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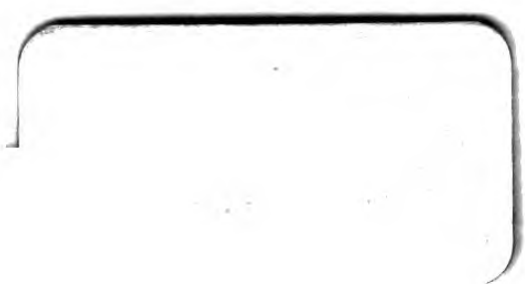


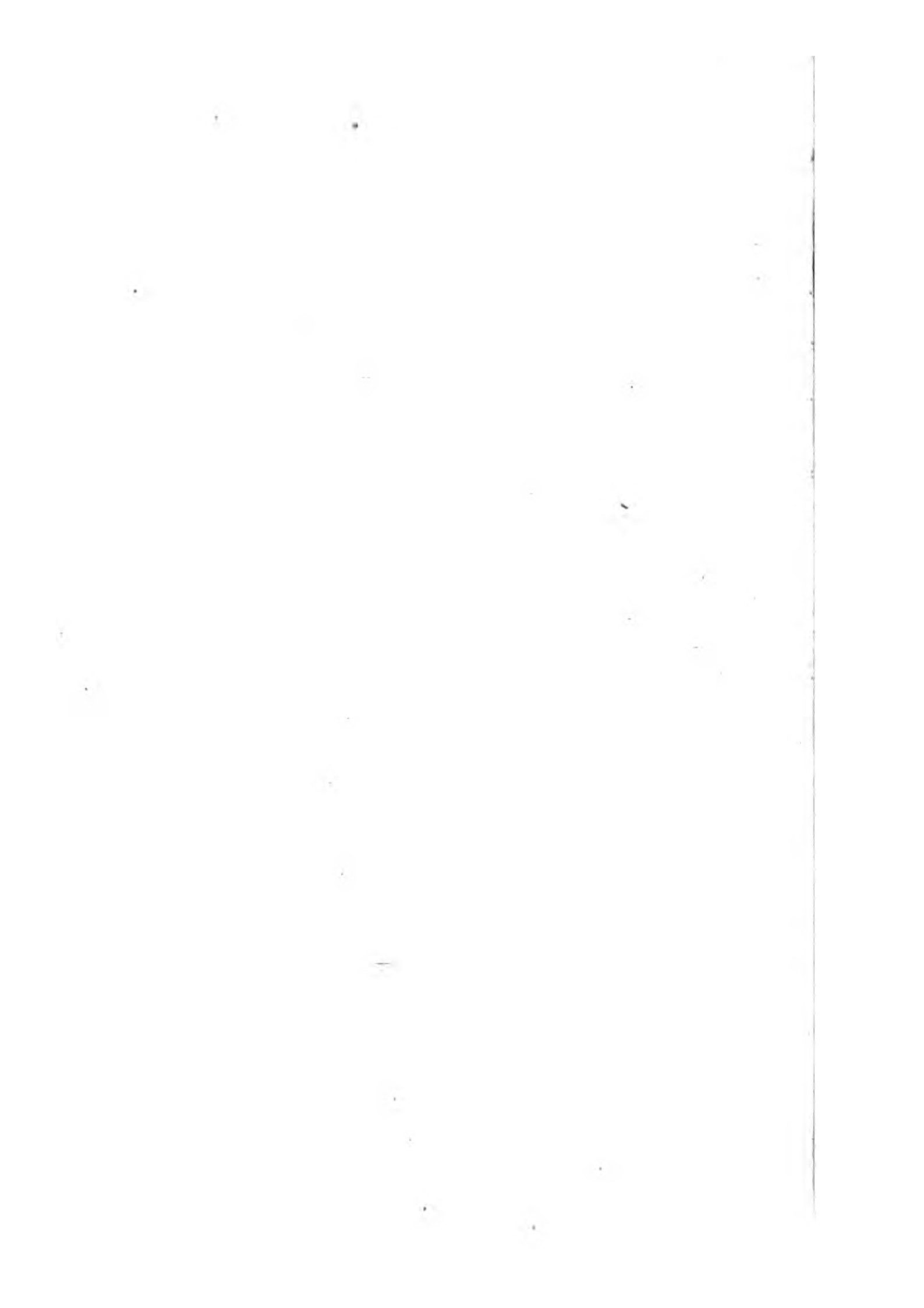
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A
METHOD FOR PRAYER.



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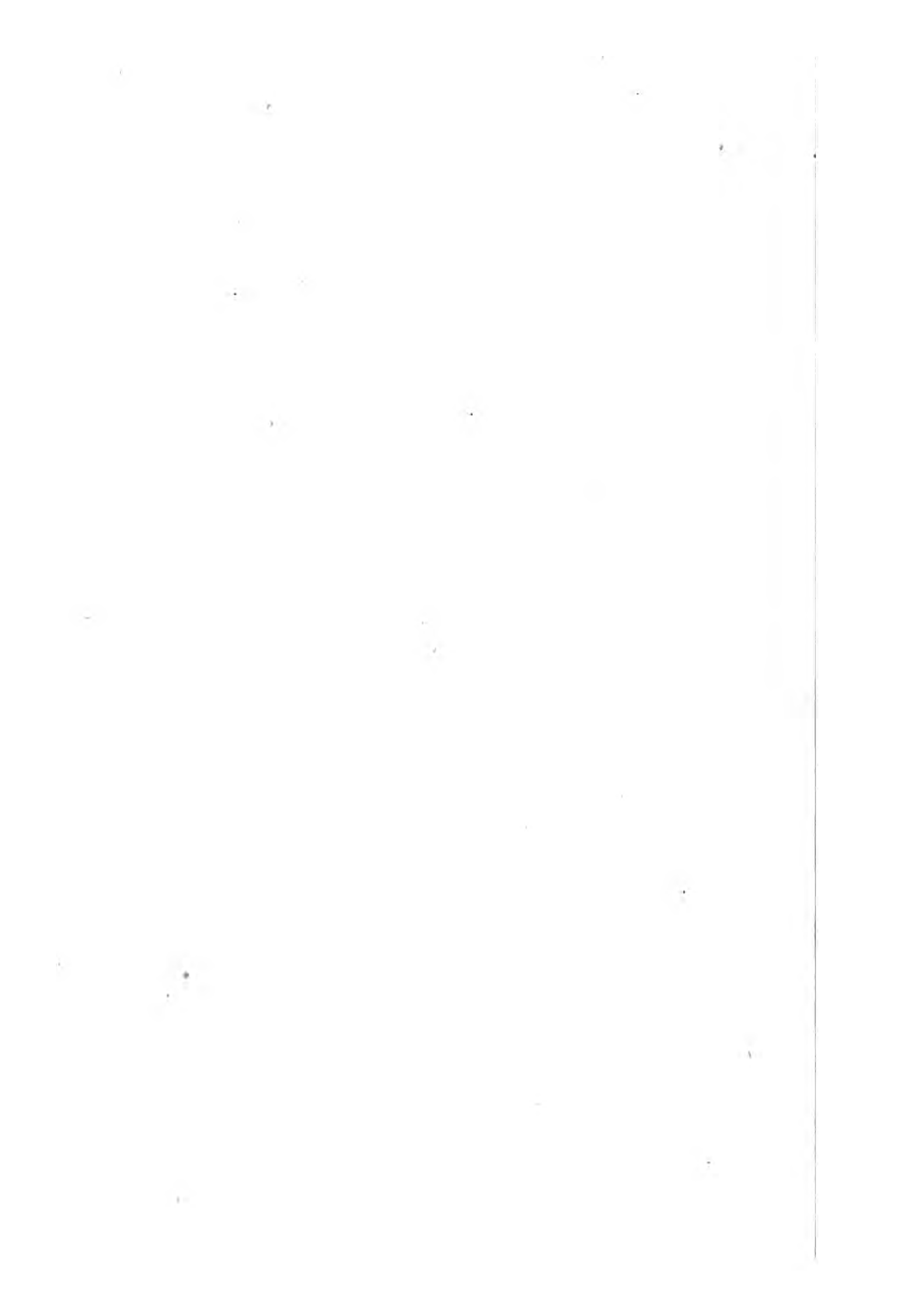
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TO THE READER.

THE following "Method for Prayer" has been abridged from the more comprehensive work of Matthew Henry, that "Prince of commentators," as he has been truly called by one of the greatest of living preachers.

I cannot do better than quote part of his preface to the reader, which is dated from Chester, March 29th, 1710.

"A Golden Thread of Heart-Prayer must run thro' the Web of the whole Christian Life; we must be frequently addressing ourselves to God in short and sudden *Ejaculations*, by which we must keep up our Communion with God in Providences and common Actions, as well as in Ordinances and religious Services. Thus prayer must be *sparsim* (a sprinkling of it) in every Duty, and *our eyes* must be *ever towards the Lord*.

"It is desirable that our Prayers should be *copious* and *full*: Our Burthens, Cares, and Wants are many, so are our sins and mercies. The Promises are numerous and very rich, our God gives liberally, and

hath bid us *open our mouths wide*, and He will *fill them*, will satisfy them with *good things*. We are not straiten'd in Him, why then should we be stinted and straiten'd in our own Bosoms? Christ had taught His Disciples the Lord's Prayer, and yet He tells them (John xvi. 24), that *hitherto they had asked nothing, i.e.*, nothing in comparison with what they should ask when the *Spirit* should be *pour'd out*, to *abide* with the Church *for ever*; and they should *see greater things than these*. Then *ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full*.

“But since at the same time we cannot go over the tenth part of the Particulars which are fit to be the Matter of Prayer, without making the Duty burthensome to the Flesh, which is weak even where the Spirit is willing (an Extream which ought carefully to be avoided), and without danger of intrenching upon other religious Exercises, it will be requisite that what is but *briefly touched upon* at one time, should be *enlarged upon* at another time: And herein this Storehouse of Materials for Prayer may be of use to put us in remembrance of our several Errands at the Throne of Grace, that none may be quite forgotten.

“As to the Words and Expressions we use in *Prayer*, though I have here in my Enlargements upon the several Heads of *Prayer* confin'd myself almost wholly to Scripture Language, because I would give an Instance of the Sufficiency of the Scripture to furnish us for every good Work, yet I am far from thinking, but that it is convenient and often necessary to use other Expressions in *Prayer*, besides those

that are purely Scriptural; only I would advise that the *Sacred* Dialect be most used, and made familiar to us and others in our dealing about *Sacred* Things.

“Divers Heads of Prayer may no doubt be added to those which I have here put together, and many Scripture Expressions too, under each Head (for I have only set down such as first occur’d to my Thoughts), and many other Expressions too, not in Scripture Words, which may be very comprehensive and emphatical, and apt to excite Devotion. And perhaps those who covet earnestly this excellent Gift, and covet to excel in it, may find it of use to them to have such a Book as this interleav’d, in which to insert such other Heads and Expressions as they think will be most agreeable to them, and are wanting here. And though I have here recommended a good Method for Prayer, and that which has been generally approv’d, yet I am far from thinking we should always tie ourselves to it; that may be varied as well as the Expression: Thanksgiving may very aptly be put sometimes before Confession or Petition, or our Intercessions for others before our Petitions for ourselves, as the Lord’s Prayer.

“There are those (I doubt not) who at some times have their Hearts so wonderfully elevated and enlarg’d in Prayer, above themselves at other times; such a Fixedness and Fulness of Thought, such a Fervor of Pious and devout Affections, the Product of which is such a Fluency and Variety of pertinent and moving Expressions, and in such a just and natural method, that then to have an Eye to such a scheme as this,

would be a Hindrance to them, and would be in Danger to cramp and straiten them: If the *Heart* be full of its *good matter*, it may make *the Tongue as the pen of a ready Writer*. But this is a Case that rarely happens, and ordinarily there is need of proposing to ourselves a certain Method to go by in Prayer, that the Service may be perform'd decently and in order; in which yet one would avoid that which looks too formal. A man may write strait without having his Paper rul'd."

To avoid being tedious, I have arranged the prayers underneath the four heads of Confession, Petition, Thanksgiving, and Intercession, for each day of the month, with space for extra heads for prayer as may be required. That this little book may prove helpful to those who have set their faces Zionwards, whether young or old, is the earnest wish of the compiler.

G. P.

January 1882.

Jesus said :

“ But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret ; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”—*Matt.* vi. 6.

His example.

“ And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”—*Mark* i. 35.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

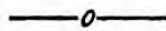
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FOR BOTH OFFICERS AND MEN.

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in 1851. { By the late Captain TROTTER. } *United*
For the Navy— { *in 1871.*
By the late Admiral Sir EDWARD PARRY. }

All those who take an interest in the Army and Navy, whether they belong to either Service or not, are invited,

Every Sunday, and on the First of each Month SPECIALLY,
to unite with other of the Lord's people, formerly in the Army or Navy, or now serving at home or abroad, in private, social, or family prayer, for the *outpouring of the Holy Spirit* on all connected with the Service.

A
METHOD FOR PRAYER.



First Day.

CONFESSION.

OUR God! we are ashamed, and blush to lift up our faces before Thee, our God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up into the heavens. Lord, Thou madest man upright, but they have sought out many inventions; and being in honour did not understand, and therefore abode not, but became like the beasts that perish.

By nature our understandings are darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in us, because of the blindness of our hearts.

We have all reason to be humbled for the pride of our hearts, *that we have* thought of ourselves above what hath been meet, and have not thought soberly, *nor* walked humbly with our God.

We have been verily guilty concerning our brother; *for too often we have not* studied the things that make for peace, nor things wherewith we might edify one another.

PETITION.

And now, Lord, what wait we for? Truly our hope is in Thee ; deliver us from all our transgressions, that we may not be the reproach of the foolish.

Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and rich in mercy to all them that call upon Thee. Thou art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

We know that as Thou art gracious and merciful, *so Thou art* the righteous God that loveth righteousness, and wilt by no means clear the guilty. *We cannot say*, have patience with us, and we will pay Thee all ; for we all are as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags ; *but* Jesus Christ is made of God to us righteousness ; being made sin for us, though He knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. *Let the* love of Christ *to us* constrain us to live, not to ourselves, *but to* Him that died for us, and rose again.

THANKSGIVING.

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto Thee do we give thanks, for that Thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare.

We give thanks unto the God of gods, unto the Lord of lords, for His mercy endureth for ever.

Thou hast stretched out the heavens like a curtain, *and* in them Thou hast set a tabernacle for the sun ; *Thou* causest it to shine on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust.

We will praise Thee, for we are fearfully and won-

derfully made, *and that* our souls know right well ; for what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him ?

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with His benefits, even the God of our salvation. *But especially* blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ.

INTERCESSION.

Lord, we pray as we are taught, for all men, believing that this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth, *and of Jesus Christ*, who gave Himself a ransom for all.

Our heart's desire and prayer to God for *the gospel* Israel is, that they might be saved. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion, build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Peace be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces ; for our brethren and companions' sake, we will now say, peace be within her.

We bless Thee that Thou hast planted us in a very fruitful hill, and hast not made the wilderness our habitation, or the barren land our dwelling, *but* our land yields her increase. *O Lord, continue to be* a wall of fire round about us, and the glory in the midst of us.

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Second Day.

CONFESSION.

IF Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who should stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared; with Thee there is mercy, yea, with our God there is plenteous redemption, and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Thou hast written to us the great things of Thy law, but they have been accounted by us a strange thing, *and our corrupt hearts have been sometimes ready to say*, What is the Almighty that we should serve Him? And that we would certainly do whatsoever thing goes forth out of our own mouth. *For we have* walked in the way of our own heart, and in the sight of our eyes, fulfilling the desires of the flesh, and of the mind.

The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint; from the sole of the foot even unto the head, there is no soundness in us, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores.

PETITION.

Lord, all our desire is before Thee, and our groaning is not hid from Thee; *even* the groanings which cannot be uttered: *For* He that searcheth the heart knows what is the mind of the spirit.

We do not think that we shall be heard for our much speaking; *for* our Father knows what things we have need of before we ask Him; *but our Master hath told us, that* whatsoever we ask the Father in His name, He will give it us. *And He hath said,* Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Thou art a God of pardons, merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; *that* dost not always chide, nor keep Thine anger for ever.

Lord, Thou hast said, that if the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, even to our God, that Thou wilt abundantly pardon, *wilt* multiply to pardon.

THANKSGIVING.

Let our souls bless the Lord, and let all that is within us bless His holy name; *yea,* let our souls bless the Lord, and not forget any of His benefits.

Thou art gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy, *and hast told us, that Thou* dost not afflict willingly, or grieve the children of men, *but* though Thou cause grief, yet Thou wilt have compassion, according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Thou makest us to lie down in green pastures, Thou leadest us beside the still waters; Thou preparest a table for us in the presence of our enemies, Thou anointest our head, and our cup runs over.

We bless Thee for the promise made to Abraham, that in his seed all the families of the earth should be blessed; *and that* when the fulness of time was come, Thou didst send forth Thy Son made of a woman,

made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

INTERCESSION.

Lord, look with compassion upon the world that lies in wickedness, *and let* the Prince of this world be cast out, *that has* blinded their minds.

Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Save Thy people, O Lord, and bless Thine heritage: Feed them also, and lift them up for ever. Give strength unto Thy people, and bless Thy people with peace; with Thy favour, *do Thou* compass them as with a shield.

Let Thy Spirit be poured out *upon Thy Churches* from on high, *and* then the wilderness shall *become* a fruitful field, *then* judgment shall return unto righteousness, and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

Now the God of Israel grant us the things we have requested of Him. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Third Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, behold, we are vile, what shall we answer Thee? we will lay our hand upon our mouth, and put our mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope, *crying with the convicted leper under the law, unclean, unclean.*

If we justify ourselves, our own mouths shall condemn us; if we say we are perfect, that also shall prove us perverse; for if Thou contend with us, we are not able to answer Thee for one of a thousand.

How have we hated instruction, and our heart despised reproof, and have not obeyed the voice of our teachers, nor inclined our ear to them that instructed us.

There is in us a bent to backslide from the living God: *Our* hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know them? *They* start aside like a broken bow.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou us from secret faults. *We have* minded the things of the flesh more than the things of the spirit, *and have* made provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts of it, *even those* lusts which war against our souls, *and in many instances have acted as if we had been* lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

PETITION.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquity, for it is great ; for innumerable evils have compassed us about, our iniquities have taken hold upon us, so that we are not able to look up. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us ; O Lord, make haste to help us.

Fulfil *in us* all the good pleasure of Thy goodness, and the work of faith with power.

Let the Spirit of truth guide us into all truth, and cause us to understand wherein we have erred.

Lord, unto us let it be given to believe ; *for the grace by which* we are saved is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

We come to the Throne of grace, that we may obtain *not only* mercy to pardon, but grace to help in every time of need.

Being justified by faith, *let us have* peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, and through Him *let us* have access into that grace wherein *believers* stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee, O God, that when sacrifice and offerings Thou wouldest not, and in them hadst no pleasure, that the Eternal Son of God said, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God ; *and that* in the volume of the book it was written of Him, *He did* delight to do Thy will, O God, *yea,* Thy law was within His heart.

We bless Thee that Thou wast in Christ, reconciling the world unto Thyself, not imputing their trespasses

unto them, *and that Thou hast* committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Lord, we receive it as a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, *even* the chief. *We* know that He is a teacher come from God, *since* no man could do those miracles which He did, except God were with Him. *Also*, that He hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us unto our God kings and priests.

INTERCESSION.

O let the Gospel be preached to every creature ; *for* how shall men believe in Him of whom they have not heard ? *and* how shall they hear without a preacher ? *and* how shall they preach except they be sent ? *and who shall* send forth labourers *but* the Lord of the harvest ?

O teach transgressors Thy ways, and let sinners be converted unto Thee.

Let all that set themselves, and take counsel together against the Lord, and against His anointed, *that would* break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from them, imagine a vain thing.

Let Thy way be known upon earth, *that barbarous nations may be civilised, and those that live* without God in the world may be brought to the service of the living God ; *and thus let Thy saving health be known* unto all nations.

And now, O God, enable us to go from strength to strength, until we appear before *Thee* in Zion. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Fourth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD our God, Thou, even Thou art to be feared, and who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry? *Even Thou*, our God, art a consuming fire, *and* who knows the power of Thine anger?

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners, *and we among the rest.*

Every imagination of the thoughts of our heart is evil, only evil, and that continually, and it has been so from our youth. *We have* leaned to our own understanding, and trusted in our own hearts. *We have* sought our own glory *more* than the glory of Him that sent us, *and have been* puffed up for that for which we should have mourned.

When Thou hast chastised us, and we were chastised, we have been as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke; *and though* our own foolishness hath perverted our way, yet our heart hath fretted against the Lord; *and thus* in our distress we have trespassed yet more against the Lord.

PETITION.

The Lord of peace Himself give us peace, always by all means ; that peace *which Jesus Christ hath* left with us ; *such* a peace as the world can neither give, *nor take away*.

Let no iniquity have dominion over us, for we are not under the law but under grace.

We pray that we may not enter into temptation ; *or however*, that no temptation may take us but such as is common to man, and let the faithful God never suffer us to be tempted above what we are able, but with the temptation make a way for us to escape.

Lord, let Thy grace be sufficient for us, *and* let Thy strength be made perfect in weakness, *that where* we are weak, *there* we may be strong ; strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Do Thou who hast begun a good work in us, perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee, O God, that in these last days Thou hast spoken unto us by Thy Son ; *may we* learn of Him, because He is meek and lowly in heart, *and thus shall we* find rest unto our souls.

Herein indeed Thou commendest *Thy* love to us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, that we might be reconciled to *Thee* by the death of *Thy* Son. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world ; that He tasted death

for every man, that through death He might destroy Him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil.

O the height, and depth, and length, and breadth of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge! *that* great love wherewith He loved us!

INTERCESSION.

O let Thy salvation and righteousness be openly showed in the sight of the heathen, and let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God.

Give Thy Son the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for His possession.

Add unto Thy Church daily such as shall be saved; enlarge the place of its tent, lengthen its cords, and strengthen its stakes.

O let all the kingdoms of this world *speedily* become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, *and may we be* looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let Thine eyes be open unto the supplication of Thy servants, and unto the supplication of Thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call unto Thee for. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Fifth Day.

CONFESSION.

THY sacrifices, O God, are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise: *nay*, though Thou art the high and lofty One that inhabitest eternity, whose name is Holy; though the heaven be Thy throne, and the earth Thy footstool, yet to this man wilt Thou look, that is poor and humble, of a broken and a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at Thy word, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

We have within us a carnal mind, which is enmity against God, and is not in subjection to the law of God, neither indeed can be. We have a law in our members warring against the law of our mind, and bringing us into captivity to the law of sin that is in our members; so that when we would do good, evil is present with us.

We have been soon angry, and anger hath rested in our bosoms; we have not had the rule over our own spirits, and when our spirits have been provoked, we have spoken unadvisedly with our lips; and have been guilty of that clamour and bitterness which should have been put far from us.

PETITION.

O remember not against us former iniquities, let Thy tender mercy speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name; deliver us, and purge away our sins for Thy name's sake.

O make us to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which *sin* hath broken may rejoice.

Say unto *each* of us, Son, *daughter*, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee.

Let Thy word prevail to the pulling down of strongholds, *and* the casting down of imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, *and let* every thought be brought into obedience to Christ.

Perfect, O God, that which concerns us; Thy mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of Thine own hands.

THANKSGIVING.

We will praise the Lord, for it is good; it is pleasant, *and* praise is comely for the upright, *yea*, it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, *and* to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High, to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

Thy goodness is Thy glory, *and 'tis for that which* all Thy works do praise Thee, and Thy saints do bless Thee.

When we consider the heavens the work of Thy fingers, the *sun*, moon, and stars which Thou hast

ordained ; Lord, what is man that Thou visitest him ?

Thou hast made us a little lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honour ; *for* there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding ; *and* the spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord.

Thou, Lord, hast formed us for Thyself, that we might show forth Thy praise.

INTERCESSION.

Bring Thy seed, O Lord, from the east, and gather them from the west ; say to the north, Give up ; and to the south, Keep not back ; bring Thy sons from far, and Thy daughters from the ends of the earth. Let them come with acceptance to Thine altar, and glorify the house of Thy glory ; let them fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows.

Let the people which sit in darkness see a great light, and to them which sit in the region and shadow of death let light spring up.

In every place let incense be offered to Thy name, and pure offerings ; and from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, let Thy name be great among the Gentiles.

O let the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Do for us, O Lord, exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Sixth Day.

CONFESSION.

*L*ORD, Thou hast graciously assured us, that though they that cover their sins shall not prosper, yet those that confess and forsake them shall find mercy. *And when a poor penitent* said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord, Thou forgavest the iniquity of his sin, and for this shall every one that is godly, *in like manner*, pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found.

O how long have vain thoughts lodged within us! those thoughts of foolishness which are sin. God is not in all our thoughts, *'tis well if He be in any*: of the Rock that begat us we have been unmindful, and have forgotten the God that formed us: *We* have forgotten Him days without number, *and our* hearts have walked after vanity, and become vain.

Our conversation hath *not been* without covetousness, *nor* have we learned in every state therewith to be content.

We have put far from us the evil day, *and* in our prosperity have said we should never be moved, *as if* to-morrow must needs be as this day, and much more abundant.

PETITION.

Lord, we come to Thee, as the poor publican, that stood afar off, and would not so much as lift up his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast; and we pray his prayer, God be merciful to us sinners.

O wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin, for we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Purge us with hyssop and we shall be clean, wash us and we shall be whiter than snow; hide Thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardonest iniquity, and passest by the transgression of the remnant of Thine heritage; who retainest not Thine anger for ever, because Thou delightest in mercy? *O that Thou wouldst* have compassion upon us, and subdue our iniquities, and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea!

THANKSGIVING.

We will extol Thee, our God, O King, and will bless Thy name for ever and ever; every day will we bless Thee, and will praise Thy name for ever and ever; we will abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou takest pleasure in them that fear Thee, in them that hope in Thy mercy.

Thou didst not leave Thyself without witness *among the heathen*, in that Thou didst good, and gavest them rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling their hearts with food and gladness.

Thou givest to all life and breath, and all things, and the earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy.

All Thy creatures wait upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season ; that Thou givest them they gather ; Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good.

INTERCESSION.

Let the branches, O Lord, which are broken off not abide still in unbelief, *but be* grafted in again into their own olive-tree ; *and* though blindness is in part happened to Israel, *yet* let the fulness of the Gentiles come in, *and let* all Israel be saved.

Let them be made to look unto Him whom they have pierced, *and that they may* turn to the Lord, *let* the veil which is upon their hearts be taken away.

Let the churches of Asia that were golden candlesticks, *which the Lord Jesus delighted to* walk in the midst of, be again made so.

Restore unto them *their liberties* as at the first, *and their privileges* as at the beginning ; purely purge away their dross, and take away all their sin, and turn away their captivity as the streams in the south.

Now blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Seventh Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, Thou puttest no trust in Thy saints, and the heavens are not clean in Thy sight; how much more abominable and filthy is man, who drinketh iniquity like water.

The things of the Spirit of God are foolishness to the natural man, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

We have set our affections on things beneath, *which* should have been set on things above, *where our* treasure is, *and* where Christ sits on the right hand of God.

As a fountain casteth out her waters, so do our hearts cast out wickedness; *and* this hath been our manner from our youth up, *that* we have not obeyed Thy voice.

We have been ready to judge our brother, and to set at naught our brother, forgetting that we must all shortly stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

PETITION.

O Lord, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions; according to Thy mercy remember Thou us, for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Heal us, and we shall be healed ; save us, and we shall be saved ; for Thou art our praise. Be not angry with us for ever, but receive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.

Let the flesh be crucified in us, with its affections and lusts ; that walking in the Spirit we may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh.

Give *us* the spirit of wisdom and revelation *in* the knowledge of *Christ*, *that* the eyes of our understanding being enlightened ; that *we* may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

THANKSGIVING.

We will sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints ; O let Israel rejoice in Him that made him, let the children of Zion be joyful in their King ; let the saints be joyful in glory, *and* let the high praises of God be in their hearts, and in their mouths.

Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever, and settest bounds to the waters of the sea, that they turn not again to cover the earth ; *Thou hast* shut up the sea with doors, and broken up for it Thy decreed place, saying, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no farther, here shall thy proud waves be stayed.

Thou hast given Thine angels charge concerning

us, to keep us in all our ways, to bear us up in their hands, lest we dash our foot against a stone. *And* they are all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.

Thou hast given us all things richly to enjoy, *and* into our hands hast brought plentifully.

INTERCESSION.

Be Thou the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of those that are afar upon the sea; *and let them have the blessing which came* upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brethren, *even* to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills.

Create peace to those that are afar off, *as well as* to those that are nigh.

And let those that suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand, call the people to the mountain, *that* they may offer sacrifices of righteousness.

O that we may see the good of *the gospel* Jerusalem all the days of our life, and peace upon Israel.

Now, speak, Lord, for Thy servants hear. What saith our Lord unto His servants? *Grant that we* may not turn our ear from hearing the law; *for then* our prayers will be an abomination, *but may* hearken unto God, that He may hearken unto us. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Eightb Day.

CONFESSION.

WE have sinned, Father, against Heaven, and before Thee ; *we* have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God ; for the God in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, have we not glorified.

We have encouraged our souls to take their ease, to eat and drink and be merry, as if we had goods laid up for many years, *when perhaps* this night our souls may be required of us.

Much corrupt communication hath proceeded out of our mouths ; that foolish talking and jesting which are not convenient, *and* little of that which is good, and to the use of edifying, and which might minister grace unto the hearers.

Contrary to the royal law of charity, we have vaunted ourselves, and been puffed up, have behaved ourselves unseemly, *and* sought our own, have been easily provoked, *have* rejoiced in iniquity, *and* been secretly glad at calamities.

The things which remain are ready to die, and our works have not been found perfect before God.

PETITION.

Deal with Thy servants, *O Lord*, according to Thy mercy, and teach us Thy statutes; we are Thy servants, give us understanding that we may know Thy testimonies. Let our cry come before Thee, *O Lord*, give us understanding according to Thy word, *that* good understanding which they have that do Thy commandments, whose praise endureth for ever.

Lord, grant that we may give a more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip, *and may* keep in memory what hath been preached to us, *and* may not believe in vain.

Lord, increase our faith, *and* perfect what is lacking in it, *that we may be* strong in faith, giving glory to God.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee that Jesus Christ came to call not the righteous but sinners (*such as we are*) to repentance, *and* had power on earth to forgive sins; *that He is* the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

That He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, and that the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we were healed; *and that the* Lord having laid upon Him the iniquity of us all, it pleased the Lord to bruise Him, and put Him to grief.

We thank Thee that as He was delivered for our offences, *so* He rose again for our justification, *and*

was declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead.

We bless Thee that Thou hast appointed a day in which Thou wilt judge the world in righteousness, by that Man whom Thou hast ordained, whereof Thou hast given assurance unto all men, in that Thou hast raised Him from the dead.

INTERCESSION.

We pray for all that believe in Christ, that they all may be one; *and since there is* one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, *give to all Christians to be* of one heart *and one way*.

Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; *for* Thou knowest them that are Thine; *and give to all that* name the name of Christ to depart from iniquity.

O help us to remember we are not our own, *for we* are bought with a price, *therefore we should* glorify God in *our* body and in *our* spirit, which are God's.

Let the word of the Lord *in all places* have free course, and be glorified.

Now to God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present world, according to the will of God and our Father, be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Ninth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, we know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but Thou hast said, If we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We have followed after lying vanities, and forsaken our own mercies; have forsaken the fountain of living waters, for cisterns, even broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Who can say he is clean from that love of money which is the root of all evil, that covetousness which is idolatry?

By breaking the law we have dishonoured God, and have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger most bitterly. And many a thing that we have done hath displeased the Lord.

O the riches of the patience and forbearance of God! how long-suffering is He to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

PETITION.

Thou, Lord, even Thou art He that blottest out our transgressions for Thine own sake, and wilt not

remember our sins, *which we are here to* put Thee in remembrance of, *to* plead with Thee, and *to* declare that we may be justified.

Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously ; heal our backslidings, and love us freely, and let Thine anger be turned away from us ; for in Thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

Let the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge our conscience from dead works to serve *Thee* the living God.

Circumcise our hearts *to* love Thee the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, that we may live.

O that the love of God may be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, *and* take away the stony heart out of our flesh, and give us a heart of flesh.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee, O Father, that when our Lord Jesus went away, He sent us another Comforter to abide with us for ever, even the Spirit of truth who shall glorify *Christ, for* He shall take of His and show it unto us.

That being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, *He* poured it forth *as* rivers of living water.

We thank Thee that we have the Scriptures to search, *and that* in them we have eternal life, *and that* they testify of Christ, and that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for

reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness.

We thank Thee that Thou hast made known unto us Thy holy Sabbaths ; and that still there remains a rest to the people of God.

INTERCESSION.

O show those fools their folly and misery, that have said in their hearts there is no God, and that are corrupt, and have done abominable works.

Give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, the truth as it is in Jesus, *the* truth that is according to godliness, that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil.

Let those that are as sheep going astray return to Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls.

Lord, maintain the honour of the Scripture, the law and the testimony, and convince those who speak not according to that word, that it is because there is no light in them ; O magnify that word above all Thy name.

Let those that will not be won by the word be won by the conversation of Christians.

To God only wise be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Tenth Day.

CONFESSION.

O OUR Father, against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned, and have done *much* evil in Thy sight; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws which He hath set before us; *though they are all* holy, just, and good.

If for every idle word that men speak they must give an account, *and* by our words we must be justified, and if by our own words we must be condemned, woe unto us, for we are undone; for we are of unclean lips, and dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.

Thou hast stricken us, *but* we have not grieved; we have refused to hear correction, and have made our faces harder than a rock; *and* the rod *hath not* driven the foolishness out of our hearts.

We have lost our first love, *and* where is now the blessedness we sometimes spake of?

We have not performed the words of the covenant which we made before Thee, *but* as treacherous dealers we have dealt treacherously.

PETITION.

Grant, Lord, that we may set our affections on things above, and that our life may be hid with Christ in God, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with Him in glory; *that when* He shall appear we may be like Him, and may see Him as He is, *may* behold His face in righteousness, and when we awake may be satisfied with His likeness.

O that the beauty of the Lord our God may be upon us; prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Save now, we beseech Thee, O Lord; O Lord, we beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

Lord, make us always ready with our loins girded about, and our light burning, because the Son of Man comes at an hour when we think not.

O that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee that our Lord Jesus is ascended to His Father and our Father, to His God and our God; *is* ascended up on high, having led captivity captive, and hath received gifts for men, yea, even for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

That as the forerunner *He is* for us entered, entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us, a lamb as it had been slain standing in the midst of the throne.

We bless Thee that the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; and shall come to be glorified in His saints, and admired in all them that believe; for them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

INTERCESSION.

Let pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father flourish and prevail everywhere, that kingdom of God among men, which is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

O revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, *and let our times be times of reformation.*

Let what is wanting be set in order, and let every plant that is not of our Heavenly Father's planting be plucked up.

Let the Lord whom we seek come to His temple like refiner's fire, and fuller's soap, and let Him purify the sons of Levi and all the spiritual seed of Israel, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto Thee an offering in righteousness.

And now the Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us; that He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Eleventh Day.

CONFESSION.

O *GOD, we are* a seed of evil-doers ; and we ourselves were called (*and not miscalled*) transgressors from the womb, *and* Thou knewest we would deal very treacherously.

Our neck hath been an iron sinew, *and* we have made our heart as an adamant ; we have refused to hearken, have pulled away the shoulder, and stopped our ears like the deaf adder, that will not hearken to the voice of the charmer, charm he never so wisely.

We have been as fig-trees planted in the vineyard, and Thou hast come many years seeking fruit from us, *but hast found none ; and therefore we might justly have been* cut down and cast into the fire *for* cumbering the ground : Thou hast come looking for grapes, but behold wild grapes ; *for we have been* empty vines, bringing forth fruit unto ourselves.

We have observed the winds, *and therefore* have not sown ; have regarded the clouds, *and therefore* have not reaped.

PETITION.

Lord, let our old man be crucified with Christ, that the body of sin may be destroyed, that henceforth we may not serve sin ; and let not sin reign in our mortal

bodies, that we should obey it in the lusts thereof. *But being* made free from sin, *let us* become the servants of righteousness.

Enable us so to resist the devil, *that he may* flee from us ; *to resist him* steadfast in the faith. *And the* God of peace tread Satan under our feet, *and do it* shortly.

Give us so to cry after knowledge, and lift up our voice for understanding, to seek for it as silver, and to search for it as for hid treasure, that we may understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

Lord, make us ready and mighty in the Scriptures, that we may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works ; *and being* well instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven, *may, as a good householder,* bring out of our treasures things new and old.

THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee that in Jesus Christ Thou hast made an everlasting covenant with us, even the sure mercies of David, *and that* though the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed, yet this covenant of Thy peace shall never be removed.

That whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. *And that we have this* most sure word of prophecy as a light shining in a dark place.

That the vision is not become to us as the words of a book that is sealed, *but* that we hear in our own tongue the wonderful works of God.

We bless Thee that if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another, even with all that in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.

INTERCESSION.

Let no weapon formed against Thy Church prosper, and let every tongue that riseth against it in judgment be condemned. Put them in fear, O Lord, that the nations may know themselves to be but men, and wherein the proud enemies of Thy Church deal proudly, make it to appear that Thou art above them.

Let them be confounded and turned back that hate Zion, and be as the grass upon the housetop, which withereth before it groweth up.

O our God, make them like a wheel, and as stubble before the wind ; fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Thy name, O Lord, and that men may know, that Thou, whose name is Jehovah, art the Most High over all the earth.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twelfth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, by our iniquities we have sold ourselves, *and* in sinning against Thee we have wronged our own souls.

We have panted after the dust of the earth, *and have been full of care* what we shall eat, and what we shall drink, and wherewithal we shall be clothed, *the things* after which the Gentiles seek, *but have neglected* the kingdom of God, and the righteousness thereof.

We have been ready to trust in uncertain riches more than in the living God ; to say to the gold, Thou art our hope, and to the fine gold, Thou art our confidence.

Our goodness hath been as a morning cloud and the early dew, *which passeth* away.

Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities, *but Thou* waitest to be gracious to us.

PETITION.

Lord, blot out as a cloud our transgressions, and as a thick cloud our sins, that we may not die, *not die eternally* ; that we may not be hurt of the second death.

In Christ Jesus *let us, who* sometimes were afar off, be made nigh by the blood of Christ; for He is our peace, who hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us, and that He might reconcile us to God by His cross, hath slain the enmity thereby, so making peace.

Through Him therefore let us, *who hath made ourselves* strangers and foreigners, *become* fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

Let Thy Spirit witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

Say unto *our* souls, *that* Thou art our salvation.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee, that by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified, *that He hath* finished transgression, made an end of sin, made reconciliation for iniquity, and hath brought in an everlasting righteousness.

That He hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept, that as in Adam all died, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

We are here through Jesus Christ to offer the sacrifice of praise to Thee, *which we desire to do* continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to Thy name. *And Thou hast said that* He that offers praise glorifies Thee.

Our bodies are capable of being the temples of the Holy Ghost, *we therefore would* glorify Thee with our bodies and with our spirits which are Thine.

INTERCESSION.

We desire in our prayers to remember them that are in bond *for the testimony of Jesus*, as bound with them, and them which suffer adversity, as being ourselves also in the body. O send from above, and deliver them from those that hate them, *and* bring them forth into a large place.

O let not the rod of the wicked rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before Thee, and according to the greatness of Thy power preserve Thou those that *for Thy name's sake* are appointed to die.

Let those whose teachers *are* removed into corners, *again* see their teachers, though they have the bread of adversity and the water of affliction.

Alleluia ; salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Thirteenth Day.

CONFESSION.

O *OUR God*, our iniquities are gone over our heads as a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us ; but weary and heavy laden we come to Christ, *who hath promised that in Him we shall find rest* for our souls.

If we knew nothing by ourselves, yet were we not thereby justified, for He that judgeth us is the Lord, *who is greater than our hearts, and knows all things. But we ourselves know that we have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children.*

We are born of the flesh, and we are flesh ; dust we are : We have borne the image of the earthly ; and in us, that is, in our flesh, dwelleth no good thing : For if to will is present to us, yet how to perform that which is good we find not ; for the good that we would do, we do it not, and the evil which we would not do, that we do.

PETITION.

O Lord, though our sins have been as scarlet, let them be as white as snow, and though they have been red like crimson, let them be as wool, that being willing and obedient, we may eat the good of the land.

We have sinned, but we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

Give us grace to put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, that we may put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Enable us by faith to set the Lord always before us, and to have our eyes ever towards Him, that we may act in everything as seeing Him who is invisible, and having a respect unto the recompense of reward.

THANKSGIVING.

When perhaps there has been but a step between us and death, and we have received a sentence of death within ourselves, and have been ready to say in the cutting off of our days we should go to the gates of the grave, and were deprived of the residue of our years, yet Thou hast in love to our souls delivered them from the pit of corruption, and cast all our sins behind Thy back.

When the sorrows of death have compassed us, and the pains of hell have got hold upon us, we have called upon the name of the Lord, and have found that gracious is the Lord and righteous, yea, our God is merciful; we have been brought low, and He hath helped us, and hath delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling; we will therefore walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

All our bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto Thee? for Thou keepest all our bones, not one of them is broken.

INTERCESSION.

Lord, let the man of sin be consumed with the Spirit of Thy mouth, and destroyed with the brightness of Thy coming; and let those be undeceived that have been long under the power of strong delusions to believe a lie, and let them receive the truth in the love of it.

Let Babylon fall, and sink like a mill-stone into the sea; and let the kings of the earth, that have given their power and strength to the Beast, be wrought upon at length to bring them into the New Jerusalem.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake as in the ancient days, as in the generations of old, and make the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed of the Lord to pass over.

O let not the oppressed return ashamed, but let the poor and needy praise Thy name.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Fourteenth Day.

CONFESSION.

O GOD, behold we were shapen in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us. *For* who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one. We are by nature children of wrath, *because* children of disobedience, even as others.

We have not known, *or improved*, the day of our visitation, *and are* slow of heart to understand and believe.

We have been desirous of vain-glory, provoking one another, envying one another; *when we should have* considered one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

God has been broken by our whorish heart, and our eyes, that have gone a-whoring after our idols.

We have grieved the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

PETITION.

To *Thee* the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against *Thee*. *Hast Thou not said*, that if the wicked will turn from all his sins which he hath committed, and keep Thy statutes, he shall live, he shall not die; all his transgressions shall not be mentioned unto him?

O let us have the blessedness of those whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered ; of that man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, in whose spirit there is no guile.

Make us afraid of all appearances of evil, and careful not to give Satan advantage against us, as being not ignorant of his devices. *Lord, give us to learn of Christ to be meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest to our souls ; and that herein the same mind may be in us that was also in Christ Jesus.*

THANKSGIVING.

When we remember all the way which the Lord our God hath led us for so many years, *we must here set up a stone and call it Eben-ezer, for hitherto hath the Lord helped us.*

It may be we were sent forth without purse or scrip, but lacked we anything? Nothing, Lord. *The candle of God hath shined upon our head, and by His light we have walked through darkness, and the secret of God hath been in our tabernacle.*

It is through Thy goodness, O Lord, that as one generation passeth away, another generation comes, and that Thou hast not blotted out the name of that corrupt and guilty race from under heaven. Thou causest grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that Thou mayest bring forth food out of the earth ; wine that makes glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart.

INTERCESSION.

Thou, Lord, art the Governor among the nations; who shall not fear Thee, O King of nations? Thou sittest in the throne judging right; judge the world therefore in righteousness, and minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

Lord, hasten the time when Thou wilt make wars to cease to the ends of the earth; when nation shall no more lift up sword against nation, nor kingdom against kingdom, but swords shall be beaten into plough-shares, and spears into pruning-hooks, and they shall not learn war any more.

Make kings nursing fathers, and their queens nursing mothers to the Israel of God. And whatever counsels there are in men's hearts, Lord, let Thy counsel stand, and do Thou fulfil the thoughts of Thy heart unto all generations.

O our God, let Thine ears be attent unto the prayers that we may have made; O turn not away the face of Thine anointed; remember the mercies of David Thy servant, *even Jesus, who is at Thy right hand ever making intercession for us.* Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Fifteenth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, all flesh hath corrupted their way, we are all gone aside, we are altogether become filthy, there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Our childhood and youth was vanity, *and we* have brought our years to an end, as a tale that is told.

Out of the evil treasure of our hearts *we have* brought forth *many* evil things.

We have either despised the chastening of the Lord, *or* fainted when we have been rebuked of Him ; and if we faint in the day of adversity, our strength is small.

We have taught others, and yet have not taught ourselves ; *and while we* profess to know God, *we have* in works denied Him.

PETITION.

O God, be Thou merciful to our unrighteousness, and our sins and our iniquities do Thou remember no more. *O forgive us that great* debt.

Thou hast encouraged us to take hold on Thy strength, that we may make peace, *and hast promised* that we shall make peace ; *O let us therefore* acquaint ourselves with Thee, and be at peace, that thereby good may come unto us.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us; restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit. *Lord, give us to love our neighbour as ourselves, with that love which is the fulfilling of the law; to love one another with a pure heart, fervently, that hereby all men may know that we are Christ's disciples. Enable us to walk in wisdom towards them that are without, redeeming the time.*

THANKSGIVING.

It is God that girdeth us with strength, and maketh our way perfect; *that hath* blessed the work of our hands, *and it may be that* though our beginning was small, yet our latter end hath greatly increased.

When we have eaten and are full, we have reason to bless Thee for the good land which Thou hast given us; a land which the eyes of the Lord our God are always upon, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year.

Our houses have been safe from fear, and there hath been no rod of God upon us; so that the voice of rejoicing and salvation hath been heard in our tabernacle from day to day. With our staff it may be we have passed over this Jordan, and now we are become two bands, and 'tis God that setteth the solitary in families; and many a time we have delighted ourselves in Thy great goodness.

INTERCESSION.

Lord, Thou hast dealt favourably with our land ; we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us what work Thou didst *for us* in their days, and in the times of old ; *and* as we have heard, so we have seen ; for we have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

Thou hast given us a pleasant land ; Thou hast set up Thy tabernacle among us, and Thy sanctuary is in the midst of us.

We dwell safely, and there is peace to him that goeth out, and to him that comes in.

Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts, and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. O stir up Thy strength and come and save us.

Lord, Thou hast assured us, that whatever we ask the Father in Christ's name, He will give us ; *we ask all these things in that* name which is above every name, *and which is* as ointment poured forth. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Sixteenth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD our God, we have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it profited us not. How is the gold become dim, and the most fine gold changed !

We bewail before Thee all our iniquities, and all our transgressions in all our sins.

We have been slothful in the business of religion, and not fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

We have sought great things to ourselves, when Thou hast said, Seek them not.

So foolish have we been and ignorant, and even as beasts before Thee.

PETITION.

Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people. O visit us with Thy salvation, that we may see the good of Thy chosen, and may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation, and may glory with Thine inheritance.

Let the work of righteousness in our souls be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever. *May* the law of the spirit of life,

which is in Christ Jesus, make us free from the law of sin and death, *that* the world may be crucified unto us, *by the cross of Christ*. Lord, teach transgressors Thy ways, and let sinners be converted unto Thee; *and* let the disobedient be turned to the wisdom of the just, *and* make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Let those that are called, being servants, be the Lord's freemen, *and* those that are called being free, be Christ's servants.

THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee that when the Lord Jesus ascended up on high, *He* gave gifts unto men, *not only* prophets, apostles, and evangelists, *but* pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; and that *while they* teach us to observe all things which Christ hath commanded, *He hath promised to be* with *them* always, even unto the end of the world. We thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that the things which were hid from the wise and prudent, *and which* many prophets and kings desired to see, and *might* not, are revealed to us babes; even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight. Thou hast *not only* showed Thy word unto Jacob, *but* Thy statutes and judgments unto Israel, *even unto us*.

INTERCESSION.

O the hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble ; *be not Thou* as a stranger in our land, or a wayfaring man that turns aside to tarry but for a night ; *but* be Thou *always* in the midst of us ; we are called by Thy name, O leave us not ; though our iniquities testify against us, yet do Thou it for Thy name's sake ; though our backslidings are many, and we have sinned against Thee.

Show us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation, *yea, let that* salvation be nigh them that fear Thee, that glory may dwell in our land. *Let* mercy and truth meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other ; *let* truth spring out of the earth, and righteousness look down from heaven ; *yea, let* the Lord give that which is good ; *let* righteousness go before Him, and set us in the way of His steps.

O make Thy face to shine upon us for the Lord's sake, who is the Son of Thy love, and whom Thou hearest always. *Good Lord, give us to hear Him, and be well pleased with us in Him. Amen.*

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Seventeenth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, to us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against Thee.

We are wise to do evil, but to do good we have no knowledge.

We know not, neither do we understand, we walk on in darkness. God speaketh once, yea, twice, but we perceive it not ; but hearing, we hear, and do not understand.

We have too often cast off fear, and restrained prayer before God ; have not called upon Thy name, nor stirred up ourselves to take hold on Thee.

The bowels of our compassion have often been shut up from those that are in need ; nay, perhaps our eye has been evil against our poor brother, and we have despised the poor.

PETITION.

We beseech Thee, let the power of our Lord be great, according as Thou hast spoken, saying, the Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression. Pardon, we beseech Thee, the

iniquity of Thy people, according unto the greatness of Thy mercy ; and as Thou hast forgiven them even until now.

O that Thou wouldest bless us indeed ! command the blessing upon us, even life for evermore ; *for* Thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed.

Let Christ be made of God to us, *not only* righteousness, *but* wisdom, sanctification, and redemption.

Lord, grant that we may not be as children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Christ in all things, who is the head.

THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee, that the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the commandment of the everlasting God, *and* the gospel which was made known unto all nations for the obedience of faith, *was* mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds ; *that* the Lord wrought with it, *and* confirmed the word by signs following ; *so that* Satan fell as lightning from heaven.

That though the gospel was preached in much contention, yet it grew and prevailed mightily, and *multitudes* turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God, *and* to wait for His Son from heaven.

That Jesus Christ hath built His Church upon a Rock, *which* the gates of hell *cannot* prevail against, *but* His seed shall endure for ever, and His throne as the days of heaven.

INTERCESSION.

Let our candlestick never be removed out of its place, though we have deserved it should, because we have left our first love. Never do to us as Thou didst to Thy place which was in Shiloh, where Thou didst set Thy name at the first.

Let us never know what a famine of the word means; nor ever be put to wander from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth, to seek the word of God.

O let wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times, and strength of salvation, and let the fear of the Lord be our treasure; let the righteous flourish among us, and let there be those that shall fear Thee in our land, as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations, that there may be abundance of peace, and the children which shall be created may praise the Lord.

Now the Lord direct our hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Eighteenth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, *we have* an evil heart of unbelief in us, which inclines us to depart from the living God.

Foolishness was bound up in our hearts *when* we were children; *for* though vain man would be wise, he is born like the wild ass's colt.

Thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, but we have rebelled against Thee.

We have been often reprov'd, and yet have hardened our neck, and have gone on frowardly in the way of our heart.

O that knowing every man the plague of his own heart, *we may* look unto Him whom we have pierced, *and may* mourn, *and* be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for a first-born.

PETITION.

O Lord, Thou hast appointed that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in Christ's name unto all nations. *Therefore we desire* to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus *our* Lord, that we may win Christ, and

be found in Him, not having any righteousness of our own, but that which is through the faith of Christ.

Be Thou to us a God, *and* take us to be to Thee a people, and make us a willing people in the day of Thy power. *Though we are* no more worthy to be called Thy children, Thou hast said that we shall call Thee our Father, and not turn away from Thee. Shall we not *therefore* from this time cry unto Thee, Our Father, Thou art the guide of our youth?

Enable us, we pray Thee, to hold fast the form of sound words, which we have heard in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus, and to continue in the things which we have learnt and been assured of.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee, that Thou hast not given us over to a reprobate mind, that our consciences are not seared, that Thou hast not said concerning us, They are joined to idols, let them alone; but that Thy Spirit is still striving with us.

And hath God by His grace translated us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son? Hath He called us into the fellowship of Jesus Christ, and made us nigh by His blood, who by nature were afar off? Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory.

Thou hast loved us with an everlasting love, and therefore with loving-kindness Thou hast drawn us, drawn us with the cords of a man, and the bands of love.

When Thou broughtest us into the wilderness, yet

there Thou spakest comfortably to us, and gavest us our vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope.

INTERCESSION.

O Lord, appoint salvation to us for walls and bulwarks, *and in order to that* let the gates be opened, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Make our officers peace, and our exactors righteousness; *let violence never* be heard in our land, wasting or destruction in our borders, *but* let our walls be called salvation, and our gates praise; *O never let our* land be termed forsaken and desolate, *but let the* Lord delight in us, *and let* our land be married to *Him*.

Never make our heavens as brass, *and our* earth as iron, *nor* take away Thy corn in the season thereof, and Thy wine in the season thereof, *but let* our land yield her increase, and the trees their fruit, *that we may* eat bread to the full, and dwell in our land safely.

And now, Lord, what wait *we* for? *our* hope is in Thee; deliver *us* from all our transgressions, *for Jesus Christ's sake*. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Nineteenth Day.

CONFESSION.

O GOD, our sins have separated between us and God, and have kept good things from us ; *and by them our minds and consciences have been* defiled.

Thou hast sent to us, saying, O do not this abominable thing which I hate ; but we have not hearkened, nor inclined our ear.

But, Lord, we repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand ; to which Thou hast exalted Thy Son Jesus Christ, to give repentance and remission of sins.

O that we may bring forth fruits meet for repentance ! and may never return again to folly.

O what fools are they that make a mock at sin !

PETITION.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O Lord, for in Thy sight shall no flesh living be justified.

We will say unto God, do not condemn us, but deliver us from going down to the pit, for Thou hast found a ransom.

It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth ? It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, *and* now is even at the right hand of God, who also

maketh intercession for us, *and whose* blood speaketh better things than that of Abel's *sacrifice*.

Cause us to hear Thy loving-kindness, *and to* taste that Thou art gracious, for in Thee do we trust.

The very God of peace sanctify us wholly, and we pray God our whole spirit, and soul, and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ ; for faithful is He that calleth us, who also will do it.

THANKSGIVING.

O how wonderfully did the kindness and love of God our Saviour towards man appear, not by *any* works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us ; *we had* destroyed ourselves, *but* in Thee, *and Thee only*, was our help.

When we were cast out in the open field, and no eye pitied us, Thou sawest us polluted in our own blood, and Thou saidst unto us, Live ; yea, Thou saidst unto us, Live ; and the time was a time of love.

When the redemption of the soul was *so* precious, *as that* it must have ceased for ever, *and* no man could by any means redeem His brother, or give to God a ransom for him, then Thou wast pleased to find a ransom, that we might be delivered from going down to the pit. *Herein appears* the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world for our glory.

INTERCESSION.

O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just, O Thou righteous God that triest the hearts and the reins. *Spirit many to rise up for Thee against the evil-doers, and to stand up for Thee against the workers of iniquity.*

Let those that are striving against sin never be weary or faint in their minds.

Cause the unclean spirit to pass out of the land, *and* turn to the people a pure language, that they may call on the name of the Lord.

Make us high above all nations in praise and in name, and in honour, *by making us a* holy people unto the Lord our God.

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant make *us* perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in *us* that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twentieth Day.

CONFESSION.

O GOD, our own wickedness hath corrected us, *and* backslidings have reprov'd us, *and* we cannot but know and see that it is an evil thing, and bitter, that we have forsaken the Lord our God, and that His fear hath not been in us.

We have lifted up our souls unto vanity, *and* set our eyes upon that which is not, *have* looked at the things which are seen, which are temporal, but the things which are not seen, that are eternal, *have been forgotten or postponed.* And now, O our God, what shall we say after this, for we have forsaken Thy commandments? We have sinned, and what shall we do unto Thee, O Thou preserver of men?

PETITION.

Now we pray to God that we may do no evil, *but may be* blameless and harmless as the children of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, *and* quicken Thou us in Thy way; remove from us the way of lying, and grant us Thy law graciously.

Lord, work in us that fear of Thee which is the

beginning of wisdom, *and which is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Write Thy law in our hearts, and put it in our inward part, *that we may be the* epistles of Christ, written by the Spirit of the living God, not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart, that the law of God being in our heart, none of our steps may slide, *and* we may delight to do Thy will, O God, may delight in the law of God after the inward man. Order our steps in Thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us.

THANKSGIVING.

We are bound to give thanks always *to Thee, O God*, because Thou hast from the beginning chosen *Thy people* to salvation, through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth ; that there is a remnant according to the election of grace, *whom* Thou hast chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Thee in love, having predestinated them to the adoption of children, by Jesus Christ, unto Thyself, according to the good pleasure of Thy will, to the praise of the glory of Thy grace.

Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to *Christ*, *and* this is Thy will, that of all that Thou hast given *Him He* should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

Thou didst so love the world, as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

INTERCESSION.

For the divisions *that are among us*, there are great searchings of heart ; for there are three against two, and two against three in a house. *But is the breach wide as the sea which cannot be healed? Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why, then, is not the health of the daughter of our people recovered? Lord, heal the breaches of our land, for because of them it shaketh.*

Now, the God of patience and consolation grant us to be like-minded one towards another, according to Christ Jesus, that we may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *and promote* the common salvation.

Lord, keep us from judging one another, and despising one another, *and give us to follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*

May the God of all grace, who hath called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that *we* have suffered awhile, make *us* perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *us*. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty-first Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, the Scripture hath included all under sin; *we are all guilty* before God; *and therefore Thou mightest justly be angry* with us till Thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping.

We have come before Thee as Thy people come, and have sat before Thee as Thy people sit, and have heard Thy words, when our hearts at the same time have been going out after covetousness. And thus have we brought the torn, and the lame, and the sick, for sacrifice, have offered that to our God which we would not have offered to our governor.

We have tempted God, *and* proved Him, and grieved Him, have rebelled and vexed His Holy Spirit, and pressed Him with our iniquities, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

PETITION.

Heavenly Father, cast us not away from Thy presence, *nor ever* take Thy Holy Spirit from us; *but let us always dwell with* the upright in Thy presence. If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence; never leave us, nor forsake us. Put upon us the

whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, *to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand ; let our loins be girt about with truth, put on us the breastplate of righteousness, and let our feet be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Give us the shield of faith, wherewith we may quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, and the helmet of salvation ; and let the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, be always ready to us.*

Lord, keep us from being lovers of our own selves, from being wise in our own conceit, and leaning to our own understanding. Lord, give us to seek not only our own, but every one his brother's welfare.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee that as soon as man had sinned, Thou didst graciously promise that the Seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head ; and that in the Old Testament sacrifices Jesus Christ was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world ; and that by faith the elders obtained a good report, though they received not the promise, for they obtained witness that they were righteous.

We thank Thee that Jesus our Saviour is Thy servant whom Thou dost uphold ; Thine elect, in whom Thy soul delighteth ; Thy beloved Son, in whom Thou art well pleased ; that Thou hast given Him for a covenant of the people, and that through Him we are not under the law but under grace.

When we must needs die, and were as waters spilt

on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again, *then* didst Thou devise means that the banished might not be for ever expelled from Thee.

INTERCESSION.

Rise, Lord, and let Thine enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Thee flee before Thee, but return, O Lord, to the many thousands of *Thine* Israel.

Give us help from trouble, for vain is the help of man ; through God *let our forces* do valiantly ; yea, let God Himself tread down our enemies ; and give them as dust to our sword, and as driven stubble to our bow.

Let us be a people saved by the Lord, as the shield of our help and the sword of our excellency.

Those who jeopard their lives *for us* in the high places of the field, teach their hands to war, and their fingers to fight ; give them the shield of Thy salvation, and let Thy right hand hold them up, and cover their heads in the day of battle.

Lord, we have not prayed as we ought. Who is there that does good and sins not ? *But we have* a great High Priest, who bears the iniquity of our holy things ; *for His sake* receive us graciously and love us freely, *and* deal not with us after our folly. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty-Second Day.

CONFESSION.

OUR God, sin hath deceived us, and by it slain us ; for our hearts have been hardened through the deceitfulness of sin ; *and we have been* drawn away of our own lust, and enticed.

We have known the way of the Lord, and the judgments of our God, *and yet* have altogether broken the yoke and burst the bonds.

O that we may sorrow after a godly sort, *with* that sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of ; *and that we may* remember, and be confounded, and never open our mouth any more, because of our shame when Thou art pacified towards us. *For*, what have we to do any more with idols ? Sin shall not have dominion over us, for we are not under the law, but under grace.

PETITION.

Our Heavenly Father, this is the confidence that we have in *Jesus*, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us ; and if we know that He hear us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

Let us therefore be justified freely by Thy grace,

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, from all those things from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses. O let not iniquity be our ruin ; but let the Lord take away our sin, that we may not die, *not die eternally* ; that we may not be hurt of the second death.

Let us be planted together in the likeness of *Christ's* death and resurrection, *that* as He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life. Unite our hearts to fear Thy name, *that we may* keep Thy commandments, *which is* the whole duty of man.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee that the Eternal Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and *there were those who* saw His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *And* without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness, *that* God was manifested in the flesh.

We thank and bless Thee that to this end He was born, and for this cause He came into the world, that He might bear witness of the truth, and we believe and are sure that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God ; *that it is* He that should come, *and* we *are to* look for *no other*. The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost ; He is come that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly, and for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

INTERCESSION.

Give the { King } Thy judgments, O God, and
 { Queen }
 Thy righteousness, *that* { he } *may* judge the poor of
 { she }
 the people, may save the children of the needy, and
 may break in pieces the oppressor.

Let { his } throne be established with righteousness,
 { her }
 and upheld with mercy ; *give* { him } *long life* and
 { her }
 length of days for ever and ever, and let { his } glory
 { her }
 be great in Thy salvation, and make { him } exceeding
 { her }
 glad with Thy countenance ; through the tender mercy
 of the Most High let { him } not be moved. *May all*
 { her }
 honour the { King }
 { Queen. }

Clothe { his } enemies with shame, but upon
 { her }
 { himself } let the crown flourish, *and continue* { him }
 { herself } { her }
long, very long, a nursing { father } *to Thine* Israel.
 { mother }

May God give strength unto His { King } and
 { Queen, }
 exalt the horn of His anointed, and let all the people
 say, God save the { King } Amen.
 { Queen. }

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty=Third Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, *our Heavenly Father, we have* known to do good, *but have not done it; and have been* unfaithful stewards, *that have* wasted our Lord's goods; *for* one sinner destroys much good.

We have known our Master's will, but have not done it, *and therefore deserve to be* beaten with many stripes. O God, Thou knowest our foolishness, and our sins are not hid from Thee; *we were* foolish *in being* disobedient; *and our lusts* are foolish and hurtful.

The pride of our heart *particularly has* deceived us. *O that* sin may be sin to us, *and that* by the commandment *we may see* it to be exceeding sinful, *because it is* the transgression of the law.

PETITION.

We entreat Thy favour, O God, with our whole heart; be merciful to us according to Thy word, *for* in Thy favour is life, *yea,* Thy loving-kindness is better than life.

The Lord that made heaven and earth, bless us out of Zion; bless us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

From the fulness that is in Christ Jesus (*in whom* it pleased the Father that all fulness should dwell) let every one of us receive, and grace for grace.

Let those be quickened that are *yet* dead in trespasses and sins; say unto them, Live; *yea*, say unto them, Live; *and* the time shall be a time of love.

By the blood of the covenant, send forth the prisoners out of the pit in which is no water, that they may turn to the stronghold, as prisoners of hope.

Let the God of Jacob *be* our help, *and* our hope *always be* in the Lord our God.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee that to the Jews were committed the oracles of God, *that they had* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; *and that there did* not fail one word of all Thy good promise, which Thou promised by the hand of Moses Thy servant.

Thou didst at sundry times and in divers manners speak in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, *those* holy men of God, who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, *and* prophesied of the grace that should come unto us, testifying beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow, *and that* not to themselves *only*, but to us they ministered *those great things*, things which the angels desire to look into. *And especially we bless Thee that* Thou hast provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

INTERCESSION.

Lord, preserve to us the lamp which Thou hast ordained for Thy anointed, that the generation to come may know Thee, even the children which shall be born, that they may set their hope in God, and keep His commandments.

Let the Protestant succession abide before God for ever; O prepare mercy and truth which may preserve it, so will we sing praise unto Thy name for ever and ever.

Let their design who would make a captain to return into Egypt, be again defeated, and let not the deadly wound that hath been given to the beast be healed any more.

Let the glorious Lord be to us a place of broad waters and streams; for the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King, He will save us.

O make Thy face to shine upon us for the Lord's sake, who is the Son of Thy love, *and* whom Thou hearest always. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty=Fourth Day.

CONFESSON.

O GOD, *we have* said in our haste we are cast off from before Thine eyes, *and* that the Lord hath forsaken us, our God hath forgotten us, *as if God* would be favourable no more ; as if He had forgotten to be gracious, and had in anger shut up His tender mercies. *This* has been our infirmity.

If in anything we have gone beyond and defrauded our brother, if *we* have walked with vanity, and our foot hath hasted to deceit, and any blot hath cleaved to our hands, *Lord, discover it to us, that if we* have done iniquity (*and* there is no man that sinneth not), we may do so no more. O that our heads were waters, and our eyes fountains of tears, that we might weep day and night for our transgressions.

PETITION.

Lord, we take hold of Thy covenant, *to Thee we* join ourselves in a perpetual covenant ; *O that Thou wouldst* cause us to pass under the rod, and bring us into the bond of the covenant, that we may become Thine.

Give us all *to* know Thee, from the least even to

the greatest, *and to follow on to know Thee ; and so to know Thee*, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent, whom to know is life eternal.

When we know not what to do, then let our eyes be unto Thee ; then let us hear the word behind us, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, that we turn not to the right hand or to the left.

Lord, give us so to be crucified with Christ, as that the life we now live in the flesh we may live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us ; and so to bear about with us continually the dying of the Lord Jesus, as that the life also of Jesus may be manifest in our bodies.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee, O our Father, that forasmuch as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, Jesus also Himself likewise took part of the same ; that He took not on Him the nature of angels, but our nature, and was in all things made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest, in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people ; and that He is not ashamed to call them brethren ; and that the first begotten was brought into the world with a charge given to all the angels of God to worship Him.

We thank Thee for the gracious invitation He gave to those who are weary and heavy laden, to come to Him for rest ; and for the assurance He hath given, that whosoever comes unto Him, He will in no wise cast out.

INTERCESSION.

Counsel our counsellors, and teach our senators wisdom ; O give them a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord, *to* make them of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord.

O remove not the speech of the trusty, nor take away the understanding of the aged, *nor let the things that belong to the nation's peace be hid from the eyes of those that are intrusted with the nation's counsels.*

Make those that rule over us just, ruling in the fear of God ; and let those that judge remember that they judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with them in the judgment ; that therefore the fear of the Lord may be upon them.

O let our hearts be perfect with the Lord our God *all our days, and continue so till the end be, that then we may rest, and may stand in our lot, and let it be a blessed lot in the end of the days.* Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty-Fifth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, in the multitude of our words there wanteth not sin, nor can a man full of talk be justified.

While the lips of the righteous feed many, *our lips* have poured out foolishness, *and* spoken frowardness.

Many a price hath been put into our hand to get wisdom, *which* we have had no heart to, or our heart has been at our left hand.

When we did eat, and when we did drink, did we not eat to ourselves, and drink to ourselves?

The Word of God hath been to *us* precept upon precept, and line upon line; *and* though we have beheld our natural faces in the glass, yet we have gone away, and straightway forgot what manner of men we were.

PETITION.

O Lord our God, let us have redemption through Christ's blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Thy grace, wherein Thou hast abounded towards us in all wisdom and prudence. *That being* in Christ Jesus, there may be no condemnation to us.

This is the name whereby we will call Him, The

Lord our Righteousness. In Him, Lord, we believe ; help Thou our unbelief. Turn not away the face of Thine anointed ; *who* by His own blood is entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

Lord, give us so to do Thy will, as that we may know of the doctrine, whether it be of God ; and so to know the truth, as that the truth may make us free, may make us free indeed.

That which we see not teach Thou us, *and enable us so to prove all things, as to hold fast that which is good.*

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee that Thou judgest no man, but Thou hast committed all judgment unto the Son ; that as Thou hast life in Thyself, so Thou hast given to the Son to have life in Himself, and hast given Him authority to execute judgment also because He is the Son of Man. Thou, O Lord, hast laid help upon one that is mighty, one chosen out of the people, and hath given all things into His hand.

Thou hast Thyself given Him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

We thank Thee He was sanctified and sealed, and sent into the world, and that the Father which sent Him did not leave Him alone, for He always did those things that pleased Him. In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him.

INTERCESSION.

Enable our magistrates to defend the poor and fatherless, to do justice for the afflicted and needy, to deliver the poor and needy, and to rid them out of the hand of the wicked, and let rulers never be a terror to good works, but to the evil.

Make them able men, and men of truth, fearing God, and hating covetousness, that judgment may run down like a river, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Give grace to all the subjects of this land, that they may, under the government God has set over us, live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty, dwelling together in unity, that the Lord may command a blessing upon us, even life for evermore.

And now, we prostrate our souls before the throne, and worship God, saying, Amen, blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty-Sixth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD, we confess that we have known the judgment of God, that they which do such things *as we have done* are worthy of death, and yet have done them, and have had pleasure in them that do them.

We have not rendered again *to Thee* according to the benefit done unto us.

Thou hast chastened us with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men, yet we have not turned to Him that smiteth us, nor have we sought the Lord of Hosts.

Thou mightest justly swear in Thy wrath, that we should never enter into Thy rest; mightest justly set us naked and bare, and take away our corn in the season thereof, and our wine in the season thereof, *and put into* our hands the cup of trembling, *and make us drink even* the dregs of that cup.

PETITION.

O God, be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, yea, let God, even our own God, give us His blessing. Let us receive

the blessing from the Lord, even righteousness from the God of our salvation.

Give us to know the certainty of those things wherein we have been instructed; *and let our knowledge grow up to* all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, even of the Father and of Christ. Open Thou our eyes that we may see wondrous things out of Thy law *and gospel*. As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *enable us to* walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith as we have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING.

We bless Thee that Jesus hath left us an example, that we should follow His steps, *in that* He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, *and* when He was reviled, reviled not again; *and* His meat and drink was to do the will of His Father; *in that He was* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners. *O that we may* be armed with the same mind, *and that* as He was so we may be in this world, *and that we may* so walk even as He walked.

We thank Thee that the works which *Jesus* did, the same bare witness of Him that the Father had sent Him, *that by His power* the blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf heard, the dead were raised up, and the poor had the Gospel preached unto them; and even the winds and the sea obeyed Him, for which we glorify the God of Israel. Truly this was the Son of God.

INTERCESSION.

Let the schools of the prophets be replenished with every good gift and every perfect gift which is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.

Cast salt into those fountains, and heal the waters thereof, that from thence may issue streams which shall make glad the city of our God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

Lord, give to those who are young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth, that thereby they may be kept from the vanity which childhood and youth are subject to, and may be restrained from walking in the way of their heart, and in the sight of their eyes, by considering that for all these things God will bring them to judgment.

And now let the Lord preserve and keep us from all evil, yea, let the Lord preserve our souls, until the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty-Seventh Day.

CONFESSION.

O OUR *God, we have too often* named the name of Christ, and yet have not departed from iniquity.

We call ourselves of the Holy City, *and* stay ourselves upon the God of Israel, and make mention of His name, but not in truth and righteousness.

We have dishonoured that worthy name by which we are called, *and* given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

By every wilful sin we have in effect said, We will not have this Man to reign over us, and who is the Lord that we should obey His voice? And thus we have reproached the Lord, and cast His laws behind our backs.

Surely the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation.

PETITION.

We beseech Thee, work in us that faith which is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen, by which we may look above the things that are seen and temporal, and may look at the things that are unseen and eternal.

O that Jesus Christ may be very precious to us, as He is to all that believe, that He may be in our account the chiefest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely; and that He may be our beloved and our friend; that though we have not seen Him, yet we may love Him; and though now we see Him not, yet believing we may rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Lord, grant that our conversation may be without covetousness, and we may always be content with such things as we have; still saying, The will of the Lord be done.

THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee for the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him; an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.

That having here no continuing city, we are encouraged to seek a better country, that is, an heavenly, the city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. That we are in hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, hath promised; and that all true believers through grace have eternal life abiding in them. We thank Thee for the power Thou hast given the Lord Jesus Christ over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him; and for His gracious offer, that whosoever thirsts might come unto Him and drink.

INTERCESSION.

Lord, make young people sober-minded, and let the Word of God abide in them, that they may be strong, and may overcome the wicked one.

Let Christ be formed in the hearts of those that are young.

Keep those that are setting out in the world from the corruption that is in the world through lust; and give to those that have been well educated to hold fast the form of sound words, and to continue in the things which they have learned.

Let all that fear God and work righteousness be accepted of Him; yea, let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified, that hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servants.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with His benefits, even the God of our salvation, *who* hath preserved our going out and our coming in. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty-Eighth Day.

CONFESSION.

O GOD, when some have been overthrown as Sodom and Gomorrah were, we have been as brands plucked out of the fire, yet have we not returned unto Thee, O Lord. *And when Thy hand has been lifted up, we have not seen it.*

Did we not say we would not transgress, we would not offend any more? And yet often we have returned like the dog to his vomit, have returned to folly after God hath spoken peace.

What would become of us, if Thou, O God, shouldest make our tongues to fall upon us?

Our way hath been our folly, *and in many instances we have done foolishly, very foolishly.*

PETITION.

Give us grace to love Thee the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind, which is the first and great commandment; to set our love upon Thee, and to delight ourselves always in Thee; and therein we shall have the desire of our hearts.

This we pray, that our love may abound yet more and more in knowledge, and in all judgment, that we may discern things that differ, and may approve things that are excellent ; that we may be sincere, and without offence unto the day of Christ ; and may be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God. *And, Lord, grant that we may not love the world, neither the things that are in the world, because if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him ; that we may set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth.*

THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee that Jesus, appearing to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, did by the Eternal Spirit offer Himself without spot unto Thee, and by His own blood entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

That He spoiled principalities and powers, and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in His cross, and hath blotted out the handwriting of ordinances which was against us, which was contrary to us, taking it out of His way by nailing it to His cross.

We rejoice that He is our peace, having broken down the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, and hath made Himself of twain one new man, and hath reconciled both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.

INTERCESSION.

There are some that are old disciples of Jesus Christ ; Lord, give them still to bring forth fruit in old age, to show that the Lord is upright, that He is their rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. Now the evil days are come, and the years of which they say there is no pleasure in them, let Thy comforts delight their souls.

Even to their old age be Thou He, *and* to hoar hairs do Thou carry them Thou hast made, *we beseech Thee*, to bear ; *yea, do Thou* carry and deliver them.

Those whom Thou hast taught from their youth up, *and who have* hitherto declared all Thy wondrous works, *now* when they are old and grayheaded leave them not, cast them not off in their old age, fail them not when their strength fails : O give them to know in whom they have believed.

Into Thy hand *we* commit *our* spirits ; *for* Thou hast redeemed *us*, O Lord God of truth. Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Twenty-Ninth Day.

CONFESSION.

O LORD *our God, if Thou shouldst lay righteousness to the line and judgment to the plummet, Thou mightest justly separate us unto all evil, according to all the curses of the covenant, and blot out our names from under heaven.*

What fruit have we now in those things whereof we *have cause* to be ashamed, seeing the end of those things is death? *And* what are we profited, if we should gain the whole world, and lose our own souls?

Sentence against our evil works has not been executed speedily, *but* Thou hast given us space to repent, *and make our peace with Thee; and* callest ever backsliding children to return *to Thee, and hast promised to* heal their backslidings; *and therefore,* behold, we come unto Thee, for Thou art the Lord our God.

PETITION.

Thou, Lord, art our refuge and our fortress, and under Thy wings will we trust, Thy truth shall be our shield and buckler; *let us therefore* not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day. Having made the Lord our refuge, and the

Most High our habitation, *let* no evil befall us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling.

Lord, Thou hast told us that godliness hath the promise of the life that now is, *as well as of* that which is to come ; *and that if we* seek first the kingdom of God and the righteousness thereof, all other things shall be added unto us ; *and therefore we* cast all our care *about these things* upon Thee, who carest for us, *for our* Heavenly Father knoweth that we have need of all these things.

If Satan desire to have us that he may sift us as wheat, *yet let Christ's intercession prevail for us*, that our faith fail not.

THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee that Jesus having borne the sins of many, He makes intercession for the transgressors ; *and prays* not for those only *that were given Him when He was upon earth*, but for all that shall believe on Him through their word ; that they all may be one.

That we have had an Advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous, who is therefore able to save to the uttermost all those that come to God *as a Father* by Him, *as mediator*, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. *That we also have* a High Priest taken from among men in things pertaining to God, that He may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sin, who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way, *and that* He is become the Author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him.

INTERCESSION.

Lord, keep those that are rich in this world *from being* high-minded, *and* trusting in uncertain riches, but *give them to trust* in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy ; that they *may* do good, *and* be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, *that they may* lay up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Though it is hard for those that are rich to enter into the kingdom of heaven, *yet with Thee* all things are possible.

Lord, make those who are poor in this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom ; *O that* the poor of the flock *may* wait upon Thee, *and may* know the word of the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord God of Abraham, who hath not left us destitute of His mercy and His truth.
Amen.

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Thirtieth Day.

CONFESSION.

THOU art just, O Lord, *in whatever Thou art pleased* to lay upon us; for Thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly. *Nay*, Thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities have deserved. *We know that* the law curseth every one that continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them; *that* the wages of sin is death; *and that* for these things' sake cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Thou *therefore* shalt be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Wherefore should a living man complain, a man for the punishment for his sins? *We will* bear the indignation of the Lord, because we have sinned against Him.

Thou hast said it, *and hast* confirmed it with an *oath*, that Thou hast no pleasure in the death of sinners, but rather that they should turn and live.

PETITION.

Lord, make us to know our end, and the measure of our days, what it is, that we may know how frail we are ; and that our days are as an handbreadth, and that every man at his best state is altogether vanity ; *and* our days upon earth as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

Lord, deliver us from evil work, and preserve us unto Thy heavenly kingdom, *being kept from falling, that* we may be presented faultless at the coming of Thy glory with exceeding joy.

Build us up, *we pray Thee*, in our most holy faith, *and* keep us in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Lord, Thou hast given us *many* exceeding great and precious promises, *which are* all yea and amen in Christ. *Now* be it unto Thy servants according to the word which Thou hast spoken.

THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee that our Lord Jesus is gone before to prepare a place for us in His Father's house, *where* there are many mansions ; *and though* whither He is gone we cannot follow Him now, yet *we hope* to follow Him hereafter, *when He shall* come again to receive us unto Himself, that where He is, there we may be also.

O God, Thou hast not quenched the smoking flax, nor broke the bruised reed, nor despised the day of small things, *but* having obtained help of *Thee*, we

continue hitherto. Unless the Lord had been our help, our souls had almost dwelt in silence; *but* when we said, Our foot slippeth, Thy mercy, O Lord, held us up; *and* in the multitude of our thoughts within us, Thy comforts *have been* the delight of our souls.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away our prayer, or His mercy from us.

INTERCESSION.

Lord, give us to love our enemies, to bless them that curse us, and to pray for them that despitefully use us and persecute us.

Father, forgive them, *and lay not their malice against us to their charge, and work in us a disposition to forbear and forgive in love, as Thou requirest we should when we pray. Grant that our ways may so please the Lord, that even our enemies may be at peace with us.*

Many are the troubles of the righteous; *good Lord, deliver them out of them all, and though no affliction for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

May all whom we love in the truth, prosper, and be in health, especially may their souls prosper.

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

NOTES FOR SPECIAL PRAYER.

Jesus said :

“ Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.”—*Mark* xiv. 38.

“ And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”—*Matt.* xxi. 22.

“ LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.”

POSTSCRIPT.

Our Lord's command to us is,

“SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES ;”

FOR

“THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME.”

LET nothing therefore tempt you from a *daily* prayerful study of God's Holy Word, remembering that it is “able to make you wise unto salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus.”

As surely as the body requires daily sustenance, so does the soul. As the captain of a ship dare not go to sea without his compass, chart, and sailing directions, so you, a pilgrim and a stranger journeying through this wilderness world on your way to heaven, in like manner must take the Word of God for your guide, support, and comfort ; and it is only by consulting its sacred pages with the help of the Holy Spirit, that you can avoid the rocks and shoals that lie in your way, for it is only with this “sword of the Spirit” that you can successfully cope with your great spiritual adversary, who is always lying in wait to deceive you.

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of temptation is a thrust from the "two-edged sword" of the Spirit, and will be found more powerful for routing the adversary than anything else. It is the only weapon we are allowed, but it is mighty and effectual, therefore let our minds be well stored with its precepts, promises, and warnings, which are intended to make the man of God "perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

We all want to know more of Jesus, and we have the promise that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, shall take of the things of Christ and show them unto us, in the same manner as Jesus expounded unto two of His disciples on that memorable walk to Emmaus, "in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself," for, He continued, "all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me"—

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Thus, by taking heed unto the Word, we shall be enabled to fulfil the Divine command to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;" to "fight the good fight of faith," and so by looking unto Jesus daily and hourly, we shall "renew our strength," and shall ultimately be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Amen and Amen. —G. P.

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