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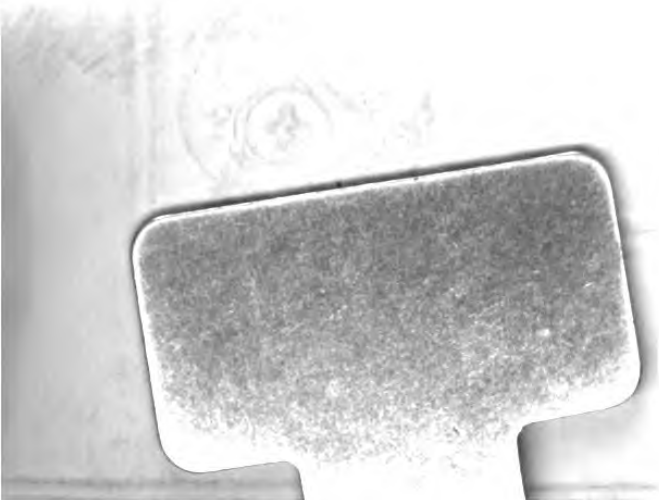
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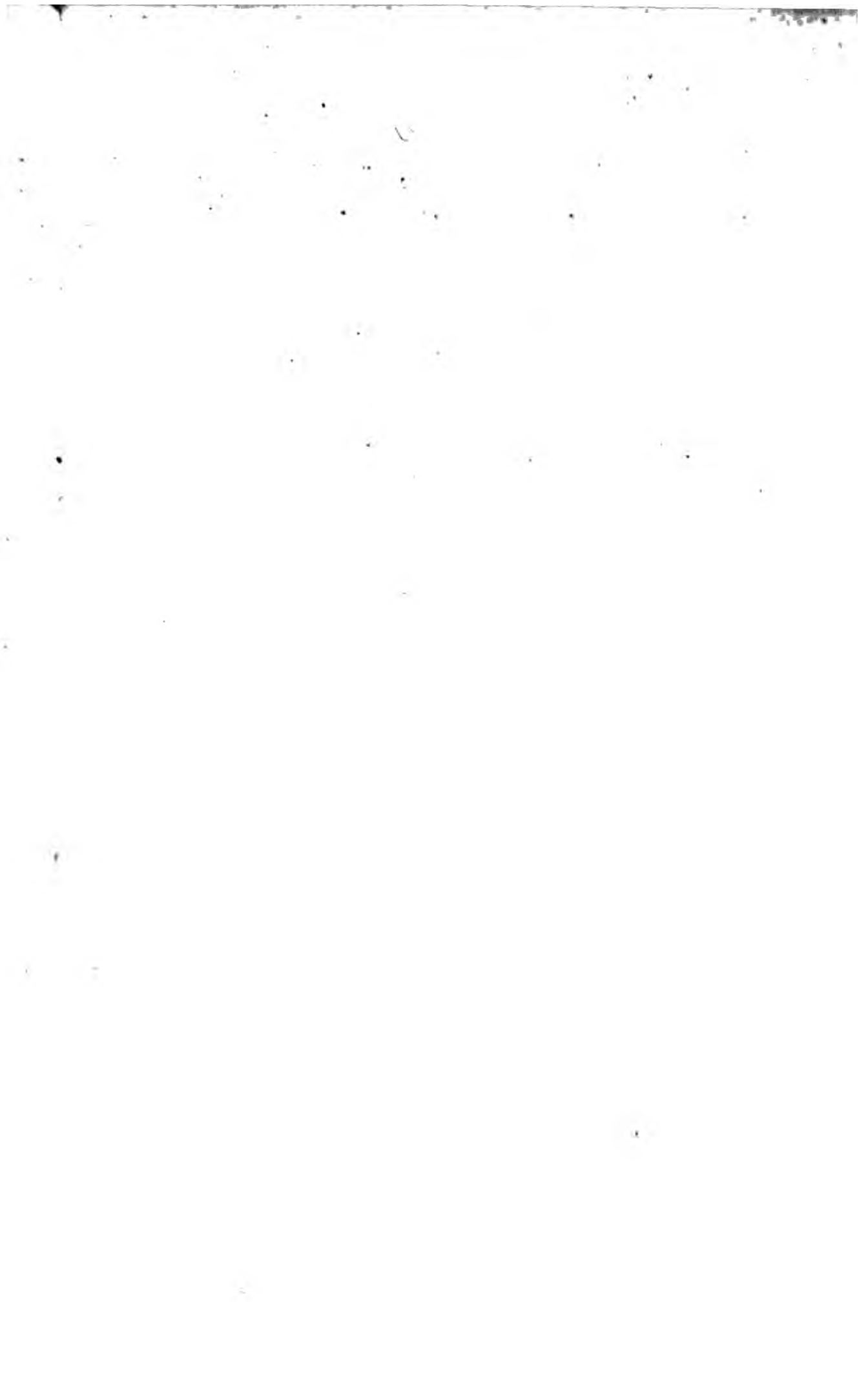


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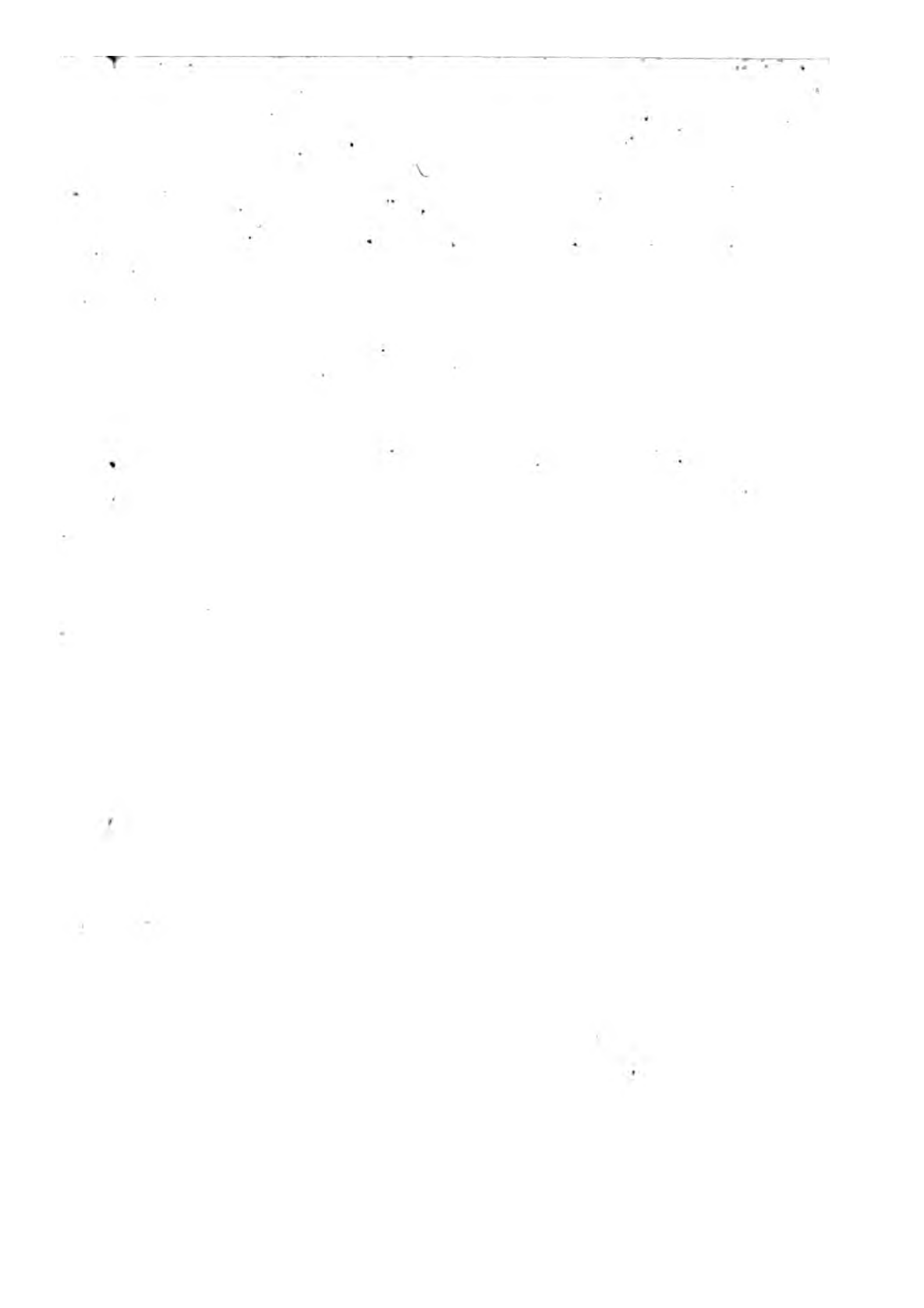
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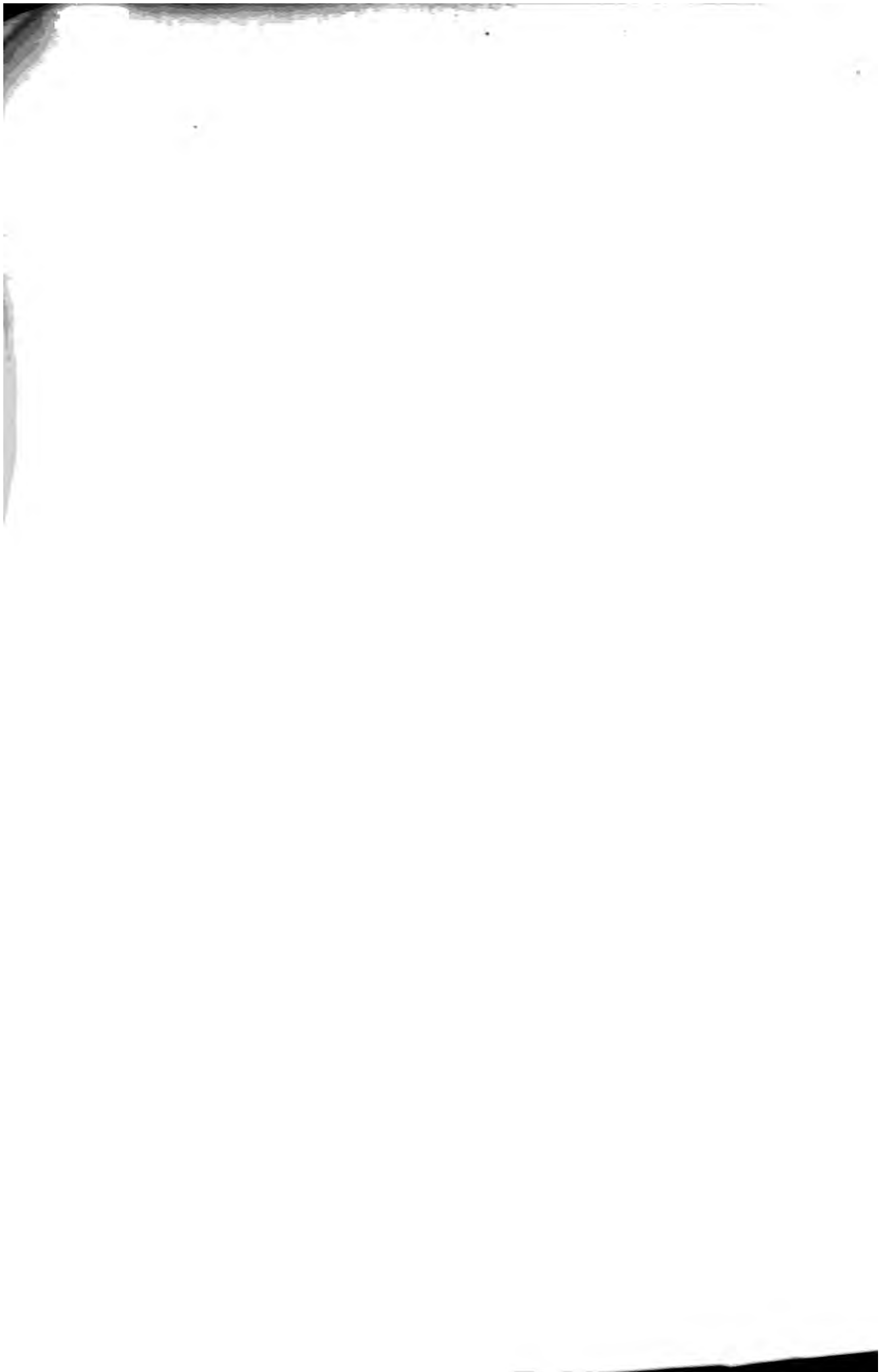




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FAMILY DEVOTIONS

FOR A FORTNIGHT,

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FAMILY DEVOTIONS.

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FIRST WEEK.
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Sunday Morning.

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee, Creator of the light and Enlightener of the world.

We kneel before Thee to bless and praise Thy holy Name for all the mercies bestowed upon us; for Thy goodness in preserving us during the night past, and for bringing us in safety to the beginning of a new day.

As, on this morning, Thou didst bring again from the dead Jesus Christ our Lord, the Holy and the Just, so by His Resurrection raise us up unto newness of life; and as Thou hast

awakened our bodies from sleep, so, we beseech Thee, awaken our hearts to know, to love, and to serve Thee.

As, on this day, Thou didst send down upon Thy Church Thy Thrice-Holy Spirit; withdraw not Thou, O Lord, Thy gift from us, but renew it day by day.

Thou hast created us in Thine own image and likeness; Thou hast redeemed us by the precious Blood of Thy dear Son, and hast sanctified us with Thy Good Spirit; Thou hast washed us in the waters of holy Baptism; adopted us as Thine own Children; associated us with Thy Saints in Thy holy Church; and appointed Thy Angels to watch over us, and minister unto us.

But, O Lord, we have sinned grievously against Thee; we have fallen far short of those blessed privileges which Thou hast bestowed upon us; we have broken Thy laws, and resisted and grieved Thy Good Spirit; we have been wilful and disobedient; we have given way to many wicked tempers, and indulged many foolish desires.

But, O Lord, merciful Father, look favourably upon us, for Thy dear Son's sake; restore us, confirm us, build us up.

Incline us day by day to live as those to

whom an entrance has been given into the Unseen World, as compassed about and visited by all spiritual influences. Bow down our understandings, O Lord, and our wills, to revere Thy mysteries, whether of truth or grace,—the hidden depths of Thy holy Word, and the effectual powers of Thy blessed Sacraments.

Teach us how to spend this Thy holy day. Lift up our hearts with the spirit of devotion. Pour into them Thy Holy Spirit, Which may both help our weakness and pray within us, that our prayers may be pleasing in Thy sight.

Teach us to prepare our minds for the solemn service of Thine House. Speak to our hearts, that they may be ready and disposed aright to speak to Thee. Thou heedest not the prayers of the careless and irreverent; enable us, therefore, we beseech Thee, to worship Thee in truth of spirit, and reverence of body, in private and in public. Stop the fancies of our wandering hearts; deliver us from all dull, vain, perverse, and distracting thoughts; and restrain the power of our spiritual enemies, who are ever endeavouring to draw off our minds from high and heavenly things.

to love Thee, to fear Thee, and to

worship Thee. We desire to live always in obedience to Thy holy laws, and in conformity to Thy will; and we beseech Thy goodness so to govern and direct us through this week and ever, that all our thoughts, words, and actions may tend to Thy honour and glory; and that we may daily improve in every heavenly grace, and every Christian virtue; so that in the end we may become meet to behold Thy Face in Thy glorious Kingdom.

And now, O Lord, we humbly pray for Thy mercy in behalf of all men; for the whole Catholic Church—Eastern, Western, British; for the Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons; for all Christian people; for the States of the whole earth; for all Rulers; for our Queen; for all councillors, judges, magistrates, nobles; for soldiers, sailors; for the people; the rising generation; for all schools of learning; for all who have in any way a claim on our prayers.

Lord, let Thy Angels tarry round about us this day, and deliver us. Lord, let us behold Thee in Thy sanctuary, and there see Thy promises and Thy glory. Lord, let us taste and see how gracious Thou art; and how blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Our Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUSION.

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

OR,

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us evermore. Amen.

Sunday Evening.

O MOST great, most glorious, and eternal God! the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; with what awe and humility, with what fear and reverence, ought we to appear before Thee, when we consider the Greatness of Thy

majesty, and the purity of Thy divine nature.

O Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to come into Thy presence, nor to lift up our eyes towards the throne of Thy mercy-seat. Our sins and transgressions are many; and divers of them have been often repeated; the corruption of our hearts and the sinfulness of our thoughts are perfectly known to Thee; and the punishment due unto our sins is greater than we are able to bear.

O Lord, if Thou shouldst deal with us as we have deserved, how justly mightest Thou deprive us of all those means of grace, and opportunities of working out our salvation, which Thou hast hitherto vouchsafed us!

But, O merciful Father, Thou hast declared Thyself to be a God merciful and gracious, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. Our only hope, therefore, is in Thy tender mercies, which have been of old; in that pity and compassion which Thou hast shewn to mankind, in the redemption of the world by the death of Thy dear Son.

For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, and for Thy beloved Son's sake, pardon, we most humbly beseech Thee, all our past sins and shortcomings. O, replenish our souls with the

graces of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may become vigorous and active in Thy service, and fruitful in every good work.

We beseech Thee also to look with compassion on the nation to which we belong; pardon our great and crying sins, and avert from us the evils which we have most justly deserved; forgive our manifold abuses of the great privileges Thou hast conferred upon us; put a stop to all profaneness, irreligion, and impiety, to all our unhappy strifes and animosities; and let truth and righteousness, brotherly love and charity, flourish and increase among us.

Be gracious to Thy holy Catholic Church, and especially to that branch of it which Thou hast planted in this land; heal the breaches and divisions of it; bring back to the fold of Christ those who have erred and strayed therefrom; and grant that all who confess Thy Holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy Holy Word, and live in unity and godly concord.

Bless our sovereign the Queen, the magistrates, nobility, gentry, and commons of these realms; and grant that they may all study to serve Thee, and to discharge the duties of their several stations, always remembering the great account which they must one day give.

Be merciful, O God, to all that are in afflic-

tion or distress; be pleased to support and comfort them, and in Thy good time to deliver them according to Thy great mercy.

Send down the graces of Thy Holy Spirit upon all our friends, relations, and acquaintances; pardon all our sins; unite our hearts in love to Thee and to each other in Thee; and vouchsafe to every one of us whatever Thy infinite wisdom knows to be most needful and expedient both for our souls and bodies.

And now, O merciful Father, we offer up to Thee our unfeigned praises for all those numberless mercies and benefits which we have received at Thy hands; more particularly for the mercies of the day past; for whatever sins we have escaped, and whatever good we have done; for the provision which Thou hast vouchsafed us in the holy ordinances of Thy Church, and for the blessed hope of everlasting life which Thou hast given us in Thy Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify to us all the means of grace which, by Thy bounty, we have been made partakers of; and help us in the week following to live according to our professions and our prayers, according to the instructions which we have received out of Thy Holy Word; that our conversation may be as becometh the Gospel of Christ, and that we may adorn the doctrine of

God our Saviour in all things. Vouchsafe us the continuance of Thy favour and protection this night, and preserve us from every adversity of soul and body; and after the comfortable refreshments of rest and sleep, raise us up, we humbly pray Thee, in health and safety, with hearts full of love to Thee, and zeal in Thy service, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer; in Whose prevailing Name, and in the fullest sense of Whose Divine Words, we pray to be heard.

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Monday Morning.

O God, Who art the Giver of all good gifts, and the Father of mercies, we Thine unworthy servants humbly and heartily desire to praise Thy Name for all the expressions of Thy bounty towards us. Blessed be Thy love, that gave Thy Son to die for our sins; for the covenant of mercy confirmed by His most precious Blood; for the means of grace instituted by Him here, and the hope of glory through His merits hereafter. We also bless Thee, for that after all our abuses of Thy grace, Thou still hast patience with us, and addest this one day more to our lives, that we may finish the work Thou hast set us to do, and renew and perfect our repentance.

We humbly entreat Thee, O heavenly Father, for Thy Son's sake, freely to forgive us what is past, and to rid us of our sins for the time to come. Pardon, good Lord, all our former sins, and all our abuses of Thy forbearance, for which we are now sorry at heart; and give us grace to lead more holy lives, and to be more careful in improving all future opportunities.

Make Thyself present to our minds, and let Thy love and fear rule in our souls in all those places and companies where our occasions may lead

us this day. Keep us chaste in all our thoughts, temperate in all our enjoyments, humble in our own eyes, charitable in our speeches of others, meek and peaceable under all provocations, sincere and faithful in all our professions, and so just and upright in all our dealings, that no necessity may force, nor opportunity of any kind allure us, to defraud or go beyond our neighbour. When Thou bestowest good on others, let us not envy, but rejoice in it; and when Thou addest any to ourselves, let us own Thy mercy, and humbly thank Thee for it.

Afford us convenient supplies in all reasonable necessities, and protect us against the approach of all dangers. Make us diligent in our business, and give such success to our honest endeavours as Thou seest most expedient for us; and teach us contentedly to submit, and not to repine at anything that happens to us by the allotment of Thy wise Providence.

In all our passage through this world, and our manifold concerns therein, suffer not our hearts to be set too much upon it; but always fix our eyes upon the blessed hope of everlasting life, that, as we go along, we may make all the things of the world to minister to it, and so our souls may be prepared for that pure and perfect bliss which Thou hast in store for all

them that love and fear Thee, in the glories of Thy Kingdom.

Extend Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to all, both high and low, rich and poor, in these kingdoms. Let all governors rule with wisdom and justice, and all subjects obey with love and cheerfulness. Let the Priests of the Lord be exemplary in their lives, and discreet and diligent in their labours, having a compassionate love for souls; and let the people be humble and obedient, desirous to hearken to, and fully bent to follow their wise instructions.

Make all Christians conscientious practisers of that holiness which they profess. And, above all, inspire them with uniting principles and charitable hearts, that by their loving one another as Thou hast loved us, all the world may know that they are Thy disciples.

Be a help at hand to all that need and are afflicted. Send supplies to all that are in want, and assist them contentedly to depend upon Thee. Raise friends to the widow and fatherless, the prisoners and captives, and to all that groan under oppressors, who are thrown upon Thy mercy. Give repentance, patience, and resignation to all who are sick, and ease when Thou seest it convenient for them. Be a comforter to all troubled consciences, helping them

to an acceptable holiness, and enlightening their minds about all causeless scruples, that they may not fear where no fear is. Succour all that are tempted, with such a measure of Thy grace as may enable them to stand in all their trials. Think particularly on all our friends who are especially endeared to us by their kindnesses or acquaintance; on all our relations in the flesh; on all who pray particularly for us, or desire our prayers. Teach us all to desire what Thou approvest, and then grant us whatsoever is desired. Guide and govern us in all our actions, and guard us against all dangers; grant that we may always make Thee our stay and confidence, and take all things well which Thou orderest for us; and fit us all for that eternal kingdom which Thou hast prepared for us, for Jesus' sake; in whose Holy Name and words we further pray to Thee.

Our Father, &c.

Monday Evening.

O LORD, gracious God, Heavenly Father, merciful, and long-suffering, and full of pity, keeping mercy for thousands, taking away iniquities, and transgressions, and sins; we will bless Thee at all times; Thy praise shall ever be in our mouths.

And now we come before Thy face, and we lift up our souls to Thee. We worship Thee on our knees, and humble ourselves under Thy mighty hand. We confess our sins unto Thee, and we pray for Thy mercy.

O Lord, we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed. Daily have we transgressed Thy commandments. We have neglected Thy gracious calls, resisted the influences of Thy Holy Spirit, and abused Thy patience and forbearance. It grieves us, O most merciful Father, that we have so often and grievously offended Thy infinite goodness. We are unworthy to speak to Thee, or to name Thy Holy Name.

But we beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, and for Thy tender mercies' sake, forgive us our sins and trespasses. Thy mercy, O Lord, is greater than our iniquities; and we return unto Thee with all our hearts, and humbly pray Thee to take us back into Thy service and Thy favour.

We detest our sins, and most humbly beg pardon for them all, through the Death and Passion of our Saviour Jesus Christ; and we resolve, by Thy grace, henceforth to resist them. Be Thou our Keeper for the time to come, and vouchsafe us the spirit of true repentance,

that henceforth we may daily offer to Thee the sacrifices of contrite hearts.

Save us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from those sins to which we are most liable. Give us grace to fly all dangerous occasions, and to resist the first motions of evil. Take off from us every veil of flattery and self-deceit, which might draw away our hearts from Thee, and give us grace to remain constant in obedience to Thy holy will.

O Lord, wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sin. Direct our lives towards Thy commands; sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; correct our thoughts; cleanse our souls and bodies, minds and spirits, hearts and reins; and unite us to Thee with so real a bond of love, that nothing in life or death may break it.

We beseech Thee, our Lord and our Father, have pity on all that are in necessity; the young, the middle-aged, the old; orphans, widows; the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick; foreigners, travellers, friendless; the hopeless, helpless, and weak-hearted; all in prison, or hard servitude, or loneliness.

We beseech Thee for all who are most dear to us; for all who have benefited us, or shewn us kindness; for all (if any) who hate us with-

out a cause, or have done us wrong, wilfully or thoughtlessly ; for all whom we have injured or provoked, or have treated ill, or carelessly. Have mercy upon them, O Lord ; be gracious unto them ; do unto them according to all Thy loving-kindness which Thou hast shewn us in Christ Jesus, and bring them in peace and holiness to Thy heavenly Kingdom.

Bless, we pray Thee, Thy holy Church throughout the world ; remember Thy most gracious promise ; think upon the prayer of Thy dear Son ; let not the gates of hell prevail ; make us all one, as Thou and He are one ; one in Thee and in Him ; for we are all members of His Body, and temples of His Spirit ; purge out all heresy, and schism, and unbelief ; bless the Clergy, especially those who are set over us in Thy Name ; bless, sanctify, and save us.

And now, O Lord, what is our hope ? Truly our hope is even in Thee ; in Thee, O Lord, have we trusted, may we never be confounded.

Lord, Thou knowest how sleepless are our unseen foes, and how feeble our sinful flesh ; shelter us with Thy almighty wings ; give Thy Angels charge over us this night, and protect us from all sin and danger ; and if it be Thy good pleasure, grant us the refreshment of such seasonable rest that we may seek Thee early for

Thy glory and for Thy service. This we beseech Thee for Thy dear Son's sake, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord our God, the God of our fathers; Who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and lightenest the face of the earth; Who lightenest our eyes that we sleep not in death. We laid us down, and slept, and rose up again, for the Lord sustained us; we awoke, and beheld, and our sleep was sweet unto us.

Our souls do praise Thee, O Lord, for the goodness Thou hast shown to the whole creation, and the whole race of men; for Thy mercies towards ourselves, souls, bodies, and estates. Thou hast not cut off our lives, nor shortened our days; Thou hast vouchsafed us life and breath until this hour; Thou holdest our souls in life, and sufferest not our feet to slip; rescuing us from perils, sicknesses, poverty, bondage, public shame, evil chances; keeping us from perishing in our sins, and granting us a good hope of their remission.

O Lord, we implore Thee, by the mercies of Christ, to look graciously upon us, Thy unworthy servants, and be merciful to our sin, for it is great. Our iniquities have taken such hold upon us, that we are not able to look up; yea, they are more in number than the hairs of our heads, and our hearts have failed us.

Favourably receive, we beseech Thee, this our prayer and confession of sin, and effectually move our hearts to a true contrition for all our offences; that, being pardoned the evils which we have wickedly committed, we may be delivered from the evils we deserve to suffer.

Grant that we may grow in grace, and the knowledge of Thee; that we may advance day by day to fresh conquests over ourselves, the world, and the devil, and to a more real and strict obedience to Thy most holy laws.

Sanctify our bodies, souls, and spirits. Take from us all vain imaginations; all impurity of thought and desire; all vanity, pride, and hypocrisy; all falsehood, deceit, and wilfulness; all sloth, love of money, love of ease; all worldly carefulness; all envy, hatred, and malice; and every motion of flesh and spirit which is contrary to the purity of Thy will; so that, in all plainness and simplicity of heart, we may flee from evil, and do good.

Grant, O Lord, that we may attend with diligence to all the employments of our calling, and do our duty in our several states of life. Deliver us from slander, rash judgment, and flattery; from self-love and vain-glory; from a stubborn and irreverent spirit toward them that are above us; and from disdain and oppression of such as are below us. Deliver us from all sickness and infirmity, if it be Thy gracious will; from all infamy, injury, and violence; from the allurements of the world, and the snares of the devil, and the treachery of our own yielding hearts.

Deliver us from ignorance and hardness of heart; from error, schism, and heresy; from dislike of a strict and chastened life; and from denying Thee before men through fear or worldly motives.

O Lord, strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit, and keep us in the straight and narrow way. Vouchsafe us the grace to keep watch over our senses; to refrain ourselves, and keep our hearts low; to remember that Thou art ever present wherever we are; to worship Thee with devout minds, and reverent bodies; to fear Thee with affection; and to tremble while we rejoice before Thee.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, Thou God of

truth, we commend our spirits, souls, and bodies, which Thou hast created, redeemed, and regenerated: and together with us, all that belongs to us; all for whom we are in duty bound to pray—the Church, the Clergy; all nations, especially our own; the Queen, all in rule; the people; our relations, friends, and acquaintance; the afflicted, the sick, the poor, and the friendless. O Lord, in Thy goodness, guard us from all evil, guard us in soul and body, preserve us from falling, and place us without spot of sin in the presence of Thy glory.

Guard our going out, and our coming in, this day and for ever. Prosper, we pray Thee, Thy servants this day, and give us favour in the sight of those who meet us.

Grant this, we pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory and adoration for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

O LORD, Thou art greatly to be praised and had in reverence, at all times and in all places.

Thou art worthy, O Lord our God, the Holy One, to receive glory, and honour, and power.

But, O Lord, our misdeeds prevail against us. O be Thou merciful unto our sins, that we may come and give thanks unto Thee, and bless Thy Holy Name.

We have sinned in the vain thoughts and unlawful desires of our hearts ; in the idle talk and perverse words of our mouths ; in the wicked works and fruitless course of our lives. We have sinned against Thee by our ingratitude for Thy blessings, of nature and of grace. We have sinned by our impatience under Thy chastisements ; by thinking much of ourselves, and seeking to please ourselves, and our foolish desires, rather than to serve Thee, and to keep Thy commandments.

Oftentimes have we led ourselves into temptations when we knew our danger, and omitted many opportunities of amending and improving our lives. We have not profited as we might by those talents and advantages which Thy bounty hath bestowed upon us ; but have spent our time unprofitably, and neglected those gracious means which Thy goodness vouchsafes us, for this world and for the next.

O God, grant us godly sorrow for the past, that we may truly repent ; and the help of Thy

good Spirit, that we may resist every evil inclination for the future. Make us sensible of the many ways in which we do wrong without knowing it, or without thinking of it as we ought. Make us to watch carefully over our passing thoughts and words, our tempers and dispositions; that, thinking nothing too small in which we may obey Thy will and deny ourselves, we may find strength to endure temptations when they come.

Keep us from all evil company, and all occasions of sin and danger. Make us serious and self-collected; break our froward spirit; make us lowly in our own eyes, and ever obedient to Thy will. Lead us in Thy paths, and train us in Thy holy discipline. Enable us to live by rule and method, and in subjection to authority; and so to govern, and restrain, and deny ourselves, that we may live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; and at length, by Thy mercy, attain unto the resurrection of the dead, and the glory of Thy Kingdom.

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy upon the whole creation, and all the inhabitants of the earth; all states of men in the world; the whole Church; the Clergy; our country; its rulers; the Queen; this city (or town), this parish; our homes, our kindred; all who have

shewn us kindness, or benefited us, or have a claim upon us; all whom we have injured, or to whom we have not done good, when we might, by word, or deed, or example; or have tempted or provoked into sin by our evil ways.

Look in mercy on all children, orphans, widows; the sick, poor, distressed, friendless. Have pity upon us all, and grant us Thy grace for Thy dear Son's sake.

And now, O Lord, do thou vouchsafe us rest, and again renew our strength. Lighten our eyes, that we sleep not in death. Supply us with healthy sleep; guard our souls, O Lord; quench all earthly and evil thoughts within us; and let sleep be to us a breathing time, as from toil, so from sin.

Do Thou, O Lord, now, from Thy dwelling-place, and from the glorious throne of Thy Kingdom in heaven, hearken to the prayers and the supplications of Thy servants, that, with Thy holy Angels, and all Thy Saints in heaven, we may give Thee glory, and praise, blessing, and thanksgiving, now and for evermore. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord our God, Who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth; Who hast enlightened our eyes, that we should not sleep in death; Who hast delivered us from the terror by night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness; Who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee. Thou hast given us a seasonable recruit to the wastings, and a kind intermission to the labours of this mortal frame.

Blot out, we pray Thee, as a cloud, our transgressions, and as the thickness of the morning cloud our sins; for we come not before Thee to cover or extenuate our guilt, but with full purpose to give Thee glory by an ingenuous and free confession, that we have many ways offended against Thy holy laws.

Forgive us, Lord, this whole debt, we beseech Thee, and let the multitude of Thy mercies triumph over the multitude of our sins. Remember, we beseech Thee, what Thy servants are;—we are Thy creatures,—despise not

Thou the work of Thine own hands. We are bought with the price of Thy Son's Blood; called Christians after His Name, sheep of Thy Pasture, sons of the Covenant; look, then, upon the face of Thine Anointed; behold the Propitiation set forth for the sins of the whole world, and be merciful to us sinners. For that Name's sake, besides which none other under heaven is given unto men whereby we must be saved; and for the sake of that Spirit also who helpeth our infirmities, and maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered; hear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and have mercy. Speak those words of comfort, Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee; yea, be of good cheer, for My Grace is sufficient for thee. Say unto our souls, I am thy Salvation; that we may also say, Why art thou so heavy, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Turn again unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with me.

Grant us hereafter to walk as children of light, soberly, purely, and honestly, as in the day; and this day in particular, O Lord, vouchsafe to keep us without sin; upholding us when we are about to fall, and lifting us up when we are down; that we may never be suffered to continue under any temptation, or to have our

hearts hardened through any deceitfulness of sin.

Grant that the Angels of peace, the holy guides of Thy children, the faithful guard set by Thee over their souls and bodies, may encamp round about us, and continually suggest to our minds such things as conduce to Thy glory and to our salvation. Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, grant, O good Lord, that we may think on these things, and that we may do them.

O Thou, Who acceptest the intercessions which Thy servants offer up in Thy Son's Name, remember, we beseech Thee, every creature of Thine for good, and visit the whole world with Thy mercy.

O Thou Preserver and Lover of men, think graciously upon mankind; and as Thou hast concluded all under sin and unbelief, so let Thy pity and pardon extend to all.

O Thou Helper of the helpless, our seasonable Refuge in the time of trouble, remember all that lie under any sort of extremity, and call upon thee for succour and protection.

O Thou Who art the God of grace and truth, establish and strengthen in Thy truth them

that stand, restore the weak, and raise up them that fall through heresies and sins. Thou Who art the wholesome defence and strength of Thine anointed, think upon the congregation which Thou hast purchased and redeemed; and let the multitude of them that believe be of one heart and of one soul. Set in order the things that are wanting among us, and strengthen those which remain and are ready to die.

Send forth, we pray Thee, O Lord of the harvest, labourers in all points fitted by Thy grace to do the work of that harvest. Thou Who art the portion of them that wait at Thine altar, grant that Thy Clergy may always be enabled rightly to divide, and uprightly to walk in, the word of Thy truth; and let Thy people always be ready, with meek heart and due reverence, to receive the same at their mouths.

O Lord of lords, and only Ruler of princes, be watchful over those whom Thou hast deputed to rule Thy world here below, and more especially over our gracious Queen; assist and prosper all her righteous undertakings, and inspire her with noble and good designs for the advantage of Thy Church, and of all the people committed to her charge. Bless her with fair and honourable peace, that under her we may lead quiet lives in all godliness and honesty.

Finally, O Lord, we commit to Thy custody and protection, now, henceforth, and for ever, our souls and bodies, our minds and thoughts, our prayers and our desires, our life and our death, our kindred and friends, our neighbours and acquaintances, our countrymen, and all our fellow-Christians. By all Thy endearing titles of God, Father, Creator, Saviour, Mediator, Intercessor, Comforter, we beseech Thee, Three Persons in One God, let Thy merciful kindness be upon us, like as we do put our trust in Thee. Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

O ETERNAL God and merciful Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for all the benefits and blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which in the riches of Thy great mercy Thou hast liberally poured down upon us, but especially the spiritual. Lord, while we live may we magnify Thy Name, and praise Thee while we have our being.

Pardon, O Father of mercies, all our sins, whether by omission or commission, in thought, word, or deed: particularly forgive us the sins which we have committed this day. O Lord, against heaven and against Thee have we

sinned ; but, we beseech Thee, wipe out our sins from the book of remembrance, which Thou hast written before Thee ; and give us from henceforth wise, sober, patient, understanding, devout, religious, courageous hearts ; chaste and temperate thoughts ; souls full of devotion to do Thee service, and strength against all temptations.

O blessed Lord, enable us to fulfil Thy commands, and then command what Thou wilt : prepare our souls against Thy coming, and come when Thou wilt, O Thou Saviour of all who hope in Thee ; make our service acceptable to Thee while we live, and our souls ready for Thee when we die ; give us grace in this life, and glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour.

Bless, O gracious Father, Thy holy Catholic Church, fill it with truth and grace ; where it is corrupt, purge it ; where it is in error, direct it ; where it is superstitious, rectify it ; where it is amiss, reform it ; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it ; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal the breaches of it, O Thou Holy One of Israel.

Bless all those who are called to any office or administration in Thy Church ; replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and with

innocence of life ; accept all their offerings, and let their prayers be as precious incense in Thy sight ; that their cries and tears for Thy people, and the city of their God, may not be in vain.

Have mercy upon this kingdom, and forgive the sins of this people : turn Thee unto us, bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us.

Comfort all the sons and daughters of affliction, especially those who suffer for Thy truth and righteousness' sake : bless all our friends and relations ; forgive all, if there be any, who are our enemies ; and give us that measure of Thy grace, that for their hatred we may love them, for their cursing bless them, for their injuries return them kindnesses, and freely forgive them, as we desire to be forgiven, through Thy merits and intercession, O blessed Jesus, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, blessed for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Morning.

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord God, for our preservation and refreshment, and for all the blessings of the night past ; for which all love, all praise, all glory be to Thee.

Be Thou exalted above the heavens, and Thy glory above all the earth. By Thy Ascension, O Lord, draw us too after Thee, that we may set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

We desire to bless and praise Thee, O eternal Lord, for all Thy mercies,—for our being, life, reason; for redemption, regeneration; for nurture, protection, government; for education, civil rights, religion; for Thy forbearance, long-suffering to us-ward; for all benefits received, and successes granted us; for the use of things present; for Thy promises, and the hope of good things to come.

Wherefore day by day for these Thy benefits towards us which we remember, also for many others which we have let slip, from their number, from our own forgetfulness; for those we asked not, knew not, wished not; we confess, and give thanks to Thee; we bless and praise Thee as we are bound.

Thou hast washed us and cleansed us, and hast sanctified us through the gift of Thy most Blessed Spirit; therefore, we pray Thee, O Lord, remember what we are—the work of Thine hands, the likeness of Thy countenance, the cost of Thy Blood, the sheep of Thy pasture, the children of the covenant. Despise not

Thine own work, but be propitious unto us Thy children. Thou knowest how frail we are, and how sinful; Thou knowest we have nothing to depend upon but Thee. To Thee we flee for succour. Thou seest our failings; Thou hast a feeling for our infirmities; in Thee do we trust.

O keep us pure and undefiled; renew a right spirit within us; and so prepare us ever by Thy grace that we may become more and more meet to partake of the Blessed Mystery of the Holy Eucharist; wherein, by the precious Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, our souls and bodies are washed and made clean, and preserved unto everlasting life.

We pray Thee suffer us not to reject, but ever most thankfully to cherish, those means of grace and salvation which Thou hast provided for our weakness and great needs in Thy holy Church. And so perfect, we beseech Thee, the gifts of Thy grace in us, as to remove from our hearts whatsoever displeaseth Thee. Deliver us from all dangers and difficulties which hinder our progress in the knowledge and the love of Thee; or prevent our longing for, and hastening unto, that blessed hope which Thou hast called us to inherit.

Bind us so close to Thee in the oneness of

Thy Spirit, that nothing may separate us from Thee, and from the love which is in Christ our Saviour. Draw us up more and more continually above the world, and the evil that is in it. Hide us within Thy secret place; hide us within Thyself, O God, where our true life is; and vouchsafe us day by day a more abundant entrance into Thy everlasting Kingdom.

Let us beseech Thee, O Lord, in peace, for heavenly peace, and the salvation of all souls; for the peace of the whole world; for the stability of all holy Churches; and the union of them all—Eastern, Western, British; for this city (town) and country, and all the faithful who dwell therein; for healthful weather, fruitfulness of earth; for those who are in sickness, toil, and captivity, and for their salvation. Aid, save, pity, and preserve them, O God, in Thy grace.

To Thee, O Lord, as it is meet, be all glory, and honour, and worship. We commend to Thee ourselves, and ours, and all that belong to us; our relations, friends, and acquaintance; all who love us, and care for us, and desire our prayers; all who love us not, and care not for us, nor desire our prayers, knowing not their needs; all to whom we have done good, or have done harm: these, and all of whom we have

not made mention, we commend to Thee, O God, Who art able to keep us from falling; to the only wise God and our Saviour; to Whom be glory and greatness, strength and power, both now and for all ages. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Evening.

O MOST gracious God, who daily multipliest upon us Thy mercies, notwithstanding we every day renew our provocations; accept, we beseech Thee, our most humble and hearty thanks for Thine unspeakable kindness to us, Thine unworthy servants.

Adored be Thy love and patience, for the assistance of Thy Spirit in the duties of this day; and for not cutting us off in any act of those sins we have this day committed. Grant us a due sense of these endearing benefits; and an earnest and hearty sorrow for having offended so gracious a God, to whose free mercy and bounty we stand indebted for all we have, or hope to enjoy. Remember not against us our past iniquities, and the breaches of our baptismal vow, by which we have dishonoured our Christian profession; but mercifully forgive and

heal us, and let Thy grace, and the blessed influences of Thy Holy Spirit, defend us against all temptations for the time to come. Our full purpose is to endeavour after a thorough amendment of our ways, and Thou hast promised to assist us therein: O, let Thine arm be our almighty aid; so shall we daily increase in righteousness and holiness.

Keep us under the defence and care of Thy good Providence this night; make our sleep safe and refreshing; fit us for our great change, that it may not surprise us unawares; but that having led a holy life, we may be happy in our death, and have comfort and a well-grounded hope in Thee.

Give all men grace to repent of their sins, and to become Thy faithful servants. May all Christians live up to the laws of that religion which they profess. Bless these kingdoms wherein we live; save and defend Thy Church from schism and heresy, and the Queen from all treasons and conspiracies; give to the rich and prosperous, temperance and charity; to the poor and needy, patience and content. Preserve our friends and relations in their souls and bodies; forgive our enemies, and make them kindly affected towards us. Hear these our prayers, O merciful Father, for the sake of

Thy Son, our Advocate and only Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Friday Morning.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord our God, blessed art Thou for all Thy mercies. Our voice shalt Thou hear betimes in the morning, and early shall our prayer come before Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O heavenly Father, for first loving us, and giving the dearest thing Thou hadst for us, even Thine own Son. O help us to love Thee again, and to think nothing too dear for Thee. Blessed art Thou for Thy great and precious promise, concerning the Life-giving Seed; and for its fulfilment, in the fulness of the times, as on this day.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord, for the Holy Passion of this day. O by Thy salutary sufferings on this day, save us, O Lord our God.

Behold, we are very sinful; but we come at Thy call, and we fall down at Thy feet weary and heavy-laden with the burden of our sins. We have gone astray, and forsaken Thy laws; we have indulged many evil inclinations, and withdrawn our souls from Thy grace. But,

O Lord, we pray Thee have mercy upon us; hear us while we confess our sins, and absolve our souls from their guilt.

We have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed. Wo is unto us because of this! We are unable of ourselves to do anything that is good, or to think one good thought; and so weak are we in ourselves, and so prone to evil, that we dread lest we be tempted to the very sins which we now so solemnly renounce.

Lord, remember us in Thy mercy, and lay not our sins to our charge.

Our Lord and our God, by Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy Cross and Passion, by Thy precious death and burial, by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension; Lord forgive the offences of Thy servants, and cover all our sins. Put away all Thy displeasure, and turn Thyself from Thy wrathful indignation.

Create in us, O Lord, such a broken and contrite heart as Thou hast promised not to despise; and so deep a sense of our own sin and misery, that our repentance may be earnest and lasting. Vouchsafe us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; to purify our corrupt natures; to strengthen our weakness; to comfort us in trouble; to support us in all trials and dis-

couragements; to succour us in temptations; and to assist us in all parts of our duties; that hereafter we may live in Thy fear, and in constant and sincere obedience to all Thy righteous laws.

Hold Thou up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Give us grace to put aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us; the love of the world, the lust of the flesh and of the eyes, and the pride of life; every motion of flesh and spirit which is contrary to Thy holy will.

Enable us this day to perform all such acts of self-denial and abstinence as Thy Church hath appointed, and are suited to our state; that we may worship Thee with clean hands and pure hearts; and adore, with great awe and thankfulness, all that Thy Blessed and Dear Son hath done and suffered for us.

And we pray Thee, for His sake, have mercy upon all men. We commend to Thy mercy and Divine providence the wants and necessities of all mankind; all our brotherhood in Christ; all who love and all who hate us.

Restore, we pray Thee, to Thy Catholic Church primitive peace and purity; and preserve it against the gates of hell. Defend it from all the assaults of schism, heresy, and

sacrilege; and bless all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with truth of doctrine and innocency of life.

Particularly we implore Thy mercy for this sinful nation; we have been unthankful under Thy blessings, incorrigible under Thy judgments, and unprofitable under all the means of grace. O be favourable to Thy people, and give us all grace to turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and prayer.

Grant to all unbelievers and wicked men the grace of conversion and timely repentance; to the disconsolate, comfort; to the sick, health; to the afflicted, patience; to the hungry, food; to the naked, raiment; to the captive, liberty; to the oppressed, deliverance.

May Thy strong hand, O Lord, become our defence; Thy mercy in Christ, our salvation; Thy all-veritable word, our instructor; the grace of Thy Life-giving Spirit, our consolation, now and at the hour of death. This we beseech and pray for His sake, Who died for our sins, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Friday Evening.

BLESSED and praised be Thy Name, O God, for evermore. Blessed be Thy Name for all mercies to us this day and every day, and for our preservation from all evil.

But, O Lord, merciful and pitiful, long-suffering and full of pity, we have sinned, Lord, we have sinned against Thee. We would conceal nothing. We would make no excuses. We would give Thee glory, O Lord, by a full and free confession of all our sins.

But, O most merciful Father, God of penitents, Saviour of sinners, Thou hast promised, for Thy dear Son's sake, to receive and to bless the humble and contrite. And now our hearts long for Thee, beseeching Thy goodness; therefore we take unto us words, and say;—Thou hast created us after Thine own image and likeness; O suffer not Thy likeness to be blotted out. Thou hast redeemed us in Thy Blood; suffer not the cost of that redemption to perish. Thou hast called us Christians after Thy Name; disdain not Thine own title. Thou hast hallowed us in regeneration; destroy not

Thy holy work. Thou hast grafted us into Thy mystical body; the members of Thy mystical body cut not off.

Pity us, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and whereinsoever we have erred from Thy commandments in word or deed, as being compassed about with flesh and blood, as living in a world of sin, or as liable to be taken by the wiles of Satan, we pray Thee, for Thy mercies' sake in Christ, to grant us Thy pardon and absolving grace. Remit the guilt, clear away the shame, and destroy in us the tyranny of sin.

Accept, we entreat Thee, our weak and imperfect performances, and supply all our failings and defects. Let it be Thy pleasure that we should serve Thee better; increase in us the succours of Thy grace, so shall we increase in obedience and love to Thee. Teach us never to forget our past sins, but to mourn over them, and repent of them continually. Shew us the way of true repentance, and enable us to walk in it.

Teach us to be poor in spirit, and to think little of ourselves, and to deny our own wills daily. Enable us to keep ourselves chaste and pure from corrupt and hurtful lusts. Preserve us from the wiles of Satan, and the assaults of evil spirits. Take off our hearts from the love of earthly things, and fix them upon Thee.

Increase and strengthen our faith in the heavenly realities of the Unseen World, and the mysteries of Thy Church. Above all things keep the recollection of Thy Presence ever in our hearts; that we may pass our short time here in fear and watchfulness, guarding our thoughts, keeping the door of our lips, and standing in awe of sin.

O Lord, we pray for Thy Church, and for Thy people. Thou, Lord, art the Succour of the succourless, the Hope of the hopeless, the Saviour of the tempest-tost, the Harbour of the voyager, the Physician of the sick; remember all who are in necessity, and need Thy succour; establish all who stand in truth and grace; restore all who are sick with heresies and sins; and grant to all believers one heart and one soul.

Thou art the Shepherd and Bishop of the Church, send forth labourers for Thy vineyard, and shepherds for Thy flock; and grant to Thy people to obey and submit to them.

O Lord, visit not our impieties upon us, but save us; save this country in which we live from all affliction, peril, and need; from plague, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, and sword.

Remember, O Lord, our relations according to the flesh, all our friends and acquaintance.

Have pity on our enemies (if we have any), as on ourselves; and lead them, together with us, to Thy heavenly Kingdom.

And now, O Lord, we pray Thee, send to us the Angel of peace, to be to us a faithful guide, and to encamp around us, and to watch over us, and ever to prompt what is salutary. Take us into Thy most mighty protection this night, and defend us from the dangers of it. Let no evil men or evil spirits come nigh to hurt us; let us lie down with holy thoughts of Thee; and when we awake, let us be still with Thee.

Look down, we beseech Thee, upon this dwelling, and all therein, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Dwell with us, O Lord our God, and let Thy blessing be upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O MOST gracious and merciful God, by Whom the world is governed and preserved, we give Thee humble thanks for Thy Fatherly care over us, in preserving us from the dangers of the night past, and in bringing us safe this morning to see another day.

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

We give Thee thanks for the light of Thy blessed Gospel; for pardon and forgiveness through the death and passion of Thy Son Jesus Christ; for the help of Thy Holy Spirit; and for the promise of eternal life hereafter to all those who obey Thy holy precepts. Give us, we beseech Thee, such a sense of these, and all Thy other benefits, as may make us truly thankful to Thee the bountiful Giver of all our mercies, and humbly desirous of shewing forth our gratitude by our lives.

Give us grace that we may ever walk as in Thy Holy Presence, that we may make a conscience of all our ways, and fearing to offend Thee, may never fall into the sins we have repented of. Enable us to resist and overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; to follow the inspirations of Thy good Spirit; to be serious and holy in our lives and conversations; true and just in all our dealings; watchful over our thoughts, our words, and our actions; diligent in our several callings; and temperate and self-denying in all things.

Give us grace humbly and diligently to improve all the talents which Thou hast committed to our trust; and may no worldly cares or worldly pleasures ever divert our minds from the concerns of the life to come. May Thy blessing be upon our persons, our labours, our substance, and all that belongs to us; and may we never undertake any work which we dare not beg of Thee to prosper.

Make us a household fearing Thee, O God, submitting ourselves to Thy good pleasure, and putting our whole trust in Thy mercy.

Continue to us and all Christian Churches, we beseech Thee, the means of grace and salvation; vouchsafe us an interest in all the prayers of Thy holy Church wheresoever offered; and may the saving truths of the Gospel be published and received in all the world!

Bless all those whom Thy Providence hath set over us, whether in Church or State; and give us grace to honour and obey them for conscience' sake. Bless abundantly with all temporal and spiritual blessings our relations, friends, and acquaintance; and if we have enemies, teach us to forgive and love them, and turn their hearts that they may love us also.

Finally, we beseech Thee, to give us grace that we may lead the rest of our lives

in Thy faith and fear, so that at last we may be partakers of Thy heavenly Kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us, O merciful God, for ourselves and all mankind, according to the full meaning of that holy prayer which Thy beloved Son hath taught us:—

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Evening.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners; let the prayers and supplications of Thy servants be acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate.

O Almighty God and gracious Father, Thou hast established the heavens and the earth in a wonderful order, making day and night to succeed each other, for the comfort and refreshment of mankind; we make our humble address to Thy Divine Majesty, begging of Thee mercy and protection this night, and ever. O Lord, pardon all our sins, our vain thoughts, light or rash words, and our irregular actions; and, whatever we have done amiss this day, or at any time before, be fully reconciled to us, we beseech Thee, in the Blood of Thy dear Son.

O God, our souls are troubled at the remembrance of our sins, at the frailty of our flesh, subject to many temptations, and unable to resist them. O Lord God of mercy, we earnestly beseech Thee so to assist us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may mortify all our sinful inclinations, vain desires, and disorderly passions: that as we have formerly served divers lusts, and vicious appetites, so now we may wholly dedicate ourselves to Thy service, and the practice of a holy life.

Convince us truly, O Lord, of the great folly and danger of sin; and teach us ever to value Thy love above all things, and to esteem Thy favour more than life itself; and grant that we may pass through all the temptations of this world with peace, innocence, and safety; and enable us to fight manfully against our great adversary the devil, who is daily lying in wait to destroy us.

Suffer us not, O merciful God, to be led away by the vain and foolish customs of this world, nor seduced from our duty by the company and example of wicked men; but grant that we may make Thy laws the rule of all our actions; and let it be our constant and most zealous endeavour to please Thee above all things, and faithfully to discharge our duty in

the several places and stations wherein Thy Providence is pleased to place us.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; make us duly mindful that Thou art present every where, and privy to our most secret thoughts; that we may never dare to do anything but what Thou approvest, and of which we may give a comfortable account at the great day of the Lord Jesus. O fit and prepare us for that solemn time, by a righteous and holy life; that when we come to appear before the great Judge of all the world, we may be found of the number of those happy souls whom He shall then pronounce blessed.

Extend Thy goodness, O Lord, to all mankind; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics; and bring them to the light, and knowledge, and practice of Thy laws.

Bless all our governors both in Church and State; make them all, in their several places and stations, useful and serviceable to Thy glory, and the good and welfare of this Church and nation.

Send down Thy blessings, spiritual and temporal, upon all our friends and relations; do good to those who have done or wished us evil;

and vouchsafe unto every one of us, and to all Christians, whatever Thou knowest to be best, in reference to our temporal and eternal welfare.

Comfort and relieve all those that are afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; give them patience and submission in their troubles, and in Thy own due time grant them a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And as we pray unto Thee, O God, for ourselves and others, so we desire to bless and praise Thy Holy Name, for all Thy manifold mercies and favours vouchsafed to us and all mankind. We give Thee hearty thanks for preserving us this day past, and the rest of our lives, from innumerable accidents and dangers; for our health, strength, peace, and safety; for providing for our bodies, and taking care of our souls; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. O Lord, imprint on our hearts such a deep sense of Thy mercies, that we may shew forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Finally, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all that belong to us, to Thy fatherly care and good Providence, beseeching Thee to take us this night under Thy Almighty protection, that no evil come near to hurt us. Refresh our bodies with quiet rest and sleep, and our souls with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit; and when Thou shalt think fit to take us out of this world, give us everlasting rest and peace in Thy eternal Kingdom, through the merits and for the sake of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, Who has taught us when we pray to say,
Our Father, &c.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS.

SECOND WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Who hast created us after Thine own image and likeness; Who hast made us capable of loving Thee, and enjoying Thee eternally; we adore Thee with all humility as our sovereign Lord; give us, we beseech Thee, such a sense of Thy infinite goodness that we may return unto Thee all love and obedience.

O our God, we acknowledge that we have nothing but what is the effect of Thy bounty; bless the Lord, O our souls, and declare his loving-kindness to all generations. We humbly and heartily thank Thee for all the graces and favours Thou hast bestowed upon us; for making us rational creatures, and for securing our preservation by the constant effects of Thy

Providence; for redeeming us by the death of Thy Son, and for providing the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify our corrupt nature; for bringing us to the knowledge of the Christian religion; for blessing us with plentiful means of salvation; and for preparing a glorious inheritance for those that love Thee and keep Thy commandments; for the many temporal blessings Thou hast conferred upon us; for Thy preservation of us this night, and the rest of our lives, from innumerable accidents and dangers. O may we always delight to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name, and, above all Thy benefits, to love Thee, our great Benefactor.

O Father of mercies, we most humbly implore the pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy only Son; we are heartily sorry that we have offended Thee; we detest our sins, because they are displeasing to Thee, who art infinite goodness; we are resolved, by the assistance of Thy grace, to return no more to folly, to avoid all occasion of evil, and to live more holy lives for the time to come.

Enlighten our minds with a true and thorough knowledge of our duty, and enable us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to perform it with care and dili-

gence. Make us sensible of our own vileness and corruption, and let us never want Thy gracious assistance to correct and reform it.

Defend us by Thy almighty power from all the means and temptations which continually solicit us to offend Thee; and from all those bodily dangers to which we are subject in this our earthly pilgrimage.

Grant that all our thoughts, words, and actions, may be so guided by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever seek Thy honour and glory; and that the main service of our lives may be to prepare ourselves for that everlasting salvation which Thou hast promised.

And now that we are going to the place of Thy public worship, let Thy Holy Spirit assist us in the duty and services we are about to perform; touch us with such a sense of Thy Presence, as may fix our wandering thoughts; compose our tumultuous affections, stir up our flat and cold desires, that we may join in the prayers and praises of Thy holy Church with fervent and heavenly affections. Incline us to hear Thy word with reverence and attention, and to receive it with meekness and gladness of heart.

Prepare the hearts of all those who shall meet at Thy holy Table, to feast upon the Body

and Blood of Thy beloved Son. Help *us** to approach those Holy Mysteries with such humility and contrition, faith and devotion, love and thankfulness, that *we** may worthily commemorate the wonderful love of our Saviour Christ in dying for us, and be made partakers of all the blessings which by His precious bloodshedding He hath obtained for us. Send down a double portion of Thy Spirit upon all those whom Thou hast set apart to minister in holy things, that they may do it with clean hands and pure hearts; and work in them and us sincere resolutions to dedicate ourselves entirely to Thine obedience and service.

And, O Lord, do Thou consecrate us both in soul and body to be holy temples to Thyself; that Thou dwelling in our hearts by faith and love, we may be cleansed from all sinful affections, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy blessed Name and our own everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to Whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

* If there be no Communion, instead of *we* and *us*, say *they* and *them*.

Sunday Evening.

O LORD God Almighty, merciful Father, Holy art Thou, and worthy to be praised, the Maker, Guardian, Preserver of all, O Lord and Father, our King and God. We worship Thee, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee.

By Thy fatherly love and power all things were created; by Thy goodness and love to man all things have been created anew in the Son of Thy love.

O our God, we are the work of Thine hands; Thou hast made us, and redeemed us, and, for Thy dear Son's sake, art ever pouring Thy blessings upon us, never forsaking us, if we forsake not Thee, and still calling upon us to repent, and turn unto Thee. Thou hast promised mercy to such as sincerely seek it, and grace to such as heartily pray for it.

In Thee, O Lord, is our hope, and our trust. Thou hast washed us, and made us Thine own children, and heirs of Thy Kingdom, engrafting us into Thy holy Church, and enduing us with Thy most Blessed Spirit.

Thou hast been ever near us, though unseen! Thou hast watched over us, and guided us from our tenderest years! Thou hast visited us by

Thy grace, and pleaded with us by Thy Spirit; favoured us with many calls and inspirations, reproved us for our faults, and given us desires of amendment.

And yet, O Lord, how little mindful have we been of these Thy mercies, and how unworthy of them! We have forgotten and despised Thy goodness, and have too often dishonoured Thy gifts in us!

Stir us up henceforth, O merciful Father, to serve Thee more faithfully, and to love Thee more perfectly. Take from us all wilfulness and hardness of heart; deliver us from a cavilling, doubting spirit; make us meek, and patient, and teachable, and self-denying, and obedient to Thy will.

Teach us day by day to deny our own choices and inclinations; to give ourselves up to Thy service; to bear whatever trials, or vexations, or wrongs, or disappointments, may come to us, with cheerful, humble, and resigned hearts.

Pardon, O good Lord, all the imperfections that we have shewn in our attendance in Thy House this day; forgive the deadness and dullness of our affections, the wanderings of our thoughts, and the distractions of our minds. Help us, we beseech Thee, to live according to our professions and our prayers; according to

the instructions and exhortations which we have received this day; that our lives and conduct may be as becometh us who are Thy children, members of Christ, and inheritors of the Kingdom of heaven.

Teach us ever to pray to Thee acceptably, in reverence and godly fear; to use profitably the means which Thou hast given us in Thy Church; to hear Thy word, and obey it; to seek for Thy grace, and to cherish it. Enable us to hold, with a firm and lively faith, all those things which Thou hast revealed, and in which Thou hast instructed us, through Thy holy Church.

Make us ever solemnly to confess, and devoutly to embrace, all the articles of the Creed; to worship and adore the Ever-Blessed Trinity; to keep always before us Christ our Saviour, and all that He hath done and suffered for us; to hold Him alway in remembrance; to believe in His Presence; to live as in the sight of Him; and to look for His Appearing and His Kingdom.

And now, O Lord, we pray Thee, lift up Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace. We commend to Thee, O Lord, our souls and our bodies; our minds and our thoughts; our words and our works; our lives and our deaths;

our relations, our friends, our benefactors; our well-wishers; all who have claims upon us; our kindred and our neighbours; our country, and all Christendom. We commend to Thee, O Lord, our good intentions and attempts; our going out and our coming in; our rising up, our lying down.

Watch over us this night, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and keep us from all evil, for Jesus Christ His sake, our Blessed Lord and Saviour; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Monday Morning.

GLORY to Thee, O Lord; glory to Thee, who givest us sleep to recruit our weakness, and to remit the toils of this mortal life; so raise us up, O Lord, all our lives long, from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, we may rise at the last day to everlasting life.

We believe that Thou art here present with us; and perfectly seest us; and observest all our actions, all our thoughts, and the most secret movements of our hearts. Fill us with

the spirit of Thy holy fear, that we may stand in awe of Thee, and sin not.

We offer and resign unto Thee all the faculties of our souls and bodies; all the thoughts, words, and actions of this day. O take us entirely into Thy holy keeping; let Thy power and grace so prevent, and accompany, and follow us, that we may believe in Thee, and love Thee, and keep Thy commandments, and continue patiently in well-doing.

Pardon us all the sins, and errors, and negligences of our lives; the weaknesses of our duty, the carelessness of our spirit, our ignorance, our want of earnestness, our rashness and presumption; the sins we know and remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Turn Thine eyes from our impurity, and look upon the brightness and purest innocence of the Holy Jesus.

O Lord, remove from us every evil notion, every impure imagination, every base desire. Keep us chaste in all our thoughts; temperate in all our enjoyments; humble in all our opinions of ourselves; charitable in all our judgments of others; meek and peaceable under all provocations; sincere and faithful in all our professions. Make us to be ever of a teachable and cheerful temper; to be obedient, kind, and

considerate; and to be just and upright in all our dealings.

Strengthen us, O God, we beseech Thee, against the wickedness of the world; the deceit and wilfulness of our own hearts; and the wiles and malice of the devil. Deliver us from a vain and inconstant spirit; grant us to have a sound mind and a right judgment in all things; that we may avoid all the temptations which solicit us to disobey Thy will, and all the snares that so easily beset us; and may choose the narrow path, wherein to deny ourselves, take up the cross of Christ, and follow Him.

In all our undertakings do Thou stand by us with Thy supporting help; attend us with Thy Presence; watch over us with the eyes of Thy mercy. That which we cannot foresee, do Thou prevent; that which we cannot withstand, do Thou master; that which we do not fear, do Thou unmask and frustrate; that, living here Thy faithful and obedient children, we may grow at length to that maturity of holiness which may fit us for the inheritance of Thy Saints in light.

And as we pray Thee for ourselves, so we beseech Thee, O Lord, for the whole creation; for the supply of seasons, healthy, fruitful, peaceable; for the whole race of mankind; for

those who are not Christians—Atheists, Gentiles, Turks, and Jews; for all Christians; for all in faults and sins; for all in truth and grace; for succour and comfort of all who are dispirited, infirm, distressed, and unsettled; for thankfulness and sobriety in all who are healthy, prosperous, quiet; for the Catholic Church,—Eastern, Western, British; for the Episcopate, Presbytery, Diaconate; for all states—Christian, far off, near; all in rule—the Queen, the royal family, nobility, magistrates; farmers, merchants, traders and mechanics, husbandmen, workmen, the poor; for our relations—that God's blessing may be on them; for all in trouble, necessity, or deep affliction; for all who are attempting any good work for the glory of God, or the good of the Church; for all who act nobly towards things sacred, or to the poor; for all who have been offended by us, or have offended us, in word or deed.

The Lord have mercy upon us and bless us; shew His countenance upon us and pity us. The Lord bless us, and receive our prayers, for Jesus Christ His sake, in Whose Name and words we humbly and heartily pray;—

Our Father, &c.

Monday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Lord of heaven and earth, we, miserable sinners, cast ourselves down before Thee, humbly confessing our manifold sins and wickednesses, by which we have deserved Thy wrath, and eternal separation from the comforts of Thy presence. We confess, O great God, that we have sinned grievously against Thee, by thought, word, and deed. Our sins of omission are infinite, and our sins of commission cannot be numbered. Thy words and laws, O God, are holy, and Thy judgments are terrible; but we have broken Thy righteous laws, and incurred Thy severest judgments; and where shall we appear when Thou art angry with us?

But, O Lord our Judge, Thou art also our Redeemer: we have sinned; but Thou, O blessed Jesus, art our Advocate: have mercy upon us, miserable sinners; enter not into judgment with us, lest we die; but spare us, gracious Lord, spare Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood: O, reserve not evil in store for us against the day of vengeance, but shew Thy goodness in us, and let Thy mercy be magnified upon us;

deliver us from the power of sin, and preserve us from the punishment of it.

O our God, pity us, and hear us when we pray, and make us that we may pray acceptably. Give us henceforth a fervent love to Thee, an unwearied spirit in doing Thy will. Let us not relish or delight in the things of the world, in sensual objects and transitory possessions; but make our eyes look up to Thee, our souls be filled with Thee, our understandings employed in the meditation of Thy law, all our powers and faculties of soul and body wholly serving Thee; that when Thou shalt call us from these holy ministries of grace, we may pass into the employment of Saints and Angels, whose work it is, with eternal joy and thanksgiving, to sing praises to the mercies of the great Redeemer of men, and Saviour of men and Angels, Jesus Christ.

Hear also our prayers for Thy holy Catholic Church; unite all her divisions, root out of her all heresies and false doctrines; accept her spiritual sacrifices; let her live by Thy Spirit, and reign in Thy glory. Remember all them whom Thou hast appointed to be stewards of Thy Holy Mysteries; give them such wisdom and charity, such diligence and zeal, that they may be guides to the blind, comforters to the weary and heavy-laden; that

they may strengthen the weak and confirm the strong; boldly rebuke sin, and patiently suffer for the truth.

Preserve, O great King of heaven and earth, all Christian princes, more especially our gracious sovereign; crown them with justice and peace, and with the love of God and their people; let holiness be the ornament of their heads, and let the anointing from above make them sacred and venerable, wise and holy; that, being faithful servants of Thee, the King of kings, they may inherit the crown of everlasting glory.

O blessed God, who art rich in mercy and compassion, have mercy on all states of men and women in the Christian Church: remember the poor and needy, the widow, the fatherless, the friendless and oppressed; relieve their necessities, comfort their sorrows, strengthen their weakness; heal the sick and languishing, and them that draw near unto death; and suffer not Satan to prevail over them in the day of their calamity; give them a deliverance when Thou seest expedient for them, and in the mean time a sanctified use of thy rod.

Be Thou the portion of all my friends and relatives, and let Thy blessing descend upon their heads, and abide there till they shall meet

us in Thy heavenly Kingdom. Preserve us ever in the communion and peace of the Church; and bless our death-bed with the opportunity of a holy and spiritual guide; with the assistance and guard of Angels; with the reception of the Holy Sacrament; with a strong faith, and a firm and humble hope; with love to Thee our God, and charity to all the world; that at the revelation of the great day, we may be partakers of the glories of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and worship, all service and thanks, all glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

O ETERNAL God, and most merciful Father, look down upon us Thy unworthy creatures, who present ourselves before the throne of Thy majesty and glory, to offer unto Thee the morning sacrifice of our unfeigned praises, for the many and undeserved favours bestowed upon us; for creating us reasonable creatures, and continuing our understanding, powers, and senses, entire to the present time; and for pro-

tecting us from the dangers of the past night, refreshing us with sufficient rest, and bringing us safe to the beginning of this day.

But more especially we glorify Thy Name for Thine infinite love in the redemption of the world by Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. O Lord, give us all grace to please Thee, not only with our tongues, but by living in obedience to Thy holy commands all the days of our life.

Good God, make us truly sensible of, and penitent for, all the sins that we have committed against Thy Divine Majesty, in thought, word, or deed. Wash away their guilt with the precious blood of Thy dear Son: be reconciled to us for His sake, and save us from the wrath to come.

Draw our minds from the love of this world, and teach us to use it with temperance, sobriety, and moderation; with an entire trust and dependence on Thy fatherly care and good providence, and with a perfect submission to Thy blessed will in all things.

O Lord, root out of our hearts all pride and envy; all hatred, malice, and ill-will: put away from us all censoriousness and uncharitableness; all lying and slandering, and whatever else is

contrary to a truly Christian spirit; and endue us, we most humbly pray Thee, with that meekness and humility which is in Thy sight of so great value, and with all those holy and Christian dispositions which Thou lovest and delightest in.

Instruct us in all the particulars of our duty which we owe to Thee, our neighbour, and ourselves. Guide and conduct us by Thy good Spirit through all the business and affairs of this life. Teach us to act with faithfulness and honesty in every thing that we take in hand: and give us such a dread of Thy displeasure, and such a sense of Thy continual presence with us, as may secure us by Thy grace against all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

O Lord, assist us this day with the gracious motions of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may continually arise from the death of sin unto a life of righteousness; preserve us from the dangers of evil company, from the deceitfulness of our own hearts, and defend us more especially from those sins that are most apt to betray and ensnare us. Let Thy blessing accompany all our honest labours and endeavours; and vouchsafe us such a measure of health, and other temporal mercies, as Thou seest best and most

fitting for us. We desire, O Lord, to leave ourselves, and all our affairs, in Thy hands, humbly beseeching Thee to take us, and all that belong to us, under the protection of Thy good providence; and so to bless, direct, and guide us in this life, that we may at last obtain that greatest of all blessings, the eternal salvation of our immortal souls.

O Lord, we most humbly beseech Thee to hearken graciously unto the prayers, and accept of the praises which are offered unto Thee this day by Thy holy Catholic Church throughout the world, and send down Thy blessings upon her; that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be brought out of heresy and error, may be delivered from all dangers and calamities, may depart from all iniquity, and devoutly serve Thee in all manner of good works, unto their lives end.

Good Lord, hear our prayers, and grant our requests; conduct us safely through all the changes and chances of this mortal life; and hereafter receive us into Thy heavenly Kingdom for Thy well-beloved Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our dear and only Saviour, in Whose blessed Name and words we conclude our prayers, saying,

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

Most great and glorious Lord God, we desire to prostrate ourselves, in all humility, before Thy Divine Majesty, under a deep sense of our own unworthiness. Father, we have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children. But we return with the prodigal. O, do Thou, for Jesus Christ's sake, graciously receive us. Accept our imperfect repentance, and send Thy Spirit of adoption into our hearts, to instil into them true filial affections, that we may be owned by Thee for Thy children, and call Thee Father, share in the blessings of Thy children, and at last become inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

O our God, fill our souls with so entire, reverential a love of Thee, that we may love nothing but for Thy sake, and in subordination to Thy love. Create in us a sincere obedience to all Thy commands, a submissive patience under all Thy chastisements, and an absolute resignation to all Thy disposals. May we ever have awful thoughts of Thee; and never mention Thy venerable Name, unless on solemn,

just, and devout occasions. O, let it be the great business of our lives to glorify Thy Name by our mouths, by our conversations, by our public confession of Thee before men, even unto death, whenever Thou art pleased to call us to it; and by engaging all men, as far as lies in our power, to glorify and love Thee also.

Let Thy unwearied and tender love to us make our love unwearied and tender to our neighbours, and zealous to procure and promote their health and safety, happiness and life; and ready to succour and relieve, comfort and pray for all whose necessities and miseries recommend them to our charity. Make us peaceful and reconcilable, always ready to return good for evil, to repay injuries with kindness, and easy to forgive. And, O Thou lover of souls, let Thy love raise in us a compassionate zeal for the salvation of others, that by fraternal, affectionate, and seasonable advice, exhortations, and reproof, we may reclaim the wicked, and win them to Thy love.

Be pleased, O Lord, to take us into Thy protection this night, and defend us from all the dangers of it: refresh our bodies with such comfortable rest and sleep, that in the morning, with renewed vigour, we may be the better disposed to do Thee all faithful service. Let

no evil men, or evil spirits, approach to hurt us; let us lie down with holy thoughts of Thee; and when we awake, let us be still with Thee.

Shew mercy to the whole world, O Father of all; let the Gospel of Thy Son run and be glorified throughout all the earth: let it be made known to heathens and infidels, and obeyed by all that are Christians.

Be merciful to this nation wherein we live; grant that we may be so humble and reformed, that we may be pardoned and spared. Multiply Thy blessings upon our sovereign, and all the royal family; give them grace to exceed others as much in goodness as greatness; and make them signal instruments of Thy glory and public good.

Be gracious to all those that minister in holy things, that they may diligently watch over the souls committed to their care, instructing them in saving knowledge, guiding them by their examples, praying for and blessing them, exercising spiritual discipline in Thy Church, and rightly and duly administering Thy Holy Sacraments.

Visit in mercy all the children of affliction; relieve all their necessities, and lighten all their burdens; give them patience and submission to

Thy blessed will, and in Thy due time deliver them from all their troubles.

Finally, O Lord, adored be Thy goodness for all the mercies, both temporal and spiritual, which Thou from time to time hast bestowed upon us; for the good things of this life, and the hope of eternal happiness in the next. Particularly, we offer to Thee our humble thanks and praise for Thy preservation of us from the perils of the day past. If we have escaped any sin, it is the effect of Thy restraining grace; if we have avoided any danger, it was Thy hand directed us: to Thy Holy Name be ascribed all honour and glory. O, let the sense of all Thy blessings have the effect of leading us to repentance, and engaging us still more zealously to serve Thee: all which we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose blessed Name and words we farther pray unto Thee, saying,
Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, our Father, from everlasting to everlasting. Thine is the greatness and the power, the praise and the strength,

for Thou rulest over all in heaven and in earth.

We have thought upon Thee when we were waking, for Thou hast been our helper. But, O Lord, we have sinned against Thee all our life long. We have forgotten our high calling, and the hope that is before us. We have withstood Thee, O Lord, and done against Thy will.

O Lord, we return unto Thee; we cry aloud to Thee; we repent and turn to Thee, and beseech Thy mercy. With all our hearts do we now renew the sacred vows which we have so often broken. To Thee we offer all the thoughts and purposes of this day, and of our whole life, that we may do Thy pleasure, and endure willingly whatever Thou mayest appoint.

We beseech Thee, O most merciful God, to protect us against the dangers of worldly care and business. Keep us from a dull, repining spirit; from all fretful sadness, and from anxious fears. Give us strength against those daily weaknesses and failings which sully and taint the soul, and hinder our most earnest prayers, and estrange our hearts from Thee.

Order Thou our lives for us; keep us, we beseech Thee, from all heedless waste of time.

Let not worldly aims and pursuits withdraw us from the work Thou hast set us to do. Teach us to keep Thee ever before us; write Thy law in our hearts, and enable us to fulfil it day by day.

Grant that we may be modest in our demeanour, frank and unaffected, humble and dutiful; pure in conscience, and upright in all our dealings; content with our condition, diligent in our employments, and constant in our resolutions.

In all vexations, in all trials of temper, teach us to think of Him Who, as on this day, was betrayed and sold unto death, and endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself. Teach us to think little of ourselves and of our troubles; to deny our own will, to bear the cross silently, and follow our Lord.

Lift up our thoughts above the world, its cares, and interests; so that we may walk humbly and patiently, giving no offence in anything, and doing our duty in that state of life to which it hath pleased Thee to call us.

Save us from lightness and vanity of disposition; from a dissipated heart; from sensuality and covetousness. Keep us from all vain-glory and hypocrisy; from envy, wrath, and selfishness. Deliver us from sloth and

wilfulness; from presumption and hardness of heart; give us a sober judgment in all things; and open our hearts to receive all Thy holy influences.

Set a watch, O Lord, over the door of our lips, and check the unruly freedom of our speech; let us be kind to the poor, gentle to the weak, and considerate towards all. Incline us willingly to forgive injuries; to bear wrongs patiently; to love those who hate us; and to do good to those who treat us ill.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is excellent, and our hope is in Thee. We beseech Thee, remember all, Lord, for good, and have pity upon all. Vouchsafe to us Thy peace and love, O God our Saviour; end the schisms of the Churches; scatter offences; abolish wars; stop the uprisings of heresies. O remember Thy holy Church throughout the world; bless all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and make their labours effectual to the edification of Thy Church.

Remember every Christian soul in affliction, distress, trial, and in need of Thy pity and succour; also such of our brethren as may be in captivity, in prison, or in bondage.

Fill our garners with all manner of store, and pour out upon all Thy rich blessings; upon infants, youth, aged; the weak-hearted, the

troubled, the tempted; travellers, widows, orphans; those who love and those who hate us; all of whom we have not made mention, all spirits, and all flesh, do Thou remember, O God, and receive us all into Thy heavenly Kingdom.

Remove far from us vanity and lies; give us neither poverty nor riches; feed us with food convenient for us; lest we be full and deny Thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest we be poor and steal, and take the Name of our God in vain. Let us learn to abound, and let us learn to suffer need; in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content.

Grant us a happy life, in piety, gravity, purity; in competency, in safety, in honest estate, in quiet; and at last a happy death, and deathless happiness; for Jesus Christ's sake, Thy only Son our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord; glory to Thine All-Holy Name, for all Thy Divine perfections; for Thy great goodness, and Thy pity towards sinners, the unworthy creatures of Thy hand.

O Lord, we come before Thee humbly to

confess our sins. We have sinned grievously before Thee. Wo is unto us because of our transgressions. How have we permitted ourselves to be enticed by our own lusts! How have we hated instruction; nor felt fear or shame at Thy unspeakable glory, Thy awful Presence, Thy almighty power, Thy just judgment, Thy winning goodness! But yet, O Lord, Thou art our Father, merciful and gracious, therefore we come to Thee as Thy children, and thus humbly and with reverence do we pray unto Thee, that Thou wouldst forgive us what is past.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are weak. We are beset on all sides with deadly enemies;—the world, the flesh, and the devil; our only hope is in Thy strength and protection. O stand Thou by us with Thy supporting grace, and all will be well with us. We believe that Thou art faithful and true, and wilt not suffer us to be tempted above our strength; suffer us not to forsake Thee. Arm us against the devices of Satan, the terrors and flatteries of the world, and all the deceptions of our own wayward and wicked desires.

· Create in us a penitent heart, a resigned will, and pure affections; a constant mindfulness of Thy Presence, and a hearty devotion in our

prayers; sincere intentions, and zeal for Thy glory; perseverance in all good purposes, and constancy in all trials and temptations.

Make us humble and devout; chaste, temperate, easy to be advised, and patient of reproof; create in us a cheerful and contented spirit, a quiet and peaceful temper, resolute against evil, but charitable to all men.

Give to us, O Lord, watchful hearts and sanctified wills. Guide all our actions; purify our thoughts; stop our ears, and turn away our eyes from sin and vanity.

From pride and obstinacy; from idleness and love of ease; from vanity and lying; good Lord, deliver us. From unruly passions and evil affections; from levity and profaneness; from envy and malice; from foolish talking and a worldly mind; good Lord, deliver us.

From irreligious principles, and evil company, and false teachers; from the vices, heresies, and errors of these times; from all false notions and hurtful customs; from whatsoever is offensive to Thee, and dangerous to our own souls; good Lord, deliver us.

Most earnestly do we pray Thee, O Thou Lover of souls, to have mercy upon all men; more especially we pray for Thy holy Church from one end of the earth to the other; for all

Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, especially those who are over us in the Lord. Have mercy upon them, that they all may live up to their holy calling, and may glorify Thy Holy Name.

Root out all heresies, schisms, and abuses; take away all hatred, prejudice, and variance; convert all poor sinners to Thee; and fetch back all erring souls into Thy heavenly and eternal Home.

Save and defend Thy servant our Queen; and incline her heart with favour to Thy Church and people. Have mercy on this nation, and remove from us those scourges which our manifold sins have deserved.

Visit, O Lord, and heal them that are sick; release them that are in unjust bonds; relieve them that are in need; feed the hungry; refresh the wearied; comfort the feeble-minded; give light to them that are in darkness; raise up them that are fallen; fix the unstable; and grant to us all the remission of our sins, the grace of perseverance, and everlasting life.

Bless all infants and children in Thy holy Church; bless all our relations with Thy choicest graces; our friends, acquaintance, benefactors; and all to whom we owe special love and obedience.

And now, O Lord, be Thou within us to

strengthen us; without us to guard us; over us to shelter us; beneath us to stablish us; before us to guide us; after us to check us; round about us to secure us.

O Lord, hearken unto us, and grant this our prayer, for Jesus Christ His sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we desire to praise and bless Thee, that of Thy infinite goodness Thou hast preserved us this night past, and hast by Thy providence protected us from the power and malice of the devil, raising us up from sleep, and vouchsafing us a longer space for repentance.

Withdraw not, we humbly entreat Thee, the hand of Thy protection from us, but take us into Thy tuition this day; watch over us with the eyes of Thy mercy, and direct us in the way of Thy commandments. Endue us with those graces of Thy Holy Spirit, whereby we may pass this day, and the rest of our lives, to

the praise and glory of Thy Name, the benefit of our neighbours, and the salvation of our souls.

Keep us, O Lord, from all sin; bridle and mortify our flesh, that we fall not into any transgressions, which may provoke Thy wrath against us. Direct our souls and bodies, our words and actions, according to the rule of Thy will: divert our hearts from transitory pleasures, and fix upon them those eternal joys, which are the blessed effects of Thy love.

And because we are not worthy, O Lord, that Thou shouldst hear us, behold, we set before Thee the merits of Thine only Son, Who is the propitiation for our sins; for His righteousness' sake pardon the offences of Thy servants, and for Thy mercy's sake in Christ grant us those good things, of which we are, by the strict rule of Thy justice, most unworthy.

Defend us, O Lord, in this our pilgrimage against the enemies of our souls; arm us with the armour of light against the lusts of the flesh, the temptations of the world, and the malice of the devil; that, having fought a good fight, and finished valiantly the course of this earthly warfare, we may be received into Thy celestial Kingdom.

In the mean time, O Thou who fillest all

things living with plenteousness, and feedest the young ravens that call upon Thee, be merciful unto us in the supply of those necessaries which we daily want; keep us in health and strength; give us food and raiment, and a competence sufficient to maintain us in that state of life to which it hath pleased Thee to call us; and grant that we may lead a quiet life in all godly conversation; that, using Thy blessings aright, we may pass this life in peace and comfort, till it please Thee to call us to a better.

Bless, O Lord, those whom Thou hast set over us both in Church and state; govern their hearts in Thy fear, and guide their understandings to do those things which will be acceptable to Thee, and beneficial to this Church and kingdom. Give the Queen loving and loyal subjects, and confound and defeat her open and secret enemies.

Comfort the comfortless and helpless; shew the light of Thy truth to those who wander out of the right way; give to all sinners true repentance; strengthen and assist with Thy grace those who have begun well, that they may persevere in goodness; to all our friends and kindred, give all Thy good blessings; keep us from all evil, and make us to continue in

Thy service to our lives' end; and after the course of this miserable life is ended, bring us to Thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Evening.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord our God, the God of our fathers, Who hast created the changes of days and nights; glory be to Thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of the day past; all love, all glory be to Thee.

What reward shall we give unto Thee, O Lord? and with what thanks can we recompense Thee, for that Thou hast spared and borne with us even until now?

We set Thee, Lord, before our faces, and we lift up our souls to Thee. We worship Thee upon our knees, and humble ourselves under Thy mighty hand. Father of mercies, we beseech Thy fatherly love, despise us not, despise not Thine own image, though defaced by sin.

And Thou, our Saviour Christ, despise not the cost of Thy Blood, who are called by Thy Name; but look on us with those eyes with

which Thou didst look upon Magdalen at the feast, Peter in the hall, the thief on the cross; that, with the thief, we may call on Thee humbly, Remember us, Lord, in Thy Kingdom; that with Peter, we may bitterly weep, and say, O that our eyes were a fountain of tears, that we might weep day and night; that with Magdalen we may hear Thee say, Thy sins be forgiven us; and with her to love much, for many sins, yea manifold, have been forgiven us.

And Thou, All-Holy God, and Life-giving Spirit, despise us not, who are Thy breath; despise not Thine own; but turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto Thy servants.

We have sinned much and wilfully against Thee. But, Lord, we beseech Thee, remember not the iniquities with which we have so often stained ourselves; nor the negligences we have committed on the reception of the most sacred ordinances of Thy grace. Pardon, we beseech Thee, the coldness and wanderings of our prayers; and deal not with us according to our deserts, but according to our necessities, and Thine own rich mercies in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to train us in Thy

holy fear; and to inspire us with a most real sense of Thy awful Presence, especially in the heavenly Mysteries of Thy Church. Enable us the more diligently to purify our consciences, and to subdue our hearts to fear Thee. Let us never approach Thee but with lowly and prepared hearts. Let us never speak of Thee, or think of Thee, and Thy most holy word and ordinances, but with reverence and awe.

Let Thy good Spirit enter within our breasts, and breathe into them silently and sweetly all truth and sanctity. Grant that we may ever live with a pure mind and a clear conscience; free our hearts from all unclean, vain, and hurtful thoughts. Remove from us all pride and indifference, all guile and hypocrisy; and constrain us at once to renounce all conscious pleasings of ourselves, which stop up the channels of Thy grace, and eat out the life of our souls.

Deliver us from all secret sins; all ignorances, weaknesses, and infirmities which bring us within the reach and power of the devil. Mortify in us every wayward passion; every dangerous feeling; every thing at which conscience so much as hesitates; and give us that pureness and chastity of soul, which is most pleasing in Thy sight.

O Father, we beseech Thee, have mercy upon the whole creation, and the whole race of men; all in affliction, and in prosperity; in error, and in truth; in sin, and in grace.

Have mercy upon the holy Church universal; Rulers, Clergy, people; upon all states of the earth,—Christian, neighbouring, our own; the Queen; the nobles and commons; farmers, traders, workmen, and all classes of men amongst us.

Look graciously upon all who have a claim on us from kindred; from benefaction, or natural kindness; from their own desire; from lack of leisure to pray for themselves, or from having none to pray for them; for those whom we have injured, or hindered in grace, or whom we have not benefited as we might.

O our God, incline Thine ear and hear. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do. Have mercy, have pity, deliver, and save us. We have an advocate with Thee, to Thee, Jesus Christ the Righteous, Thy Only-Begotten Son. O feed, sustain, refresh our souls; preserve and renew within us, day by day, the life of our new birth; transform us body and soul, day by day, into the image of Thy Christ; that, changed from glory to glory, as by Thy Holy Spirit, and fashioned inwardly,

we may be satisfied when we awake up in Thy likeness at the last day.

Surround us this night with the strong and faithful guardianship of Thy blessed Angels, that the spirits of evil may never come nigh us to take us unawares. For this we pray in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Friday Morning.

O ETERNAL, infinite, and omnipotent God, the bountiful Author of all good, in whom we live, move, and have our being; who hast made us after Thine own image, and preservest us every moment from returning again to nothing: we humbly prostrate ourselves before the throne of Thine adorable Majesty, beseeching Thee to have mercy upon us for Thy dear Son's sake.

We confess, O Lord, that we have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; and have most justly provoked Thy wrath and indignation against us. Have mercy upon us, good Lord, have mercy upon us; remember not our offences, neither take Thou

vengeance of our sins. Spare us, because we are the work of Thy hands. O, spare us also because we have been redeemed by Thy Son's most precious Blood, and, for His sake, lay not to our charge whatever we have said or done against Thee.

Open our eyes and our hearts, that we may see, and consider, and abhor the errors of our own ways, and the crookedness of our own will; and turn us into the straight path, that we may walk therein in all holiness and purity, after Thy will.

Deliver us from the secret crafts and open assaults of our great enemy; from the treachery of our own hearts, and the violence of our own passions; and from the particular temptations to which, by time, place, or temper, we are most exposed.

Give us a true and hearty repentance for all our past offences, and a sincere and effectual resolution to amend our lives for the time to come; and grant that this present day we may begin perfectly to walk before Thee, as becometh those that are called to an inheritance of light in Christ.

O Holy and Ever-Blessed Jesus, who being the eternal Son of God, and most high in the glory of God the Father, didst vouchsafe for us

sinner to be born of a humble virgin, and to take our low nature upon Thee, that as man Thou mightest suffer for the sins of men, and as on this day suffer the death of the cross for our redemption; work in us, we beseech Thee, such a sense of Thy infinite love, that adoring Thee, and believing in Thee as our Lord, we may trust in Thine infinite merits, obey Thy blessed commands, and finally enjoy Thy promises.

O eternal and merciful God, we humbly beseech Thee to bless Thy spouse the holy Catholic Church, wheresoever spread upon the face of the whole earth. Good Lord, purge it from all heresy, schism, superstition, and error: help this particular Church in which we live; make all its members sound in faith and holy in life; but especially so illuminate all its Bishops, Priests, and Deacons (particularly those under whose care we are placed), with the true knowledge of Christ, and understanding of Thy word, according as Thy Spirit meant it, that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth to Thy glory; and all Thy people committed to their charge may from their mouths meekly hear Thy word, and through Thy gracious assistance bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

O Lord, bless all the afflicted members of Thy Son, wheresoever or howsoever distressed; send them constant patience, or speedy deliverance, as seems best to Thee, and is best for them, according to their several wants and necessities.

Bless all our kindred and acquaintance, and abundantly reward our friends and benefactors. If we have enemies, turn their hearts, O Lord; make them of enemies to become our friends. Into Thy hands we commend our souls and bodies this morning. O bless us, and keep us this day without sin.

Our Father, &c.

Friday Evening.

O LORD, the great Creator and Governor of all things, we fall down before Thee in an humble adoration of Thy incomprehensible Majesty, acknowledging that we depend entirely upon Thee; praising and magnifying Thy most glorious power, wisdom, and goodness, which are every where conspicuous; and rendering unto Thee our most hearty thanks for all the favours and benefits which Thou hast so freely and undeservedly conferred upon us.

Thou art bountiful to the whole world; all Thy works praise Thee, O Lord; and we, the children of men, ought more particularly to bless Thee and speak good of Thy Name, for we have received singular marks and tokens of Thy favour, being made after Thine own image, and endued with reasonable and immortal spirits, that we may become like unto Thee in wisdom, holiness, goodness, and truth: and above all, we desire to remember that great demonstration of Thy love, in giving Thy dear Son to live among us, to die for us, and thereby to give us (through faith and sincere obedience) an assured hope of immortal life.

O Lord, we desire to renew the oblations which we have often made of our souls and bodies to Thee; we wait upon Thee still for what Thou seest good for both; we hope in Thy everlasting mercy, humbly beseeching Thee to pardon all our forgetfulness of Thee and ingratitude to Thee; and we most earnestly implore the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to preserve in our minds a powerful sense of Thee, an ardent love to Thee, and a holy care to please and obey Thee in all things.

Give us the same mind and spirit which was in Jesus Christ our Lord; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and the fear of Thee; the

spirit of meekness, humility, purity, and charity; and grant that we may do Thy will with the like cheerfulness, zeal, constancy, patience, and perseverance.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, for all the helps and assistances of Thy good Spirit, which Thou hast already blessed us withal. O, vouchsafe still to continue to us Thy gracious favour and protection; and as Thou hast preserved us until this day, so bless us the remaining part of our lives: keep us in peace and innocence, in love to Thee, and charity to our neighbours; and do Thou direct our paths, and teach us to manage all our affairs with prudence and discretion.

Thou art our hope and our confidence, our satisfaction and our peace, our glory and our joy. O be Thou pleased to conduct us by Thy good Spirit through all the business and enjoyments, through all the temptations and troubles of this life; and never leave nor forsake us, but bring us at last to that blessed place where our Lord Jesus Christ liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, world without end.

O Lord, we pray not for ourselves alone, but for the whole race of mankind; and in a more especial manner for this Church and nation to which we belong. Let the virtue and efficacy

of Christ's death and passion be extended far and wide, and grant that true religion and virtue may every where flourish and abound.

Hear the prayers of the sick and needy, and of all that labour under any trouble or affliction; and of Thy fatherly goodness comfort and relieve them according to their necessities.

We commend to Thy particular favour and protection all our relations and friends; let Thy fear be ever before their eyes; let Thy blessing always rest upon them; and grant them all things necessary for life and godliness.

Accept, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, the evening sacrifice of our unfeigned praises, which we now offer up to Thy Divine Majesty, for the great and manifold mercies vouchsafed unto us, and more particularly for the mercies of the day past: for preserving us in health and safety; for providing so plentifully for us, and continuing to us the enjoyment of so many comforts. And we most humbly beseech Thee to continue Thy mercy and goodness towards us and all belonging to us. Defend us this night from all dangers both of soul and body; grant us quiet and refreshing sleep; and if Thou art pleased to add another day to our lives, give us grace to employ it in such a

manner as may be well pleasing in Thy sight; through the merits and for the sake of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O HOLY and merciful Lord God, Thou great Judge of heaven and earth, before whose glorious Majesty the pure Angels veil their faces, with what abasement and fear ought we to approach Thee, who are but dust and ashes, and miserable sinners!

Thou hast foretold that He who came to die for us shall come again to judge us; grant us grace to watch and pray always, that Thou mayest find us in the number of those who shall be blessed in watching for their Lord.

Fearful, Lord, very fearful is Thy Judgment—when the thrones are set, and Angels stand around, and men are brought in, and the books opened, and every soul judged according to what is written therein; our works inquired into; our words brought to trial; the secrets of our hearts revealed and published;—every thing we ever did, or said, or thought, which we ought not; or did not, said not, thought

not, as we ought; all our neglect, and carelessness, and disobedience, and unthankfulness to Thee, O God; all our resistance to Thy will, to the promptings of Thy Spirit, or the words of Thy law; things hidden, and things known; things which no one saw or suspected; sins which passed from our thoughts as soon as sinned, or which we scarcely felt to be sins, as well as sins which we knew and remembered; sins repented of, and sins unrepented of;—all, from the hour of our Baptism to Thy awful coming, made known, and told before men and Angels!

O Lord, we beseech Thee, for Thy Name's sake, be merciful unto our sins. We forget not our sins; we remember them in the bitterness of our souls; we grieve and afflict ourselves that our penitence is not deeper, is not fuller. O help Thou our impenitence, and more and more pierce and break our hard hearts; remit, O Lord, and wash away all our offences.

Discover to us our faults, our most secret sins; that we may not deceive our own souls, nor forget the strict account which we must one day give of all things done in the body. Cause us to remember with fear that Thou art ever present, and hearest and markest all the

secret motions of our hearts. Cause us to die to all earthly things; and so to judge and chasten ourselves in this life, that we may not fall from Thy grace, nor be condemned with this wicked world.

Let not our souls be negligent, nor taken captive by the fatal sweetness and seeming pleasantness of the world's ways, lest we be overtaken by Thy wrath. Draw off our hearts from its cares and interests, its riches, vanities, pastimes, loves, and joys. Let the employment of each day as it comes leave no sorrow, or the remembrance of an evil conscience at night; but let it be holy and profitable, pure and innocent; that we may attain at length unto that holiness, without which no man shall see Thy face.

We pray Thy mercy and Thy grace, as for ourselves, so for all the world; for Church and kingdom; altar and throne; councils and courts; all places of education, and all places of labour.

We pray Thy guidance and protection for all infants, children, youths, and men; for the aged, the decrepit, the sick, the poor, the tempted, the distressed, and weak-hearted.

We pray Thy help and succour for all orphans, widows, strangers, travellers, pri-

soners; for all who are over-laden, or are in bitter bondage, in oppression, or in loneliness.

By the multitude of Thy mercies, O Lord, hear our prayers. By all that is dear to Thee, by all that we should plead, by Thyself, O Lord, and by Thy Christ;—the yearnings of the Father, the wounds of the Son, the plaints of the Spirit; give ear, O Lord; have mercy, O Lord, and let Thy mercy rejoice against judgment.

O Lord, hear and forgive us; make us clean in Thy precious blood; sanctify us by Thy grace; feed us with Thy gifts; and give us the fulness of faith, and love, and hope, that we may be made meet for Thy presence when Thou appearest in Thy glory. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Evening.

THE day is gone, and we give Thee thanks, O Lord, for Thy continued preservation.

O Lord, heavenly Father, we come to Thee in fear, and yet trusting in Thy love, for we are Thy children. Thus shall we one day kneel down before Thy footstool, in this flesh and blood of ours; and Thou wilt be seated over against us, in Thy great glory, to judge us for all things done in the body. We come with

the thought of that awful hour before us. We come to confess our sins to Thee now, that Thou mayest not punish us then ; and we would humbly pray ;—O Lord, Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, deliver us, O Lord.

Lord, as we add day to day, so sin to sin. We have sinned, O Lord, against Thee ; wo unto us because of our sin and misery ! How many days and years have we misspent, to Thy displeasure, and our own disgrace, danger, and loss, in vain and wicked thoughts, words, deeds, habits of sin, or wilful negligence ! Our eyes have delighted in vanities ; and our ears have been open to foolish talking. With our tongues we have offended in many ways ; with our hands have we wrought many follies, hurtful to ourselves and others ; and with our feet have we gone astray from Thy commandments.

But now, O Lord, we turn from our evil ways, and with all our hearts we turn to Thee ; and evening by evening we will return and beseech Thy mercy.

Have mercy upon us, for we are weak ; remember how short our time is. Our days are few and evil, as a flower of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is gone. We are dust and ashes, strangers upon the earth, dwelling

in houses of clay, in a body of sin, and a world of corruption.

Remember this, O Lord, and bear with us, and forgive and wash away our sins. Blot them out, O Lord, blot out the sins which we have committed this day, and all our lives long; either through ignorance or with knowledge, through infirmity or with wilful breach of conscience; all which Thy pure Spirit knoweth better than we know ourselves.

Pardon, we pray Thee, the guilt of them; impute it not to us, nor remember it against us. Blot, O Lord, blot out our sins, that they be not found, that they appear not against us at the dread account.

Let not our trust be in arm of man, in flesh and blood, or this world's promises; take our whole hearts to Thyself; and grant us to have a pure conscience, and a steadfast regard to Thy glory in all our actions. Cause us to die daily to all earthly things; and so to judge and chasten ourselves in this life, that we may not fall from Thy grace, nor be condemned with this wicked world.

Have pity upon us all, O Sovereign Lord; be reconciled with us all; remember those who pray for us, and those who have desired us, unworthy, to make mention of them in our prayers.

O Lord, we pray for those who pray not for themselves. O Lord, have mercy upon them, and upon us all. Lead forward our youth; sustain our aged; comfort the weak-hearted; gather together the scattered; and restore the wanderers to Thy holy Catholic Church. Set free the troubled and unclean spirits; travel with the travellers; stand forth for the widow; shield the orphan; rescue the captive; heal the sick; all in any affliction or necessity remember, O God.

Thou knowest each man and his need; deliver, O Lord, this city (or town), and all the country in which we live, from all evils, temporal and spiritual. O heavenly King, confirm all faithful rulers (especially our Queen) in Thy love and fear; stablish the faith; pacify the world; and receive us all in faith and penitence as a kind and loving Lord.

The power of the Father guide us; the wisdom of the Son enlighten us; the working of the Spirit quicken us. Guard Thou our souls, O God; stablish our bodies; raise up our minds; form our habits; bless our actions; fulfil our prayers; inspire holy thoughts; pardon the past; correct the present; prepare us for the future.

And if it be Thy gracious pleasure that we

depart hence before Thou comest in Thy Kingdom, vouchsafe us, in Thy mercy, a Christian end, without sin, without shame, and, should it please Thee, without pain; and a good answer at Thy dreadful and fearful Judgment-seat.

Give Thy Angels charge over us to keep us from our unseen foes; preserve us from all sinful imaginations, and lay asleep in us all earthly and worldly thoughts. Awake us again, that we may serve and praise Thee; and be Thou with us for ever, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE END.













