help me in my work at school to-day. May all this prepare me for the work to which Thou art purposing to call me afterwards. Make me humble, loving, teachable and diligent. May I live for eternal and not for passing things. Make me earnest, standing ready with my loins girt, and my lamp of service burning, waiting on Thee, ready to live well and ready to die well. Save me from all irreverence and hardness of heart : from impurity of mind and body : from dishonesty and falsehood : from sloth, and covetousness, and discontent. May Christ's life, and spirit, and words, be the food of my soul every day. May I hate what He hated, and love what He loved, and work as He worked. Suffer me not to be tempted above that I am able to bear. May I fight a good fight for Thee to-day, and win, and be crowned with a crown of righteousness at last. May even my difficulties and trials tend to make me better in character, and temper, and duty. Save me from myself. Bless me for Thyself : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ACTS X. 34-43

ALMIGHTY Father, Thou hast brought me in safety to the close of another day. I have lacked no good thing. I thank Thee for what Thou hast sent me. How great is Thy goodness. I confess, O Lord, that I have been slow to own Thy wisdom, and the goodness of Thy dealings with me. I have received Thy gifts, and too often have been very unmindful of Thee. I have not loved, or trusted, or served Thee as I should have done. Lord, forgive me for all these my faults and sins. Strengthen every good impression that has been made upon my heart to-day. Help me to complete every good resolution I have formed. Enable me to make my conduct to-morrow better than it has been to-day. I pray for all whom I love. Heavenly Father, watch over them for good. I ask Thy blessing on all in sadness and want: all who are sick, or in danger, or pain. Bless my companions at school. May there be among us no strife or ill will: no envy or jealousy, or bitterness of feeling. Give me a kind heart, loving and generous and unselfish. Watch over me in the dark and silent hours of this night. Give me sweet refreshing sleep. Prepare me for the work of another day if it be Thy will: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : JOËL II. 21-29

O LORD, open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do I trust. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift my soul unto Thee. I thank Thee for sleep, for life and health, and daily blessings still continued. Lord, may it be the work of my life to obey Thee, and the joy of my soul to please Thee. Take from me all disobedience and wilfulness of spirit. From the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, loving Lord, deliver me. Save me from a vacant, careless mind, an unloving and a hard heart. When I think I stand quite safely, may I take heed lest I fall. If I fall, let not evil triumph over me : but raise me up, and set me forward on my life again with new hope, and strength, and courage. Help me to be mindful, and careful, but save me from harrowing anxiety as I learn the meaning of Thy word, ' casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you.' Bless, O Lord, my parents, and friends, and companions, and teachers. Be pitiful to the poor, and the sorrowful, and lonely, and ignorant. Bless all good work, and all good people. May Thy kingdom quickly come : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I ST. JOHN II. 1-6

ALMIGHTY Father, Thou hast been the guardian of my life this day, and I thank Thee for Thy goodness. I gratefully acknowledge Thy love in sheltering my life from danger, in supplying my wants, and continuing every needful blessing. Every moment I am dependent on Thee. Everything I have is Thy gift. I bless Thee for my parents, friends, and teachers : for my sight and hearing : for my powers of mind and memory. I thank Thee too for Thy Holy Word : for its messages of warning and entreaty and love : for its promises and encouragements and hopes. Lord, if I have been ungrateful, selfish, murmuring, disobedient to-day, forgive me. Cleanse my nature from every evil thought and feeling. Make me to be in my inner and outer life more like Jesus Christ, my Lord. Bless all for whom I should pray : my parents, companions, teachers, my kindred. Sustain them by Thy grace, and enable us all to help one another to love Thee on earth, that we may dwell with Thee in heaven. And now, loving Father, I commend myself to Thy loving care. In the darkness be Thou near me. I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, because Thou only makest me dwell in safety. Hear me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XV. 32-39

HEAVENLY Father, Thou never forgettest me. May there be sincere gratefulness in my heart as I pray to Thee. I earnestly desire Thee to be with me to-day. Open my mind, I beseech Thee, to understand Thy word. Save me from being wayward, forgetful, careless. Thou hast given me my work to do to-day. Help me to do it for Thee. If it is difficult, give me, I beseech Thee, Thy strength. If it is easy, make me very faithful and truthful. May I not shrink from the responsibilities that are laid upon me in school. Thou art the helper of all who hope in Thee. In all my relationships with my teachers and fellow scholars, may I be frank, and civil, and kind. Save me from cowardice, meanness, and from morose and sullen ways. Deliver me from all secret sins. Help me not to degrade or waste my life. Keep before my mind the shameful and deadliness of evil. Enable me to remember that the safest and brightest life is found in living for Thee. Check and uproot every fault that is growing strong within me. Let no guilty habit obtain any power over me. O God, my Father, I cry to Thee, for I have no helper against the evil that is in my heart and the world but Thee. Save me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. LUKE XII. 22-30

MY loving Lord and Saviour, make me reverent, and trustful, as I kneel before Thee. I come to Thee this night remembering Thy goodness. This day has been full of Thy mercies. Thou hast supplied my needs. Thou hast kept me in safety. Make me deeply and sincerely grateful.

Lord, in Thy great pity strengthen all the good purposes of my heart that I fall not from Thy grace. May the word of Christ, my Saviour, dwell in me richly, and be an answer to every temptation, and a light in every difficulty, and a hope in every fear. I cling to His redeeming Cross. Oh, save me from the sin of ever being ashamed of Christ. If I have not confessed Him to-day, or shown His spirit, or followed His example, graciously forgive me. Help me so to remember my faults that I may forsake them. Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe.

Lord, bless the friends I love. Watch over us all this night. If any are in danger, or grief, be their helper and deliverer. Blot out our sins from the book of Thy remembrance, and grant us all the peace which passeth understanding. I commit myself to Thy care. Give me sleep and rest : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : EPHESIANS VI. 10-16

O LORD, my God, merciful and gracious, hear me, I beseech Thee, in this my morning prayer for Jesus' sake. I give Thee praise and thanks for all Thy goodness to me. I have slept in peace and no evil has befallen me. Lord, I gladly commit myself to Thy guidance and grace for this day. Go before me in all the way I have to go. Keep me from sin. Make me humble, and watchful, and prayerful. Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest whether I am willing to trust Thee or not. Make me willing. May I enter upon my duties with a clean conscience, at peace with Thee, and in love with all my friends and companions. Throughout this day may I walk in the light of Thy countenance. Thou hast given me a place to fill, and a work to do. Help me this day to fill my place aright, and to do the work appointed for me. Put into my heart a strong love for goodness. Fill my mind with the strength and simplicity of a heavenly purpose. In all I do may I act from right motives. Keep me from the danger of debasing thoughts, the reproach of mean actions, the dishonour of unkind and false words. May I live and learn, happy in Thee. May I glorify Thee by doing my work faithfully, and living my life purely : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: I THESSALONIANS V. 12-23

O LORD, Thou lovest to hear Thy children pray. I come to Thee in this evening hour to praise and thank Thee for Thy goodness to me all through this day. Thou hast helped me in my work. Thou hast blessed me in my friendships and play. Thou hast deepened my interest in Thy word. Thou hast enabled me to love Thee more sincerely. Thou hast given me victory over some of my faults. I have striven to do right, and Thou hast been a strength to me in all my endeavours. Lord, make me to be glad in Thee always.

Lord, in Thy loving-kindness grant the same blessings to other young people. Help all my companions with myself to be true to Thy holy law. May our school life be a bright, happy Christian life: a time in which we gain useful knowledge, and also opportunities of learning how we may serve Thee by serving one another. Bless all the world with Thy love. Remove darkness and superstition and idolatry from the earth. Bless all Christian peoples, and be with those who have gone to the heathen to preach Thy gospel of peace. And now I seek to rest under Thy loving care. Forgive all my sins. Preserve me from all danger. Hear me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I TIMOTHY IV. 12-16

HEAVENLY Father, I come to Thee with reverence and godly fear in my heart, remembering Thou madest me, and art my Lord and Master. It is because of Thy goodness that I am spared to begin another day. Thou crownest my life with Thy goodness. Thou art about my path, and seest my heart, and knowest all my ways. In Thee do I put my trust. To Thee I bring my difficulties, my secret sins, my hidden faults and weaknesses, and the sorrows and the burdens which no human friend can share. Comfort me with Thy sympathy and strength for Thou art all loving. Lord, I bring to Thee also the brightness of my life, and thank Thee with a full heart for the many good things Thou hast given me. I pray Thee to make very good and fruitful for me these days of my youth. Save me from defiling them. Root out of my nature all self-satisfaction, and all love of evil ways and things. Help me to believe and obey Thee. May the love of Christ constrain me every day to do right. Save me from a cold and thankless heart. Keep me from pride, and self-sufficiency, and teach me to learn obedience, even if I have to learn it by the things which I suffer. Life is full of blessing : more full of blessing than I know. Help me to believe, that though unseen, Thou art ever working for me : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I CORINTHIANS XV. 1-10

ALMIGHTY Father, my Guide and Protector, in this evening hour I pray to Thee with a loving and glad heart. Thou hast been good to me, and hast done me good. Thou hast bestowed gifts upon me, comforts, and joys, and hast shown Thy tender mercy and long suffering. Thou, Lord, hast followed my life to-day. Thou hast seen what I have been at school, to my teachers and fellow scholars. Thou hast known the thoughts and intentions of my heart. Whatever transgression Thou hast seen in me, do Thou forgive, for Jesus' sake. Keep me from thinking lightly of any sin. May I resolve to fight against the evil in my own heart, and may I conquer through Thy help. Lord, I bless Thee that Thou never despisest any one who is sorry for sin and who desires to be good. May Thy love for me draw me closer to Thee.

Lord, let me not forget the shortness of life and the swiftness of time. May I fill every day with some true and worthy work. May I wisely improve these school hours, and get understanding whereby I may serve Thee all my days.

Lord, grant me quiet, healthful sleep this night, and while I sleep, do Thou watch over me : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM LXXXIV

LORD, my Father, I seek Thy face in prayer, ere I meet with others. This day is filled with holy hours. Thou hast called me to Thy worship, and I desire to sing Thy praise in the sanctuary, and pray to Thee, and listen to Thy truth. I thank Thee for what I have already learned of Jesus Christ. He loves me and gave Himself for me. He asks my heart : the affection and devotion of my whole life. I bless Thee for what He has done and is doing. I thank Thee for souls redeemed, and lives renewed and comforted, and sins forgiven, throughout the world to-day. I bless Thee for the power of the risen living Christ which every Sabbath day proclaims. May I rejoice in the friendship of Christ. May His blessing rest on me in this hopeful and happy time of my youth. May I walk by His standard, and not by the standard of the world. May it be the chief purpose of my heart to follow and serve Him.

Lord, remember the poor, the outcast, the sad, the suffering and dying. Bless all Christian and heathen lands. Guide to Thyself all who seek Thee. Be in every home and heart. Bless my parents and teachers : my brothers, sisters, and friends, and keep us all safely in Thy love and service this day : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ACTS VII. 54-60

O LORD, most loving Father, Thou rememberest me in great loving-kindness, and I thank Thee in this evening hour for all the blessings that have been mine to-day. They have all come from Thee. Let all that I have heard and learned to-day, tend to make my life better. May the worship of Thee to-day enrich my mind with trustful and pure thoughts, and inspire me to loving deeds. Grant, Lord, that I may know and understand my faults better, and by Thy strength be saved from them. May no hasty temper overcome me. May no hurtful word pass my lips. May no temptation suddenly overthrow me. Lord, give me a faith in Thee that will not be shaken. I would seek to do my work for Thee. May my purposes in school be single and pure. Lord, strengthen my mind, that I may think rightly. Strengthen my will, that I may decide rightly. Strengthen my spirit, that I may be ambitious to attain goodness. Strengthen my love, that I may keep to Thy faith, and never stray. Lord, help me to keep my resolves, and to turn them into deeds, and not to forget the promises I have made to Thee in prayer. Make me ready at every opportunity to do good. Order my footsteps in Thy Holy Word which I have heard to-day. Bless my parents, and brothers, and sisters. Keep us in Thy love for ever : for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XIII. 44-52

ALMIGHTY God, and most merciful Father, Thou art ever watchful over me. I bless Thee for the gift of this new day. May I spend it to Thy glory and praise. Teach me to give most earnest heed to Thy law, lest I drift away from Thee. May I not sin against Thee with my words. Teach me to watch over all my ways, that I may never be surprised by a sudden temptation. Give me a wise and a hopeful spirit, that I may omit no opportunity of serving Thee. Lord, give me grace to set a bridle upon all wrong desires, that I may be kept free from the bitterness of indulged sin. May mine be the blessedness of the pure in heart. Grant that my affections may be guided by the mind of Christ : that my mind may be earnest, intelligent, and quick : that my will may be easily persuaded to goodness. May Jesus Christ be revealed in my heart, that being filled with His wisdom, I may know Him as the pattern of meekness and purity, of diligence and endurance, of obedience and hope. Sanctify my heart. Wipe out the stains of sin. Give me that peace which can only be had by resting on Thee. May I know what things I ought to do, and have grace and power to do them : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Monday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MARK XIV. 32-38

HEAVENLY Father, by Thy mercy I have passed through another day in safety, and my life has been crowned with Thy goodness. Thou hast heard my cry and hast supplied my wants. I come to praise Thee. My heart is glad in Thee, for Thou hast loved me and cared for me with a wonderful love and care.

Lord, I need Thy forgiveness, and I humbly seek it now. Forgive all the wrong things that have been in my life to-day. I have struggled to do well, but in many things I have failed : in my thoughts and motives and temper, in my words and actions. I have done things I should not have done, and omitted to do many things I ought to have done. Let none of these wrong things remain unforgiven. My hope is in Thy mercy.

Lord, may I not be disheartened by my failures. Thou knowest how weak I am, and how wishful I am to do well. I cast myself on Thy great love that can redeem me from all evil, and bless me with goodness continually. May Christ's peace and power dwell within me. Lord, I pray for all my relations and friends. Protect and save them. Give me quiet sleep, and mercifully spare me to enjoy the blessings, and to do the work, of another day : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PROVERBS III. 1-7

ALMIGHTY and eternal Father, once more I draw near to Thee. I give Thee the praise of a thankful heart. Thou hast called me with a high and holy calling : may I live worthily of it to-day. Help me to be diligent in what I have to do, and yet to seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness. Let nothing draw my heart away from Thee. Root out from my nature what is against Thy will and work. Thou delightest in the happiness of Thy children. Show me that my highest happiness is in serving Thee by doing good to others, and by being faithful in the duties Thou hast bidden me perform. In this, the learning time of my life, may I apply my heart unto wisdom, and with all my getting, get understanding. May I live, not to gratify, but to control self. If I have to walk in dangerous ways, hold Thou me up, and I shall not fall. If I have to mingle among people who will reproach me and tempt me, may I not lose my Saviour's spirit of gentleness and strength. Let nothing draw my heart from Thee. May my thoughts be often directed to Thee when I am at my lessons and at play. Remember in Thy love all whom I love, and protect and bless them : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ACTS IX. 1-9

I PRAISE Thee, O Lord, my Father, that though Thou art high Thou hast respect unto the lowly. Thou delightest to dwell with those who seek Thee. Help me to feel Thee near while I pray to Thee now.

Lord, Thy mercies never end. Every day shows me Thy goodness. Thou hast blessed me from infancy until now. Not a moment hast Thou withheld Thy care or love. Heavenly Father, enable me to learn to be in such friendship with Thee that I may never forget Thee. Help me to hear Thy still small voice, and take heed to its warnings, and answer its questions, and follow its promptings. I am ashamed when I remember how I have offended against Thee, and grieved Thy Holy Spirit. I repent of what I have done, and of what I am. I confess my coldness and hardness of heart, my selfishness and indifference, my forgetfulness of Thy holy law, and my want of interest in the good of my neighbour. Teach me how to be gentle to others: how to seek the things that belong to their true welfare. Teach me to be valiant for the defence of what is right. Implant within me a scorn of all that is base. If I have been victorious to-day over some sin or difficulty, I praise Thee: if I have been defeated, give me strength to rise up and win to-morrow. Lord, keep me: save me this night, and always: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : 2 TIMOTHY III. 10-17

LOVING Lord, and Heavenly Father, may Thy goodness lead me to repentance, and to a more willing consecration of myself to Thee. Thou art ever blessing me night and day. I praise Thee for Thy watchful care. The strength I have comes from Thee. I would be Thine to-day in body, soul, and spirit. Lord, what wouldest Thou have me to do? Show me the path wherein Thou wouldest have me walk. Keep me from turning aside, and uphold my goings that my footsteps slip not. I seek the touch of Thy hand, the whisper of Thy voice, the light of Thy face. Let not the noise and mirth of the world, nor the busy scenes of school, nor the cares and distractions of my heart have any power to draw me away from Thee. May Thy holy power penetrate into all my life, inspire every thought, control and govern every deed, bless and make loving every word. Lord, give me a clean life by giving me a clean heart. Bless me at my lessons and my play. May I show kindly ways, and sweet manners, and a Christ-like spirit. Help me to take an interest in whatever concerns Thy kingdom. Bless and comfort the sad, the poor, the lonely, the dying : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH XLII. 1-8

ALMIGHTY Father, from Thy rich hands flow all the blessings I enjoy. Thy marvellous love has brooded over me this day. Thou hast given me all I needed. Fill me with a spirit of thankfulness. Help me to make such use of Thy gifts that they may be to others as to myself a source of joy. If at times I forget what I owe to Thee, and receive Thy blessings thanklessly, and use them selfishly, recall me from my foolish and sinful ways, and make me humble and penitent. It is good for me to know of Thy mercy and pity. I feel I am never alone. When I awake, I am still with Thee ; when I sleep, Thou sustainest me.

Lord, help me to fill every day with a cheerful and useful life. Thou dost desire to grant me every grace in large measure. Teach me the way in which I should go. Hold me back from sin. May I always know my weakness, and how in a world like this I am exposed to strong temptation. Help me by faith to cling to Thee. Save me from myself. Enable me to keep the promises I have made to Thee. Let the fruits of Thy Spirit appear in my heart and conduct. May I live carefully every day, leaning upon Thine arm. May I know how to do Thy work in the midst of that which I call my own.

Grant me protection, and healthful sleep, and rest this night : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XIV. 15-21

GRACIOUS Lord and God, in the morning I will lift up my heart in prayer to Thee. Before I begin the work of the day, I seek Thy guidance, grace, and strength. I thank Thee I can come to Thee for aid. I thank Thee Thou hast taught me to call Thee Father. Inspire my mind to right thinking. Save me from pride and self-indulgence. Make me diligent in pursuing what is good. Teach me to know myself in all my weakness. Let me not live carelessly. May I watch and pray that I may not enter into temptation. May my heart be moved by noble and pure thoughts, scorning what is unworthy. Help me to resist every appearance of evil. Let me not tamper with temptation. Help me to cleave to that which is good. Save me from selfish ease. Save me from going where Thou dost not call me. Save me from standing still when Thou biddest me go forward. Thy paths are always the paths of righteousness. Let me perform my school work to-day as unto Thee. May I not simply strive to please men, but to please and honour Thee. Thou lovest me with an everlasting love. May that love be round about me, and strong within my heart. I ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Thursday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CXLV. 14-21

O LORD, my Father, I draw near to Thee in believing and grateful prayer. My hope is in Thee. If I confess my sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive me my sins, and to cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Thou knowest what I have done, and what I have not done, this day. Deliver me from the power and guilt of every sin that has defiled the purity of this day. Set me free from every disposition of my mind that is wrong, and that does wrong. Transform me by the renewing of my heart. May my yearnings, O Lord, for a better life, not fail to have their fulfilment. Deliver me from every timidity that would make me shrink from beginning the new life in Christ Jesus. Make me patient, and enduring, and trustful. Help me to build my life well, like a house founded upon a rock, and to perform even the simplest duty with faithfulness, remembering that one is my Master, even Christ. May I learn to love all my friends, and to hold my friendships in the light of the eternal world. Be Thou our companion through all the difficulties and trials of our lives.

Abide with me, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. I lie down to sleep, trusting body, soul, and spirit to Thee. Bless me now and always with Thy love : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PROVERBS III. 11-20

MY gracious Lord and Father, Thou hast made me for Thyself. I would seek to live for Thee. May this day witness to the earnestness of my desire. Lord, Thou knowest my heart, my needs, my circumstances. Whatever hindrances may be in my path, do Thou graciously remove them, if it be Thy will. Whatever temptations and snares await me, cause me to escape them. May my heart be often lifted up to Thee. May I pray as well as watch. May my life be something higher than a life of self-pleasing. I would seek to walk worthy of my calling in Christ Jesus. He died to save me : may I live remembering I am bought with a price. Open my eyes to all Thy goodness, and my ears to hear Thy voice, and my heart to receive Thy love. Save me from falling away from Thy truth. Make me gentle and forgiving. May I harbour no secret grudges against another. May I not cherish the spirit of strife and quarrelling. May I be generous and genial, helpful to others, and thoughtful about them. Save me from spoiling my youth by unworthy habits and actions. Enrich my mind and my heart, and in all things make me Thy servant : for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

Friday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : GALATIANS V. 1-8

MOST righteous and loving Father, I bless Thee for Thy wise guidance of my life this day. Thou hast been my Helper and Teacher, my Comforter and my Hope, and though I have yielded to temptation, and fallen into sin, and though I have been heedless and forgetful, Thou hast never forsaken me, nor left me to myself. Father, I would give Thee the fullest praise of my heart for Thy wonderful loving-kindness. I would humbly seek in this evening hour to give myself to Thee in fresh dedication. Take my life into Thy keeping, not this night only, but always. Let the light of Thy goodness shine into my heart. May it enlighten my reason, and clear my conscience, and purify my senses. Govern me, O Lord, by Thy good Spirit, so that I may always be helped to keep the right path. Bless my daily life. Give me an interest in all good and noble things. Give me a peaceful temper : a kind and friendly conversation : love strong enough to bear others' burdens, and to deny myself, and a willingness to do good as I have opportunity.

Bless and keep safely all my dear ones this night. Be the joy of my home, the friend of all my companions, and the good Shepherd of the poor and needy : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Morning

HOLY SCRIPTURE : REVELATION XXI. 22-27

MOST loving Father, I bless Thee for all Thy mercies to me, and for the rest in sleep of the past night. The new day has dawned. May it be full of blessing to me, and full of a happy life in Thee. I thank Thee for Thy holy word, and that I can pray to Thee, and serve Thee in peace. In home, and school, where I am trained to reverence and love Thee, may I show myself a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Lord, incline my heart this day to do Thy will. Turn my mind from false and dangerous things. Keep me from practices and habits that are unworthy and debasing. May I be a disciple of Christ : obedient to Him who is the loving and wise Teacher of us all. Make me a seeker after truth, and with all my learning, may I know the fear and love of God, which is the beginning of wisdom. Give me a deep sense of my responsibility to Thee. Thou hast entrusted me with talents. May I use them faithfully. Help me to reverence and love my parents. May I be a joy to them. May the freshness of my years be given to Thee. Make me zealous for goodness. Make me affectionate in my friendships, conscientious in my duties, pure in my heart : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Evening

HOLY SCRIPTURE : REVELATION VII. 9-17

LORD, my loving Father, Thou delightest in the thanksgivings and prayers of humble hearts. I bring to Thee now my joy and praise for all Thy goodness to me this day, and throughout the week which is now almost ended. Every hour has been filled with Thy love. Pardon all my sins. In Thy holy presence I am heartily ashamed of all my transgressions. Help me so to seek, and deserve, Thy forgiveness that I may find it. May I be more watchful and diligent in duty, more firm in resisting evil. Bless me with such a strong and pure love of goodness, that I may devote myself to Thee with a more steadfast will. Thou hast given me much happiness in my home and school, among my teachers and companions. Thou art enabling me to see the wonders of knowledge, the beauty of the world, the sacredness of life. Give me a spirit of gratitude for these, and all other blessings, and help me more to trust Thy care. I praise Thee for Jesus Christ. May I love and follow Him with all my heart. Prepare me, good Lord, for the holy Sabbath. Help me to keep it reverently. Bless me in my sleep. Guard me from all evil : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

In time of Illness

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MARK VI. 47-56

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, Thou hast bidden Thy children call upon Thee in the time of trouble. It has pleased Thee to send illness upon me, and to lay me on the bed of weakness and pain. Grant me the inward strength and peace of Thy presence. May I wait patiently Thy will concerning me. Bless me with a childlike trust in Thy goodness. May I feel the beating of Thy love beneath this cross of suffering which Thou hast laid upon me. Heal and restore me if it be Thy will, and while I lie here in obedience to Thee, may I have grace given to enable me to serve Thee in this trial. Give me a submissive, uncomplaining spirit. Bless my soul, as well as my body. If it seems good to Thee to continue this trial, give me strength to bear it. May I find that while this chastening is not joyous but grievous, it afterward yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness. If Thou art pleased to restore me, grant that by Thy grace I may be enabled to serve Thee more faithfully, and love Thee more sincerely. Bless those who watch by me. May my dear ones bring the burden of their anxieties and fears to Thy compassionate heart : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

On recovery from Illness

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM CIII

O MERCIFUL Father, Thou forgivest all our iniquities, and healest all our diseases, and redeemest our life from destruction, and crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. I give Thee praise and blessing for Thy goodness in raising me from the bed of sickness : in preserving my life, and permitting me to resume my duties.

I gratefully own Thy greatness and Thy love. Thou hast blessed the means Thou didst put within my power. Thou didst guide the hands and hearts of those who ministered to me in my need. Suffer me not to forget Thy love and care. May my heart which Thou hast tried, be more faithfully Thine, and the life which Thou hast restored, be spent more earnestly for Thee. May the good Physician, the Lord who healeth, keep His hand upon me always, and bless me with the strength of His own suffering, and comfort and save me with His unfailing love. May my soul be nourished and built up in Him. May the joy of the Lord be my strength. Help me to live as Thy child : trusting the Father's love : obeying the Father's will. Hear me and bless me : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

On joining the Church

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ACTS II. 37-47

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, I bless Thee that Thou hast in Thy love called me into fellowship with Thee, and with those who love Thy name. Thou hast given me a great privilege. Help me to use it for my spiritual good. Let the sense of Thy presence, like the shining of the sun, be always about me, and within me. Hear me, O Lord, in this deep wish of my heart, that I may know Thy companionship with me in my life, in the hour of temptation, in my times of loneliness and sorrow and hard duty. Make me faithful to the vows I have made, and enable me as a member of Thy Church to be always ready to adorn Thy teaching and do Thy will. Strengthen every good purpose within me. Let me not fall into faithlessness, and may nothing tempt me to dishonour the name of Christ. Inspire me to some duty for Thee within Thy Church. May I be willing to make Thy strength my strength and to gird my weakness with Thy might. Draw me into communion with all the good who have lived and toiled for Thee. Having put my hand to the plough may I not look back. May I always help, and not hinder, those who have set their faces towards Thee. Bless my minister, my fellow-members, my parents and friends : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Communion

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. JOHN XIX

ALMIGHTY God, Father of us all, Thou art graciously inviting me this day to the worship of Thy house, and the fellowship of Thy table. Make me a partaker of Thy grace, and let me enter into Thy courts with joy. Prepare my heart that I may reverently receive the bread and wine, the sacred symbols of Thy love, and may feed on Thee in my heart by faith. May Thy Spirit convince me of my sin. Bless me with a sincere repentance of my evil. I confess with sorrow that I have not loved Thee as I should have done, nor kept Thy commandments. I have resisted Thy Spirit, and hindered His gracious power. I have been unkind, unforgiving, selfish, and have held back when called to do Thy will. Forgive all my sins. Show me the beauty of holiness. Incline my heart to choose the narrow way that leads to Thee. Create in me a longing for Jesus, the bread of life, and let this eternal bread instil into my weak will and love new power and new resolutions, that I may serve the Lord faithfully. May the desire of my soul be the remembrance of Jesus all my days. I would go forth to this holy service of communion with Thy hand laid upon me, and with the light of Thy love shining on my path: through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

First Communion

BEFORE SERVICE

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XXVI. 17-35

O LORD, my God, I praise Thee that Thou hast invited me to-day to the table of Jesus Christ, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Give me a reverent, devout, and trustful mind and heart. Lord, make my way sure and straight. Take from me all timidity, and anxiety, and fear, and in quietness and confidence may I find my strength. Help me to rejoice in the truth that Jesus died for me, that my sins are forgiven, and that He is my hope and help for ever. When in remembrance of Him I take the bread and wine in my hand, may I also take my Saviour again into my heart. Deepen my love for Him. Take from my heart every unworthy feeling and desire, so that with a pure love I may be prepared to follow my Saviour whithersoever He goeth. I know that anywhere I am safe with Him. I only ask to be where He is. Confirm my faith in the great mystery of redeeming grace. Inspire me, Lord Jesus, with ardent love to Thee, and give me sincere and humble purposes of new obedience, that with a true heart I may devote myself to Thy service. May I neither return to the sins I have renounced, nor brood over those which Thou hast forgiven. Bless my fellow-worshippers with the joy of Thy salvation, and satisfy our souls with Thy goodness : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

First Communion

AFTER SERVICE

HOLY SCRIPTURE : I TIMOTHY VI. 11-16

O LORD, my God, I praise and adore Thee for the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. I bless Thee that He loved me and gave Himself for me. Lord, I have witnessed to the power and comfort of His grace this day, at His own table of Communion. May I by Thy help prove faithful to the profession which I have made. Most loving Lord, give me a watchful heart. May no vain and wandering affections draw me from Thee. May my will be so steadfast that no unworthy affection will ever turn me backward, or make me yield to temptation and prove false to Thee. I earnestly pray that the good purposes which Thou hast inspired in my heart, and which have ripened into convictions and decisions, may be nourished by Thy grace, and continued in strength. May I never be ashamed of Christ and His cause. May I never be weary of well-doing. Grant me power from on high that my service may be faithful, and my witness-bearing clear and strong. Give me, I pray Thee, the loving heart, the spirit of sacrifice, and the charity that never faileth. Bring my will more and more into agreement with Thine: and knowing Thee more, may I live better, and finally enter the blessedness of Thy eternal home: I ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Birthdāy

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. LUKE II. 40-52

O HEAVENLY Father, Thy marvellous love has spared me to see this day of thankfulness, and happiness, and hope. I praise Thee for the goodness that has guided me, the love that has sheltered me, and the mercy that has followed me. As time passes over my head, and I grow older, grant that I may grow better in heart and life. Teach me how to live. May the brightness of Thy face shine upon me and show me the path I ought to take. May I ever be choosing the good and turning from the evil. I have often wandered from Thee into the ways of sin and folly. As I look back over my past years, I can see that while I have often failed to keep my good resolutions Thou hast ever been true to Thy word. Even when I have forgotten Thee, Thou hast been patient, and not forsaken me. Lord, I repent, and ask Thy forgiveness. Make the coming time better by giving me a more earnest mind, and a heart that confides more willingly in Thee. Teach me Thy wisdom. Strengthen me to endure such trials as will come, and help me to fight life's battles bravely and hopefully, and, when life is over, may I receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. I ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Birthday

HOLY SCRIPTURE : PSALM XXIII

GRACIOUS Lord, I give Thee thanks for all the way by which Thou hast led me. I bless Thee for my parents, their affection, and wisdom, and example : for my home, and all the happy, helpful training I receive there : for school life, and all its friendships, and duties, and enjoyments : for all the means of grace, Thy Bible and Thy Church. Help me to remember Thee, my Creator, in the days of my youth. Lord, I need Thy care every hour. Guide me always, and, if it be Thy will, make my path straight before me. I am disposed to wander, and often I stumble. I take my own way, thinking it good, and it brings me shame and loss. Help me to lay my hand in Thine, and go wherever Thou wilt lead me. Give me courage to face disappointment and hardship. Give me strength to be diligent at school, loyal and loving to all who are over me. Give me a wise view of my life, my duty, and my future. Through all the coming years, whether they be many or few, may Thy deep peace dwell within my heart. Hear me, and bless me, and bless all my friends : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

First Day of the Year

MORNING

HOLY SCRIPTURE: DEUTERONOMY VIII

O HEAVENLY Father, Thou art the eternal God, and in Thy sight a thousand years are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. I stand by Thy mercy at the beginning of another new year, and I humbly pray Thee that Thou wilt grant me Thy guidance and help. Thy fatherly hand has shielded me all through the past, and has brought me to this hour. I trustfully commit myself to the wisdom which has surrounded all my way with blessing, to the pity which has strengthened my weakness, and to the love which has sought me when wandering and forgiven my sins. I seek to do that which is right and pleasing to Thee. May nothing hinder me from following Christ. May I forget the things that are behind, my failures, and disappointments, and mistakes, and even my successes if there are any, and with fresh resolve press ardently towards the better things that are before. Oh, let me keep unsullied the bright page of my life that opens now. Help me to write in it the record of a year's earnest living. Leave me not at any time. If Thy presence go not with me, carry me not up hence. Guide me with Thy rod and staff. If troubles and changes and losses come, let me never lose my hope in Thee. Let me go forward with firm step and brave heart, faithful in all things to Jesus Christ: for His sake. Amen.

First Day of the Year

EVENING

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. JOHN XXI. 15-25

O LORD, my loving Father, Thou hast enabled me to begin the year with Thee. I thank Thee for bringing me to the close of its first day. May every day be bright with Thy presence. The year that has gone has been one of unfailing fatherly love, of forgiving mercy, of wise and tender guidance. Thou hast taught me, and made me learn Thy will. Thou hast cheered me in the hours of discouragement and sadness. Thou hast watched me when I have been careless, and hast brought me back to the shelter of Thy grace. Confirm in me all the hopes and purposes with which I began the year. Bring them nearer to fruitfulness. Look in mercy upon my past days of sin and shame, and blot them out of Thy book for ever. Look upon the weakness and ignorance of my life now, and supply all my need according to Thy riches in Christ Jesus. Let not the sins and faults of the past cling to me. Set in my heart an earnest aim. Give me a more prayerful spirit. Strengthen me in a life of purity and loving service of others. Give me more decision of character, a deeper hatred of evil, and a warmer love of duty. Teach me Thy way, and at home and school may I learn of Thee. As I increase in years, may I increase in wisdom: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Last Day of the Year

MORNING

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. MATTHEW XXV. 1-29

ALMIGHTY Father, Thou art infinitely wise and good, and knowest the lives of all Thy children. Every day of this year has borne witness to Thy goodness and mercy. When I look back upon the way in which Thou hast led me, I see with thankfulness the tokens of Thy presence and Thy care. I would bless Thee with a joyful heart for all that Thou hast done for me in the year that has now almost ended. Make deep upon my mind every lesson of duty, and patience, and faith which Thou hast been teaching me. Show me the divine meaning of my own life. I remember my faults and sins. I have not lived as Thou didst ask me to do, nor as I in my best moments have desired. Pardon my transgressions and neglectfulness, my faithlessness amid discouragements and trials, the opportunities I have not used, and the wise lessons I have not taken to heart. O Father, most loving, strengthen me for new endeavours, and a final triumph over sin. Make me more diligent in my work at school, more thoughtful and considerate of others in my play, more loving to my parents, more obedient to my teachers, and in all things more worthy of Thy great love and care. In all the coming days may my life be more closely linked with Thine: for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Last Day of the Year

EVENING

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JOHN XIV. 1-18

HOLY and loving Father, give me wise and earnest thoughts at this time. Thou hast brought me to the closing hours of another year. So teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. Lord, I look back upon a year that has been crowned with Thy goodness. Every day Thou hast blessed me, helped me, supplied my wants. There is nothing I have which I have not received from Thee. The marks of Thy love are upon all the deliverances, and triumphs, and sorrows of my life throughout this year. The record of it is indeed sadly blotted. I have committed many sins. I have done many wrongs, neglected many duties, lost many opportunities. I have been slow to train myself, with Thy help, in obedience, faithfulness, and love. O Father, make my life clean again. Forgive me all my evil, and help me to be good. May the new year dawn on me with new hope. May every day of it bring me nearer Thee. May everything in it work together for my good. May I trust Thee with all my heart. May I have joy in doing my work at school, in my friendships, in my home, and in my mind, and in serving Thee always : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Christmas Day

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. LUKE II. 1-20

LOVING Father, Thou didst so love the world as to give Thine only Son for its salvation : give me a joyful heart this Christmas morning. I would pay the homage of my thankfulness and love to Jesus, who entered by the gates of birth into our human nature. Lord Jesus, by an infant's weakness, and the obedience of a son, Thou hast come into our mortal life. Thou hast shared its pains and griefs, its labour and rest. By daily toil and loving friendship with the lowly, Thou hast become our brother. May the lessons of Thy life, the purity of Thy character, Thy self-denial and prayerfulness, Thy love and compassion, make me desire to follow Thee. As now our homes are made glad by the joyful meeting of kindred and friends, so may my heart be filled always with the spirit of kindness and brotherly charity. As we bring gifts to others whom we love and care for, so I offer to Thee now my heart's thanksgiving, and the service of my life. May I love Thy gospel more and more, and may it be good news to all the earth. May the dayspring from on high arise on every heart to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. May Christmas time to me be a time of unselfish joy, and of service for Thy name and glory : through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Christmas Day

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW II. 1-12

GRACIOUS and loving Father, may I open my heart willingly to welcome my Redeemer. Help me to make room for Him in my poor life. I thank Thee for His coming, and for the light and peace He has brought to the world : for sin subdued, and death conquered, and the bright hope of immortality brought to light by Him. May the bright promise of His gospel be fulfilled in me. I thank Thee that the glory of His presence has changed the earth and filled its sorrows with song, and human hearts with kindness. Touch my heart that it may respond more fully to the teachings of that gospel. May the memory of Christ be very uplifting to me, inspiring me to a better life. Give me the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Teach me in all humility and patience to keep my heart open to the needs of others. May I help to bring peace on earth, and good will among men, and to fight against wrong-doing and sin. Renew my nature by Thy Holy Spirit, that I may serve Thee more willingly and help Thy cause. In receiving and giving gifts may I take Christ again into my own heart, and give him as a blessing to those who know and love Him not. Grant me grace and perseverance to follow Him as my leader, and the captain of my salvation unto my life's end : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Good Friday

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. MATTHEW XXVII. 45-60

ALMIGHTY and loving Lord, I thank Thee for Jesus, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. I bow in humility and wonder at the remembrance of His cross. Give me earnest and serious thoughts, that I may be helped to understand something of that great love that was willing to die rather than that any should be lost. By His stripes we are all healed, for the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. O Lord Jesus, by Thy temptation and obedience, the agony and the betrayal, the loneliness and the forsaking, the scourge and the cruel wounding of the nails, by the lingering anguish of the cross, and the patience, meekness, and love in which Thou didst die, grant me Thy forgiveness and peace. May I cleave to Thee in all the temptations of my life. Help me by Thy grace to learn the hard lessons of self-sacrifice and pain and sorrow. May I take up my cross and follow Thee. May I never waver in my devotion to Thee. Make my faith strong, and my love of Thee useful for Thy service. Draw me to Thyself in true repentance and sincere humility, and may my life bear witness to Thy love through all the years. I ask it for Thy sake. Amen.

Easter

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. JOHN XX. 1-18

ALMIGHTY Lord, Thou art the Father of all, and I bless Thee for the revelation which Jesus Christ has made of Thy glory and goodness. I thank Thee that He was made Man : that He submitted to the power of death, and bore our sins in his own body on the cross, and that He rose from the dead, a conqueror, and now lives for evermore. O Lord, help me to rise in the power of His spirit from a sinful life which is death, to a good and holy life which is joy and peace for ever. I bless Thee that Jesus has shown us that we die to live again in a purer and happier world. Prepare me for that place by giving me now a pure heart, and simple lifelong love of Thee. Thou makest the earth to rejoice in the beauty of returning springtime. May my heart be glad when I think of the hope laid up for all who trust Thee. May I not fear death since Jesus conquered it, and robbed it of its sting. When I think of my dear friends departed, may I remember that Thou hast them for ever in Thy tender keeping, and that we shall meet again. In life and in death may I know I am in Thine everlasting arms. Hear me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

On returning to School

HOLY SCRIPTURE : ST. LUKE X. 25-42

BLESSED and merciful Father, I give Thee praise and gratitude for all Thy watchful care over me during my holidays, for the joy I have had in my friendships and recreations, for the health and rest Thou hast bestowed upon me, and for those many mercies of which every day has been full. And now that I am about to begin my work again in school, I earnestly ask Thee to guide me with Thy counsel, and to shield me with Thy love. Lord, set earnest purposes within my heart. May I not only desire to do well, but resolve to do well. Let me not stray from Thy path. Thou knowest how far I have wandered from Thee. Bring me back in Thine exceeding mercy to Thyself. Help me to be faithful to Thee in all my school duties. Save me from a fretful, impatient, and indolent spirit. Whatsoever I do, may I do it heartily as unto Thee. Incline my heart to instruction. May learning be a delight to me. Every day of Thy guidance may I be trained for usefulness in this life, and honour and joy in the life to come. Make me teachable, submissive, unselfish. Help me to be thoughtful and prudent in all my relationships with my teachers and fellow-scholars. Above all things may I learn to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. Hear my prayer, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

On leaving School

HOLY SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES XII

O LORD, my God, I remember that Thy goodness and mercy have followed me all my days. They will not leave me at any time if I hope in Thee. Lord, my Father, may I continue in Thy love. I am about to begin the work in the world for which the past years have been training me. Give me a sense of responsibility to Thee. Choose Thou my path, and help me to walk in it with an earnest mind, and an upright, loving heart. Let not any change of circumstances lead me to forget Thee. In whatever place I live, in whatever duty I may be engaged, whatever be my surroundings and friendships, help me to cling to Thee and to be Thy true and faithful servant. Forgive, I pray Thee, all my past offences. Help me to part from my teachers and fellow-scholars in peace and love. Grant that Thy love may ever watch between us though absent from one another, and may it be our privilege and joy to meet daily at Thy throne, and pray for one another. May we all be one in Christ Jesus. Lord, my Father, at this important period in my history may I give myself afresh to Thee and have Thy favour which is life, Thy loving-kindness which is better than life. May the joy of the past be the joy of all coming days. I ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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