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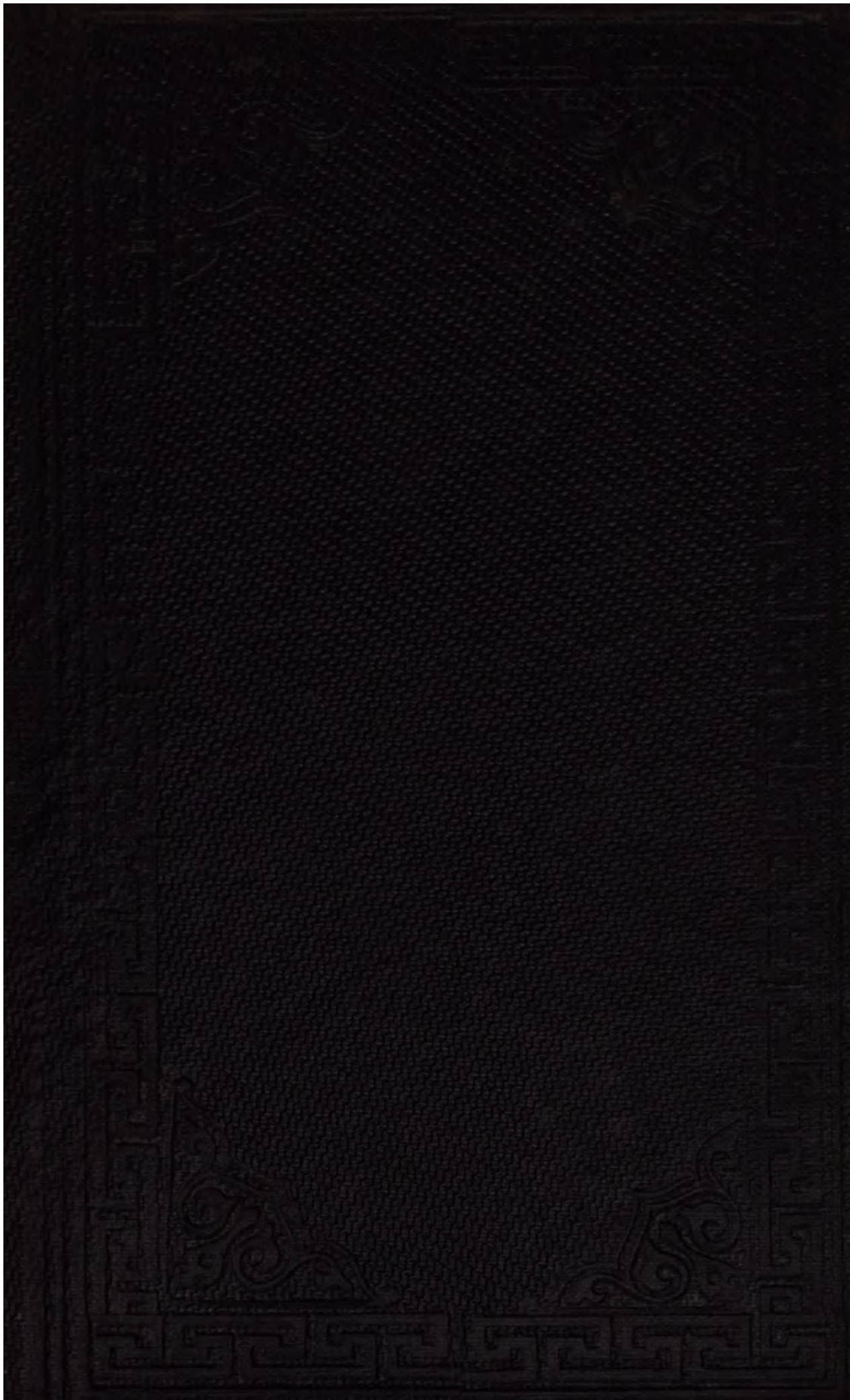
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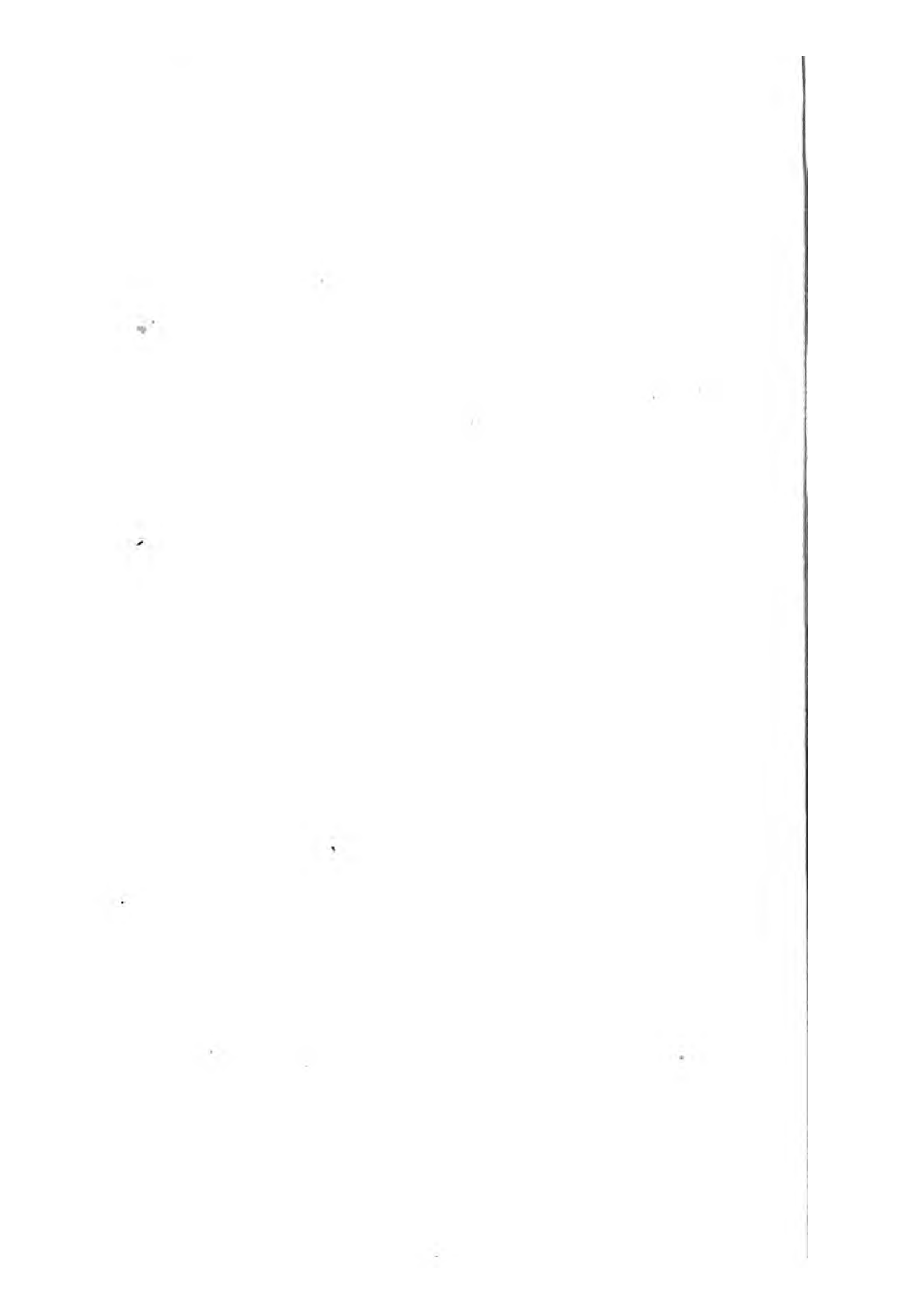


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P R E F A C E.

THE following Prayers were prepared from various sources,—without any pretence to novelty or originality,—for the private use of a family, and not for publication. They are now, however, given to the public, in the hope that, from their plainness, they may be useful in helping to remove the prevalent ignorance of the nature, and diffidence in the performance, of prayer,—to either of which sources may be traced the entire neglect, or slovenly performance, of Family Worship, among many of

all classes and denominations of professing Christians.

If these Forms, by the blessing of God, should be the means of assisting any to set up and maintain the worship of God in their families, or of leading others, who only formally and occasionally engage in Family Worship, to greater earnestness and regularity in its performance, the object of their publication will be fully accomplished.

To render them as scriptural, plain, and practical as possible, many parts of the prayers necessarily contain the same ideas, and are expressed in the same words. They may, and ought, however, to be varied according to the ever-changing circumstances of families. The true spirit of prayer will thus be fostered, and the undue restraint of this spirit, which

is frequently produced from the use of forms, will, to a great extent, if not altogether, be obviated.

It is sincerely to be wished that the use of these Forms may not be pled by any as an excuse for the neglect of Private Prayer, which is equally obligatory upon all, as family prayer, and without the regular observance of which there can be no real communion maintained between God and man here, and no enjoyment realized between them hereafter.

Before engaging in Prayer, families should first regularly and reverently engage in reading some portion of the Holy Scriptures, that their minds being solemnised by the influence of divine truth, they may be prepared to worship God, who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

With the view of rendering these

Forms as complete as possible, an Appendix has been added, containing *Baxter's Reformed Liturgy*, for ordinary public worship on the Lord's Day, abridged and altered for the use of Families or Individuals, who, from necessary causes, may be detained from attending public worship on that day. This Liturgy is remarkable for its simplicity and fulness, and contains great variety without repetition. It has been selected as containing the most scriptural and complete Form, for the worship of God, which has been, or perhaps can be, produced. If found too long, any of its parts may be omitted.

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The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—Amen.

Prayer to be used before Reading the
Holy Scriptures.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art, in Jesus Christ; the Giver of all our mercies, we thank Thee for the Holy Scriptures, which Thou hast caused to be written for our learning,—and which teach us what we should believe concerning Thee, and what duty Thou requirest of us. Enable us, by divine grace, to yield our willing obedience to Thy Revealed Will, by performing what it commands us to do, and, by avoiding what it forbids us to do. Grant us the Holy Spirit, that we may, at this time, so read, understand, and believe Thy Word, as that it may be profitable to us for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness;—that we, through patience and comfort of the same, may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast therein given to us, in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—AMEN.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

First Week.

LORD'S-DAY MORNING.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who art, and wast, and art to come—and who art the Most High over all the earth, and whose name alone is Jehovah. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing and honour, and glory, and power, for thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

O let us worship and fall down and kneel before Thee the Lord our maker. What are we, O Lord God, and what is our father's house, that Thou hast brought us hitherto to present ourselves before Thee. But to whom can we go but unto Thee, the only living and true God,—our maker, preserver, and bountiful benefactor. Although we are sinners in Thy holy sight, in thought, word, and deed, we bless Thee that we

have, through Jesus Christ, access by one spirit unto Thee, our reconciled Father in Him. O Lord, enable us to feel that we have sinned against Thee, and that it is of Thy mercy alone that we have not been consumed,—even because Thy compassions fail not.

We, on this the morning of Thy holy Day, adore and praise Thee, O Lord, for the blessed Gospel which reveals to us our sinful state, and the Lord Jesus Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour,—able and ready to save sinners, such as we are, to the very uttermost. Bestow upon us the gift of the holy Spirit, that we may come to Thee through our blessed Saviour, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help us to believe upon Him to the saving of our souls, and to receive Him into our hearts, and to rest upon Him alone for our salvation. For His sake mercifully pardon all our sins, and redeem us from all our iniquity. Work faith in us that we may have joy and peace in believing and bring forth the fruits of faith and holiness in our lives and conversation, to thy praise and glory.

In great love and condescension we humbly pray Thee, O Lord, to be with us, this day, in all our religious services. May we remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. We implore Thee, Thou Eternal Spirit of all grace; who, on the first day of the week, descended to bless the

Church of Christ, and who still abides with it, to render every ordinance of religion a blessing to our souls. Teach us to pray, assist us to praise, and enable us to understand and receive into our hearts the good seed of thy word. May it spring up and grow there, and produce fruit in abundance to our temporal and eternal good.

Be present, O Lord, this day, with all Thy worshipping people, according to thy promise. Have mercy upon those who are prevented from attending public worship. Pardon those whose carnal minds keep them at a distance from Thee and Thy ordinances. Bless thy ministering servants. Give them grace to preach thy word in such a manner as that those who hear it may be turned from the error of their ways, and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Extend the boundaries of the Redeemer's kingdom, until the whole earth shall be covered with His knowledge,—until all shall be blessed in Him, and all shall call Him blessed.

We desire, O Lord, to bless and adore Thee for all the goodness which Thou hast made to pass before us during the week past, and our lives past. Hitherto have we been preserved and blessed by Thee. Enable us now, and at all times, to thank and praise Thee for all our past mercies, and to place our entire confidence in Thee for the future.

O Lord, enable us to pity and pray for all our fellow-creatures. By nature we are all of one blood, and heirs of the same corruption. From what we observe in them may we turn our eyes upon ourselves, and discover, more clearly than we have yet done, our own sins and shortcomings. Our friends do thou bless, and our enemies do thou pardon. May we from the heart forgive those who have done or wished us evil.

Shew mercy O Lord, to the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Succour them in all their troubles. May they find that Thou art a reconciled Father to them in Jesus Christ, the Son of Thy love. May we remember that we too must see affliction and suffer death. Give us grace in this the day of our merciful visitation, to be prepared to meet all the changes and trials of life. Sanctify to us our adversity and our prosperity, our sickness and our health. Give us in this world the practical knowledge of thy truth and confidence in thy mercy, and in the world to come life everlasting, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now may the Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore, through Jesus Christ.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

First Week.

LORD'S-DAY EVENING.

O LORD our God, enable us, on this the evening of Thy holy day, to come into Thy presence and to worship, praise, and honour Thee, the Most High, that liveth for ever and ever. Thy dominion is an everlasting dominion, and Thy kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are as nothing before Thee. Thou dost according to Thy will in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay Thy hand from working, or say unto Thee what doest Thou. Thou hast made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hast determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation. Thou, O Lord, madest us, and not we ourselves, we are not our own, but Thine. In Thee we live, and move, and have our being. In Thy hand our breath is, and Thine are all our ways. It is not in us to direct our steps aright, but our times are in Thy hands. Thou hast provided for, and fed us all our life long unto this day. If Thou withdraw from us Thy supporting arm, we die and return to the dust from which we were taken.

O Lord, be not angry if we, who art but dust

and ashes, take upon us to come into Thy presence with prayer and supplication. See God our shield, look upon us in the face of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and for his sake hear us and have mercy upon us.

O Lord, Thou hast in Thine infinite goodness spared us in life to see and enjoy the comforts of another Sabbath-day. We bless and praise Thee for again setting before us life and death, blessing and cursing. Our prayer now is to Thee, O most gracious God, to have grace given to us to be enabled to feel the burden of our sins, to flee to Christ for salvation, and to forsake and hate all sin with a perfect hatred.

O Lord, we confess before Thee that we have sinned against Thee, and broken Thy holy law, in thought, word, and deed. Thy law condemns us to death by reason of our transgressions. May we not seek to be justified by the works of the law, but be enabled by grace to embrace Jesus Christ our Saviour, as freely offered for our acceptance in the gospel.

We adore and praise Thee, O blessed Jesus, that Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us. O Lord, blot out all our iniquities, and accept us as righteous in Christ. He is our righteousness, for he was made sin for us, that we might be the righteousness of God in him. Increase our faith more and more in Him and His finished work, and enable

us to trust in Him alone for salvation, and acceptance with Thee.

O Lord, in great compassion to our weakness, we now humbly implore Thee to follow with thy divine blessing the religious exercises in which we have engaged this day. Forgive us all the sins and imperfections which have mingled with our duties and services. Pardon the wandering of our thoughts, the coldness of our hearts, and the forgetfulness of our memories. Let our imperfect prayers be answered, and our unworthy praises accepted. Let not Thy word return to Thee void, but may it accomplish that whereunto thou hast sent it. To Thee the Great Judge of all we must account for our privileges. Thou hast in great mercy bestowed much upon us, and thou wilt require much from us in return. Deliver us, O Lord, from all formality and all hypocrisy. Have mercy upon us, for in all things we offend and come short of thy glory. Enter not into judgment with us, but pardon us, and bless us, for the sake of Christ our Saviour, who loved us and gave His life a ransom for us.

As the professing disciples of Christ, enable us, O Lord, to walk in the world circumspectly. May we especially exercise, at all times, a candour and lenity towards the character and conduct of our fellow-men. In Thy great mercy do Thou quench that unhallowed fire within us that inflames our tongues with bitterness, and our

actions with cruelty. Take away that hypocrisy and blindness which lead us to take offence at the mote which may be in our brother's eye, whilst we remain satisfied with the beam which is in our own eye. By thy Almighty grace, make us kind, tender-hearted, and very pitiful and forgiving. May we never rejoice in iniquity, but exercise gentleness and forbearance to all our fellow-creatures, and godly sorrow for their and our own sins and short-comings.

Bless men every where with the blessing Thou art bestowing upon us. May the time soon come when all shall know Thee, from the least unto the greatest—and when all shall call Thee blessed. Our friends, relations, and benefactors do thou especially bless, and our enemies do thou mercifully pardon.

We now desire to commit ourselves, and all for whom we should pray, to Thy care and keeping this night. O Lord, if it please Thee, raise us up, upon a new day, refreshed for our daily labour, by the temporal rest and spiritual refreshment which Thou hast bestowed upon us this day.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the sick and the dying. May they learn righteousness, and submit to Thy holy will in all their afflictions. In the midst of deserved judgment remember them, O Lord, in mercy and in love. May they be enabled to feel that Thou art correcting them for

their profit, and may we, who are in health and strength, now realize how awfully wretched our condition must be if we have not Thee for our friend, Christ for our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost for our comforter, in the time of sickness and at the hour of death.

And now, O Lord, be merciful to us, and pardon and bless us, and hear and answer these our imperfect requests, for Christ's sake, in whose words we call upon Thee, saying,—Our Father, &c.

First Week.

MONDAY MORNING.

Ⓐ **ALMIGHTY** and everlasting Lord God, our maker and preserver, we desire to bow down our bodies before Thee this morning, and to lift up our souls unto Thee, and to call upon Thy holy name. Our voice do Thou hear in the morning. In the morning give us grace to direct our prayer to Thee, and to look up for thy blessing. We adore Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us not as a God that hath pleasure in wickedness. Enable us to come to Thy mercy-seat, and to worship in Thy fear, not in our own righteousness, but pleading the merits and righteousness of Christ our Saviour.

We adore and worship Thee as a God of infinite purity and holiness. At first Thou didst make us in Thine own image, after Thine own likeness, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness. But, O Lord, we confess that we and all men have fallen from this pure and original creation. Our first parents exposed themselves to the threatened curse, and have involved us and all their posterity in sin and misery. Our minds by nature and wicked works are veiled in ignorance, and our hearts are carnal and full of enmity against Thee our maker. From these bitter fountains have flowed the streams of our daily and hourly transgressions.

O most gracious God, stretch forth Thy hand and interpose for us, else we perish,—give us the spirit of repentance. May we repent of all our sins, as in dust and ashes before thee. O Lord, rebuke us not in Thine anger, neither chasten us in thy hot displeasure—have mercy upon us sinners, and for Christ's sake, pardon our sins and save us from their punishment, both here, and hereafter. Renew us in the spirit of our minds—that we may become new creatures in Him—interested in His great redemption, clothed in His perfect righteousness, and restored both to Thy favour and to Thy image.

O thou preserver of men, we bless and praise Thee for Thy kindness in preserving us, Thy sinful creatures, during the last night, and for

raising us up this morning. O Lord we are very weak and helpless, but we humbly pray Thee to strengthen and protect us, and to lead us in Thy righteousness, and to compass us with Thy favour as with a shield. Make Thy way straight before our face, and in all things which we think, say, or do, may we keep Thee the Lord always before us. We confess that by nature we are very proud and very wayward, and have no wish that Thou the Lord shouldst reign over us. Convince us of our entire dependence upon Thee. Set our sins in all their aggravation before us, that we may see ourselves as Thou seest us to be—poor, and helpless, and blind, and miserable, and naked. O Lord protect us, and supply all our wants out of thine inexhaustible fulness in Jesus Christ.

O Lord, we also beseech Thee to bless all men with the knowledge of Thyself in Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent, and whom to know is life eternal. Especially bless our friends, pardon our enemies, and teach and enable us from the heart to forgive them. Have mercy upon the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Support them, O Lord, in all their need, and lay not more upon them than they are able to bear.

And now, O Lord, hear these our unworthy prayers, and mercifully answer them, and accept of us, for all that we ask, we ask in the name, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our blessed

Saviour, who hath taught us to pray—Our
Father, &c.

First Week.

MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set thy glory above the heavens. When we look up unto the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him—and the son of man that thou visitest him? We adore and bless Thee O Almighty God, that although Thou art great and glorious, thou condescendest to look upon the things which thou hast made, and that thou art in Jesus Christ our Lord, the father of all mercies, and the God of all grace. O Lord, in Christ our Saviour behold us, a family of thy sinful and erring creatures, prostrate in the dust before Thee. We confess that, by nature and practice, we are slaves of Satan, and led captive by him at his will. O God we have neither the will nor the power to deliver ourselves from the miserable condition in which we are now placed by sinning against Thee. But, we ascribe everlasting glory to Thee our God, that when there was no eye to pity us, and no hand to help us, Thou didst re-

member us in our low and lost estate, and sent Thy Son unto the world to suffer and die for us. —In Him may we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins and acceptance with Thee, our offended God.

O most blessed Jesus, who art now an exalted Prince and Saviour, redeem us from our sins, for Thou wast slain to redeem us to God by Thy blood. Create clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us. Through the word of Thy grace, and the power of Thy spirit, may we become new creatures, daily dying to sin, and living unto righteousness, and serving Thee in newness of life.

We praise and bless Thee, O Lord, for Thy great kindness to us this day. We receive all our mercies for time, and all our hopes of glory for eternity from Thee. All are Thy gifts to us, who art the giver of every good and perfect gift. What shall we render unto Thee, O Lord, for all Thy mercies? Pardon us for the abuse and unworthy use which we so often make of all Thy benefits so liberally bestowed upon us. Make us more grateful and more thankful unto Thee for them all. Enable us not to abuse them as we have often hitherto done. May we ever remember that, as we live upon Thy bounty, we are bound to live to Thy praise and glory.

We humbly implore Thee to bless all men, especially Thy people of every name who love

the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and in truth. So unite the members of every Christian church, that thy church may be an undivided witness, in love and in sincerity, for Thee in the world.

O Lord bless our country in all its interests, civil and sacred. May we feel the great obligations which we lie under unto Thee the ruler of nations, for the peace and quietness which we so largely enjoy. Enable us to shew our gratitude to Thee by living quiet and peaceable lives in all honesty and godliness to thy praise and glory. O Lord bless all the inhabitants of this land with Christian light. Restrain vice, and promote godliness in the midst of us. Our friends do Thou especially bless, pardon, and protect, and our enemies do Thou also in Thy mercy forgive.

O Lord weaken and destroy more and more that stubborn root of pride which still remains within us, which brings forth wrath and anger, bitterness, clamour, and evil speaking. Grant that we may be preserved in the daily and constant exercise of all truth and justice, love, mercy, and meekness towards all men, and be clothed with humility, esteeming others better than ourselves. Be pleased to remember, in Thy great compassion, the sick and the dying. Enable them to keep their confidence in Thee, and do Thou deliver them out of all their troubles.

We now humbly commit ourselves to Thy

merciful protection during this night. We have no power to care for ourselves, yet we rejoice to think that Thou canst, by Thine almighty power, keep us from all danger and all evil, and in perfect peace and safety.

O Lord, mercifully hear these our imperfect requests; and, when Thou hearest, forgive and answer us, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

First Week.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD, Thou art the Great God who inhabitest eternity, who made all things by the breath of Thy mouth, who upholdest all things by the word of Thy power, who fillest all things by Thy presence, and who hast created all things for Thy glory. Thou art our maker and preserver.

Enable us to bless and praise Thee this morning for the rank which Thou hast assigned to us in Thy creation in the world. Thou hast been graciously pleased to make us but a little lower than the angels—Thou hast crowned us with glory and honour. Thou madest us to have dominion over the work of Thy hands. Thou hast put all things under our feet. O Lord our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth.

We thank and adore Thee for all that Thou hast done, and art doing for us, the unworthy children of men. O God enable us to come into Thy presence with reverence and godly fear, and to worship Thee as it becomes fallen and sinful creatures to do, when addressing Thee the Lord of all. We confess before Thee that although Thou hast given us high rank in Thy creation, we are by sin rendered entirely destitute of spiritual discernment, blind to our spiritual wants, and make no effort to have them supplied. We are alive to what concerns us for time, while the things of eternity we put far from us. Professing ourselves to be wise we have become fools, and have changed the glory of Thee the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. We have changed Thy truth into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than Thee our creator.

O most merciful God, we desire to adore and thank Thee for Thy Holy Word which reveals our true state and character to us, and the Lord Jesus Christ, as our Saviour, for our acceptance. Give us grace to rely upon Him alone for our salvation. O give unto us the Holy Spirit, that by His teaching we may understand the scriptures, and that our minds may be enlightened in the knowledge of Christ, and led into all truth. Convince us of our sin and misery, and

bestow upon us the grace of repentance. We rejoice to know that, when we confess and repent of our sins, Thou art just and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. O Lord, for the sake of Christ our Saviour, pardon our sins, and purify our hearts, and renew us in the spirit of our minds, by the Holy Spirit.

We adore and praise Thee, O Lord, for Thy continued goodness to us in sparing us in life during the last night,—and for the comforts of this morning which we now experience. From what we daily and hourly feel of Thy goodness, enable us to place our entire confidence in Thee. Surround us this day with thy divine protection. Bless and protect also our friends, and all men with thy goodness. Especially we humbly pray Thee to bless the poor, the sick, and afflicted. Be pleased O God to reveal thyself to them as the giver of every good and perfect gift. O Lord, relieve their wants, heal their sickness, and by Thy spirit reveal Thyself to them, and may they find Thee to be a God of love, and great compassion in Jesus Christ our blessed Lord.

O Lord, make us kind, humble, and patient, in all our labours this day—may we spend it as if it were our last day. O Lord hold up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. We have professed ourselves to be followers of

the Lord Jesus Christ—may we be enabled to walk worthy of our high vocation as Christians, by showing the fruits of our faith, in our daily behaviour and practice towards our fellow-men. Make us kind, honest, and just. May the Lord Jesus Christ acknowledge us as his followers, and give us all joy and peace in believing.

And now, O Lord, mercifully hear us, in these our prayers,—and answer us, for the sake of Christ who loved us, and gave himself for us—and to whom with Thee and the Blessed Spirit, we ascribe glory, honour and power, now, and for ever.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

First Week.

TUESDAY EVENING.

☩ THOU, all seeing, and eternal Jehovah, enable us to look up unto Thee as exalted upon the throne of the universe—killing and giving life, ordaining health and sickness—making rich and poor—all as seemeth good in thy sight. Help us thy sinful and dependent creatures to come into Thy holy presence, with entire dependence upon Thee as our Maker, Preserver, and daily Benefactor. O Lord enable us by Thy Holy Spirit, to offer up the desire of our hearts unto Thee in prayer, and to ask for those

things which are agreeable to Thy holy will, in the name of Christ. O merciful Father, may we have the blessed confidence in Thee, that, if we ask anything from Thee, in the name of Christ, in faith, thou wilt hear and graciously answer us.

When we approach Thee, our maker, in prayer, may we consider what we are before Thee, a holy and just God. By nature and practice we are impure in Thy sight. Woe be to us, for we are unclean; our guilt makes us afraid, and our defilement makes us ashamed.

But we bless and praise Thee, O Lord, that thou hast revealed the Lord Jesus Christ to us, as the way, the truth, and the life, and that those who come unto Thee, through Him, shall in no wise be cast out. O Lord we now ask in the name of Christ, may we receive and have our joy made full.

O most gracious God, grant of Thine infinite mercy, that our guilt may be removed through faith, in the blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin—and may His love constrain us to depart from all iniquity.—As His followers, help us to discharge every duty we owe to our fellow-men, conscientiously, by taking away from us all pride, and self-conceit—all envy, hatred, and ill-will. May we walk before Thee unto all well-pleasing—adorning the doctrine of Christ in all things.

This night enable us, O Lord, to praise Thee with our whole hearts, for Thy continued goodness to us day by day,—may we be glad and rejoice in Thee. May we know Thy name, and put our trust in Thee — assured that Thou wilt not forsake them that seek and place their trust in Thee. O Lord, Thou wilt judge the world in righteousness—and we now humbly pray Thee to be a refuge for the oppressed—a refuge in the time of trouble. Have mercy upon the poor and needy. Arise, O Lord, let not man prevail. O God lift up Thy hand, let not man prevail. May the blessed time soon come, when all men shall know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

Bless our country in all its interests. Put us in fear, O Lord, that we may know ourselves to be but men. To Thy merciful care and favour, O God we commit all men this night,—especially we pray Thee to have mercy upon, and to take charge of the poor, and the afflicted. Supply the wants of the poor, and sanctify the afflictions of the afflicted, and give them a happy deliverance out of all their wants and trials.

We humbly commit ourselves, and all for whom we should pray, to Thy care and keeping this night. O Lord support us in all our dangers, and carry us through all our trials and temptations which we may meet with in our journey through life.—Support us by Thine Al-

mighty power, and strengthen us to perform every duty, with a single eye to Thy glory. Mortify and subdue more and more, all the deeds and lusts of the body which yet reign within us. May we resist all sin, and be enabled to shun even the appearance of evil. O Lord, never leave us,—never forsake us, else we perish. Mercifully watch over us, and protect us; and, finally, receive us into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and our Redeemer.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

First Week.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Ⓞ GOD, who art the creator of all things, Thou doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things from the greatest even to the least. Known unto Thee are all Thy works, from the beginning to the end of the world. We bless Thee for protecting us, Thine intelligent but sinful creatures. The very hairs of our heads are all numbered by Thee, and without Thy divine permission a sparrow cannot fall to the ground. May we therefore be enabled to trust and put our confidence in Thee, for we are of more value than many sparrows.

We have now to confess, that although Thou did make us upright, we have found out many inventions. The gold has become dim, the most fine gold has become changed. We are now sinners before Thee in thought, word, and deed. Sin has completely blinded our minds. We daily and hourly forget Thy goodness to us—dread Thy presence, and hate Thy knowledge. It has completely removed the harmony which once existed between heaven and earth, and has brought disease, suffering, and death into the world.

We adore and praise Thee this morning, that Thou, in Thy great love to sinners, didst send a Saviour into the world, and that He died for us, that we might be delivered from the power of our sins here, and from their punishment hereafter. O blessed Jesus, the Saviour of the world, we throw ourselves entirely into Thy hands, lean upon Thy mercy,—having no confidence in the flesh,—assured that Thou, who knowest our frame, and rememberest that we are dust, wilt have mercy upon us, by freeing us from the load of sin with which we are now burdened, and from its punishment in the world to come.

O Lord have mercy upon us, and visit us in love and pity, for we are poor, miserable, and helpless, utterly unable to do anything for our souls or bodies.

O Almighty God, we are frail and dying crea-

tures. Teach us now to apply our hearts unto wisdom. Our lives are very short and very uncertain. To-day we are here, and to-morrow we are not. O Lord, prepare us for death. May our sin, which is the sting of death, be fully and freely pardoned for the sake of Jesus, who died for our sins, and rose for our justification. It is of Thy sparing mercy that we have not already been consumed. Great has been Thy forbearance towards us. May Thy goodness lead us to repentance, and newness of life. O Lord, suffer none of us to be careless and unconcerned about our everlasting state, but mercifully lead us by the influence of the Holy Spirit, to Jesus, the only deliverer from sin. May we have faith to believe upon Him to the saving of our souls. For His sake we pray Thee to look in great mercy and compassion upon us, and to pardon and bless us, and to lead us in the way everlasting.

O Lord, during the past night many of our fellow-creatures have, by death, been removed from this world. Their souls now stand unclothed before Thee, a great, pure, and holy God. Their day of merciful visitation is ended. Their sun has gone down. O Lord, make us very thankful for Thy sparing mercy to us Thy sinful creatures. What shall we render to Thee O Lord, for all Thy mercies. Hitherto hath Thou the Lord helped us.

Keep us in Thy fear and favour this day. O

Lord, make us honest, humble, and truthful to all with whom we may have intercourse. Give us grace to honour Thee with our lips, and also in our lives, and to withstand and overcome all our natural desires and carnal appetites. May we be satisfied with Thyself as our all-sufficient portion for time and for eternity.

We desire, O God, to remember in prayer, not only ourselves, but also all our fellow-men. Bless especially our friends, relations, and benefactors. Unknown to us are their wants, but these are all known to Thee. Supply them and us with all things needful for time, and also for eternity. O Lord, may we all spend our days in Thy fear and favour; and when we die, may we enter into the joy of our Lord,—who hath taught us to call upon Thee as—Our Father, &c.

First Week.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Ⓘ GOD Almighty, Thou hast all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness, in and of Thyself. Thou art all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creature which Thou hast made, nor deriving any glory from the works of Thy hands. Thou art the alone fountain of all

being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things. Enable us, O Lord, Thy sinful creatures, to bow down with reverence and godly fear, and to worship Thee in sincerity and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In thus approaching Thee, we pray Thee, O God, the great searcher of hearts, not to suffer us to deceive ourselves with a mere form of godliness, when strangers to its power. O Lord deliver us from all formality and all hypocrisy. It will avail us nothing hereafter to bow our knees before Thee now, and to pray unto Thee with our lips, if our hearts do not fear, love, and worship Thee. Give us all grace to feel our many wants and great sinfulness, and to come unto Thee through Jesus Christ, and to believe and rest upon Him for salvation and acceptance with Thee. O God, most mercifully grant that He may be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. May the Holy Spirit influence us, and guide us, that we may lay hold on Him, as our all and in all.

O God, we rejoice to think that, notwithstanding of all our sins, which we now humbly confess before Thee, Thou art gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth; thou keepest mercy for thousands; Thou pardonest iniquity, transgression, and sin, neither dost Thou retain Thine anger for ever, because

Thou delightest in mercy. Enable us, humbly and truly, to lift up our hearts unto Thee, and do Thou, O God, be merciful to us sinners. O God, forgive us all our past sins, and give us grace to serve Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy great and holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

O Lord we desire to thank and praise Thee, for all the goodness, truth, and mercy, which Thou hast made to pass before us this day. Make us truly thankful unto Thee, the giver of all things, for all Thy mercies, temporal, and spiritual—for Thou hast dealt bountifully with us, thy erring and sinful creatures. We humbly pray Thee to keep us in Thy fear and favour, unto the end of our days. May we be more and more enabled to promote Thy glory in the world, and finally, to obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

We desire to offer up our prayers for all men whom Thou hast made to dwell upon the whole face of the earth. Have mercy upon those who have no love to Thee. Show them the danger of their situation. Whilst it is called to-day, may they hear thy voice, and be enabled to cry to Thee for mercy and for pardon. O Lord have mercy upon them.

Look, O Most gracious God, in compassion upon the sick and the dying. May they have reason through all eternity to say that it was

good for them to have been afflicted. Teach them, by the Spirit, that there is no salvation out of Christ. Save them with an everlasting salvation, and give them pardon, peace, and joy, in believing. Enable us who are now in health, to prepare for suffering, and for dying.

O Lord, impart unto us those graces which flow from union to Christ our living head. May we love our fellow-men with pure hearts fervently—knowing that, if we love not those whom we have seen, we cannot love Thee, whom we have not seen. Enable us, by Thy grace, ever to think soberly of ourselves, and to subdue the pride and haughtiness of our carnal hearts, and not to trust in ourselves as righteous.

O Lord spread the glorious gospel of Christ over all the earth. May the salvation of Israel come out of Zion, and may the captivity of Thy people Jacob be brought back, and Israel be made glad.

O Lord, in closing this day with Thee, enable us to trust in Thy mercy, for the protection of our bodies and souls during this night. Deliver us from all fear, and protect us from all danger. Let no evil befall us, or those for whom we should pray. O Lord, may we ever put our trust in Thee—and may we at last dwell with Thee, freed from all our fears, trials, and sufferings, in that world where sin and suffering are unknown, through the merits of Jesus Christ

Our Saviour,—in whose blessed words we call upon Thee, as Our Father, &c.

First Week.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Ⓘ LORD, thou art the Maker and Preserver of all things in heaven and in earth. In Thy sight all things are open and manifest,—Thy knowledge is infinite, infallable, and independent of us or our actions. Thou art most holy in all Thy councils—in all Thy works—and in all Thy commands. Enable us to ascribe the power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing unto Thee, who sittest upon Thy throne for ever and ever. To Thee, O Most blessed and gracious Lord, is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience Thou art pleased to require of them.

O Lord give us, a family of Thy sinful and dependent creatures, the Holy Spirit, that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

O Lord, we confess before Thee that we are corrupt, and have done abominable works. We are guilty in Thy holy sight. There is none that liveth and sinneth not, no not one. We have indulged in forbidden lusts, and have

ungratefully abused the goodness of Thy providence, and the riches of Thy grace. May we humble ourselves in Thy holy presence, and repent and turn unto Thee, our merciful and forgiving Father in Christ our Saviour. In Him we rejoice to think that there is mercy with Thee that Thou mayest be feared, and plenteous redemption, that Thou mayest be enquired unto. And we humbly pray Thee, our offended God, now to receive, pardon, and embrace us, Thine unworthy creatures, in the Son of Thy love. Clothe us in Christ's spotless righteousness, and may we all hereafter stand at Thy right hand justified, sanctified, and saved through Him.

This morning we desire to praise and thank Thee, O Thou preserver of men, for preserving us in life and in health during our past lives, and during the past night. Thou hast maintained our lot—the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and we have had a goodly heritage. May the Lord be the portion of our inheritance and of our cup, and give us counsel. Enable us at all times to set Thee before us. Be at our right hand, that we may not be greatly moved.

In Thy providence, O Lord, we have begun this day, but we know not what shall befall us during its course. All things are dark and unknown to us, although well known to Thee. Most graciously receive us into the arms of Thy

divine protection. Prepare us for all the events which Thy providence may assign to us in life. Arm us for every trial, and give us strength to perform every known duty. Enable us to conduct ourselves at all times as in Thy holy presence, and as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord, make us humble in mind, and may our consciences be void of offence, towards Thee and all our fellow-men.

O most merciful God, remember the poor, the ignorant, the destitute, and the dying. We commit them to Thee, who art alone able to help, instruct, care for, and save them. Give them patience to submit to what Thou metest out to them. All our days are in Thy hand. We cannot escape from Thy decrees. Grant us and them true repentance, and a lowly and saving faith in Christ, that all the sufferings which it may please Thee to send, may end to the glory of Thy great name, and contribute to our and their eternal good.

O Lord, bless our country in all its interests. May righteousness alone exalt this nation. We commit our friends to Thy friendship, and our enemies to Thy pardon. O Lord, thou hast, in great mercy and love, been pleased to visit us in these distant isles of the seas, with Thy Holy Word, which reveals to us Thy mind and voice in such legible characters, that a way-faring man, though a fool, may read, and understand,

and learn its blessed truth, which tend to peace and comfort here, consolation at death, and everlasting happiness in the world to come. Spread that word over all the earth. May Thy way be soon known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations.

And now, O Lord, be pleased to pardon all our sins, and to preserve, bless, and direct us in all our ways, and all that we ask is for Jesus' sake, who hath taught us to call upon Thee as—Our Father, &c.

First Week.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art our maker, Thou formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living soul. Thou also, O Lord, hast power to remove man from the earth when, and by what means it pleaseth Thee. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to Thee, who gave it. May we fear Thee, O God—the Lord of life and death. We most earnestly pray Thee, this evening, to give us the influences of Thy Holy Spirit, to enable us to pray unto Thee sincerity and in truth. Grant, O Lord,—our Maker and Preserver, that we may come into

Thy pure and holy presence as it becometh us fallen and sinful creatures, with reverence and godly fear, and confess our sins, and seek Thy pardoning mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We desire to ascribe glory and praise unto Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast brought life and immortality to light by the gospel of Christ; and that, although we are sinners, and deserve Thy wrath and curse, Thou hast, in the Son of Thy love, provided a Saviour for sinners, and a world of happiness for those who rely upon Him for salvation. We rejoice and thank Thee, O our Father in heaven, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the way to Thee and to eternal glory.

O Lord, we have, with shame and confusion of face, to lament and confess before Thee that we have often lived as if there had been no God who created us,—no Saviour who had died for us, and no Spirit who had been given to quicken and sanctify us. O Lord, do Thou for Christ's sake now mercifully pardon us with the pardon of all our sins. Enable us to feel more and more that sin is that evil and bitter thing which Thou hatest, and of which we are verily guilty. It has rendered us, O Lord, obnoxious to Thy wrath and Thy displeasure. Although hand join in hand, it cannot elude the vigilance of Thine all-seeing eye, or escape the punishment of Thy outstretched arm. We thank Thee, O Lord, for

thine eternal Son, who laid aside the glories and blessedness of heaven, took upon him our nature, and submitted himself to an accursed death, that we, through his stripes, might be freed both from the power and the punishment of sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us; may our sins be washed away in the fountain opened up in Christ's blood for sin and all uncleanness. May we hate sin with a perfect hatred, and be enabled to walk as Christ's disciples, adoring the doctrine of God, our Saviour, in all things.

O Lord, as Thou hast, in Thy great and sparing mercy, preserved us during another day, we now humbly pray Thee to hold up our goings, that our footsteps slip not. Keep us as the apple of Thine eye. Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings from all our enemies. Watch over and preserve us this night, and all the nights of our appointed time upon the earth, and at last admit us into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Lord, bless all men with the knowledge of Thyself in Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Provide, in Thy great care and mercy, for the necessities of the poor and the destitute. Make us kind and tender-hearted, forgiving, loving, and helping to one another, as we have opportunity. May we ever remember that we are all Thy creatures,—sprung from the same common parent,—possessed of the same com-

mon nature,—fellow-travellers along the same journey of life, subject to the same maladies, and all doomed at last to pass through the dark valley and shadow of death. Grant, O Lord, that we may not fall out with each other by the way, but be enabled to love one another with pure hearts, fervently, and to bear each others burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

May Thy word have free course, O Lord, and be glorified in the conversion of sinners. May all men soon be blessed in Christ, and call him blessed. O Lord, make us truly thankful for Thy blessed Word, and give us and all men the inward illumination of the Holy Spirit, that we may savingly understand the things revealed therein.

And now, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to keep us by Thine almighty power, and to uphold us by Thy heavenly grace. Grant that we may now seek Thee whilst Thou may be found, and call upon Thee whilst Thou art near, and choose that good part which shall never be taken from us, that when we die we may be admitted into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.—Our Father, &c.

First Week,

FRIDAY MORNING.

O LORD, enable us to fall down and worship Thee this morning, as the eternal, incomprehensible, most mighty, and most holy God, the maker and upholder of all things according to the counsel of Thine own will. Thou art a Spirit, enable us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Thou alone knowest what we need, and we desire to ask of Thee those things only which Thou knowest we want. We come to Thee as sinners, in the name and trusting to the righteousness and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour. O give us all boldness in the full assurance of faith to pray unto Thee in Him for mercy to pardon, and for grace to help us, in this the time of our need.

O God of all grace and consolation, we thank and praise Thee for the Lord Jesus Christ, Thy greatest and best gift to a rebellious and sinful world. O blessed Jesus, Thou art the only—the all-sufficient Saviour. Thou art not only able but willing to save to the uttermost all those who come to the Father by Thee for salvation. We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, to magnify Thy grace in saving us. We labour and are heavy laden with sin, both actual and original, and come

to Thee for assistance and relief. O Lord, we are verily guilty before Thee. Do Thou wash us in Thine own blood. We are weak and exposed,—do Thou strengthen, support, and defend us.

O Lord, we most earnestly thank and praise Thee for preserving us during another night in this world, and for bringing us together at this time to render our thanksgivings unto Thee, our merciful preserver. O Lord, make us truly thankful unto Thee for all Thy goodness to us, which we have constantly enjoyed ever since we came into the world. We humbly implore Thee, O Lord, to make us merciful, upright, and pure in heart and in conduct. Give us humility, and remove from us all pride and ambition. During this day watch over, defend, and uphold us by Thine almighty power. We rejoice to know that in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Thou art ever willing to strengthen, defend, and uphold those who put their trust in Thee, and who ask in faith for Thy assistance, nothing doubting.

Bless all our fellow-creatures with those blessings of which they stand in need; all those who are near and dear to us, by relationship or friendship, do Thou also bless and protect this day. Have mercy upon the sick and the dying. Prepare them and us for all that is before us in life, and for death, judgment, and eternity.

We desire to adore and praise Thee, O our God, for Thy holy Word, which contains the whole of Thy counsel concerning all things necessary for Thy glory and our salvation, faith, and practice. Give us the Holy Spirit that we may understand savingly the Scriptures. Enable us continually to bear in mind that Thou hast in Thy providence entrusted us with talents and privileges which we are called upon to improve and enjoy, and for which we must at last account to Thee, the Judge of all. Grant, O Lord, that we may be more faithful than we have yet been to this trust. May we be enabled to practice in our lives this day, and all our days, the precepts of Thy Holy Word. O give us grace to serve and glorify Thee in our bodies and spirits, which are Thine. Protect and defend us, and grant unto us in this life all things needful, with the pardon of our sins, and in the world to come, life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, in whose name we call upon Thee, addressing Thee as our Father, &c.

First Week.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art the maker of all things. Thou made the earth by Thy power, Thou

established the world by Thy wisdom, and Thou stretched out the heavens by Thy discretion. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom Thou hast made them all. O Lord, the earth is full of Thy riches. The heavens declare Thy glory, and the firmament showeth Thy handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge of Thee. Enable us this evening to draw near, and to direct our prayers unto Thee, the great God of heaven and earth, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We bless and praise Thee that Thou hast not forgotten us in our low and lost estate, but hast in the fulness of time sent forth Thy Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem us, who were by nature under the law, by being made a curse for us. We bless and adore Thee that the law, which is holy, just, and good, has been magnified and made honourable by One mightier than we are; and that the gulf that lay between us sinners and Thee our offended God, has in Christ been filled up. We thank Thee, O most merciful God, that there is now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

O Lord, how great is Thy love to us! Our sins, which are numerous and highly aggravated, deserve nothing but Thy wrath and Thy curse. O God, most justly might we be condemned

and punished for ever. We adore and praise Thee that Thy merciful invitation to us, Thy sinful children, now is, Come, for all things are ready. O give us grace to obey Thy invitation, to rest upon Christ alone for salvation, and to receive the benefits purchased for us by His death, that we may have all peace and joy in believing.

O Lord, make us very thankful for all Thy goodness to us, especially for Thy Holy Word. May the reading of it be blessed unto us. May we feel that Thy law is perfect, converting the soul; Thy testimony is sure, making wise the simple; Thy statutes are right, rejoicing the heart; Thy commandments are pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; Thy judgments are true, and righteous altogether.

We worship Thee, O God, not only as our God in grace, but also as our God in providence. Enable us to praise and thank Thee at this time for the preserving care which Thou hast continually exercised over us. We thank Thee for our food, our raiment, our friends, and all our other mercies and comforts. Thou preservest us from danger and death every moment. O Lord, make us very thankful for our mercies—from Thee we receive them all. Give us grace to show our gratitude to Thee by living lives of godliness to Thy praise and glory.

Establish us more and more in all meekness and patience, in all kindness and forbearance, in all benevolence and charity, that we may abound in the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ to Thy praise and glory. Being reconciled to Thee through Him, may we enjoy not only peace within ourselves, but be in charity with all our fellow-men. Deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and give us peace also among ourselves. Make us very jealous over ourselves, lest, by any evil habits in which we indulge, we draw down Thine anger upon us. Make us pure in heart, strict in integrity, sincere in our words, faithful in our duties, and amiable in our tempers.

O Lord, do Thou in Thy mercy bless all men with the knowledge of Thyself, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Convert the unconverted, and build up Thy people in their most holy faith. O God, bless all our friends, relations, and neighbours, and give us grace also to pray for and forgive our enemies. May we have a conscience void of offence towards Thee our God and all men. Remember also the sick, the dying, and the afflicted. O God, be with them in all their troubles and doubts and perplexities, and may Christ be their only hope of glory.

And now, O God, we desire to commend our souls and bodies into Thy hands this night, as into the hands of a faithful Creator. As Thou

hast appointed the night for our refreshment in sleep, may we lie down in Thy fear, and be mercifully kept from all sin and danger, through Jesus Christ, who loved us, and gave Himself for us, that we might be with Him for ever. Pardon the sins which we have now committed in this approach to Thee, for in all things we offend, and come short of Thy glory. Mercifully hear and answer us, and all that we ask we ask in Christ's name, and for His sake.—Amen. Our Father, &c.

First Week.

SATURDAY MORNING.

○ LORD, we desire at this time to worship and praise Thee as most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, the rewarder of all those who diligently seek Thee. We also adore Thee as a most just and terrible God in Thy judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty. O Lord, enable us this morning to come to Thee, through the Lord Jesus Christ, believing that Thou art, and that Thou art, in Him, the rewarder of them who diligently seek Thee.

O Lord, we have to confess in Thy holy presence that we are depraved creatures, sinners by nature and practice, and are altogether changed in heart and life since we came from Thy creating hand. The right vine has become a degenerate plant, the crown has fallen from our head, the gold has become dim, the most pure gold hath become changed. O Lord, we have sought out many inventions, we have hewn out to ourselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Our understandings are darkened through the ignorance that is within us. We are prone to evil, and averse to that which is good. O Lord, we confess before Thee that we are thus blind to our eternal interests, and heedless of being restored to Thy favour and image. Enable us, in all our approaches to Thee, to come into Thy pure and holy presence as sinners, trusting only in the righteousness and finished work of our blessed Saviour, who came into the world in the fulness of time, and who hath wrought out a perfect righteousness for all who are enabled savingly to believe in His name. We ask Thy pardon, and Thy blessing in the name of Christ, through whom alone Thou canst hear and answer us.

O God, we thank and praise Thee for all Thy mercies, both temporal and spiritual, which Thou hast bestowed upon us, Thine unworthy children. We thank Thee for the meat which perisheth,

by which our frail bodies are sustained. We thank and adore Thee also, O Lord, for the meat which endureth to everlasting life, which is Thy free gift through Jesus Christ to a lost world. Give us, O Lord, the bread of life, which cometh down from heaven, of which, if a man eat, he shall never hunger again. May we daily improve under the means of grace bestowed in Thy great love and mercy upon us, and especially under our reading of, and meditation upon, Thy Holy Word. O Lord, open our eyes, that we may behold wonderful things in Thy law. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds, that we may understand the Scriptures, and glorify Christ in our hearts; and that, daily feeding by faith upon Him, we may be strengthened with all might to pursue our Christian course, and finally obtain everlasting life.

O Lord, we now thankfully acknowledge all Thy goodness, bestowed upon us thine unworthy and unthankful creatures. We thank Thee for the mercies of the past night, and for raising us up with a measure of health this morning, and for all the other comforts and blessings which now surround us. Thou art ever blessing and doing us good. What shall we render unto Thee, O Lord, for all Thy mercies?

O Lord, we pray Thee to enlighten our consciences, and to make them tender. Whatever Thou in Thy providence may call us to do this

day, may we do it as unto Thee, and not as unto men. Enable us at all times, and under every varying dispensation of Thy Providence, to surrender our wills to Thy most holy will. O Lord, may we strive to approve ourselves to Thee, who searcheth our hearts. May the faith of Christ be made effectual in us, so as that we may love all men, and our neighbours as ourselves, and do to all as we would that they should do to us. May we be truthful and just in all our dealings, and injure no one by word or deed. O Lord, remove all malice and hatred from our hearts, and all evil speaking from our tongues.

And now, O Lord, we humbly and earnestly pray Thee to keep us in all that we do this day, and to surround us and all for whom we should pray with Thy favour and protection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Our Father, &c.

First Week.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we desire at this time to draw near unto Thee, and to worship Thee the Lord, our maker, our preserver, and our daily benefactor. Thou art holy, O Thou who inhabitest the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in Thee, and Thou

didst deliver them; they were not confounded. Thou hast been our God from our birth up to the present moment. Give us all grace to believe that Thou art a merciful God in Christ to the sinful children of men. Thou hast brought us to the close of another week, through Thine infinite mercy; and it well becomes us, Thy dependent creatures, to unite together in common supplications and thanksgivings to Thee for all the goodness, mercy, and truth, which Thou hast made to pass before us. Do Thou mercifully hear us, and answer us for Christ's sake.

O God, give us grace to feel and to confess before Thee, with alarm and grief, the depravity of our natures, and the sinfulness of our lives. We have through life followed the devices and desires of our own hearts, and walked according to the course of this wicked world. Mercifully grant that the time past of our lives may be sufficient to have wrought the will of the flesh. May we now turn unto Thee, that Thou mayest have mercy upon us. We confess that we have wasted much of our precious time in the service of sin. Sin is our ruin, equally dishonouring to Thee, the God that made us, to our blessed Saviour, who redeemed us, and to the Holy Spirit, offered to sanctify us. For Christ's sake, mercifully extend to us the pardon of our sins, and grace to serve Thee in newness of life. O Lord, create within us a clean heart, and renew

within us a right spirit. Make us new creatures in Christ. Write Thy holy law upon our hearts, that the rest of our lives may be devoted to Thy honour and glory in the world. Help us day by day to mortify the deeds of the body, and to crucify the lusts of our flesh. O Lord, unite and keep us united to Christ by faith, and may we, through the teaching of the Spirit, be enabled to obey His precepts, and to imitate His example. May our faith in Him be made effectual in us, to subdue our selfishness and pride,—to govern our tongues, to regulate our actions, and to fill us with charity to all men. Grant of Thine infinite mercy and love that we may so serve Thee in this life that we fail not finally to attain life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

We pray for all men. We rejoice to think that Thou hast not abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hast Thou hid Thy face from them. O Lord, deliver them, in Thy great compassion, out of all their afflictions. Lay not more upon them than they are able to bear. May they remember that Thou afflictest them not willingly, but for their profit. We also pray Thee to have mercy upon the poor and the destitute. Feed them not only with the bread that perisheth, but also with the bread of life, which endureth for ever. Give them the knowledge of Thyself in Jesus Christ.

O Lord, may the time soon come when all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Thee, the Lord, and all the kindreds of the earth shall worship before Thee. We especially pray that Thy blessing may rest upon this land and all its inhabitants, from the Queen to the meanest of her subjects. May righteousness be more and more exalted in the midst of us, and may wickedness, as ashamed, disappear. O Lord, hasten the time when the wickedness of the wicked shall come to an end.

We thank Thee for the near prospect which we have, in Thy mercy, of spending another Sabbath day. Prepare us, O Lord, for its hallowed exercises, and enable us to spend it in Thy fear, and to our own spiritual good.

And now, O Lord, do Thou in Thy great mercy take us and all for whom we ought to pray into Thy holy care and keeping this night. We resign ourselves to Thee, implicitly trusting to Thy gracious Providence and Thy unchanging mercy. Defend us from all evil and all danger, and never leave us, never forsake us, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake.—Amen. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Ⓘ LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who art the Most High over all, whose name is Jehovah. Thou art the only living and true God. Enable us at this time with all reverence and godly fear to worship before Thee, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters—who spake, and it was done, who commanded, and it stood fast—who said, Let there be light, and there was light—Let there be a firmament, and He made the firmament, and He made all things very good; and they continue this day according to Thy ordinance, for all are Thy servants. O Lord, thou art also our maker and preserver. In Thy hand our breath is, and Thine are all our ways. It is not in us to direct our steps, but our times are in Thy hand. Thou hast fed us all our life long unto this day, although we have sinned against Thee, and provoked Thee to anger. O Lord, it is of Thy mercy that we are not consumed, because Thy compassions fail not. Give us grace this day to avouch Thee the Lord to be our God, and to thank and praise Thee for the gift of Thy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and for the access which we have to Thee through Him.

We bless Thee, O Lord, for this day, which

Thou hast destined to last until the end of the world, as a perpetual commemoration of the glorious victory of our once crucified, but now exalted, Lord and Saviour over death and the grave.

We also adore and praise Thee for Thy revealed will, the message of reconciliation between Thee our justly offended God, and us Thy rebellious children. Thou mightst in great justice have left us without a revelation of Thyself, in ignorance of Thy existence and true character, and without any certainty of a world to come. O God, we thank and praise Thee that Thou hast graciously revealed Thyself in Thy holy Word as a God of mercy to us sinners, in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. When we were in our sins, when there was no eye to pity, and no hand to help, when we had no power to redeem ourselves, when Thy arm was stretched out to punish a world of guilty and rebellious sinners, Thou the Lord didst in mercy look upon this earth, to see if there was any one to help, and Thou wonderedst that there was none; then Thine eye pitied us, and Thine outstretched arm brought us salvation. We adore and praise Thee, O our God, that Thou hast laid our help upon One mighty and able to save,—that in the fulness of time Christ came into the world, and suffered, and died, that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life. O Lord, raise up our hearts to heaven, whether Christ

has now ascended, in love and gratitude to Him for all that He did and taught and suffered for us and our salvation. Give us faith in Him to the saving of our souls.

O Lord, we praise and bless Thee for raising us up this morning in health and in strength, and for casting our lot in this Christian land. Mercifully continue, O Lord, to be our shepherd, and we shall not want. Give us the Holy Spirit, and enable us to worship Thee, who art a Spirit, both in public and private, in spirit and in truth. May our fellowship and communion this day be with Thee the Father, with Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and with the Holy Spirit the Comforter. Reveal Christ to us as a Saviour ready and able to save to the uttermost all who come to Thee through Him for salvation. May we give heed to those things which belong to our peace both here and hereafter. Forbid that we should make provision for the flesh, and neglect our souls and their salvation. May we take heed to Thy blessed Word, and have implicit faith in all its promises and in all its threatenings. May the holy Scriptures make us wise unto salvation, and effectually teach us to deny all ungodliness, and to lay hold on Christ, as our only refuge and righteousness,—that, being in Him, and made meet for glory, we may have peace now, and joy in eternity. May Thy divine blessing accompany our reading and study of Thy

holy Word. May we love the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth; and be enabled to render, in our approaches to Thee, both in public and in private, spiritual worship.

O Lord, enable us to bear upon our hearts all for whom we should pray. May the kingdoms of this world soon become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. May the preaching of the everlasting Gospel be so believed, wherever it may this day be proclaimed, that many, of every name and nation and kindred and tongue, may be converted to the love and acknowledgment of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Bless and enlarge the universal Church of Christ. May pure and undefiled religion spread more and more; and may the members of Christ's Church, loving Thee, whom they have not seen, love one another, whom they have seen, with pure hearts fervently.


O Lord, bless and protect all lawful travellers. Bless the poor, the afflicted, and the dying with Thy especial blessing, giving them all things needful for their relief, support, and comfort in this world, and in the world to come, life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now, O Lord, we pray Thee to establish us in all meekness and patience, in all kindness and forbearance, benevolence and charity, that we may increase and abound more and more in

the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ to Thy praise and glory. Being reconciled to Thee through Him, may we enjoy peace within ourselves, and with all our fellow-men. Enable us to rest all our hopes of salvation upon our blessed Saviour and His finished work, that our foundation may be secure, and never fail us,—that we may serve Thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives,—and that at last we may be admitted into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.


ALMIGHTY GOD, enable us to adore and praise Thee as our maker, and the bountiful giver of all our mercies. O Lord, Thou art great, and greatly to be feared. The earth is Thine, and the fulness thereof,—the world and they that dwell therein. We desire, on this the evening of Thy holy day,—a day which Thou hast blessed and sanctified,—to withdraw our thoughts and affections from the cares of the world, and to lift up our souls unto Thee, who art the hearer and answerer of prayer.

Enable us, by the influences of the Holy Spirit, to trust in Thee, and never to be ashamed of Thee or of Thy Gospel, or to confess Thee among men. Shew us Thy ways, teach us Thy paths; lead us into all truth, and teach us the way of salvation. O Lord, teach us how to pray, and what to pray for. We are ignorant and sinful creatures, knowing not the deceitfulness of our hearts or the greatness of our wants.

O Lord, it is because of our sin that we are in trouble, and that we can find no true happiness or consolation in this world. Give us grace to repent of our sins and to turn away from them. May the ways of wisdom become ways of pleasantness to us, and all her paths become paths of peace. May our peace and happiness be found in Christ our Saviour, who died for us, and who on this blessed day, rose again from the dead. Give us true enjoyment in the great and many privileges purchased by Him for us; and in the performance of those duties which He has revealed and commanded us to perform, grant, O Lord, that we may experience individually that peace which passeth all understanding, and that joy which is unspeakable and full of glory, abounding in hope, through the Holy Ghost.

We adore and praise Thee, O God, for Thy great goodness to us in giving us the privileges of another Sabbath day. O may the Gospel, read and preached prove the savour of life unto life, and

not the savour of death unto death to any of us. Accompany the reading and the preaching of the Gospel with the Holy Spirit. May that Word which is the wisdom and power of God soon be spread over all the earth, that all men may know the truth as it is in Jesus. O look in great mercy upon heathen lands. May the kingdoms of this world soon become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

O Lord, bless the poor and the afflicted in body and mind,—mercifully look upon their afflictions, and pains, and sufferings. Do Thou graciously supply all their wants, heal all their diseases, and pardon all their sins. Bless also our friends, relations, benefactors, and neighbours. We commit them and ourselves to Thy care and keeping. O keep our souls and bodies, and deliver us, for we put our trust in Thee. O Lord, graciously pardon the many sins we have done this day. Seal instruction upon our souls. If it pleases Thee, may we be raised up on a new day; and may the spiritual blessings and mercies, bestowed upon us during this day of holy rest be the happy means, through grace, of enabling us to walk in humility and in love, both to Thee, our Father in heaven, and to our fellow-creatures upon the earth.

O Lord, we are very weak, strengthen our faith more and more in Christ, who suffered and died that we might inherit eternal life through

Him,—that we may be kind and compassionate, forbearing and forgiving, holy and harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners. Deliver us from the allurements of the world and the temptations of the flesh, which ever prompt us to depart from the requirements of the Holy Word. O Lord, strengthen our faith and brighten our hopes, and make us steadfast in the truth,—faithful in the cause of Christ, and devoted to His service and glory, which can alone procure for us peace now, and peace for ever.

And now, O Lord, we earnestly pray Thee to remember us with Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses, for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions. According to Thy mercies, remember Thou us for Thy goodness sake. O Lord, pardon our iniquity, for it is very great, and receive and love us freely, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, in whose blessed words we call upon Thee, as Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

MONDAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD OUR GOD, Thou art a great God, and a great king. By Thy word were

the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of Thy mouth. Thou art also the preserver of all things in heaven and in earth. Thou rulest over all. O enable us to fall down before Thee, who art the Lord our Maker, and to worship at Thy footstool with holy fear and reverence. In Thy great love and mercy, Thou art continuing to bless us with all things which we require. O Lord, make us very humble and very thankful. Thou art the fountain of all our mercies,—may we leave them all to Thee, the bountiful giver of every good and perfect gift. We desire more especially to thank and praise Thee for Thy greatest and best gift to a perishing world,—the Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son. He came into the world to save sinners. O blessed Jesus, look upon us and save us, for we are sinners in Thy holy sight. Be our light and our salvation. Have mercy also upon us, and pardon our sins, and answer our prayers.

O Lord, enable us ever deeply to consider the unspeakable value of our souls, and, above all things, to labour and seek earnestly for their salvation. May we not be so foolish as to prefer the ease and gratification of these, our frail and mortal bodies, to the safety and everlasting happiness of our immortal souls. As sin has made us liable to suffering and death in this world, and to eternal misery in the world

to come, may we now earnestly, in this our day, seek and obtain salvation through Jesus Christ. O thou eternal Son of God, Thou art able to save to the uttermost all who come to the Father by Thee. May we believe in Thee to the saving of our souls. May we now know in whom we have believed, and be fully persuaded that Thou art able to keep that which we have committed to Thee. May we enjoy all peace in believing. Give us grace to serve and honour Thee in the world with our bodies and spirits, and after death may we be made happy and glorious through all eternity in the kingdom of Thy glory.

O most merciful and glorious God, we humbly pray Thee, for Christ's sake, to lead, guide, and direct us this day. May we abound in love one towards another, and toward all men, to the end that our hearts may be established unblameable in holiness before God at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. Give us all things for the protection and support of our frail bodies, and all things needful for the safety of our immortal souls.

O Lord, bless all men with those blessings which we have for ourselves now supplicated from Thee. Have mercy especially upon the poor and the needy, the destitute, and the dying. May they find Thee to be in Christ a merciful

and reconciled Father to them, and be enabled to put all their trust and confidence in Thee, and not to fear as those who have no hope. Bless also our country in all its interests. May the Gospel of Christ have free course and be glorified in this and all other lands. May the heathen soon worship Thee through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and be blessed in Him.

And now, O Lord, we pray Thee not to hide Thy face from us, nor put us away in Thine anger. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O Lord of our salvation, for Thou hast been our help. Teach us Thy way, O Lord, and lead us in a plain path all our days, and finally admit us unto Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

MONDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, enable us this evening, with humble boldness to enter into the holiest of all, by the blood of Jesus, in the new and living way which he hath consecrated for us through the veil.

We have to confess in Thy holy presence, that although Thou hast nourished and brought

us up as children, we have rebelled against Thee. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib, but we do not know,—we do not consider. We have forsaken Thee, the Lord, and have provoked Thee, the Holy One of Israel, unto anger. God be merciful to us, sinners.

We bless and praise Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast proclaimed Thyself to be the Lord,—the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in mercy and goodness, forgiving iniquity and sin, and passing by the transgressions of the remnant of thy heritage. We adore and praise Thee, O Lord, that in Jesus Christ Thou art a reconciled Father to us, Thy sinful children,—that believers in Him have now the blessed privilege of being heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ, and that heaven has been opened up, and free admission granted for them to the mansions of glory. We thank Thee, O our God, for the wonderful plan of our redemption, by which justice and mercy have met together* and embraced each other on the cross of Christ. O may we feel that Thou art thus infinitely just and infinitely gracious, by justifying all those who believe in Jesus.

O Lord, we approach Thee through the Lord Jesus Christ. Do Thou, for His sake, hear the voice of our supplications when we cry,—

when we lift up our hands towards Thy holy temple.

Almighty God! who didst speak in times past to the fathers by the prophets, who hast spoken to us by Thy Son, and dost now speak to us by the Holy Scriptures, grant, we now beseech Thee, that the Gospel of Christ may come to us not in word only but in power also. May the Holy Spirit,—the promised teacher,—convince us all of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. We confess that we are sinful and guilty before Thee. We feel that we have not done those things which we ought to have done, and that we have done those things which we ought not to have done. There is no health in us, and we stand at Thy bar, O thou Judge of all the earth, condemned not only by Thy holy law, but also by our own consciences.

We adore and praise Thee that the Lord Jesus Christ is the propitiation for our sins,—our advocate with Thee the Father. For His sake, have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness. According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out all our transgressions; receive us graciously, and love us freely.

At the close of this day, it well becomes us to thank Thee, O Lord, for all Thy goodness to us,—for our health, food, raiment, and all the blessings of life. Make us very thankful for

all thy mercies. O Lord, we also thank Thee for our religious privileges. Forbid that we should walk in darkness,—that the day of the Lord should overtake us as a thief in the night. May we be the children of the light and the children of the day. Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober. May we, from day to day, grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may be prepared for all that still lies before us in life, and for death, judgment, and eternity. Enable us ever so to conduct ourselves that we may have a conscience void of offence towards Thee and towards all men; and may our souls and bodies be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our friends, relations, and neighbours, do thou also bless, O Lord, with all blessings needful for time and for eternity.

O God, enable us at the close of every day to give the glory due to Thy great name, and as Thy dependent and sinful creatures, to put our confidence and trust in Thee. O Lord, watch over and protect us during this night. Keep us from sin and danger; and if it please Thee to raise us up upon another day, may we show forth our gratitude, by walking in the way of Thy holy commandments, adorning the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in all that we say and in all that we do. Merc-

fully hear, pardon, and answer us, in these our imperfect prayers, for Jesus' sake, who hath taught us to pray, saying, Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD, our maker and preserver, we now humbly pray Thee that Thou wouldst enable us to put all our trust and confidence in Thee. May we not lean to ourselves. O Lord, deliver us in Thy righteousness, for Thou art our rock and our fortress, and for Thy name's sake lead and guide us.

O Lord, we confess that we are poor, needy, and unworthy; but do Thou enable us to ask, from Thee the Giver of every good and perfect gift, those things agreeable to Thy holy will, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Father of all our mercies, we thank Thee that we have heard of a Saviour, who is both willing and able to save to the uttermost all who come to thee through Him. When we consider how guilty and polluted we are, and how holy and just Thou art, it well becomes us to ask, Wherewith shall we come before Thee, O Lord, and bow ourselves before Thee, the most high God? Thanks,

eternal thanks, be unto Thee, who hath found out a ransom,—the Lamb of God,—who taketh away the sin of the world. We humbly pray Thee, O God, that the shed blood of Jesus may be applied to our guilty souls, that they may be cleansed from all sin and pollution. May we accept of Christ as our Saviour, and trust in Him alone for our salvation. Enable us also, by the Holy Spirit, to hate sin with godly hatred—to be patient in suffering, in trial, and in temptation. O Lord, remove from us our evil thoughts, our angry tempers, our distressing doubts and our anxious fears. Grant that we may live in peace with all men. Make us humble and sober-minded and temperate in all things.

We have to confess that we are unworthy of Thy favour, for we continually abuse Thy mercies both temporal and spiritual. Truly Thou hast dealt bountifully with us, else we must long ere this time have been removed from this world, in the midst of our ingratitude, sin, and rebellion. We now, O Lord, humbly beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, to lead and guide us, for into Thy hands we now commit ourselves, for Thou hast redeemed us, O God of Truth. O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us, Thy servants; save us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake. May we remember how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in

Thee. O Lord, hide us in the secret of Thy presence from the pride of man ; keep us secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues ; and be Thou our strong rock for an house of defence to save us. May we remember this day that we have named the name of Christ—may we depart from iniquity. O God, as Thou hast not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, may we be redeemed in Christ, and effectually called in Him by the power of the Spirit, and justified, adopted, and sanctified, and kept by His power through faith unto salvation.

O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to bless all men in this and in all other lands with the knowledge of Thyself and of Jesus Christ our Lord. May our friends, benefactors, and enemies receive Thy blessing. May we and they live this day in Thy fear, for Thou the Lord seest us ; and may we all remember that we are not called to uncleanness but unto godliness.

O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to bless the sick, the tried, and the tempted. Teach them that Thou hast appointed sickness and trouble for a trial of their faith ; and may these be the means of bringing them nearer to Thee, their offended Maker. May the poor and the destitute receive all things needful for their bodies and their souls, and be rich in faith and in good works.

And now, O Lord, order our steps in Thy word, and let no iniquity, this day, have dominion over us. Fill us with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in all knowledge. Teach us Thy way, O Lord, and lead and guide us now and ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is our strength and our Redeemer.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Ⓘ LORD, Thou art glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. In the beginning Thou didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. Thou saidst let there be light, and there was light. Thou upholdest all things by the word of Thy power. O God, enable us to bow down with fear and reverence before Thee, the maker and preserver of all things in heaven and upon the earth, and to worship Thee, who art a spirit in spirit and in truth.

Almighty God, Thou art the Father of all mercies, and we Thine unworthy creatures do

humbly and sincerely thank Thee for Thy loving-kindness to us and all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of life. Above all, O Lord, we desire to adore and bless Thee for Thy love in our redemption by our Lord Jesus Christ. Thou didst, in Thy boundless compassion, give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. O enable us to adore and praise Thee for Thine unspeakable gift. Give us that due sense of all our mercies, and of this, Thy greatest mercy, that we may be unfeignedly thankful, and show forth Thy praise with our lips and in our lives, by devoting ourselves to Thy service, and walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

O Lord, pardon all our sins, for Christ's sake, and may each of us, from our own individual experience, feel the blessedness of the man whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. May the Lord not impute unto us our iniquity, and may there be no guile in our hearts. O Lord, give us the Holy Spirit, that we may now feel and acknowledge our sin unto Thee, and not to hide our iniquity. May we freely confess our transgressions unto Thee, and do Thou, for the sake of Christ, forgive the iniquity of our sin. O God, forbid that any of us should lie down this night with

a guilty conscience, or with a careless heart, but may we lie down to rest with our sins pardoned and our consciences purified, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Enable us at all times, O Lord, to watch and stand fast in the faith, and quit ourselves like men. May we do all things with charity, and walk in the Spirit, and not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. May Thy merciful providence direct the events of our lives, and Thy Spirit sustain and strengthen us in all our trials and sorrows. O Lord, make us content with such things as we have. Deliver and free us from all our besetting sins and shortcomings, and all our evil thoughts and desires.

We pray for all men. May the wickedness of the wicked soon come to an end, and all nations be blessed in Christ, and call Him blessed. May Thy blessing,—even life that shall never end,—rest upon our friends, neighbours, benefactors, and enemies. Have mercy upon the sick and the dying. Give them a true and living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that they may escape the punishment due to their sins in time, and Thy divine wrath and curse on account of them through eternity. Teach us, who are in health and strength, how frail we are, and how uncertain our time is in this world, that we may number our days, and apply our hearts unto wisdom, in this the day of our merciful visitation,

before the evil days come and the years draw near in which we shall have no pleasure.

Be Thou, O Lord, our hiding-place this night. Preserve us from trouble, and compass us about with deliverance. O Lord, instruct us, and teach us by Thy Spirit in the way that we should go. Guide us with Thine eye during all the days and nights of our appointed time upon the earth, and at last bring us to Thyself in glory.

And now may the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant us, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with all might by His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, and that we may be found in Him at last in peace. All that we ask we ask in His name, and for His sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Second Week,

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

☩ GOD, we desire this morning to praise Thee. We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. The gods of the heathen are vanity and a lie—Thou art the only living and true God. Jehovah our God is one Jehovah.

O God, Thou art exalted above all blessing and all praise, and above all our finite thoughts. We adore and worship Thee, the Father, Thy Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the one

God of our salvation. O Lord, may we partake of those spiritual and eternal blessings which proceed from Thee, a covenant God.

We adore and praise Thee, O God, for the Holy Scriptures and for the full discovery which they make of the only way of our salvation. May we be enabled truly and heartily to believe the Gospel of Christ. May it be to us the power of God for our salvation. We praise and adore Thee, O God, that Thou hast revealed to us the all-glorious truth that Thou art now in Christ reconciling the world to Thyself and not imputing our trespasses unto us. In Thy great condescension and compassion Thou hast sent Christ to reconcile and to invite us to be reconciled to Thee. Grant, we humbly pray Thee, that we may be reconciled to Thee through Him. We confess that iniquities prevail against us, that we have within us an evil heart of unbelief. O Lord, subdue all our iniquities, and overcome our unbelief. Create in us a clean heart, and renew within us a right spirit. Make us humble and teachable, and forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of Christ.

We adore and praise Thee, O our most merciful preserver, for preserving us during another night, and for permitting us once more to come before Thee, to acknowledge Thy goodness, to supplicate Thy pardon of our sins, and Thy protection for our souls and bodies this day. Enable

us, O Lord, to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, and at last to finish our course with joy. May we remember that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. O Lord, grant us in this world the practical knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As He who has called us is holy, may we also be holy in all manner of conversation. Enable us, O Lord, by Thy heavenly grace, to overcome and subdue all our sinful appetites and passions, and to be humble, sober, and temperate in all our thoughts and actions. Subdue, O Lord, the corrupt affections of our minds, which continually lead us to depart from Thee.


We humbly pray Thee, O God, to instruct the ignorant, to relieve the poor, and to succour the afflicted and the dying. Bless the inhabitants of this and all other lands with all temporal and spiritual blessings. May we be very grateful to Thee, the disposer of all things, for casting our lot in this Christian land. Bless also those who are near and dear to us, and keep them and us, and all for whom we should pray, from sin and danger, and enable us to glorify Thee with our bodies and souls, which are Thine, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now, O Lord, be Thou merciful to our unrighteousness, and our sins and iniquities do Thou remember no more against us for ever. Justify us freely by Thy grace through the redemption that is in Jesus. Heal us, and we shall be healed—save us, and we shall be saved, for Thou art our praise. Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation. O cast us not away from Thy presence, nor take Thy Holy Spirit from us. Order our steps in Thy word, and let no iniquity have dominion over us this day ; and all that we ask, we ask in the name of Christ, and only for His sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

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Second Week.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

 LORD, enable us, at the close of another day, as poor and sinful creatures, to adore and worship Thee, the great Almighty Being, who in Thine infinite wisdom, and with unlimited power, hast formed the whole creation, both animate and inanimate, who said, and it was done, who commanded, and all things stood fast. Great art Thou, O God, and greatly to be praised, and Thy greatness is unsearchable. Thou art the King eternal, immortal, and invi-

sible, just in all Thy ways, and holy in all Thy works, without variableness or shadow of turning.

We thank Thee, O blessed and everlasting God, that Thou hast given us, miserable sinners, Thy Holy Word. May it be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. Give us to see and to feel how sinful we are by nature and practice before Thee, a holy God, and to confess our many sins and shortcomings unto Thee. May they be set in order before us, and may we feel them to be ruinous to ourselves and dishonouring to Thee. Make us humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient in heart, that we may obtain Thy forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. O enable us to come to Thee through Him, who is our mediator, with boldness and assurance, that we may obtain mercy. In the shed blood of Christ Jesus our Lord, may our sins, which are as scarlet in Thy pure and holy sight, become white as snow; and our iniquities, which are red like crimson, become as wool. O may the blood of Jesus Christ Thy Son cleanse us from all sin. How, O Lord, shall we escape if we refuse Thy invitation and neglect the great salvation, which, in Thy love, Thou hast provided for us. O God, be merciful to us sinners, and grant us faith to believe upon Christ, and to rest upon Him and His finished work alone for our salvation.

In the world, may the grace of God help us

to walk uprightly, to keep our tongue from evil and our lips from speaking guile. May we depart from evil, and do good, seek peace, and pursue it. O God, whose eye is ever upon us, Thou who never slumberest by night or by day, be ever nigh unto us. Give us broken and contrite hearts on account of our sins and shortcomings, and enable us to fight successfully the good fight of faith, and at last to lay hold on eternal life, through Jesus Christ.

O God, at the conclusion of this day, we unite together in praising Thy holy name for all Thy mercies. Through Thy kind providence, we have escaped many dangers, and received many blessings. May our hearts feel thankfulness and gratitude, while our lips express them. O Lord, we adore Thine undeserved bounty, and we beseech Thee to add to all our gifts the highest bounties of Thy grace. Make us all humble, and ever dependent upon Thee—not desirous of vain-glory, but provoke one another to love, and bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

O Lord, extend the knowledge of Christ to all who are ignorant of the way of salvation—May Thy way soon be known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O Lord, let all the people praise Thee.

And now, may the angel of the Lord en-

camp around us and all for whom we should pray this night ; and may we fear Him and be delivered. May we taste and see that Thou art good, O Lord, and may we experience the blessedness of that man that trusteth in Thee. We now lie down in Thy fear ; and if it please Thee, mercifully raise us up in Thy favour, and bless us. Fit us for performing every duty, and for enduring every trial which may be allotted to us in life, and at last admit us into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

THURSDAY MORNING.

⓪ LORD, in the multitude of Thy sparing mercy, Thou hast spared us during another night. O Thou preserver of men, help us this morning to ascribe honour and glory, and praise and thanksgiving unto Thee. The earth is full of Thy goodness. By the word of Thy power were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of Thy mouth. May we and all the earth fear Thee, O Lord—may all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Thee. O Lord, Thou spake, and it was done—Thou commanded, and it stood fast. Thy counsel standeth for ever—the thoughts of Thy heart to all

generations. O Lord, Thou art our our maker. Thou hast given us life, for in Thee we live and move and have our being. Thou takest away our breath, and we die, and return to the dust, from which we were taken.

We were originally made by Thee, pure and upright, but we now confess that we are all naturally dead in sins and trespasses, void of Thy heavenly light, and involved in spiritual darkness. We approach Thee, O holy God, through the Lord Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, praying Thee that our eyes may be opened, that we may know Thee the Lord our maker, and be enabled to love and serve Thee with all our hearts, souls, and minds. May we know the things which are freely given us of Thee, which are revealed in Thy Holy Word, and now taste and see that Thou art gracious to us sinners in the Son of Thy love.

O Lord, we are not only sinful, but dying creatures—give us faith in Christ our Saviour, that we may be accounted worthy of that world and the resurrection from the dead. O Lord, prepare us now for the blessedness of heaven. May we be in Christ, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but the righteousness which is of God by faith. O Lord, make us holy, that we may be made partakers of the saints in light. We know, O Lord, from our daily experience, that there is but a step between

us and death. Prepare us all for the hour of death. Enable us with all earnestness to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and to give all diligence to make our calling and election sure. May we be now found in Christ, having our loins girt and our lamps trimmed, waiting for the coming of our Lord, that we may at last rise with the redeemed, and be ever with the Lord.

We know, O Lord, that thine eye is upon them that fear Thee—upon them that hope in Thy mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Be Thou our help and our shield this day. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee. Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy commandments, that through Thine almighty protection we may be preserved in body and soul. Turn away our eyes, O Lord, from beholding vanity. May we not trust in those things which are seen and temporal, but in those things which are not seen and are eternal. Grant that we may glorify Thee in the world. Teach us that all our days spent on this earth without preparing for eternity are days completely lost to us, and for which we must account at Thy judgment-seat. May we now remember that what we sow, that shall we also reap. Forbid, O Lord, that we should sow to the

flesh, which is to reap corruption. May we sow to the spirit, and of the spirit, reap everlasting life.

O Lord, bless the whole household of faith this day with increase of love to Thee and of zeal in Thy cause upon the earth. Our friends do Thou also bless, and our enemies do Thou graciously pardon.

O God of all consolation, comfort and relieve the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Prepare us and them for all Thy will concerning us. Day by day, may our confidence in Thee, and love to Thy holy name, be increased. Enable us to deny ourselves, and to abound in kindness to all our fellow-creatures. Carry us in safety through this life, by protecting us in all our dangers, sustaining us in all our temptations, and not laying upon us more than we are able to bear. At last, O Lord, mercifully bring us to the end of our days in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Ⓞ LORD GOD, by whose power all things were made, and by whom all things

subsist, we, Thine unworthy and sinful creatures, come into Thine immediate presence this evening to seek Thy mercy to pardon us, and Thy grace to help us. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains, Thy judgments are a great deep. O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is Thy loving-kindness to us, O Lord, for sparing us during our past lives and during another day. Enable us this night to thank Thee for all Thy goodness to us, and to put our trust in the shadow of Thy wings.

We confess before Thee, O Lord, that we are by nature and practice sinners, exposed to Thy wrath and Thy curse. Yet we adore and praise Thee that our blessed Saviour hath died for us, and that our sins have met upon Him. Through Him, have mercy upon us, Thy sinful children.

We praise and adore Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast, in Thy mercy, so long spared us. Thou hast indeed been long-suffering to usward, not willing that we should perish, but come to repentance. O Lord, we know that Thou wilt be our judge at last, and we now humbly pray Thee to prevent us from mocking Thee with false pretensions of love and obedience. May we now account it a faithful saying that the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to save

sinners; and may we have grace to flee for refuge,—to lay hold on the hope set before us, even on Jesus as our Saviour and deliverer from the evil and consequences of our sins. O give us grace to rest on Him, alone for salvation. Thou, O Lord, in Thy great mercy and love, art this night inviting us to come,—heavy laden with sin as we are,—unto Christ, that we may have rest. O blessed Jesus, we now come to Thee, and pray Thee to remove from us the burden of our sins, and to commend Thy blessing to rest upon us, even life for evermore. Having faith in Christ, may we not be weary in well-doing, knowing that in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have, therefore, now opportunity, may we do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

O Lord, we confess unto Thee that we have this day added many actual transgressions to our previous sins, and to our original depravity. We have sinned against Thee times and ways without number, in thought, word, and deed. Our sins this day have been so numerous, that Thou mightest this night in great justice cut us down as cumberers of the ground, and consign us to that place where Thou has ceased to be gracious. O Lord, which of Thy laws have we not transgressed,—which of Thy commands have we not despised, and which of Thy many

blessings have we not perverted and misemployed? O Lord, have mercy upon us, and pardon and forgive us, through the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the propitiation for our sins.

O Lord, cause us this night to lie down with our affections set upon Thee, and upon things above. May we not lean upon an arm of flesh for our protection, but upon Thee, our almighty protector. Enable us to put our whole confidence in Thee, and to rest contented with all Thy dispensations regarding us, knowing that if we love Thee, Thou wilt never leave, or forsake us.

We also humbly pray Thee, O Lord, to look in great love and compassion upon our fellow-creatures. Convert the unconverted, and build up Thy people in their most holy faith. May heathen nations soon know Thee in the Son of Thy love, and through Him, be reconciled to Thee.

All for whom we should pray, we also bear on our spirits before Thee, supplicating Thee to bless them as we have prayed Thee to bless us this night. And now, O Lord, mercifully continue to keep and direct us. Give us in this world the knowledge of Thy truth and confidence in Thy mercy, and in the world to come, life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught us to pray.—Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we desire this morning to come into Thine immediate presence, to worship and adore Thee as our maker, preserver, and daily benefactor. We humbly pray Thee to enlighten our minds that we may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent, whom to know is life eternal. We thank Thee, O Lord, for Thy Holy Word, without which we would have been bowing down this morning and worshipping the works of our own hands. May Thy Word, by the influence of the Holy Spirit, make us wise unto salvation, and lead us into all truth. May we therein behold the glory of Christ our Saviour, and comprehend, in some measure, that love of Thine,—where-with Thou hast loved us in the gift of Thy Son,—which passeth knowledge. O Lord, grant that the Word of Christ may dwell in us richly, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, giving peace to our consciences, and producing holiness in our hearts and lives. May we walk as children of the light, and glorify Thee, our Heavenly Father, daily growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O God, forbid that any of us should rest satisfied in the hope that our salvation can be obtained by the bare possession and perusal of Thy Holy Word, which reveals to us our sinfulness and Thy mercy in Christ. If we who have the privilege of the Gospel are not saved, great will be our condemnation, seeing that light hath come into the world, and that we love darkness rather than light, our deeds being evil. O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to destroy the natural enmity which is in our hearts against the reception of the truth contained in Thy Holy Word. We adore and bless Thee that our Lord Jesus Christ has been manifested to destroy the works of the devil. May he be subdued under us, and may Christ make us free indeed. May we have grace to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, that at last, in Thy great mercy, we may be admitted into that world where sin, temptation, and trial, are unknown.

This morning, we desire to praise and thank Thee, O our merciful preserver, for Thy care and keeping of us during the night past, and our lives past. Make us grateful unto Thee for our temporal and our spiritual lots, which, both alike, are appointed for us by Thee. Thou hast assured us, O our God, that those who dwell in the land shall be fed,—that those who delight themselves in Thee shall receive the desires

their heart. Feed and preserve us, O Lord, for we now commit ourselves and our ways unto Thee. Endow us, we humbly pray Thee, with Christian tempers and dispositions. May we cease from anger and forsake wrath. May we not fret ourselves to do evil. May we depart from evil and do good. By nature and practice we are proud,—endow us with humility. May we only glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom, may the world be crucified unto us and we unto the world.

O Lord, we are ever entirely dependant upon Thy power to protect us, and upon Thy mercy to save us. Keep and uphold us this day. We have nothing to plead before Thee but that Christ died for us, and that He is our Saviour and intercessor. O for His sake look upon us, and protect and bless us, in our going out and coming in, in our rising up and sitting down, and in all our ways. Enable us to spend this day in Thy fear—for Thy glory, and for our own temporal and eternal good, and for the good of our fellow-creatures.

In obedience to Thy command, we humbly pray Thee, to bless all men with the knowledge of Thyself in Jesus Christ. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to look in great compassion on the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Grant that they may feel that they are lost in themselves, and wholly unable to satisfy the demands of Thy

of offended justice. In Thy great mercy be pleased, to reveal Christ to their souls as their righteousness and as their life, and to accept of Him as He is freely offered in the Gospel for the acceptance of all men.

And now, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to prepare us for all that lies before us in life and at death. May we all appear at Thy judgment seat clothed in the garment of Christ's righteousness, washed and made white in His precious blood, to whom, with Thee the Father, and the Holy Spirit, we desire to ascribe honour, power, and glory, now and for ever.—
AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Ⓘ ALMIGHTY and everlasting Lord God, who art the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we desire this evening to adore and praise Thee for the gift of Thy Son, Thine unspeakable gift, and for all Thine other gifts and mercies which Thou hast, through Him and for His sake, bestowed upon us. We bless Thee that in Him Thou art stretching out the sceptre of Thy mercy, and entreating us, sinners, to come to Thee, that Thou mayst have mercy upon us. Forbid, O

God, that any of us should refuse Thy invitation or put off, from time to time, the great work of preparation for death, seeing that this is the accepted time, and this the day of our salvation. May we not give sleep to our eyes or slumber to our eyelids, till we have secured our peace with Thee, and made our calling and election sure. May we even now have the confidence to say that we know in whom we have believed, and that He is able to keep that which we have committed to Him against that day.

We have to confess before Thee that we are ignorant—may Jesus be made unto us wisdom. We are guilty—may He be made unto us righteousness. We are unholy—may He be made unto us sanctification. We are mortal, and must soon die—may He be made unto us eternal and complete redemption. O Lord, effectually unite us by faith to Christ, and may we, out of His all-sufficient fulness, receive even grace for grace. May He strengthen us for every duty, succour us in every temptation, support us in every trial, and at last give us victory over death itself, and admit us into His presence washed and purified in His precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin.

It becomes us this evening to confess the many sins which we have committed in thought, word, and deed during the course of this day. Thou knowest all our sins and short-comings in

duty. Our hearts are naked and open to Thee, the heart-searching God. O Lord, rebuke us not in Thy wrath, neither chasten us in Thy displeasure. By nature there is no soundness in our flesh because of Thine anger—neither is there any rest in our bones because of our sin. O Lord, give us grace to feel and to confess our iniquity unto Thee, and to be sorry for our sin. Forsake us not, O God—be not far from any one of us. Lord, save us, else we perish.

O God, we thank and praise Thee for Thy written word, which has been given to us, by Thine inspiration, to be the rule of our faith and practice in life. We thank Thee that the authority of Scripture dependeth not upon the testimony of man, but upon Thee, the living God. O Lord, enable us, by the Holy Spirit, to receive and obey the Scriptures, because Thou art their author. Give us to know the things which are freely given to us by Thee, and may Thy blessing ever follow our reading of, and meditation upon, Thy holy Word.

O God, we now unite together, in thanking and praising Thee for preserving us from the dangers and trials of another day, and in supplicating Thy mercy and protection during another night. Into Thy hands we now commit ourselves. O Lord, preserve us from all danger, and raise us up, if it please Thee, upon a new day, and enable us then to devote our spared

lives for the promotion of Thy glory in the world. Bless and protect also all our friends, relations, neighbours, and benefactors, and grant them those things which Thou knowest they need for their safe journey through this world, and for an entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom when Thou hast accomplished the designs of Thy providence with them upon the earth.

And now, may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, that our understandings being enlightened, we may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. O Lord, mercifully hear and answer us, and do to us, and for us, far above all that we can ask or think, for our Redeemer's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Ⓔ ETERNAL and ever-blessed Lord God our Father in heaven, we adore and praise Thee, this morning, for our creation and preservation, and for all the blessings of life. In Thee, O Lord, we live and move and have our being—from Thy bountiful hand all our mercies flow

to us. Above all, we thank Thee that Thou hast brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel of Christ, and that Thou givest to Thy people eternal life, and that this life is in Thy Son. O enable us to come to Thee for salvation through Christ, that we may be saved from Thy wrath now and Thy curse hereafter. We implore Thee, O God, to permit not the world nor the things of the world to give us false peace, and to seduce us from Thee and the way of truth and holiness. May the love of Christ at all times constrain us to follow Him fully through good report and through bad report. O blessed Jesus, Thou art able and willing to care for Thy children during their pilgrimage in this world—mercifully guide us in all our ways, and provide for us in all our wants. Even when we come to walk through the valley and shadow of death, be Thou with us. May Thy rod and Thy staff comfort and uphold us. O God, we confess ourselves altogether unworthy even to ask, far less to receive, mercies so great and glorious as these; but we ask them not in our own name or strength, but in the power and all-prevailing name of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

O most gracious God, we now thank and praise Thee for all Thy mercies, and especially for the mercies of the past night, and for our comforts this morning. Many, O Lord, are the wonder-

ful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to usward, they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee; if we would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. O Lord, we confess that innumerable evils have compassed us about. Our iniquities have taken hold upon us, so that we are unable to look up. They are more than the hairs of our head, therefore our heart faileth us. We are indeed poor and needy. But we rejoice to know that Thou art a God of mercy in Christ. For His sake mercifully pardon all our sins, and accept of us as righteous for His righteousness imputed to us and received by us in faith.

O God, graft in our hearts the love of Thy holy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with Thy goodness, and keep us in Thy fear and favour through faith unto eternal salvation. Accept of us, and out of Thy fulness, supply all our needs for time and for eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Give us grace, O Lord, this day, we implore Thee, to walk worthy of our Christian vocation wherewith we are called—with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Mercifully grant that we may be doers of Thy holy Word, and not hearers only, deceiving our own selves.

O God of all grace, we humbly pray Thee to

be pleased to bless all men of every name in this land, and the government under which we so quietly live. Be very gracious unto all classes and degrees of men, according to their several necessities; and may the hearts of all, for whom we should pray, rejoice in Thy mercy and hope in Thy salvation.

Remember in Thy great love and compassion the sick and the dying. Give them that consolation which the world cannot give—all joy and peace in believing. May we, from the sufferings of others, daily feel that we are frail and dying creatures. Thou gavest us our breath, and Thou takest it away again, and then our bodies return to the dust, from which they were taken, and our souls unto Thee the Lord, who gave them. O Lord, may every present dispensation of Thy providence, which we meet with, be the happy means of weaning us more and more from this world, and of preparing us for that eternal world where sin, suffering, and death are unknown.

And now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us—unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Second Week.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O LORD, Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds. Be Thou exalted, O Lord, above the heavens—let Thy glory be above all the earth.

Enable us,—a family of Thy professing people,—to worship Thee, O Lord, this evening as the maker, preserver, and upholder of all things. Thou art also our maker and preserver. Thou breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, and we became living souls. Thou madest us in Thine own image, pure and holy beings, capable of knowing, loving, and serving Thee. But with shame and confusion of face, we have to lament and confess, that we have wandered away from Thee, and now live at a great distance from Thee. We have forsaken Thee, the God that made us, and lightly esteemed Thee, the rock of our salvation. But we adore and bless Thee that Thou hast had mercy upon us, that when the fulness of the time was come, Thou didst send forth Thy Son into the world to deliver and redeem us from death and the curse of a broken law. We adore the Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our blessed Saviour, as the brightness of Thy glory

and the express image of Thy person. O Lord, shine into our hearts to give us the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Enable us, by the Holy Spirit, truly to feel that we are sinners, and to believe upon Him to the saving of our souls. May we pass from death unto life, and be so united to Him, that, to us, there may be no condemnation. Deliver us, O Lord, from the power and malice of the devil and of our spiritual enemies. We are very weak, and have no power, in ourselves, to protect ourselves. Give us ever grace to watch and to pray, that we may be able to resist sin and temptation. May we be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and through Him, may we be enabled successfully to overcome and subdue all sin, and be made more than conquerors, through Him that loved us and gave himself for us.

O Lord, we pray Thee, that Christ may be our only rock and salvation,—ever our defence, that we may not be moved. May our souls at all times wait upon Thee, for our expectation is only from Thee. O Lord, be our salvation, our glory, the rock of our strength, and our refuge, at all times.

Father of all mercies, make us feel how sinful we have been this day, and during this week, now so nearly at a close. O Lord, Thou hast been giving us not only all our temporal blessings, but also precept upon pre-

cept, and line upon line ; and notwithstanding all our sins and misimprovement of our mercies and privileges, Thou art still favouring us with the means of grace and the ordinances of Christ's appointment. O almighty God, make us very thankful for all Thy mercies vouchsafed to us. May they stimulate us more and more to redeem time, improve our present opportunities, and live at all times mindful of the important purposes for which Thou didst call us into existence. For the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, we, at the close of this day, humbly pray Thee, to pardon all our many sins and short-comings, and to preserve us from all evil, and to bless us with every good.

Visit, O Lord, the sons and daughters of affliction. Be a very present help to all Thy people in the time of their trouble. On account of our sins, we most righteously deserve the visitation of sickness, disease, and death. O Lord, give us and those who now suffer affliction, a true and living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may escape the punishment due to our sins in time, and Thy divine wrath and curse for them through eternity.

O Lord, if it please Thee, mercifully spare us to see and spend another Sabbath day in Thy fear, and for our growth in grace. This night may we lie down to sleep in love and peace with Thee and all men, trusting alone in

Thy protecting and sparing mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art a spirit, filling all time and space with Thy presence. Enable us, we humbly pray Thee, to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. May our fellowship at this time, and during this day, be with Thee the Father, and with Thy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord, we praise and thank Thee for setting apart and sanctifying this day of holy rest, and for connecting a blessing with the observance of it. Grant that it may be to us a foretaste of that endless Sabbath which the redeemed shall spend with Thee through eternity.

O Lord, in Thy inscrutable wisdom, Thou hast seen meet to visit us in this distant isle of the sea with the glad tidings of salvation, and hast given us to know Christ, whom to know savingly is life eternal. We bless Thee that Thou hast not cast our lot in a land where Thy blessed name is not known, but that Thou hast given us the glorious Gospel, to be a light to our feet and a lamp to our path. We adore and

praise Thee for Thy blessed Word, expressed in so clear and legible characters, that a way-faring man, though a fool, may read and learn those lessons, which, by Thy blessing, tend to peace here, and everlasting happiness hereafter. We also thank Thee, O Lord, that, through Thy good providence, we have the Gospel preached unto us. May Thy Word come to us in demonstration, and with power from on high.

We bless and praise Thee, O Lord, that Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, who died for our sins, rose again for our justification, on the first day of the week. Enable us to raise our thoughts and affections to heaven this day, where Christ ascended, and where He now is. This is the day which the Lord hath made—may we rejoice and be glad in it. Save, we beseech Thee, O Lord—O Lord, we beseech Thee, send now prosperity. Give all Thy servants increase of grace, to preach Thy Word earnestly and faithfully; and may we, who are so highly privileged as to hear it, receive it with pure affection; and may it produce in us the fruits of the Spirit, which are to Thy praise and glory.

Have compassion, O gracious God, upon those who call the Sabbath a weariness to them, and who misspend it in doing their own work, and thinking their own thoughts. Turn them from the error of their ways, and make them, by divine grace, new creatures in Christ

Jesus. May they be yet taught to call the Sabbath a delight, and to remember to keep it holy.

O Lord, have mercy upon those who live in heathen lands. May the glorious Gospel of Christ soon spread over all the earth. Grant that those who preach the Gospel to the benighted heathen this day, may receive power from on high, to preach it in all earnestness and simplicity; and may the Word take root, and produce abundance of fruit many days hence, to Thy praise and glory.

O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to bless us also with Thy presence. Keep us in Thy fear. Reign in our hearts by Thy love, and subdue all our evil tempers and unruly passions. O God, forbid that we should walk in the vanity of our minds, having our understandings darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is within us, because of the blindness of our hearts. But do Thou, O Lord, renew us in the spirit of our minds, and redeem us from all iniquity. May we be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, putting on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand.

Forgive, we most humbly pray Thee, O Lord, the sins of this nation, and avert deserved judgments. Let Thy Gospel continue with us in its purity, and Thy worship in its simplicity, for Jesus' sake.

Most gracious God, we render unto Thee our thanks for Thy merciful preservation of us during the past week, and for raising us up with a measure of health this morning. Sanctify to us our prosperity and our adversity, our sickness and our health, our anxieties and our disappointments. We pray Thee to fit and prepare us, by these and all the other changes, which we experience in life, for the great and last change which awaits us all at death. O Lord, cleanse us from all sin and pollution. Wash us in Christ's blood, and make us clean. For His sake mercifully hear our prayers, and let our cry come before Thee, and all that we ask is for His sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

⓪ LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, enable us at this time to lift up our hearts unto Thee in the heavens—to stir up ourselves to take hold on Thee, to seek Thy face, and to give Thee the glory due unto Thy great and holy name. Give us grace to render unto Thee our united thanks for the goodness and mercy which Thou hast made to pass before us this Sabbath day. O Lord, we now confess our great sinful-

ness and carelessness, and supplicate Thy pardoning mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, through whom alone we have access to Thee.

We desire to thank and praise Thee, O Lord, that Christ our Saviour has been made known to us, miserable sinners, as the only foundation of our knowledge in spiritual things. Do Thou, O Lord, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine into our hearts, to give us the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ. We know that the wages of sin is death, and that the soul that sinneth, it shall die. O Lord, we have all sinned, and we deserve to perish. Redeem us from sin, and the curse of Thy broken law, through Him who was made a curse for us. May we all be accepted in Christ, the Beloved, to the praise and glory of Thy grace.

As the Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our knowledge, may He also be the foundation of our obedience. May we have that faith which worketh by love, which purifieth the heart, and which overcometh the world—that, being redeemed from all iniquity, we may be zealous of good works. Work in us, O Lord, both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure.

In believing upon the Lord Jesus Christ, may we have real and lasting peace. Say unto each of us, "I, even I, that blotteth out thine ini-

quities, will not remember thy sins—be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee.”

This night we sincerely thank Thee for the many and great privileges which we so richly enjoy, in this Christian land, of reading Thy Word and hearing it explained to us by Thy servants. Follow with Thy divine blessing the reading and preaching of the everlasting Gospel to us and all our fellow-creatures. May many this day have been added to the Church of such as shall be saved.

O Lord, we acknowledge that, although we are living under the meridian light of the blessed Gospel, and enjoying all the privileges connected with it, yet, unless Thy mercy in Christ has been extended to us individually, we still are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. If we are in our sins, we can have no communion with Thee here, and no sure hope of happiness with Thee hereafter. Our professions of love and obedience to Thee will not avail us if we do not live suitably to them, by glorifying Thee in all that we think, do, and say. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

Extend more and more, O Lord, in Thine own time and way, the boundaries of the Redeemer's kingdom. May all men soon be blessed in Christ,

and all nations call Him blessed. May Thy Word be more freely circulated, and more accompanied with the Spirit, that all men may be edified and built up in the love of Thee our God, in the grace of Christ, our Saviour, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier.

O Lord, enable us more and more to walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. Remove from us, we earnestly implore Thee, all uncleanness, foolish talking, and jesting, that we may have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ. Enable us to walk as the children of the light and the day, and not of the darkness.

Be pleased, O Lord, to look in great compassion upon all Thy sick and suffering people, and to behold all the affliction and pain of Thy servants. O Lord, Thou knowest their frame—Thou rememberest that they are but dust. Give them patience and strength corresponding to the burden of their affliction, and may they be enabled to say,—The will of the Lord be done.

O Lord, keep us from all danger and evil this night. May we all lie down pardoned sinners, and be kept unto the day of Christ, through Thine almighty power. In Christ may we, and all for whom we should pray, be found, in life, in death, and in the great day of judgment. For His sake, take away all our iniquity, even the

iniquity of our holy things ; and receive us graciously and love us freely, for all that we ask, we ask in His name, and for His sake.—AMEN.
Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

MONDAY MORNING.

Ⓘ LORD, praise waiteth for Thee in Zion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed. O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Enable us this morning to approach Thee, trusting in the finished work and perfect righteousness wrought out for us by the Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord, hear and answer our prayer, for His sake.

O most holy God, we were made in Thy blessed image, and placed in this world by Thee ; but we now appear before Thee as sinners. Everything within and around us—reason and revelation, and our own observation—concur in assuring us that we are not now what we were when we came fresh from Thy creating hand. Thou formed us right vines, but we have become degenerate plants. Thou didst originally create us in righteousness and true holiness, but the crown has fallen from our head—the gold, even the most fine gold, hath

become dim. O Lord, we now stand in need of Thy mercy to deliver us from our original pollution, and from our actual transgressions.

We adore and praise Thee, O God, that Thou hast so loved our guilty world—a world involved in guilt and misery—as to give Thy dear Son to die for us, sinners. We bless and magnify Thy name, O thou blessed Son of God, that Thou gave Thy life a ransom for many. Thou didst die, the just for the unjust, and we bless God that, through Thee, He can be just, and the sinner justified that believeth on Thy name. O may we be deeply affected when we think that sin was the cause of the death and sufferings of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Through His atoning death, grant, O Lord, that we obtain life eternal, and that by His stripes we may be healed. May we be justified freely through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. May we glory only in the cross of Christ, and may we feel the power of its attraction. By His cross may we be crucified unto the world, and the world unto us. O Lord, we pray Thee to acknowledge us as Thy servants in this world, and to give us the crown of glory, which fadeth not away, in the world to come.

O Lord, enable us at all times to live quiet, godly, and sober lives, adorning the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour in all things. Let

no corrupt communication proceed out of our mouths. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from us, with all malice. May we be kind one to another, tender-hearted—forgiving one another as God, for Christ's sake, hath promised to forgive us. Make us watchful over ourselves, and against all evil. May we remember that Thine eye, O Lord, is continually upon us. Help us to use this world as not abusing it. May we not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving Thee, the Lord.

O Lord, we acknowledge that iniquities still prevail against us—purge away our transgressions. Choose and cause us to approach unto Thee, O Lord, and may we be satisfied with Thy goodness. Be Thou a shelter and a strong tower to us this day,—may we trust in the covert of Thy wings, and be protected and guided through all the scenes that lie before us in time, that at last we may be landed safely in Thy heavenly kingdom, to dwell in Thy presence for ever.

O Lord, bless our relations, friends, neighbours, benefactors, and enemies, and all for whom we should pray, in providence and in grace, in their bodies and in their souls. Be pleased, also, to remember, in Thy great love and compassion, the ignorant and those who are

living destitute of the knowledge of Thee, their God, in Christ Jesus. Give them yet, in Thy mercy, knowledge and love to fear, honour, and serve Thee in Him. The sick, the dying, and the afflicted, graciously remember, and relieve their pains, and heal all their afflictions, in Thine own time and way. May they bear Thy chastening hand, and know that Thou never correctest Thy children willingly, but for their profit.

Hear and answer us, O Lord, in these our prayers, and accept of us in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom, with Thee, the Father and the Holy Ghost, we ascribe all glory, honour, and praise, now and for ever.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

MONDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD our God, Thou art good, and Thou doest good continually. Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works. All Thy works praise Thee, and Thy saints bless Thee, —they abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness.

We especially thank and adore Thee, O Lord, this evening, for that expression of Thy

great goodness which Thou dost Thyself commend, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. We desire to lift up our hearts and to love and adore Him—Thine eternal Son—who, while He lived upon the earth, went about doing good. May we be all deeply interested by faith in all the benefits which flow from the labours of His life, and the sufferings of His death. May the same mind which was in Christ be found in us. May it be our great aim and desire to have love to Thee and to our blessed Saviour, and love to all men, especially to His professing disciples, and to do good to all men, as we have opportunity. Bless us, O Lord, with Thy favour and with Thy forgiveness, and enable us to ascribe all our blessings to Thee, and continually to depend upon Thee for Thy blessing, which alone bringeth life.

As the professing disciples of Christ in the world, may we have grace given to us to put off the old man, which is corrupt, and to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. May we put on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness. May we at all times speak truth with our neighbour, for we are members one of another. And, O God, may it be given to us to remember that pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep our-

selves unspotted from the world. May we be enabled, as new creatures in Christ, to arise from the dead, that He may give us life. May we, by grace, be enabled to walk in the world circumspectly,—not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

O Lord, at the close of this day, we desire to praise and thank Thee for preserving us in life, and for keeping us and caring for us. By Thy protection, we have been delivered from many evils and temptations. We are continually with Thee,—Thou hast holden us up with Thy right hand. O Lord, mercifully continue to guide us with Thy counsel, and afterwards to bring us to glory. When our flesh and our heart faileth, be Thou the strength of our heart and our portion for ever. Protect us from all evil, and surround us by Thy power this night. Grant repose to our bodies, and pardon and peace to our souls, for Jesus Christ's sake.

We humbly pray Thee, O Lord, to have mercy also upon all our fellow-creatures throughout the world. Bless especially this great nation, in which Thou hast mercifully cast our lot, with an increase of light and love. May all, in lawful authority, over us have wisdom to act for the nation's good, and for the furtherance of Thy cause at home and abroad. Have mercy upon the heathen. May we pity and pray for those whom we cannot help. May the king-

doms of this world soon become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be very gracious, O Lord, to the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Give them that consolation which is suited for their respective situations, and which this world cannot give or take away. Lead them to Christ, and may they trust in Him alone for temporal and eternal deliverance.

O Lord, hear these our prayers, and pardon and forgive us, for Jesus Christ's sake.—AMEN.
Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Ⓐ LORD GOD, Thou art our refuge and our strength. To whom can we go but unto Thee, our maker and preserver? Thou hast the words of eternal life. Enable us, O Lord, this morning, by the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ, our Saviour, to draw near unto Thee, a holy God, and to feel and to confess our sins—original and actual—of omission and commission—of heart and of life. Give us to consider their number and variety, our failings and shortcomings of duty, our devotedness to earthly things, and our insensibility to heavenly things. O

Lord, our hearts are sinful, our actions have been wicked, our words have been improper, and our thoughts have been evil and impure. Thou searchest our hearts, and triest our reins—all these things are well known unto Thee. For our many sins we indeed stand in need of pardoning mercy, and we now earnestly implore Thee, for Christ's sake, to bestow it upon us, and to redeem us from all iniquity.

We thank and praise Thee for all that Thou hast done for us in providence and in grace—especially that Christ not only died for our sins, but that He left us an example, that we should follow His steps. O Lord, grant that the same mind which was in Him may be also in us. May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith, and may we be rooted and grounded in love. Give us true humility. May we loathe ourselves on account of our sins, and have a deep sense of our daily and hourly imperfections. O Lord, give us Thy fear, which is the beginning of wisdom; put it into our hearts, that we may not sin against Thee. Render us spiritually-minded by the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit. Make us, at all times, and in all circumstances, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and contented with our respective stations and circumstances allotted to us, by Thy providence, in this world. Make us humble in spirit, and, in some faint degree, to display the gentleness of Christ in all that we

say and do. O Lord, make us merciful and forgiving towards our fellow-creatures. In all our dealings with them, may we manifest honesty, simplicity, and godly sincerity.

We are raised, by Thy sparing mercy, O Lord, from our beds this morning, to see the light, and to enjoy the comforts and advantages, of another day. We are continued in being by Thy long-suffering goodness and patience. O Lord, make us mindful of Thy mercies, and thankful for Thy goodness. Enable us this day to stand fast, having our loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; above all, may we take the shield of faith, wherewith we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

We desire also, O Lord, to pray with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints, and all men. Our friends, relations, and benefactors do Thou bless with the knowledge of Thyself, in Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent, and whom to know is life eternal.

Bless also, in Thy great mercy and love, the poor, the afflicted, and the dying. Teach them, O Lord, to be contented with such things as they have, and to put their confidence in Thee, as the

God of life and of death. May they receive, through Thy grace, peace and joy in believing. Thou chastenest not willingly any of Thy children; but trials and afflictions are sent by Thee to wean men from this world, and to draw them closer and closer to Thyself.

And now, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee that, in all our troubles and trials in this world, it may be our happy experience to know that Thou, the Lord of Hosts, art with us, and that Thou, the God of Jacob, art our refuge. O Lord, pardon all our sins, and accept of us, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

TUESDAY EVENING.

GREAT art Thou, O God, and greatly to be feared, and Thy goodness is unsearchable. Who can utter Thy mighty acts, O Lord? who can show forth all Thy praise?

O God, we are sinners in Thy holy sight. Our sins are highly aggravated, as committed against the clearest light and the dearest love—against the convictions even of our natural consciences, and against Thee, the great and Almighty Being, whom we ought to serve, and

from whom we receive every good and perfect gift. O Lord, if we say that we are perfect, our hearts would condemn us, and Thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. If we say that there is nothing unclean in us, our lips would prove us perverse. O Lord, have mercy upon us, Thy sinful creatures, according to Thy loving kindness—according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions; wash us thoroughly from our iniquity. O Lord, may we have grace given to us to feel and to confess our sins, for they are ever before Thee. Against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned, and done evil in Thy sight, that Thou mayest be justified and clear when Thou judgest. Behold us, O God, for we were shapen in iniquity, and in sin were we conceived, and mercifully pardon the iniquity of our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We adore and bless Thee, O our God, for the glorious Gospel of Thy grace, and for the opportunities which we have of reading Thy Gospel. We praise Thee that it is designed for sinners, and for the holiness which it exhibits and requires. May it bring salvation to our ears, our understandings, and our hearts. May it be made effectual by the Holy Spirit, to teach and constrain us to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this evil world,

and to use all Thy blessings, in providence and grace, so as not to abuse them.

O Lord, may we all, by faith in Christ as our Redeemer, be clothed with His spotless righteousness, and rendered holy in all manner of conversation and godliness. Enable us, by the blessed Spirit, ever to live near to Christ, and to experience the blessedness of constant fellowship with Him, who is ever near to them who call, and place their confidence, upon Him. From Him, O God, grant that we may derive all our qualifications for obedience, and all our joy and consolation ; and may we, through Him, at last be presented holy and unblameable and unproveable in Thy holy sight.

O God, grant that we may now and ever be light in the Lord, and walk as the children of the light, proving what is acceptable in Thy holy sight, and having no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Give us grace to redeem the time, because the days are evil, and always to submit ourselves one to another in Thy fear.

O Lord, out of Christ's fulness do Thou bless all Thy people. Visit, in Thy great mercy and compassion, the sons and daughters of affliction. Support them, O God, under all their trials and sufferings.

O Lord, bless our country in all its interests, civil and sacred. Give peace in our day, and continue Thy Gospel among us, in its power,

light, and glory. May all the ends of the earth soon fear Thee, O Lord.

Bless all our friends, relations, neighbours, benefactors, and enemies. May they and we receive Thy Word into honest and good hearts, and bring forth fruit in abundance to Thy praise and glory.

And now, O Lord, mercifully protect us from all danger and trial this night; pardon and bless us, and acknowledge us as Thy servants, for Jesus Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week,

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

☩ THOU great and glorious Jehovah, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity without abhorrence, we acknowledge that we are guilty and condemned in Thy holy sight. We are unclean, and of ourselves we are unable to cleanse ourselves. We therefore come boldly to Thy throne of grace, knowing that, in Christ Jesus, Thou art both just and gracious to forgive us our sins when we confess them, and to cleanse us from all our iniquity. We humbly pray Thee, O Lord, to make us new creatures in Christ Jesus—to turn us from darkness unto light, and from the love of sin to the love and service of

Thee, the only living and true God. O Lord, give us the Holy Spirit, to enlighten our minds, to change our hearts and lives. May we be born again, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Thee, our God.

We adore Thee, O Lord, for that forbearance which Thou hast long manifested to us and to a sinful world—a world overspread with sin and corruption. O deliver us from this sinful world, from its spirit and temper. May we have that faith which overcomes the world, and walk by faith, and not by sight. O Lord, conform us, in heart and life, to Thy holy will, revealed to us in the Scriptures of truth. Do Thou take possession of, and rule in, our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, and may iniquity have no longer dominion over us.

O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to maintain upon our minds an habitual impression of the necessity of living in close union to Christ. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can we, unless we abide in Him. May He be our prophet to instruct us, our priest to sanctify us, and our king to defend and govern us during this day, and all our appointed days upon the earth. May we all know and experience that Thy hand is upon us, and may we daily be supplied with fresh strength to perform every duty, and to endure every trial.

We desire to thank Thee, O most merciful and gracious God, for Thy past mercies to us and all men. We are unable to reckon Thy mercies up before Thee—they have been so numerous. We are not even worthy to acknowledge them, for they have been given in the midst of our provocation and rebellion against Thee. For the mercies of the last night, and for the comforts which now surround us, we thank and praise Thee, O Lord, and we beseech Thee to direct our steps this day. By nature we have no power, neither have we any desire to walk in the straight and narrow path which leadeth to glory and honour. May we, this day, and all our days, continue to experience Thy care, enjoy the bounties of Thy providence, and share in the riches of Thy grace.

O Lord, let Thy name be known among the heathen. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before Thee, and according to the greatness of Thy power, preserve those who are appointed to die.

And now, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to remember not against us our former iniquities. Let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are very sinful, and very frail. Deliver us, O Lord, and purge away all our sins, for Christ's sake. Let goodness and mercy follow us, and all for whom we should pray, this day and all the days of our life ; and may we dwell in the house

of the Lord for ever. And all that we ask we ask for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, when we kneel before Thee in prayer, mercifully withdraw our thoughts from this vain world, which lies in wickedness, and raise our hearts to heaven, the habitation of Thy throne. O God, call us by Thine effectual calling—convince us, by the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, of our undone state by nature—enlighten our minds in the saving knowledge of Christ—renew us in the spirit of our minds—and persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ as He is freely offered to us in the Gospel. O Lord, justify us freely by grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, and adopt us into Thy family while we live, and may we have a well-grounded assurance of being admitted when we die into that inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and which fadeth not away, and which is prepared in heaven for all believers. We also pray Thee, O Lord, that we may be sanctified in body, soul, and spirit, for without holiness we cannot

see Thee. O Lord, impart these great and glorious blessings to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

In presenting ourselves as a family of Thy worshipping people before Thee this evening, we pray Thee, O Lord, to teach us day by day the number of our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. May we remember that the sentence has gone forth from Thee that each one of us must die, and that after death cometh the judgment, when we must all appear to give an account of our actions. We confess that we know not what a day may bring forth—the future being dark, and completely concealed from us. Enable each of us to realise every instance of mortality that occurs around us as a solemn warning that our end is also drawing near—that we must soon die, and that we have no continuing city or place of abode upon the earth. O Lord, suffer none of us, therefore, to neglect our salvation, or to delay, to a future period, the great concern of life—preparation for eternity. May each of us be now justified freely by grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. May we be accepted in Christ, and at the great and solemn day of His appearing, may we be all found in Him, washed and made white in his precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin. Having an

unshaken faith and confidence in Him who hath subdued death and taken away its sting, may we be now delivered from the fear of death. O Lord, prepare us for Thy heavenly inheritance by the sanctifying influences of Thy Holy Spirit. Make us meet for the inheritance of the saints in light, that when the time of our departure comes we may depart in peace, having an abundant entrance ministered unto us unto Thy heavenly kingdom, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Lord, endow us with Christian love and charity, doing nothing through strife and vain glory, but, in lowliness of mind, may each of us esteem others better than ourselves. Make us kind and charitable, both in our words and conduct. May we not look on our own things only, but may we look also on the things of others, and may the same mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus.

O Lord, as thou hast brought us in safety to the end of another day, we now implore Thee to cause Thy heavenly grace, peace, and love, to descend upon us, and all for whom we should pray this night. O Lord, subdue every earthly and sensual desire and temper in us, and sanctify us throughout, in spirit, soul, and body, by the Holy Ghost.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto our cry. We are strangers with Thee, and

sojourners, as all our fathers were. O spare us that we may receive Thy salvation, and be blessed in Christ, before we go hence and be no more. O Lord, answer these our prayers, and do Thou mercifully forgive us all our sins, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Ⓘ ALMIGHTY and eternal Lord God, we approach Thee at this time to render unto Thee, our maker, preserver, and benefactor, our thanks and praise for all Thy loving kindness and tender mercies bestowed upon us during the last night and this morning. O Lord, may we, in every approach which we make unto Thee, receive clearer conceptions of Thy nature, character, and perfections. Shew us what Thou art in Thyself and in relation to us, Thy fallen and sinful creatures, in Jesus Christ our Lord. May we now, and at all times, approach and find Thee to be in Christ, the Son of Thy love, a gracious and reconciled father, forgiving us all our sins, and passing by all our iniquities. Whom have we in heaven but Thee, O Lord, and there is none upon all the earth whom we should desire besides Thee. Our hearts and

flesh may faint and fail, but be Thou the strength of our hearts and our portion for ever. Be in the midst of us, O most merciful God, to bless us with Thy effectual blessing, and to enrich our souls with those spiritual graces which are treasured up in Christ Jesus our Lord.

O Lord, enable us to feel and to confess that we are corrupt, and have done iniquity, and that we are altogether filthy and unworthy of the very least of Thy mercies. Give us grace to confess our sins, and may we be enabled to flee to the Saviour, who is now waiting to be gracious to us, the chief of sinners. For His sake, mercifully forgive us the iniquity of our sin, and renew within us right spirits.

O blessed God, may we account it a faithful saying, and worthy of our most cordial acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, even the chief. O forbid that any of us should refuse Him that speaketh from heaven. How can we escape if we neglect so great salvation.

May we enjoy the comforts of the gospel of Christ, and walk according to its holy precepts, that hearing Thy words, and believing upon Thee that sent him, we may have everlasting life, and not come into condemnation, but pass from death unto life.

O Lord, as Thy Word was mercifully intended for all nations, and commanded to be

preached to every creature, we pray Thee to speak the word, that great may be the company of them who shall publish it. Give Christ the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

May we receive Thy Holy Word into our hearts, and practice its precepts in our lives. May we do good to all men. May we be rich in good works—ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up for ourselves a good and sure foundation against the time to come, that we may lay hold on eternal life. Enable us, O Lord, to do all things without murmuring or disputing, that we may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation. O God, forbid, we most humbly implore Thee, that we should now run in vain, or labour in vain. Enable us to perform, in Thy fear, our various duties this day. As we are at all times in Thine all-seeing presence, may we desire and endeavour to do all things to Thy glory. Take away from us all our self-righteousness, our evil tempers, and our evil speaking, and impart unto us Thy heavenly grace.

In obedience to Thy command, we desire to offer up our prayers unto Thee, O Lord, who art the hearer and answerer of prayer, for all men, and for all in authority over us. May we lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness

and honesty. Bless our country in all its interests. May the glorious gospel of Christ shine more and more clearly on this land, and may all men be turned to the love and obedience of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Bless, also, all our friends, forgive our enemies, supply the wants of the poor, and have mercy upon the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. And now, O Lord, pardon our sins, and give us that peace of Thine which passeth knowledge, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are far off upon the sea. By Thy strength Thou settest fast the mountains, being girded with power. Thou stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. Thou makest the morning and evening to rejoice over us, Thine unworthy and sinful creatures.

O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to give us clearer views of our undone state by nature, our great unworthiness and insufficiency in ourselves

to save ourselves, and our consequent need of a Saviour. Impress more and more deeply upon us a sense of the blindness of our understandings, the perverseness of our wills, and the alienation of our hearts, with their affections and desires, from Thee our God, the source of our being and happiness. Enable us more and more to see the beauty of holiness, the guilt which we have contracted, and the danger in which, by nature, we are involved. We humbly confess before Thee, our maker, that we are possessed of no merit, can perform no service, and have no strength which can avail us in Thy pure and holy sight; and we therefore now desire to draw near to Thee as poor, naked, wretched, and miserable sinners. O Lord, we deprecate Thy wrath, and implore Thy mercy and forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave himself for us, that, through Him, we might be saved from sin, and delivered from all iniquity. O Lord, pardon our sins, and accept of us as righteous for His sake.

We desire to thank and praise Thee, most gracious God, for Thy holy Word, for the use or abuse of which, and all our other mercies, we must account at the day of judgment. Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant us that, by patience and comfort in Thy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which

Thou hast therein given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May we take heed how we read, and how we hear. May we not be hearers only, but doers of Thy word, and bring forth, in our lives and conversations, the fruits of temperance, piety, and benevolence, to the glory of Thy holy name. O Lord, forbid that any of us should ever be ashamed of Thee or of the Gospel of Christ. May we have grace given us to fear Thee, and reverence Thy holy law. By a diligent use of the means of grace which we have, may we daily grow in grace, in spiritual understanding, and in preparation for Thy kingdom of glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

We humbly pray Thee, O Lord, that Thou wouldest have respect unto Thy covenant, for the dark places of the earth are still full of the habitations of horrid cruelty. Deliver the oppressed, O Lord—let them not return ashamed—let the poor and the needy praise Thy name. Arise, O Lord, plead Thine own cause. May we and all men be enabled, through Thy heavenly grace, to know in whom we have believed, and be persuaded that Thou art able to keep that which we have committed to Thee against that day. May we be all found in Christ, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ,—the righteousness which is of God by faith; that we may know Him, and the power of His resur-

rection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.

And now, O Lord, by the grace of the Spirit, at the close of this day, may all our unruly lusts and unholy tempers be mortified and subdued, and all our sins pardoned and forgiven. Bless and keep us from all dangers and evils this night, and prepare us for the labours and duties of another day. We now commit our bodies, souls, and spirits into Thy hands. O Lord, have mercy upon us, sanctify our souls, wash our bodies with pure water, and prepare us for all that is before us in time, and for death, judgment, and eternity, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

FRIDAY MORNING:

Ⓘ LORD, we desire this morning to present ourselves before Thee as poor, needy, and dying creatures. We come before Thee, our maker and preserver, in the name of our great High Priest, who is passed into the heavens—Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who was touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and who is able to save to the uttermost all that come to Thee

by Him, because He ever liveth, making intercession for us.

Against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned, O Lord, and done evil, and for our sins Thou art most justly displeased. Thou hast revealed Thy wrath from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, and hast declared that, unless we repent, we shall all perish. Grant unto us, O God, we earnestly beseech Thee, repentance unto life. We confess before Thee not only our actual transgressions, but the sinfulness of our hearts, from which They continually flow. O Lord, our minds are by nature carnal, minding only the things of the flesh—our understandings are carnal, ignorant of the things of the Spirit—our wills are carnal, opposed to Thy holy will and law—and our affections are carnal, set only upon worldly things and worldly enjoyments. Our minds are carnal, and are at enmity against Thee, Thy glorious perfections, Thy spiritual worship, and Thy holy laws. O Lord, we earnestly pray Thee that we may be born of the Spirit, and that Thou wouldst take away our hard and stony hearts, and give us hearts of flesh. Enable us, O most merciful God, now to sow unto the Spirit, that we may, of the Spirit, finally reap life everlasting, through the merits and intercession of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

We adore and thank Thee, O Father of all

our mercies, for Thy care and providence, which Thou hast mercifully exercised towards us during the past night, and our past lives. We thank Thee that we are again raised up this morning, and enabled to meet around Thy throne of grace, to adore and praise Thee for Thy goodness. We thank Thee for our food and raiment and domestic comforts, for casting our lot in this Christian land, and for giving us the means of grace and the hopes of glory. We pray Thee, O Lord, as Thy professing people, that through the influences of the Holy Spirit, we may be more and more enabled to forget the things which are behind, and to reach forth unto those things which are before, and, with all earnestness, to press toward the mark of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Bless us, O God, in our worldly employments, this day. May we possess resignation, and entire confidence in Thee, the great ruler over all, and the disposer of all events, who carest even for the very least of Thy creatures upon the earth. May Thy holy Word be our rule and guide this day, and all our days. Bless all for whom we should pray, with the pardon of their sins, and with grace to love and glorify Thee in the world.

And now, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, to bow down Thine ear this morning, and answer us, for we are poor and needy. Preserve our souls, O Lord, for we trust in Thee. We rejoice

to think that Thou art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. O Lord, pardon and forgive us all our many sins and short-comings, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Give us Thy Holy Spirit this day, that we may thereby be enabled to walk before Thee in the world unto all well-pleasing. O Lord, increase our faith, and give us to be so crucified with Christ, as that the life we now live in the flesh may be a life of faith upon the Son of God, who loved us, and gave Himself for us; and that we may so bear about with us continually the dying of the Lord Jesus, as that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal bodies. O Lord, mercifully hear these our petitions, and give us an answer in peace, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

FRIDAY EVENING.

• **Ⓐ** LORD, our Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth—even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou turnest man unto destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men. A thousand years are in Thy

sight but as yesterday, when it is past, and as a watch in the night. O Lord, we are consumed by Thine anger, and, by Thy wrath, are we troubled. As Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance, be mercifully pleased, O Lord, to reveal all our sins to us, for the sake of Christ our Saviour.

We rejoice to know that there is balm in Gilead, and a physician there—a Saviour suited to our various cases and necessities—a Saviour, both able and willing to save to the uttermost, all who come to Thee, through His mediation. Through Him, have mercy upon us, O Lord, and blot out all our transgressions, for His name's sake.

O God, forbid that any of us should deceive ourselves with a name to live when we are dead. May we all know and feel the true nature and dreadful consequences of sin. It is, O Lord, very deceitful, ruinous both to our bodies and to our souls. Our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked, and from the dreadful effects of sin, which we everywhere see around us, may we take warning, and be enabled to flee to Christ, who alone can shelter us from the divine fury of Thy wrath, on account of our sins. May we experience Him to be the only refuge—the great deliverer from sin and all uncleanness. May grace be given to us, that we may now unfeignedly repent of all our past sins, and come

boldly to Thee for Thy mercy to pardon, and Thy grace to help us,—through Jesus Christ our only Saviour.

O Lord, of thine infinite mercy, do Thou have mercy upon those who are self-deceived,—open their eyes O Lord, that they may in time discover their great danger. May they seek Thee when Thou art to be found, and call upon Thee when Thou art near. Give us, and all men, grace to shun even the appearance of evil, and to live in holy love and cheerful obedience to our Glorious Redeemer, who died to atone for our sins, and rose again to procure our justification.

At the close of every day, may we be led to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. We have now and ever to lament in Thy holy presence, the deadness of our faith, and the worldliness of our lives. Give us grace, O Lord, to redeem the time, and to grow in holiness; as every day we live brings us one day nearer to eternity. May our conversation be more and more in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour—the Lord Jesus Christ—who shall change these, our vile bodies, that they may be fashioned like unto His own glorious body, according to the working, whereby he is able, even to subdue all things to Himself.

Father of all our mercies, we thank Thee for Thy care and protection of us this day. Be with us and bless us, and all for whom we should

pray this night. May we now, and at all times have our loins girded, and our lamps trimmed, and we ourselves ready, waiting for our Lord—not knowing at what hour he may come.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the poor and the needy—the distressed in mind and body, and upon the sick, the afflicted, and the dying. Give them those things which they require, for time, but, above all, give them those things needful for the life to come.

O Lord, satisfy us now with Thy mercy, that we may be glad and rejoice in Thee all our days. Let Thy work appear unto us, and Thy glory unto our children,—let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. And all that we ask, we ask for Christ's sake.—Amen. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Ⓐ LORD, who in heaven can be compared unto Thee, who, among the sons of the mighty, can be likened unto Thee. Thou art greatly to be feared O Lord. Who is a strong Lord like unto Thee, or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee. Thou rulest the raging of

the sea, when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them. The heavens are Thine, O Lord,—the earth also is Thine—as for the world and the fullness thereof, Thou hast founded them.

Humble us, O Lord, in the dust before Thee, our maker, preserver, and benefactor. We know and feel that we are sinners, may we fear and tremble in Thy holy presence. We are less than the least of all Thy mercies. For Christ's sake have mercy upon us. O Lord, Thou hast in all ages of the world manifested Thy love of righteousness, and Thy hatred of sin. May we know what an evil and bitter thing it is to sin against Thee. Convince us all, O Lord, that Thou wilt not be mocked or trifled with. Considering the superior privileges which Thou hast bestowed upon us, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for us, if we continue to mock Thee by our prayers, and continue in sin. O Lord, we desire to adore and bless Thee for Thy glorious declaration—that there is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus—whom Thou sent into the world to save sinners. May we have faith to believe upon him for our salvation.

O Lord, we seriously pray Thee to give us clearer views of Jesus Christ—of His person, character, and offices—who He was originally—what He became—what He has done for us by His active and passive obedience—and what He

is still doing for us in heaven. May we know Him savingly and experimentally, and count Him the chief among ten thousand, and altogether lovely. May we have a saving interest in the glorious blessings which He has purchased by His death for sinners—may he be formed in our souls the hope of glory—and made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and complete redemption. Believing in Christ, may we enjoy that peace of Thine, which the world cannot give or take away—and which the consolations of the Holy Spirit can alone impart.

O Lord, Thou hast spared us, Thine unworthy and unprofitable servants, during another night. We meet before Thee this morning to thank Thee for all Thy goodness and long-suffering manifested to us. O Lord, we confess that our iniquities deserve Thy wrath and Thy curse, and that we might most justly have been called to stand at Thy bar, to give an account of our unholy deeds and wicked actions. We now plead before Thee, the righteousness of Christ. May it be made ours, and may we have faith in Him, that we may have peace of conscience, because, in him, Thou seest no iniquity in Thy children.

Bless us, O Lord, this day in our worldly callings and occupations. May our moderation be known to all men. Protect us, O Lord, in our going out and coming in. Support and strengthen, direct, and guide us. En-

able us, by Thy grace, to be kind, tender-hearted, and merciful to all our fellow-men. May we put away from us all hatred and variance, all anger and strife, and malice, and evil speaking—and do Thou mercifully impart to us Thy heavenly peace. O Lord, do justice to the afflicted and the needy. Deliver the poor and the needy, O Lord; may they receive Thy blessing—even life that shall never end.

And now, O Lord, we pray Thee, that all unreasonable anxiety about the world, and the things of the world, may be banished from our minds. May our sole dependence be upon Thee and Thy mercy in Christ. May we be delivered by Thy grace, and kept from all sin, through faith unto eternal salvation. O Lord, for Christ's sake, pardon all our sins,—the depravity of our nature, and the offences of our lives, and make us Thy servants,—a peculiar people, zealous of good works. And may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Third Week.

SATURDAY EVENING

⓪ LORD, enable us this evening to worship Thee, our maker, preserver, and bene-

factor, with fear and reverence. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth through all generations. The eyes of all things wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and suppliest the desire of every living thing. To whom, O Lord, can we go, but unto Thee, for Thou hast the words of eternal life. May we, in communion with Thee, feel Thy ways to be peace and pleasure, and Thy service to be perfect freedom. We know, O Lord, that this world, with all its allurements and sin,—with all its enchantments,—can offer nothing equal to the great salvation, pardon, peace, and holiness, which Thou art now, in Christ Jesus Thy Son, offering to us and all men. O Lord, save us we humbly pray Thee, from ourselves,—the deceitfulness of sin, and the snares of the devil. Help us, O our God, to choose the good part which shall never be taken away from us, and not to halt between two opinions,—between Thee, a holy God, and this world, which lieth in wickedness. Enable us to serve Thee, whose service is perfect freedom—which giveth peace here, and glory hereafter.

O Lord, Thou hast in great mercy brought us to see the end of another day, and of another week. Enable us to lift up our hearts to praise Thee, our gracious benefactor and preserver, for all Thine unspeakable gifts and mercies bestowed

upon us. Our days and years are fast drawing to a close ; our last day will soon arrive. Enable us now, while our health and strength and the day of mercy last, to put on the whole spiritual armour which Thou, in Christ, hast provided for sinners. May we be clothed with His spotless righteousness. Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, may we think on these things. O Lord, make us earnest and zealous for our salvation, for it is high time for us to awake out of sleep. This is our accepted time, the time of our salvation. Supply all our need out of Christ's fulness, and may we be enabled to do all things, through Him, who 'strengtheneth us. Sanctify and heal us as Thine, in soul, body, and spirit. Sprinkle clean water upon us, and make us clean from all our filthiness, and from all our idols do Thou cleanse us ; a new heart do Thou give us, and a right spirit do Thou put within us. And, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, that, as Thy redeemed children, we may daily walk in Thy statutes, and keep Thy judgments and do them. In our intercourse with the world, may we be careful to maintain good works, and be enabled, by Thy grace, to go on from strength to strength, and from one degree of perfection unto another, until we appear perfect before Thee in Zion.

We humbly pray Thee that Thy truth may this night, and all our remaining nights upon the earth, be our shield and buckler. Bless unto us the reading of Thy Holy Word. May we have entire faith and confidence in its promises, declarations, and threatenings. Enable us, O Lord, to rest at all times contented in Thy holy will, and to place all our dependence upon Thee for protection and safety. May we not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. May no evil befall us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling this night. Give Thine angels charge over us, O Lord, and keep us in all our ways.

If spared by Thee in life during this night, may we be prepared, by Thy heavenly grace, to spend another Sabbath day in Thy fear and service. O Lord, forbid that it should be our condemnation that light hath come unto the world, and that we love darkness rather than the light, our deeds being evil.

And now, O Lord, bless us and all men,—our friends, the sick, the afflicted, and the dying, with those blessings of which they stand in need, even with those blessings which this world cannot give nor take away, for Jesus Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, the maker and preserver of all things. In Thee we live, move, and have our being. It is of Thy mercy, O Lord, that we are not consumed, even because Thy compassions fail not; they are new every morning,—great is Thy faithfulness. We desire on this, the morning of the first day of another week, to praise and thank Thee that we have laid us down and have had whereon to lay our heads. Thou hast given us sleep and waked us again. It is of Thy mercy that we have not slept the sleep of death. With the light of this morning let the day-spring from on high visit us, to give us the knowledge of salvation, through Thy tender mercy, and let the sun of righteousness arise upon our souls, with healing under his wings.

O Lord, we desire at this time to draw near unto Thy pure and holy presence, in the name, and trusting to the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour, to implore Thee, for His sake, to pardon our sins, and to give us the Holy Spirit, that we may love and serve Thee this day. Shine into our hearts, to give us Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our

Saviour. Instruct us by Thy Holy Word and Spirit, that our minds may be enlightened more and more in the saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

O Lord, we adore and praise Thee that the Lord Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, died for our sins, and that, for our justification, He rose again from the dead. May we rise in our thoughts and desires this day to heaven, where He now is seated on His throne of glory. May our faith and hope be in him, and may we feel the power of his resurrection. May our sins be pardoned, through faith in His precious blood, and may the Holy Spirit, the sanctifier, renew us in the spirit of our minds, that we may be delivered from condemnation and made spiritually minded, which is life and peace. O Lord, may the life which we henceforth live in the flesh be a life of faith upon the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. Because He lives, may we live also, and glorify Him in all that we think, say, and do.

O Lord, we pray Thee, this morning, to give us thankful hearts for all Thy past goodness to us in providence and in grace. Pardon us, O Lord, for our neglect and abuse of Thy mercies, for Christ's sake. Give us all grace to spend this day in Thy fear and service, and for our spiritual improvement and growth in grace. May grace, mercy, and truth be multiplied upon

us and all men. May Christ be preached unto us as our hope of glory,—and may all Thy ministering servants have grace given them to declare the whole counsel of God. May many sinners be reclaimed, saints edified, and Thy people built up in their holy faith.

O Lord, bless our country in all its interests. May pure and undefiled religion prevail and flourish more and more, and may the time soon come when all men shall walk in Thy statutes and keep Thy judgments and do them.

Bless the universal Church of Christ. Give all its members grace to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love.

Have mercy upon the poor. Relieve their wants, and make them content with the dispensations of Thy providence. Remember, in great compassion, the sick and the dying. O Lord, Thy mercy endureth for ever—forsake not the works of Thine own hands, and whether they live or die may they be Thine.

And now, O Lord, be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us—and upon all whom we should remember upon our hearts before Thee. May Thy way be known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee O Lord—let all the people praise Thee. O let

the nations be glad, and sing for joy ; then shall the earth yield her increase—and God, even our own God, shall bless us ; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Thee, O Lord.

O Lord, mercifully hear these, our prayers ; answer us, by giving us the pardon of our sins, and grace to serve and glorify Thee, this day,—and all our days upon the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD our God, Thou art the wonderful giver of all things. Enable us to come before Thee this evening, with hearts full of gratitude and love to Thee, the Father of all our mercies. O Lord thou causest Thy sun to shine upon the evil and the good—upon the just, and upon the unjust. We adore and praise Thee, that Thou hast, in Thy sovereign goodness, encouraged and commanded us, Thine unworthy creatures, to ask from Thee, in the name of Christ our Saviour,—that we may receive, and to seek,—that we may find. Thou art now seated upon a throne of mercy, and calling upon the wicked to forsake his ways, and the unrighteous

man his thoughts, and to return to Thee, the Lord; that Thou mightest have mercy upon him. Although, by nature and practice, our sins are as scarlet, yet, we rejoice to know that, in Christ's blood, which was shed to take away the sins of the world, they can be made white as snow, and though they be red like crimson, they can be made as wool, and that our Lord Jesus Christ, our once crucified, but now exalted Saviour, is addressing each one of us this night,—“Come unto me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest—Look unto me all ye ends of the earth, and be ye saved.” O Lord, we labour and are heavy laden with sin, give us rest,—we look up unto Thee, save us with an everlasting salvation.

O Lord, we have to confess, in Thy holy presence that we are utterly unworthy of Thy regard, and deserve to have reaped the fruits of our own doings. But, we rejoice to know, that Thou art, in Christ, a God of love, and that, in Him, Thou canst have mercy upon us. O Lord shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, and enable us to love Thee, who first loved us, in our low and lost estate, in the gift of Thy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ,—our salvation. Thanks be to Thee, the Lord of all grace, for the wonderful provision of mercy in Him, and the precious promises of pardon, through his death. By faith may we trust in Christ, and walk in him, not

only as our redemption, but also as our sanctification. We adore and bless Thee, also, O Lord, for the glorious descent of the Holy Ghost, and for the gracious assurance that He shall abide with the Church for ever. May He lead us into all truth—subdue our iniquities, sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit—be to us the earnest of the heavenly inheritance, and seal us unto the day of our complete redemption. O God, forbid that any of us should grieve the Spirit, but may we be enabled to honour Him as, in Thy hands, the great means of saving us, the lost children of men.

O Lord, we adore and praise Thee, this evening, for a preached Gospel, and for the privileges of another Sabbath day. Follow, with Thy blessing, all the religious services in which we have, this day, engaged, and pardon what we have done or heard amiss. May we continue in the faith—grounded and settled, and not moved away from the hope of the glorious gospel of Christ. Give us all grace to exercise ourselves, to have always a conscience void of offence, both towards God and man. Sanctify unto us our various conditions, situations, and employments, and enable us to glorify and serve Thee every day.—Make us what we should be, and teach us what we should do,—for we are unable to govern our own hearts, or to direct our own steps.

O Lord, circulate Thy word more and more,

and bless the preaching of it through the whole world. May all men be blessed in Christ, and may all nations call him blessed.

O Lord, mercifully accommodate the riches of Thy grace to the circumstances of all who are in affliction and distress. Give them implicit faith, and a sure resting place in Christ, and in his finished work, that they may come to Him, who alone can heal, both their temporal and spiritual diseases.

And now, O Lord, at the close of this holy day, we pray Thee to look down from heaven, and behold and visit us, and all for whom we should pray. Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand—upon the Son of man whom Thou madest strong for Thyself. O Lord, awaken us, and turn us again, and cause Thy face to shine, and Thy spirit to descend upon us. Save us O Lord from sin now, and the punishment of sin hereafter. To Thy mercy, in Christ, we commit ourselves this night. Be Thou our shield and defence, that we may have rest of body and peace of mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

MONDAY MORNING.

GOD, justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne,—mercy and truth go

before Thy face. We rejoice to know that we have access unto Thee, through the Lord Jesus Christ. Enable us more and more to know, and to feel the sinfulness of our hearts and lives, and to thank and praise Thee for Thy holy word, which, by the teaching of Thy Spirit, reveals to us Thy glorious perfections, and our true character by nature and practice. O Lord, we confess, that sin has usurped the dominion over us, and the whole human race; like a mighty monarch, it has reigned over us, and all the children of Adam. Grant O Lord, that by Thy restraining grace, it may no longer have dominion over us, to reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey the lusts thereof. May we, through the merits of Christ's redemption, be delivered, not only from its guilt, but also from its power. May we mercifully experience, that what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, the Son of God hath effected by the shedding of His precious blood. May we believe upon Christ, and be freed from the law of sin and death. Enable us, by grace, to mortify the deeds of our bodies, and to depart from all iniquity. O Lord, purify our hearts by faith, and free us from sin and its punishment, here, and hereafter. May our fruit be unto holiness, and our end life everlasting.

We thank and praise Thee, O Thou preserver of men, for protecting us during the last night,

and for raising us up this morning. May we be enabled this day to serve Thee with all earnestness and zeal, and to walk worthy of Thee, unto all well-pleasing—being fruitful in every good work, and daily increasing in divine knowledge. May we be delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of Thy dear Son—in whom we have redemption, through His blood, even the forgiveness of our sins. May we walk in Thy countenance, and in Thy name rejoice all this day, and be exalted in Thy righteousness. O Lord, be Thou the glory of our strength,—in Thy favour may our horn be exalted,—and may the angel of Thy presence save us from all sin and danger, and mercifully deliver us from all temptation.

O Lord, we earnestly pray for all orders and degrees of men among us. Bless this great nation, more and more, with love to Thee, and obedience to Thy holy commandments.—May the people feel, that, in keeping of them, there is a great present reward, and a greater reward in the world to come. Bless our rulers, senators, and judges, with power to discharge all their important duties, for their own good, and for the good of all men in this land. Convert the unconverted, and build up Thy people, of every name, who love the Lord Jesus Christ, in their most holy faith. Look also upon the dark places of the earth, and may the happy time soon come,

when Christ shall receive the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Our friends, relations, and neighbours, do Thou also bless with all things needful for this world, and for the world to come. Keep them, and us, in all our ways; bless all our lawful undertakings—set Thy fear before our eyes, and implant Thy love in our hearts.

And now, O Lord, mercifully hear us, in these our prayers,—grant us the pardon of our sins, and Thy grace to resist sin, that at last an entrance may be ministered unto us, into Thy heavenly kingdom, through the Lord Jesus Christ.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

MONDAY EVENING.

⓪ LORD, whom have we in heaven but Thee? All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, and glorify Thy name. Thou art God alone. We rejoice to know that Thou art a God full of compassion and gracious long-suffering, and plentiful in mercy and in truth. In appearing before Thee, this evening, O Lord, turn unto us, and have mercy upon us. Give us Thy strength to pray

unto Thee, and may we receive Thy blessing in answer to our prayers.

We confess, O Lord, that we are weary and heavy laden with sin, but according to Thy gracious invitation, we come unto Thee, that our sin may be removed, and that we may find rest unto our souls. May the Lord Jesus Christ be our Redeemer—our prophet to enlighten our minds in the saving knowledge of the truth—our priest to be a sacrifice for our sins—and our King to rule over us, and to conquer and restrain all His, and our enemies.

O God, do Thou pardon and forgive all our sins. Sanctify us wholly, and may our whole spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. May we feel that we are not our own, but have been bought with a price—and be enabled, through grace, to love Thee supremely, and our neighbour as ourselves. May all that we have, and all that we are, and do, be devoted to Thy service and glory. May we no longer live unto ourselves, but unto Him who loved us and died for us, and rose again for our justification. Enable us henceforth, to glorify Him with our souls and bodies, which are His—and to be gradually transformed into His blessed and holy image.

O Lord, we confess that we have not honoured Thee in the world this day as we ought to have done. Sin has had dominion over us. We are

unprofitable servants. O Lord, for Christ's sake, do Thou mercifully extend to us Thy pardon. Wash us in the fountain of His blood, and sanctify us by Thy holy spirit. May our hearts be now comforted, being complete in Christ, and rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, and abound therein with thanksgiving.

O Lord, at the close of this day, we desire to thank and praise Thee for Thy fatherly goodness which Thou hast, during it, exercised over us. By Thy power and mercy we have been fed, clothed, preserved, and delivered from much evil and many dangers. We confess that we are ever very unthankful unto Thee for Thy temporal, and frequently altogether unmindful of our spiritual, mercies. O Lord, enter not into judgment with us—cast us not away from Thy presence and the glory of Thy power, but remember us in great love and compassion. For the Lord Jesus sake be pleased to change our selfish and unthankful hearts and to make us grateful for all Thy mercies in providence and in grace.

Bless, O Lord, all for whom we should pray, with the knowledge of Thyself and Jesus Christ our Lord. May all men be brought to the acknowledgment, love, and obedience of the truth as it is in Jesus. Have mercy upon the poor, the destitute, the afflicted, and the dying. Give them those things which they need in this world, and a title to those things which Thou hast pre-

pared for them who love Thee, in the world to come.

To Thee and Thy mercy in Christ do we now humbly commend ourselves and ours this night. Visit us, O God, with Thy salvation, and preserve us in soul and body from all the evils and dangers to which the weakness of our frame, and the greatness of our sins by day, and by night, expose us. May we rest in peace and safety, and be raised up again upon a new day, and enabled then to serve Thee according to Thy holy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Ⓘ LORD our God, thou art greatly to be feared. Thou art to be praised above all gods. Honour and majesty are before Thee, —strength and beauty are in Thy sanctuary.

This morning we appear in Thy holy presence as sinners—hopeless and helpless. But we bless and praise Thee, O Lord, for Jesus Christ, Thy Son, the true foundation and the only deliverer from sin. O Lord, may we believe upon Him for salvation, and do Thou fill us with all peace and joy in believing. O

Lord, may we feel that He is our only hope before Thee. Forbid that any of us should deceive ourselves with having only a name to live whilst we are dead, and have no better hope than that of the hypocrite and the formalist. Purify us from all delusions, and from all defilement of the flesh and of the spirit. In this our day of probation, give us grace to be active in duty, firm in temptation, and patient under all our trials and sorrows. May we now experience the blessedness of having a living faith in the Son of God, and be enabled to look for mercy unto eternal life through Him alone. May we more and more set our affections upon things above, and not on things upon the earth. May our life be hid with Christ in God, that when He appears, we may also appear with him in glory. Give us grace, O Lord, to mortify our members which are upon the earth,—to put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of our mouth,—to put off the old man with his deeds, and to put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created us.

O Lord, make us all diligent and careful in the perusal of Thy Holy Word. May the Spirit open our understandings to understand the Scriptures. May they be profitable to us for doctrine, for instruction, for reproof, and for

correction in righteousness. We thank and praise Thee, O Lord, for the gracious invitations addressed to us in the gospel of Christ. Forbid that we should spend our money for that which is not bread, and our labour for that which profiteth not. May we incline our ears and come unto Thee and hear, that our souls may live. May we now look away from ourselves and our own doings, and rely solely for our salvation upon Christ, and, through faith in Him, may we be saved from misery here and eternal misery hereafter.

May the Holy Scriptures soon have free circulation through the whole earth, and be received by all men as the rule of their faith and life. O Lord, convert the unconverted, and build up Thy people in their most holy faith. Especially may our friends, relations, and all for whom we should pray, receive, and be enabled to hold fast, the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come.

And now, O Lord, as Thou hast mercifully brought us to the beginning of a new day, we humbly pray Thee, to carry us through the same in Thy fear and favour. Make us careful in all that we say and do, that we offend not against Thee. Assist us to perform all our duties in Thy fear and favour. Order all our steps, and let no sin or temptation have dominion over us. Teach and enable us, O Lord,

to use the things of the world as not abusing them. Through the assistance of Thy grace, may we desire, and be enabled to live, in the obedience and practice of Thy holy will, and to the honour of Thy blessed name, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.—AMEN.
Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou reignest,—thou art clothed with majesty. Thou, O Lord, art clothed with strength, wherewith Thou hast girded Thyself. Thou hast also established the world, that it cannot be moved. O Lord, Thy throne is established of old—Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, God.

O Lord, enable us, thy sinful children, whom Thou didst create for Thy service and glory, to approach Thy sacred person with the greatest humility and self-abasement. May we be enabled to confess our sin and to feel that we have come very far short of serving and glorifying Thee in our hearts or lives. O Lord, we adore and praise Thee that, although our sins testify against us, Thou hast most graciously invited us through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to come unto

Thee, to obtain mercy to pardon, and grace to help us. Thou hast set Him before us in Thy blessed Word, as Thy beloved Son, and our gracious Saviour. Open our eyes, O Lord, and incline our hearts to behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. Fix them upon Him as our best object of confidence and love. There is salvation in none other. May we look unto Him and be saved from wrath now and eternal misery hereafter.

O Lord, may we walk humbly before Thee in the world. May the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world. May we remember that if we are in prosperity, thou art warning us not to be high-minded, but to fear; and, if we are in adversity, to exercise patience and humility under Thy hand. In health, Thou art warning us to provide for the evil days which may yet come upon us, and in sickness, to prepare for death, judgment, and eternity. May we now, in whatever circumstances we may be placed, have grace given us to repent of our sins after a godly manner, and to turn from them unto Thee, with full purpose of heart. May we return unto Thee, O Lord, and do Thou have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, bless the universal church of Christ—all who love Thee in sincerity and in truth. Unite the members of Thy Son's Church more and more in love to Thee, and in love to one

another, and may Thy glorious Gospel have free course, and be glorified through all the earth.

O Lord, bless and pardon all for whom we should pray. May they be built up in all knowledge, and in all comfort, in the belief of the truth, as it is in Jesus.

O Lord, guide and keep us, and make us wise and faithful in the discharge of our various duties to Thee and our fellow-men. Sanctify our respective conditions to us, and fit and prepare us to act humbly, faithfully, and honestly, in the world.

And now, O Lord, be graciously pleased to accept of our evening thansgiving for the mercies of the day past—and for Thy unceasing goodness which thou hast made to pass before us all the days of our lives. Pardon all our sins, and supply all our needs, out of Christ's fullness. And may the Lord make us to increase and abound in love, one toward another, and toward all men,—to the end that we may establish our hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our father, at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, with all his saints.—
Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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 LORD, Thou art a great God, and a great King, above all Gods. In Thy hand are the deep places of the earth—the strength of the hills is Thine also. The sea is also Thine, Thou madest it, and Thy hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down—let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Thou art our God. May we be Thy people, the sheep of Thy pasture, and the objects of Thy daily care.

O Lord, enable us to confess, and to feel our confession, that by nature we are blind to our true interests, being alienated from the life of Thee, our God, through the ignorance that is within us. We are dead in trespasses and in sins,—held under the sway of our unruly appetites and passions. Enable us this morning to come to Thee, in faith,—not relying upon our works, or depending upon our merits, but relying implicitly upon the righteousness which our blessed Saviour—the Lord Jesus Christ—has wrought out for his people, by His obedience unto death. We rejoice, O Lord, in the knowledge that Thou hast loved us with an everlasting love, by giving us Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him

should not perish, but have everlasting life. Give us faith to believe upon Christ, that we may be saved from the curse of Thy broken law. O blessed Jesus, we thank and adore Thee for Thy wonderful love and compassion towards us—for Thy benevolence to us—and that Thou art able and willing to save to the uttermost all who come unto Thee for salvation. We also praise Thee, O our Saviour, for Thy continual intercession for us. May we be Thine, given to Thee by God our Father. May we be conformed to Thy blessed image, that we may hereafter behold Thy glory, and have the blessed privilege of ascribing unto Thee glory, honour, and thanksgiving, for ever and ever.

O Lord, enable us this day to put on as Thine elect children, holy and beloved bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another—even as we pray Thee, for Christ's sake, to forgive us. May we put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness, and may Thy grace rule continually in our hearts. May our faith be active—known by our works—and may we bring forth much fruit to Thy praise and glory.

O Lord, look down upon, and visit all sick and afflicted persons this morning. Remember them, O Lord, and have compassion upon them.

Spare useful lives, and prepare them and us for death, judgment, and eternity.

We humbly pray Thee, O Lord, to guide and keep us this day. Make us wise and faithful in our several duties. Make us humble, and keep and dispose of us to the glory of Thy great name. O Lord, we magnify and praise Thee for the mercies of the night past. We laid us down and slept, and have been raised up again, for Thou hast sustained us, and made us to dwell in safety. And now, O Lord, we commit ourselves—our friends—and all men, to Thy merciful care and keeping. Pardon our sins, and guide and direct us in all the duties which we are called upon to perform this day, and bring us at last to Thy kingdom and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Ⓞ LORD, how great are Thy works, and Thy thoughts, they are very deep. It is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and to sing praises to Thy name, O Thou Most High—to shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every evening.

O Lord, enable us, we humbly pray Thee, at

this time to lift up our hearts unto Thee, and to thank and praise Thee for Thy loving-kindness and faithfulness which Thou hast made to pass before us during this day, and during our past lives.

O God—the Father of Lights—the Fountain of all wisdom,—we pray Thee to give us Thy Holy Spirit—the great and promised Teacher—to lead us unto all truth—and especially that He may reveal unto us Thyself, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. O Lord, we bless Thee that the true light now shines around us—may it shine into our hearts, and give us the light of the knowledge of Thy glory, in the face of Jesus Christ. May this knowledge humble us,—and may we be led to trust only upon Him as all our salvation, and all our desire. May we practically prove by our lives and conversations, that the truth is in us, by departing from all evil, and keeping Thy holy commandments. May we imbibe the spirit of Christ, who was meek and lowly in heart, and learn of him who only can teach savingly, and to profit. May we glorify Thee in our bodies and spirits, which are Thine,—remembering that the end of our existence is to glorify Thee, our heavenly Father in all things. Thou hast, in great mercy and love, assigned to us our various positions in the world—not for our pleasure or convenience—not to spend a few

years in indolence and sloth, and then quietly to leave the world,—but to shew forth Thy praise and glory. May we feel that we are moral and accountable beings, and at the great day of our reckoning with Thee, the Judge of all, we must give in our account how we have occupied our talents, time, and opportunities, which Thou hast entrusted to us. O God, enable us now to walk circumspectly,—to glorify Thee,—and to shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but also in our lives. Whatever we are called upon to do, in Thy providence, may we have grace given to us to do it heartily unto Thee, the Lord, in the name of Jesus. O God, may we increase and abound more and more in love to Thee, and towards one another—and study to be quiet, to do our own business, and walk humbly and honestly in the world, towards Thee, and all men.

Grant, O Lord, that we may finally be admitted into that world of light, where we shall no longer see through a glass darkly, but face to face, and know even as we are known. May we experience in time, and through eternity, that it is life eternal to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

O Lord, for Christ's sake, mercifully pardon and forgive us all the sins we have done,—and make us truly thankful unto Thee, for all Thy

continued mercies to us day by day. And now, O Lord, compass our path, and our lying down—and defend, bless, and keep us, that no danger or evil may happen to us this night. O Lord, never leave us, never forsake us,—and all that we ask, or hope for, is in the name, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Q LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Thou reignest—let the earth rejoice—let the multitude of the isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about Thee—righteousness and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne. The heavens declare Thy righteousness, and all the people see Thy glory. Enable us this morning, O Lord, to rejoice and give thanks at the remembrance of Thy power and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Thee, O Lord, we live and move, and have our being. Thou only art Almighty,—Thou art the creator of all things, and for Thy glory they are and were created. Thou art also the preserver and governor of all Thy creatures;—All wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them

their food in due season. We also adore and praise Thee, O Lord, as the ruler of the moral world—all beings are subject to Thy control—all hearts are in Thy hands, and Thy throne ruleth over all.

O Lord, enable us above all, to praise Thee for Thy greatest and best blessing to a guilty world—for Thy love in our redemption, through the Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice that He is able to save to the uttermost, all who come to Thee, through Him, for salvation. O Lord, enable us, by the influences of the holy spirit, to feel that we are sinners—that we need salvation—and that we can only be saved from the dreadful consequences of our sin, through Jesus Christ—the Saviour of the world. O Lord, for His sake, mercifully deliver us from the dominion of sin—and preserve us from evil, the world and the flesh, and keep us by Thy divine power, through faith, unto eternal salvation.

O Lord, as Thou hast most graciously crowned every day of our lives with Thy mercy ; enable us, day by day, to acknowledge, with gratitude and love, Thy goodness to us sinners. We desire, this morning, to bless and praise Thee for our rest, protection, and preservation, during the last night. O Lord, as Thou hast, in Thy great mercy, raised us up this day, with a measure of health and strength, enable us to glorify

Thee, our Heavenly Father, in all that we think, in all that we say, and in all that we do. May we remember that we are not called to uncleanness, but unto holiness. As we are not in darkness that the day of the Lord should overtake us as a thief; may we be the children of the day, and not sleep as do others, but watch and be sober; and as we are ever prone to forget Thee, do Thou mercifully look down upon us, watch over us, and keep us in all our ways.

O Lord, enable us to pray from the heart for our fellow men. Do Thou warn them who are unruly—comfort the feeble-minded—support the weak—and enable us to be ever patient towards all men. May we not render evil for evil unto any man, but ever follow that which is good—both among ourselves, and to all men.

May we have grace given to us at all times, to prove all things, and to hold fast that which is good—and to abstain from the very appearance of evil.

We also pray Thee, O Lord, for integrity and diligence to discharge all the duties of life. May we avoid hypocrisy and deceit,—watch against pride and the many other sins which do daily beset us. May we approve ourselves unto Thee, the great searcher of hearts, by faithfully performing every known duty,—and carefully avoiding every known sin.

And now, may the very God of Peace sanctify us wholly—and may our whole spirits, souls and bodies, be preserved blameless, unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ—and may His grace be with us now, and for ever.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou dwellest in the heavens,—
 Thou art God alone. Thou art only wise,
 —Thy understanding is infinite. We behold
 Thy wisdom in the works of Thy hands, with
 which we are everywhere surrounded. In wis-
 dom hast Thou made all things,—and when all
 things were finished, Thou didst pronounce them
 to be very good. O Lord, we adore Thy wis-
 dom in our own formation, for we are fearfully
 and wonderfully made. By Thy power, O
 God, the whole universe is preserved and
 governed, and all the affairs of mankind are
 controlled. Thou makest even the wrath of
 men to praise Thee—while the remainder
 thereof is mercifully restrained by Thee. We
 confess that we can never understand Thy
 wisdom—it is higher than heaven, what can
 we do—it is deeper than hell, what can we

know—the measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

O Lord, we now beg of Thee wisdom to direct us in all our ways—and especially, to make us wise unto salvation,—may we ever rely upon Thy wisdom, and have in all our changes a humble trust and confidence in Thee, and in Thy mercy, in Christ, our Saviour.

O Lord, behold us how ignorant we are—may we have no confidence in ourselves, or in our own acquirements—but place our sole reliance upon the merits and efficacy of Christ's atoning sacrifice, and all powerful intercession. He died, the just for the unjust, that we, sinners, might live.—He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities—the chastisement of our peace was laid upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Give us grace, that we may accept Him as our only Saviour, and as all our salvation, and as all our desire. Enable us to rest all our hopes of happiness for time and eternity, upon Him and His finished work—and at last, may we be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but the righteousness which is by faith, in Him, and which he hath wrought out for all believers, by His obedience unto death.

O Lord, remember Thy mercy and Thy truth towards the children of Israel, and may all the ends of the earth soon see the salvation of Thee,

our God—for Thou wilt, at last, judge the earth with righteousness, and the people with equity.

We desire to unite our most sincere and grateful thanks, for Thy great kindness to us during this day. O Lord, we deserve not to receive Thy goodness, for we daily and hourly abuse it,—pardon us, for we are very, very thankless, and very sinful. Give us clean hands and a pure heart, and enable us, in every blessing, and in every cross, to recognize Thy hand, who art the Almighty disposer of all things. O Lord, may we be accounted worthy at the day of the Lord,—and do Thou mercifully fulfil all the good pleasure of Thy goodness, in us, and the work of faith with power—that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us, and by us, and we in Him.

We now desire to commit ourselves, and all for whom we should pray, to the care and protection of Thy almighty providence. Take charge of us, and ours this night, O Thou keeper of Israel—who never slumberest nor sleepest. Do Thou watch over us, for good, and may every soul here present be a living temple of Thee, the living God. And all that we ask, we ask in the name, and for the sake of Christ our Saviour, who hath taught us to pray, Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD GOD ALMIGHTY — the whole earth is full of Thy glory. How shall we, sinful dust and ashes, approach unto Thee, for Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. Shame and confusion of face belong unto us, for behold we are vile. May we abhor ourselves before Thee, and repent in dust and ashes.

O God, Thou art holy, Thy law is holy, and thy judgments, pronounced and executed upon rebel angels and fallen men, evince Thy holiness. But, O Lord, we behold Thy holiness displayed in the most awful manner, when it pleased Thee to bruise the Son of Thy love, and to make the iniquities of sinful men meet upon Him. O Lord, may we be healed by His stripes. Through Him may we have boldness to enter the holiest of all, and draw near to Thee as our reconciled Father in Christ our Saviour. May the Holy Spirit sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit, that we may be made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. O Lord, change us unto Thy holy image from glory to glory—for without holiness we cannot see Thee and live.

Give us grace to hate sin with a per-

fect hatred—to shun even the appearance of evil, and to follow only those things which are honest, lovely, and of good report. May we see and feel that in all things we offend Thee, our God, who has been so kind and gracious to us, who created us at first, who has preserved us ever since, and who art continually doing us good. O Lord, may we turn away from sin unto Thee, with full purpose of heart, and be enabled to live a life of faith upon the Son of God, and add to our faith, virtue, patience, brotherly kindness, and charity. Enable us, O Lord, to lay aside every weight, and our easily besetting sins, and to run with patience the race that is set before us—looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith. May we be enabled, by grace, to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in the present world, and to press forward, towards the mark for the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, until we are meet for partaking of the inheritance of the saints in light, in the world to come.

O Lord, be mercifully pleased to bless our country, in its government, and in all its interests. May the people tremble, for Thou the Lord reigneth, and may they praise Thy great and terrible name, for it is holy. Bless also our friends, and all for whom we should pray, with those things which they require for their bodies and for their souls, here and for eternity.

O Lord, may we in our intercourse this day with our fellow-men, be enabled to act kindly and charitably—knowing that the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.

And, O Lord, cleanse Thou us from our secret faults and from our original sinfulness. May we be justified freely and fully by Thy grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Keep us, O Lord, in thy fear and favour, and watch over us, for we now commit our bodies, souls, and spirits into Thy hands, for Thy guidance and Thy protection.

And may, the Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, who hath loved us, and given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts and stablish us in every good word and work. O Lord, mercifully hear us in these our prayers, and send us an answer in peace, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

FRIDAY EVENING.

☩ LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, great and marvellous are all Thy works, just and

true are all Thy ways. We adore and praise Thee for revealing to us, in Thy Holy Word, that Thou art a just God. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne. By Thy justice rebel angels were excluded from heaven—man was excluded from paradise, and Thy people are chastened for their sins and backslidings. Above all, O Lord, we adore Thy justice as it was displayed when the Lord Jesus Christ was made an offering for sin—when Thou didst condemn sin in the person of our Surety—that Thou mightst appear a just God, whilst a Saviour, to the whole universe.

O Lord, may we have all grace given to us that we may be enabled to look beyond ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is a perfect righteousness for us. O Lord, be a gracious and reconciled Father to us in Him, whilst Thou art a just God. We rejoice to know that with Thee there is plenteous redemption. We feel that we can do nothing for, or of ourselves—we are unworthy—but worthy is the Lamb who was slain, and who hath redeemed us to Thee by His blood. O Lord, make Thy strength perfect in our great weakness. May the grace of Christ be made sufficient for us, and as our day is so may our strength be.

O Lord, give us that wisdom which is from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good

fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Enable us, O Lord, to shew forth Thy praise and glory in the world, by rendering unto all men their due—by doing justice and judgment, and by behaving ourselves quietly in a perfect way. O Lord, make us humble, knowing that Thou wilt not suffer a proud heart and a high look. Remove from us also, O Lord, deceit and falsehood, and enable us to walk before Thee in a perfect way—to serve Thee all our days—and so to adorn the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in all things, so as we may finish our course with joy, and receive that crown of righteousness which Thou the righteous Judge shall give unto Thy people, in the glorious day of the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Lord, look down, in Thy great love and mercy, upon the whole human race. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth to heathen nations. Make us thankful for knowing the joyful sound of the gospel. May all men soon receive Thy word, and be blessed in Christ. May all nations soon call Him blessed. O Lord, bless our native land in all its interests, civil and sacred. May all men be led to Christ as all their salvation, and as all their desire.

O Lord, we now desire to render unto Thee, the Father of all our mercies, our sincere thanks

for all the goodness which Thou hast made to pass before us this day. We confess before Thee that we deserve nothing but indignation and wrath for our daily and hourly transgressions against Thee. O Blessed Jesus, as Thou came into the world to save sinners, save us, and wash away all our sins in the blood of atonement, and sanctify our souls by the Holy Spirit. May we henceforth grow in grace, as we grow in days and years.

O Lord, continue Thy goodness to us this night. May we dwell in perfect peace and safety, and rest in Thy defence, O Thou Most High. Perfect that, O Lord, which concerneth us, and forsake us not—the work of Thine own hands—but bless us with Thy presence, with Thy grace, and with thy protection for time and eternity, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art God. Thou made us and not we ourselves,—may we be Thy people, and the sheep of Thy pasture. O Lord, Thou art good, and Thy mercy is everlasting.—Thy truth endureth to all generations,—Thou

art everywhere present, beholding the evil and the good. It is vain for us to hide ourselves from Thee—for there is no darkness nor shadow of death where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. Wherever we are, and whatever we do, Thou God seest us. O may we stand in awe of Thee, and sin not. O Lord, grant of Thine infinite mercy, that it may be our great concern to approve ourselves to Thee—That Thou, who seest in secret, may reward us openly.

O Lord, enable us to look up unto Thee, the heart searching God, through Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. As He is the Author, and the finisher of our faith, may we rest all our hopes of happiness in Him and His finished work. To us to live, may it be Christ, and to die may it be gain. At death, may each of us be enabled to say, I have fought the good fight,—I have finished my course,—I have kept the faith,—henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which, the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me.

O Lord, we desire This morning to lift up our souls unto Thee in prayer, not only for ourselves, but also for our fellow-men. Arise, O Lord, and have mercy upon Zion. O Lord, may the heathen fear Thy name, and all kings of the earth Thy glory. Do Thou mercifully regard

the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. O Lord, look down from heaven, the height of Thy glory, and behold this great nation, and all the nations of the earth. Hear the groaning of the prisoner—loose those who are appointed to die.

We desire, O God, to thank Thee for Thy sparing mercy to us during the past night. Thou hast protected us by Thy power, and Thou hast raised us up this morning in Thy love and mercy. As Thy spared creatures, enable us, this day, in all our actions, to be just, honest, and upright. Make us kind and affectionate one towards another, and to all men. May we not speak evil one of another, and may we grudge not one against another. Grant us grace to confess our faults one to another, and to pray one for another, that we may be healed, and shew unto the world that we are Thy disciples, not in name only but in deed and of a truth.

O Lord, preserve us in our going out and coming in this day. Defend us by Thy power, protect us by Thy grace, and surround us with Thy favour as with a shield

Our friends, relations, and benefactors we desire to commit to Thy care, and to Thy keeping. O Lord, Thou art acquainted with all their wants, and all their desires. Let Thy mercy in Christ rest upon, and abide with them
" ever.

And now unto Thee King immortal, eternal, and invisible, the only true God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the blessed Spirit, we ascribe all honour and glory, for ever and ever.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fourth Week.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD GOD, thou art very great. Of old hast thou laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure, yea, all of them shall wax old as a garment, as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end. O Lord, we desire to praise and glorify Thee this morning that, in the midst of Thy power, Thou hast extended Thy love in Christ our Saviour to us, the lost children of men. In Him, Thou art mercifully beseeching us sinners to be reconciled unto Thee. O Lord, give us grace to approach Thee, pleading only in Thy holy presence the righteousness and finished work of our blessed Redeemer.

We adore and praise Thee, this evening, for Thy sparing mercy to us. Thou art indeed

merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and in truth. O Lord, we adore the riches of Thy forbearance and of Thy patience. We and the whole world lie in wickedness before Thee. Thou knowest that the sinfulness of man is great upon the earth. Thou art angry with the wicked every day, and hast righteously declared that except man repent he shall certainly perish. Yet, O Lord, we adore Thee that Thou art slow to anger—that Thou art mercifully giving us many warnings, and allowing us much time and space for repentance. Instead of dealing with us this night according to our sins, Thou art graciously bestowing upon us Thy great goodness and mercy both in providence and in grace. O Lord, apply Thy spirit to our hearts, that Thy goodness and mercy may lead us to repentance, not only for the sins of this day, but also for the sins of our lives past. We earnestly beseech Thee not to suffer any of us to abuse Thy patience and forbearance, and to treasure up unto ourselves wrath against the day of wrath. May our hearts be melted by thy kindness, and may we, with broken hearts and contrite spirits, obtain Thy mercy to pardon, and Thy grace to renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord. O Lord, enable us, as Thy redeemed people, to exhibit Thy mercy to others, to possess our souls in patience, to forbear one another in love, and to

forgive one another, even as Thou, for Christ's sake, forgivest Thy children.

O God, may we not be high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in Thee, the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. Make us rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store a good foundation against the time to come, that we may at last lay hold on eternal life.

It well becomes us, O Lord, at the close of another week, to feel and confess our sins and shortcomings, and to examine ourselves, whether we are in Christ or not, whether we have passed from death to life, and whether we are prepared for our great change,—the hour of death. O Lord, may we be more earnest than we have yet been, in seeking and in obtaining spiritual blessings. May we now, for Christ's sake, receive the remission of all our sins—the regeneration of our hearts, and the eternal salvation of our immortal souls.

O Lord, we thank Thee for Thy providential mercies, bestowed upon us during this week. Notwithstanding of the abuse which we often make of all Thy mercies, continue, in Thy great goodness, to give us such a portion of this world's goods, as Thou knowest to be needful for us. Remove from us vanities and lies; give us neither poverty nor riches, but feed us with food convenient for us.

And now, O Lord, be pleased to watch over us and all men this night. May all soon enjoy the glorious privilege which we have, of reading Thy holy word. O Lord, send forth Thy word and Thy truth. Let them lead and guide us, and do Thou at last bring us to Thyself in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—
AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Ⓛ **LORD** our God, Thou art very great,—
 Thou art clothed with honour and with majesty. By reason of our sin and pollution, we are unworthy to be continued in life, or to receive anything from Thee, the bountiful giver of all our mercies.

Help us, O Lord, on this the morning of Thy holy day, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to thank and praise Thee for all the mercy and truth which Thou hast made to pass before us, and also, for Thy sovereignty over us, and all Thy creatures.

O Thou great supreme and Eternal Jehovah, who art the former and possessor of heaven and of earth, Thou art infinitely wise, righteous, and good. Thou art the sovereign ruler of the

world—the disposer of all creatures and things, according to Thy pleasure. Thou art also the Judge of the whole earth,—Thou doest what is right. O Lord, teach us, who are very distrustful, to submit to Thy holy will, in all Thy dispensations towards us. In all our troubles, trials, crosses, and disappointments, may we be still and know that Thou art God, who rulest above, and who doest among the children of men according to Thy pleasure. Bring us, O Lord, to that firm trust in Thee by which we can receive good, and also evil, at Thy hand, submitting ourselves wholly to Thy holy will in all things.

We adore and praise Thee for the return of another Sabbath day. Enable us now to feel and to acknowledge our great depravity and sinfulness,—to entertain the most grateful thoughts of Thy undeserved goodness to us, and to adore and praise Thee for Thy grace, manifested to us through our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, O Lord, that this day may be a foretaste to us of that endless Sabbath which all Thy redeemed people shall enjoy in heaven. Enable us to spend the hallowed hours of this day as they ought to be spent—to Thy glory and our own spiritual good. O Lord, we bless Thee, that to us is the word of Thy salvation sent. Millions of men, much more deserving of Thy mercy than

we are, are destitute of Thy Holy Word,—groping their way in midnight darkness, without a revelation of Thy holy will. O may we indeed taste and see that Thou art gracious, and be enabled, by grace, to abide in Christ, as the branches abide in the vine, and to bring forth fruit to Thy praise and glory. To us the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. May we be the children of the light and of the day, and walk worthy of our high calling in Christ Jesus. We ascribe all our blessings and privileges to Thy sovereign and distinguished grace and mercy to us, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

May we ever remember that we must appear before Thy judgment-seat, to render an account, not only for our thoughts, words, and actions, but also for all the privileges which we so richly enjoy.

O Lord, may Thy divine and effectual blessing rest upon the labours of Thy ministering servants. May they have grace given to them, that they may open their mouths boldly, and make known the mystery of the blessed gospel as they ought to speak. And, O Lord, may we, and all who read Thy Holy Word, or hear it proclaimed in the sanctuary, so profit thereby, that our conduct and conversation in the world may be such as becometh the gospel of Christ. May our love abound yet more and more in all

knowledge, and in all judgment,—that we may approve things that are excellent,—that we may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. Fill us, O Lord, with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to Thy praise and glory. Without Thy divine blessing, bodily exercise can profit us little. Forbid, O Lord, that we should mock or dishonour Thee in our prayers at this time, or in our religious exercises this day, but may we be enabled to call upon Thee in love, and with hearts broken for sin, and to worship and serve Thee in godly sincerity and truth.

O Lord, look in great compassion upon the world which lies in wickedness, and let the prince of this world be cast out, that has blinded their minds. May the time soon come when the blessed gospel of Christ shall be preached to every creature. May the people who now are in darkness soon see a great light, and to them who sit in the region and shadow of death let light spring up. O Lord, add unto Thy church daily such as shall be saved. Enlarge the place of its tents, lengthen its cords, and strengthen its stakes.

Our hearts' desire and prayer for Israel is that it may be saved. O Lord, let the branches which are broken off not abide still in unbelief, but be grafted in again into their own olive-tree. And, although blindness is in part happened to

Israel, yet let the fullness of the Gentiles come in, and let all Israel be saved.

We desire to thank and praise Thy great and holy name for all our mercies, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us during the past week. Thou hast maintained our lot. The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and we have a goodly heritage. May we, in sincerity, be enabled to bless Thee for all the good which we enjoy, and to be thankful.

O Lord, turn to and have mercy upon the poor and the sick. Consider their frame, remember that they are but dust. Bring them out of all their distresses, and save them for Thy mercy's sake.

And now may the Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore, through Christ Jesus.—AMEN.
Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD GOD, Thou art good—there is none good but Thee.—Heaven and earth are full of Thy goodness. And we

desire to confess that we, Thy sinful creatures largely partake of Thy goodness—in our original formation—in the powers of our bodies and minds—in the ample provision which Thou hast made for our support and comfort—in our deliverance from many evils—and in our enjoyment of many blessings. Above all, O Lord, enable us to see Thy goodness displayed to us, in our redemption, through the Lord Jesus Christ. Through all our pilgrimage in this world, Thy mercy has followed us, and we have, at the conclusion of this holy day, to thank Thee, that Thy goodness hath not been withdrawn from us. O Lord, enable us to praise Thee for all Thy mercies—and for Thy wonderful works to us, the children of men. May Thy love attract our hearts to Thee, and may we be enabled by Thy grace, to love Thee in sincerity and in truth,—may we be effectually drawn to, and trust in Thee, through Jesus Christ. And, O Lord, may we who acknowledge Thy goodness, prove ourselves to be Thy children, by imitating it in some degree in our conduct to our fellow-men, by doing good unto all, even to our enemies—and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

O Lord, on the evening of this Sabbath day, enable us to thank and praise Thee for the spiritual mercies which we have so richly enjoyed. Follow with Thy divine and effectual

blessing, the reading and preaching of Thy blessed gospel in all the world. May the holy scriptures, which are given by Thine inspiration, be profitable to us, and all men, for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that we all may be perfect, thoroughly finished unto all good works. O Lord, may the Holy Spirit work in us, both to will, and to do, of Thy good pleasure. May he quicken, sanctify, and purify us, that we may be strengthened with all might, in the inner man, and enabled, with resignation to Thy holy will, to bear all our present trials and difficulties. O Lord, may we, by Thy grace, and the dispensations of Thy providence with us here, be rendered meet for Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Lord, bless our native land in all its interests, civil and sacred. May righteousness be the glory of our land, and wickedness hide its head and be ashamed. O Lord, our privileges are many, and we mercifully pray Thee, to make us thankful, and to put Thy fear into our hearts, that we may walk worthy of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus.

O Lord, send forth Thy light and Thy truth into heathen lands, that the heathen may fear and dread Thy great and terrible name. May the preaching of the gospel be so blessed to them, that they may be soon brought into the obedi-

ence and the belief of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus.

O Lord, as we have named the name of Christ this day, and professed to be His disciples, may we have grace given to us, to depart from all iniquity, and to adorn his doctrine in all things, by living soberly, righteously, and godly in this world, and by exhibiting His doctrine in all our words and actions. Give us, we humbly pray Thee, self-denying and self-renouncing spirits. By the illumination of the Holy Spirit, may we be enabled to renounce wholly our own righteousness, and to place our absolute trust only in the merits, sacrifice, and righteousness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May His righteousness be mercifully imputed to us, and may we ever live by faith upon him. O Lord, we are frail and feeble. Strengthen, support, and defend us from all temptation and all evil. We cast ourselves upon Thee and Thy mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Never leave us, O Lord, never forsake us. Be our God in life, and our support at death, and after death our exceeding great reward.

We commit ourselves to Thee this night. Refresh our bodies with quiet and comfortable rest. If we are mercifully spared to see the light of another day, may we be prepared for all its duties and trials, and enabled so to conduct ourselves as to glorify Thee in all that we think, say, or do.

Bless all for whom we should pray. Comfort and relieve all who are in sorrow and affliction. Lay not more upon them than they are able to bear. Have mercy upon the poor. Supply their wants, and enable them to trust in Thee. O Lord, instruct the ignorant with the knowledge of Thyself in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now, O Lord, do Thou mercifully hear us in these our prayers, pardon our sins, protect us this night, deliver us from every evil work, and preserve us into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord—to whom, with the Father, and the blessed Spirit, one God, we ascribe all power and glory, now, and for ever.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

MONDAY MORNING.

Ⓞ LORD our God, Thou art merciful in all Thy ways, and holy in all Thy works. Enable us, Thy sinful and erring creatures, to draw near unto Thee this morning, and to pray unto Thee, trusting in the all-prevailing intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We rejoice to know that Thou art nigh unto all them that call upon Thee—to all that call upon Thee in sincerity and truth. May we draw

near unto Thee, believing that Thou art, and that Thou art the rewarder of them who love and diligently seek Thee.

Unto Thee, O Lord our God, belongeth mercy. As Thou art the father of all our mercies, enable us to come to the throne of Thy grace, to seek, that we may obtain mercy, through Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast set forth to be a propitiation for us, through faith in his blood. In Christ, our merciful Saviour, Thy mercy and truth have met together—and Thy mercy and truth in Him now embrace each other. O Lord, manifest to us the riches of Thy mercy in Christ, and convince us of our need of Thy pardoning mercy through Him. O Lord, give us divine grace that we may forsake our wicked ways—turn unto Thee the Lord, against whom we have transgressed—and offer unto Thee the thanksgiving of truth and righteousness.

O Lord, we confess our sins and short comings in Thy holy presence. May they be forgiven us for Christ's sake—and may we, in sincerity and in truth, commit ourselves wholly and unreservedly unto Thee and Thy service. Give us grace to improve our talents—walk humbly before Thee, and glorify Thy holy name in the world.

In Thy blessed word, Thou hast commanded us to make supplications, prayers, intercessions,

and giving of thanks for all men. Hear us therefore at this time, when we pray Thee to execute judgment for the oppressed—to give food to the hungry—to open the eyes of the blind—to raise them that are bowed down—to preserve the strangers—and to relieve the fatherless and the widow. Put on Thy strength, O Lord, and reign in the earth, that all men may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent—whom to know is life eternal.

We also pray Thee, O Lord, to bless our native land, and all in lawful authority over us. Under them may we live quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty.

O Lord, who willest not the death of sinners, have great mercy upon those who know Thee not—who call not upon Thy name. May they come into the knowledge of the truth, and be saved. May all men soon know and acknowledge that there is but one God, and one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Give us grace to serve Thee acceptably this day. Whatever we do in thought, word, and deed, may we do all to Thy glory—and for the good of our fellow-men. O Lord, sustain and feed these our frail and perishing bodies with the bread that perisheth, and our

never-dying souls with the bread of life, of which, if a man eat, he shall never hunger again. As our day is, so may our strength be. O Lord, proportion Thy mercies to our necessities, and may we experience all Thy promises to be yea and amen in Christ.

And now, O Lord, be pleased through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to cleanse us all from our secret faults, and to keep us back from our presumptuous sin. May sin not have dominion over us. Shew us Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation. Lead and guide us this day, and all our days, and at last bring us to Thyself in glory, washed in the blood of Christ, and sanctified and made holy by the influences of the blessed Spirit. O Lord, hear and answer these, our sinful and very imperfect prayers, for Jesus' sake, in whose words we call farther upon Thee, as Our Father, &c.

Fifty Week.

MONDAY EVENING.

Q LORD, Thou madest heaven and earth—the sea, and all that therein is. Thou keepest truth for ever. O Lord our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. Thou art our maker and preserver; in Thee we live,

and move, and have our being. By Thy power we were created, and by Thy preserving mercy we, and all the works which Thou hast made, have been preserved. Although we have been very unmindful of Thee, Thou hast not been unmindful of us, Thy sinful creatures. Thou hast, from day to day, crowned us with Thy loving-kindness and tender-mercies. Thou hast caused the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to rejoice over us. O Lord, we thank and praise Thee at this time, for the goodness and truth which Thou hast, in Thy great mercy, made to pass before us this day—for the food which we have eaten, and for the raiment which we have put on. But especially we adore Thee, O God, for preserving us in life, and for the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour, which Thou hast put into our hands. Grant that we may feel that Thou art a God of love in Christ to us sinners. Shed abroad Thy love in our hearts—enable us, in some faint degree, to comprehend the height, the depth, the length, and the breadth of Thy love to us in Him. O Lord, give us the Holy Spirit, to fit and enable us to give more earnest heed to the things which the scriptures teach, and which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. How shall we escape, O Lord, if we neglect so great salvation. May we now take heed, lest there be in any of us, an evil heart of unbelief in departing from Thee, the living God.

O Lord, at the close of this day, enable us to look back upon all that we have thought, done, or said, and to confess the sins of our hearts, and the shortcomings of our lives unto Thee who searchest our hearts, who knowest all things, and who art acquainted with all our ways. May we be more and more convinced of our great sinfulness by nature, and by practice. Enable us now to lay hold of Jesus Christ—freely offered unto us in the Gospel—as the only sacrifice for sin. May our sins be washed away in His blood, and may we be sanctified by His Spirit.

O Lord, as we are the objects of Thy mercy, we pray Thee to enable us, by the Holy Spirit, to give all obedience to Thy commandments,—to resign and submit ourselves to Thy holy will, and to be thankful and patient, under every dispensation of Thy providence. O Lord, teach and quicken us, that we may henceforth run in the way of Thy commandments,—love Thee with true hearts and loving minds,—set Thee continually before our eyes, and walk before Thee, in the world, blameless,—worthy of the high vocation by which we are called. May we adorn the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour in all things, by lives and conversations becoming the gospel, and set a good example before others,—that they, seeing our good works, may glorify Thee, our heavenly Father.

O Lord, in Thy mercy, do Thou now spread

over us, and all for whom we should pray, Thy shield—enclose us in Thy everlasting arms, and encompass us with Thy divine favour. Give us, and all our fellow-creatures, the knowledge of Thyself, in Jesus Christ our Lord. And do Thou mercifully hear us, O Lord in heaven, the habitation of Thy throne,—and when Thou hearest, forgive and answer these our imperfect requests, for Christ's sake.—**AMEN.** Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, how manifold are Thy works,—in wisdom hast Thou made them all. The earth, the sea, and all things, are full of Thy riches. All things wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thy glory shall endure for ever—Thou shalt rejoice in Thy works. When Thou lookest upon the earth, it trembleth—when Thou touchest the hills, they smoke.

O Lord, enable us, who are as nothing before Thee, to worship Thee in fear, through the merits, righteousness and intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We confess that, by nature and evil works, we are blind to Thy power, and Thy love, and Thy goodness, which

surround us every moment. Our hearts are alienated from Thee by wicked works. But blessed, ever blessed, be Thy great and terrible name, for the knowledge which Thy Word gives us of Thy greatness, and our unworthiness. O Lord, we are sinners before Thee, in heart and in life. Sin is the cause of all the evil, under which we, and Thy whole creation now groan. But we adore Thee for the blessed assurance given to us in the scriptures of truth, that sin only here reigns unto death, but, in the world to come, it reigns for ever. O Lord, Thou art, in great mercy to our weakness, in Thy Word, and in Thy daily dealings with us, exhorting us all to be reconciled to Thee, through Jesus Christ, and to flee to Him for deliverance from the wrath to come. Through Thy divine grace, give us, Thine unworthy and undeserving creatures, power to lay hold for hope on the Refuge that is set before us in the blessed gospel of our salvation. We bless Thee, O God, that Thou didst lay our help upon One mighty to save,— We thank Thee for thine unspeakable gift, the Lord Jesus Christ. May we, through Him, be saved from our original guilt, and from our actual transgressions. We have neither the power nor the will to save ourselves, but we take Him as our only Saviour. There is no name given under heaven among men, whereby we can be saved, but the name of Christ. O

blessed Jesus, our Saviour, look down upon us in Thy love and compassion—save us ere we perish—wash away our sins in Thy cleansing blood, and sanctify us by the holy spirit, shed abroad in our hearts.

O Lord, we are helpless and needy creatures. We have no power or strength to help, or succour ourselves. Enable us to feel our entire dependence upon Thee for all things. Thou art, day by day, supplying our temporal wants,—O Lord, deny us not Thy grace—that our spiritual wants may also be supplied out of Thy fullness. This morning we desire to thank Thee for the rest and quiet of the past night, and for all Thine unnumbered mercies bestowed upon us during our past lives. Having food and raiment, may we be therewith content in this world, and may we receive Thy grace to enable us to provide things needful for the world to come. May we in this, our day, fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life—gird up the loins of our mind—be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto us, at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

O Lord, as Thou art bestowing Thy mercy so largely upon us, may we love each other, and all our fellow-men with brotherly love, and be kind, merciful, and forgiving to all men.

O Lord, guard and defend all lawful travellers with Thy protection. Bless our relations,

friends, and neighbours, and all for whom we should pray. Have mercy, especially upon the poor and the needy—and upon all who are bowed down with the cares and crosses of this life. Remember them who are appointed to die—may no separation between soul and body take place, until they have an interest in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

So bless and enlarge the universal Church of Christ, as that the kingdoms of this world may soon become the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour, and when he shall reign for ever.

For Christ's sake, do Thou hear and bless, guard, and protect us, this day. Surround us with Thy mercy and love for time, and mercifully grant us Thy favour and forgiveness for eternity, and all that we ask for ourselves or others, we ask in Christ's name, and for His sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art our God—Thy judgments are in all the earth. This evening, we, who profess, in name, to be Thy people, desire to bless and praise Thee, that Thou hast remembered Thy covenant for ever,—the word

which Thou commanded to a thousand generations. Enable us to feel and to express our gratitude to Thee, for that love wherewith Thou hast loved us, in sending Thy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification. Herein indeed is love, not that we loved Thee, but that Thou hast loved us, and hast sent forth Thy Son in the fullness of time, to die for us sinners, that we might be saved through His death.

O Lord, we confess that we are sinners before Thee,—exposed by nature to Thy wrath and curse. Although Thou mightest, in Thy justice, have driven us from Thy presence, and the glory of Thy power ; yet, O Lord, we bless Thee, that Thou art still mercifully sparing us in life, and beseeching us, in Christ's name, to be reconciled unto Thee. Thy tender mercies, which are over all Thy works, still urge us to seek Thee, if happily we may find Thee. May all Thy dealings with us, in providence, and in grace, be suited to draw us nearer unto Thee. May we be effectually taught how dreadful sin must be, that nothing could redeem us from its curse and power, but the precious blood of Christ—who, when all were dead and without hope, submitted himself to death, that we, who live, might not live unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us, and who rose again. As multitudes of all nations and kindreds, and tongues, who have be-

lieved in Christ, and who have washed their robes in His blood, and made them white, press into Thy kingdom—give us grace, in this, the day of our merciful visitation, not to refuse or delay to follow them,—to accept of Him as our righteousness and as our only hope of glory. O blessed Jesus, bestow upon us repentance and remission of all our sins; may we now love Thee, who first loved us; and be enabled to shew forth Thy praise and glory in the world.

O Lord, we pray Thee that Thy blessed word may prove unto us, quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow; and a decerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. May we have implicit faith to believe what it reveals, and to obey what it commands.

For Thy merciful care and protection of us during this day, O Lord, we now desire to thank and praise Thee, the Preserver of men. Thou hast, in Thy great goodness, given us food to eat, and raiment to put on, and Thou hast delivered us from many dangers, which we neither could have foreseen nor have prevented. Our cup this night runneth over. Give us grace, O Lord, to experience that all our mercies are bestowed for Christ's sake upon us. May we more and more abound in love and gratitude to Thee, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for all Thy gifts.

We now supplicate Thee, O Lord, to bless

all men with the knowledge of Thyself in Jesus Christ. O Lord, may the kingdom of peace not only reign in this family, but may the kingdom of glory soon spread over all the earth. O Lord bless all for whom we should pray. Our friends do Thou bless, and our enemies do Thou mercifully pardon. Bless also, in Thy great mercy, all sick and suffering persons, and especially those who are appointed to die. Give them divine consolation. May their whole stay, and confidence, be upon the finished work of Christ. Fit and prepare them and us for our great change. O Lord, make us all sincere and earnest in preparing for death. As we are at death, so shall we be through eternity. In this world direct us in all our ways, that when we come to die may we be accepted by Thee in Jesus Christ, and made meet for Thy heavenly kingdom.

And now, O Lord, hear us in these our prayers, pardon our sins, and accept and bless us in Christ our Saviour, who hath taught us to pray—Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

☩ LORD, Thou art good, Thy mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter Thy mighty

acts, O Lord, who can shew forth all Thy praise. Enable us to give thanks unto Thee this morning, and do Thou remember us, with Thy favour, and visit us with Thy salvation. We confess, and may we, by grace, be enabled to feel our confession to be true, that we have sinned with all our fathers—we have committed iniquity—we have done wickedly. But although we have thus sinned, O Lord, against Thee, and have cast off Thy fear, yet we rejoice to know that we have still access to Thee, the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son. O Lord, enable us, by the Holy Spirit, to trust in Christ and in His finished work alone for salvation. May He be our Intercessor with Thee our Father in heaven. And, O Lord, do Thou mercifully look down upon us, not as we are in ourselves, but look upon us in the Son of Thy love. See God our shield,—look down in mercy upon us for Christ's sake.

O blessed Jesus—the Saviour of the world—God over all, blessed for evermore—we desire to call upon Thee with all reverence and godly fear. Give us grace, to enable us to love Thee and to rejoice in Thee with joy unspeakable and full of glory. We bless Thee, our divine Saviour, for assuring us that whatsoever we ask the Father in Thy name, we will receive, and that Thou still sympathisest with us in all our infir-

mities, trials, and temptations. O Lord, visit us in mercy, and bring us, feeble and worthless as we are, to see and partake of Thy divine glory. O Lord, save us, and enable us to give thanks unto Thy holy name, and to triumph in Thy praise. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting, for our salvation.

We unite, this morning, in praising Thee, O our God, for the blessed gospel which is a light unto our feet, and a lamp unto our path. O Lord, enable us, by the Holy Spirit, to understand Thy word, and to profit by its perusal. As Thy glorious grace that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto us, may it effectually teach us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of Thee, the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

O Lord, enable us, Thy professing people, in all things, to shew ourselves a pattern of good works. In our intercourse with our fellow-men, may we feel that we are not our own, but bought with a price, even with the precious blood of Jesus. Grant that we may feel the vanity of the world, the certainty of death, the awfulness

of judgment, and the dread realities of an eternity to come, and that we may be prepared for all that is before us, being washed in Christ's blood, and clothed with His spotless righteousness.

We praise Thee, O Lord, for Thy providential mercies to us during the past night, and during our lives past. By the merciful exercise of Thy power, we laid ourselves down and slept in safety, and have been raised up, this morning, in peace, in health and in strength. We are still, O Lord, notwithstanding of Thy great goodness to us, guilty and covered with sin in Thy holy sight. May the blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin, be now sprinkled upon our guilty hearts and consciences. O Lord, by Christ and in Christ, freely forgive and perfectly justify us sinners. Give us, as Thy redeemed people, light, inclination, and power to do our respective duties this day in Thy fear, and to have a single eye to Thy glory.

Bless also, O Lord, our country—and in Thy great mercy give peace in our time. Endow the universal church, with zeal, for the blessed cause of Christ in the world.

And now, O Lord, bless us, and all for whom we should pray. Keep our feet from falling, our eyes from tears, and our souls from death. O Lord, guide us this day by Thy heavenly wisdom—preserve us by Thy mighty power—

prosper us by Thy gracious blessing, and receive us at last into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Ⓞ LORD, enable us, Thy sinful creatures, while we kneel before Thee, our Maker, to give thanks unto Thee, for Thy mercy—Thy goodness, and Thy wonderful works to us, and all the children of men. We confess that, although Thou hast loaded us every day with Thy benefits, we have, in thought, word, and deed, disobeyed the plain precepts of Thy gospel, given to us by Thee, to be the rule of our faith and practice,—Our hearts by nature and evil works, are full of enmity to Thee. We have slavishly loved and served ourselves, and the things of this world, to the entire exclusion of Thee, and of Thy service, which is perfect freedom. O Lord, we confess that sin hath produced all the misery and desolation which we feel in ourselves, and which we see in Thy creation. The abodes of those who know not Thee—even in this christain land—are full of the habitations of horrid cruelty. O Lord, we adore and praise

Thee, for the word of our salvation. Mercifully preserve us from turning Thy grace into licentiousness. Give us grace so to hear and reverence Thy holy word, and to learn the truth as it is in Christ,—that we may deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts—and live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, waiting for the appearance of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify us unto Himself, a peculiar people, zealous of good works. O Lord, grant that Thy love may now reign and rule in our hearts, and that the vain and perishing things of sense and time, may not draw off our affections from Thee—the God who hast loved us with an everlasting love, and who has not spared Thy Son, Thine only begotten Son, but who has given Him up to death for us all, that we, through Him, might become Thy children, not only in name, but also in truth.

O merciful God, give us all grace to confess our sins unto Thee, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help us, in this, the time of our need. May the Lord Jesus Christ, our intercessor within the veil—our great high priest—who was in all points tempted like us—but without sin—be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. May our sins be transferred to Him, who is not only able to bear them, but also the

sins of the whole world. O Lord, they are too heavy for us to bear. Be mercifully pleased to sprinkle our hearts from an evil conscience—to wash our bodies with pure water, and to pardon and accept of us, in Christ the Beloved.

Enable us, Thy dependent creatures, to adore and praise Thee, our merciful preserver, and bountiful benefactor, for the mercies of this day. Thou art the giver of all our mercies—the fountain of all our blessings, and the supplier of all our wants. O Lord, deliver us from ingratitude—may we never forget Thy great goodness and mercy, which are new to us every morning, and fresh every evening.

Graciously remember all men whom Thou hast made to dwell upon the whole face of the earth. May we love, and do good to all, as we have opportunity; our friends, relations, and those who have done us good, do Thou, O God, remember with Thy best blessing, and our enemies do Thou mercifully forgive and pardon. May we be enabled to forgive them, freely and fully, as we trust Christ has forgiven us.

O Lord, watch over, and keep us, and all who are near and dear to us, this night. Defend us, O Lord from all danger, and leave us not to ourselves, now, and ever, for Jesus sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

THURSDAY MORNING.

⓪ LORD, Thy mercy is great above the heavens, Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Give us grace, at this time, to draw near unto Thee with godly fear, in the name, and pleading the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. O blessed Jesus, do Thou mercifully behold us sinners, this morning, pleading Thy merits, who art now exalted a Prince and a Saviour, by giving repentance and remission of sins to all who come to a throne of grace pleading Thy merits. O our blessed Saviour, we acknowledge that all mercies for time, and for eternity, are bestowed upon us thy sinful creatures, for Thy sake. Not unto us—not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be all the glory.

O God of our salvation—the God of all comfort and of all consolation,—great is thy goodness towards us, Thy sinful creatures. We confess that we are born to trouble and misery in this world, and apart from Thy love, to eternal misery in the world to come. We thank Thee O Lord, for the joyful sound of the blessed gospel,—the glad tidings of great joy,—that thou hast sent Jesus Christ, thy blessed Son, into the world to save sinners,—to provide for their salvation in time, and their happiness

through eternity. O God, give us faith to receive the joy of Thy salvation into our hearts, and implicitly to credit thy testimony concerning Jesus Christ, and thy promises made to us, in and through him,—which are all yea and amen. O Lord, enable us to rely upon thy faithfulness,—to be strong in faith, giving glory to Thee through Jesus Christ.

Make us all sensible now of the great responsibility which we incur in having Thy word put into our hands in a known language. May we remember, that if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. May we therefore hear and obey Thee, O God, who art speaking to us from heaven, through Thy Word.—If the everlasting punishment of those, who have never heard of a Saviour be great, of how much sorer punishment shall we be worthy, who have heard and handled of the word of truth.

O Lord, the gracious giver of all our mercies, we now desire to thank and praise Thee, for all the mercies bestowed upon us during the past night, and during our past lives,—and for the comfortable circumstances in which we now appear before Thee this morning. As Thou hast, in Thy mercy, raised us up, be pleased, O Lord,

to be with us, and to direct all our steps this day. Give us neither poverty nor riches, but feed us with food convenient for us.

O Lord, do Thou mercifully forgive us all our sins—and make us to be kind, merciful, and forgiving to our fellow-creatures. May we lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth most easily beset us,—and run with patience the race that is set before us—looking unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith. O Lord, make us humble in heart and life—content with our various stations—and free from all pride, anger, strife, ambition, and vain glory.

O Lord, bless also the universal Church of Christ—all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and in truth. Do Thou cause all division, strife, and contention to cease—and, may all men, loving Thee, and their Saviour, love one another with pure hearts fervently, and thus glorify Thee in the world.

And now, O Lord, be pleased to bless us—even us. Do Thou preserve us from all evil in our going out and coming in, from this time forth, even for ever. Mercifully hear and answer these our requests, for Christ's sake, who hath taught us to pray. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Ⓘ LORD, Thou art high above all nations,
—Thy glory is above the heavens. Who
is like unto Thee, O Lord our God,—Thou
dwellest on high. The works of Thy hand, O
Lord, are verity and judgment,—all Thy com-
mandments are sure. They stand fast for ever
and ever. Thou hast commanded Thy cove-
nant for ever. Holy and reverent is Thy name,
O Lord.

We bless Thee this evening that Thou
humblest Thyself to behold the things which
are in heaven and upon the earth. We clearly
see and trace the working of Thy hand in crea-
tion and in providence. In Thee, O Lord,
we live and move and have our being. From
Thee all the blessings and comforts of life flow
to us. O Thou righteous governor of the
world, the preserver of men, Thou art omni-
cient,—in every place beholding the evil and
the good. Thou art not only the God who
rulest the nations of the world, but Thou art
also an ever-present God—at all times and in all
places watching over rich and poor, young and
old. O Lord our God, we adore Thee that Thy
providence is absolutely sovereign, although
often very dark and mysterious to us. May we all

stand in great awe of Thee, the great God of heaven and of earth, and humbly seek from Thee, with our whole heart, the pardon of our sins, and Thy favour in Jesus Christ. We rejoice that the reins of universal government are in the hands of God, our sovereign and Saviour. O Lord God of hosts, we, Thy servants, desire to pray unto Thee, and to call upon Thee to behold, pardon, and bless us this night. May we offer unto Thee—the God of providence and grace—the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for hitherto Thou hast brought us by a way which we knew not, and hast alone preserved and helped us. O Lord, give us confidence in Thee to cast all our cares upon Thee, humbly believing that Thou carest for us. Here, we only see through a glass darkly, but hereafter we shall see face to face, and know even as we are known. O Lord, mercifully grant that Thy present dispensations to us may then be to Thy glory and to our eternal good. As Thou ever dost all things wisely and well, remember us, in Thy compassion, and magnify Thy mercy in our eternal salvation. We cast ourselves upon Thy mercy in Christ. Most graciously receive, pardon and bless us in Him, who is our all-sufficient Saviour.

O Lord, in waiting upon Thee this day, Thou hast graciously opened Thy liberal hand,

—Thou hast supplied all our wants. Give us gratitude that we may thankfully acknowledge Thy goodness in giving us our daily bread, our health, our strength, and all our manifold mercies. May all Thy blessings, so liberally showered down upon us from Thy liberal hand, lead us to repentance.

O Lord bless, in Thine own time and way, all men with that knowledge which maketh wise through faith unto eternal salvation. Especially do Thou bless, O Lord, the provision of Thy Church, and feed her poor with bread.

We desire this evening to thank and praise Thee for Thy holy word, which Thou hast, in Thy great mercy, committed to us, and for the gift of Thy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, which it reveals.

O Lord, for Christ's sake, pardon all the sins which we have this day committed in thought, word, and deed. May our sins be brought to our remembrance,—may we hate them with a perfect hatred, and be enabled to flee to Christ, who alone can pardon us. His blood cleanseth from all sin,—may we wash in it, and be thereby cleansed, not only from the sins of our hearts, but also from the sins of our lives.

And now, O Thou shepherd of Israel, who never slumberest nor sleepest, we commit ourselves, and all for whom we should pray, to Thy care and protection, beseeching Thee to take

care of us, and to watch over us for our good in this world, and for our good in the world to come. And all that we ask, we ask, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

FRIDAY MORNING.

⓪ LORD GOD, Thou art very great—the heaven, even the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee. Thou hast given the earth to the children of men. Enable us, O Lord, to fear Thee, and to come into Thy holy presence, not trusting in ourselves, or in our own righteousness—but trusting only in the name and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. May He be our righteousness.

O Lord, give us all grace how to feel and humbly to confess that, as fallen and corrupt creatures,—we are now destitute of true wisdom—totally and completely unrighteous and unholy in Thy sight. Give us faith to believe upon Christ for our salvation. May He be made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. O Lord, make us wise unto salvation. Impart unto us the righteousness of Christ which is perfect—purify our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and sanctify us

wholly in body, soul, and spirit. May we be conformed to the image of our blessed Saviour, and may the same mind which was in Him be found also in us. Give us grace to enable us to walk in some measure as he walked. Teach us, day by day, the great and important lesson that we must soon die—that these frail bodies of ours are doomed to see corruption. And grant, O God, that we may have a share in the first resurrection, that these vile bodies of ours may, in the day of redemption, be made like unto Christ's glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

Thy merciful kindness has been great towards us, O Lord, and Thy truth endureth for ever. Be mindful of us this morning, and bless us. Leave us not comfortless, nor send us away without Thy blessing, for unto Thee do we lift up our souls.

O Lord, graciously enable us to follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man can see Thee; may we look diligently lest any of us fail of the grace of God—lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble us, and many thereby be defiled. May our conversation in the world be without covetousness—and may we be content with such things as we have, knowing that Thou wilt never leave nor forsake us if we love Thee. In this the day of our merciful visi-

tation, may we not forget to do good and to communicate, for with such sacrifices Thou, the Lord, art well pleased.

O most merciful God, extend in Thine own time, and in Thine own way, to all men the mercies and privileges which Thou art, day by day, bestowing upon us, Thine unworthy creatures. May the heathen be given to Christ for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

May our friends and all men be enabled to love and trust in Thee as their God—in Christ as their Saviour, and in the Holy Ghost as their sanctifier and comforter.

O Lord, in Thy great compassion, do Thou visit the sick, the dying, and the afflicted, with those divine consolations suitable for their circumstances. May we and they, trusting to the righteousness of Christ as our only warrant for heaven, at length be admitted there, and so be ever with the Lord.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our imperfect requests, pardon our sins, and grant us all needful blessings for time and eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, OUR GOD, our help cometh from Thee. Thou madest the heaven and the earth. Thou, Lord, art our maker, and Thou hast also been our keeper—Thou hast been our shade, by night and by day, upon our right hand, and also upon our left hand. Thou art also the ruler of the world—Thou doest all things wisely and well. Although Thy way is sometimes in the sea, and Thy path cannot be traced, all Thy paths are mercy and truth to those who trust in Thee. Thou bringest good out of evil, and only knowest how to deliver us when we are tempted.

O Lord, give us grace to confess our sins and shortcomings unto Thee. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Enable us to confess our sins, that they may be forgiven, and that we may be cleansed from all unrighteousness. Enable us to hate sin more and more, and to love and practice what is holy. Make us watchful and humble. May all our present trials and crosses in life be made to work together for our good, that we may love and serve Thee with willing and grateful hearts. O Lord, we adore Thy wisdom and kindness, in bringing good out of apparent evil

to us. O give us grace, that we may at all times, and under all circumstances, trust Thee implicitly—commit all our concerns unto Thy hands—and cast all our cares upon Thee, for time and for eternity. O Lord, do Thou mercifully care for us, and may we be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer, and supplication,—with all thanksgivings make known our requests unto Thee, who careth for us. May we, this night, be at peace with Thee, our God, and with all men.

O Lord, we desire to thank and praise Thee, for all Thy great and manifold mercies bestowed upon us. Especially, we desire to adore and bless Thee for Thy Holy Word. May we indeed feel our great responsibility for having this precious gift committed to us. O Lord, teach us that, if he that despised Moses' Law, perished without mercy, under two or three witnesses, how much sorer punishment shall we be thought worthy if we tread under foot the Son of God, and count the blood of the covenant, an unholy thing, and do despite to the spirit of grace. May we feel indeed, that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of Thee, The living God. O Lord, remove from us all indifference and hypocrisy, and increase our faith in Thy blessed word. May we not be of the number of those who draw back unto perdition, but of those that believe to the saving our souls. Enable us,

by Thy holy spirit, to give all diligence to make our calling and our election sure. May we be enabled to ask freely, that we may freely receive, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Lord, in Thy great love and compassion, Thou hast preserved us this day in our going out and coming in. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so Thou art round about those that fear Thee. Encompass us this night with Thy favour as with a shield. We commit ourselves—all that we are and have—and all for whom we should pray, to Thy care and keeping. Enable us from the heart to forgive our enemies,—make us kind one to another, forgiving one another—as we trust that Thou, for Christ's sake, hast forgiven us.

O Lord, who day by day suppliest the wants of all Thy creatures, look in great compassion upon the poor and the distressed.—Supply all their needs out of Thine inexhaustible fulness in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give the poor their daily bread, and the distressed in body and in mind, divine consolation, to support them in all their trials.

And now, O Lord, we pray Thee, that we may feel the sinfulness of our hearts, and our iniquity to be very great—that we may rely solely upon the perfect atonement and glorious sacrifice of Christ for acceptance with Thee, our heavenly Father; and so, hear these our suppli-

cations, and mercifully answer us, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifty Week.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD GOD, our maker, preserver, and daily benefactor, we desire this morning to lift up our hearts, and to cry unto Thee—the hearer and answerer of prayer.—For the sake of Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour, do Thou mercifully hear our voice—let Thine ear be attentive to the voice of our supplications. If Thou, O Lord, should mark iniquity, who, O Lord, could stand. But we rejoice to know, that in Jesus Christ, our Lord, there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared, and plentiful redemption that Thou mayest be enquired unto.

Enable us to feel and to confess the total depravity and defilement of our souls by sin. Shame and confusion of face belong unto us. May we abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and in ashes. We are unclean.—O Lord, be merciful to us sinners, in the Son of Thy love. We bless and praise Thee, that Thou hast had compassion upon us, and that the Lord Jesus Christ came down from heaven to earth, to

purify a people unto himself, and to redeem them from all their iniquity. O Lord, we earnestly pray Thee, that our sins may be washed away in the shed blood of the Lamb—and that we may become new creatures in Christ. Deliver us, O Lord, not only from the pollution and guilt, but also, from the power, of our sins. May the Lord Jesus Christ be made unto us, not only our redemption, but our sanctification.—Create within us clean hearts. O Lord, renew within us right spirits. We rejoice to know that, with Thee, there is mercy and plentiful redemption. Redeem us, O Lord from all our iniquities—and give us grace to wait upon Thee, and to put our hope in Thy word.

O most merciful God, as Thou hast, in Thy great compassion, raised us up this morning, after preserving and watching over us during last night, we humbly pray Thee to be with us this day, in all that we think, say, or do; may we lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies—and envies, and all evil speaking.—As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word,—may we grow thereby. May we taste and see that the Lord is gracious, and be enabled this day to shew forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness, into His marvellous light. O Lord, take not Thy Holy Spirit from us—hold up our goings in Thy paths. Deliver us from the pride of life, and

the love of the world, and strengthen us with all might in the inner man. Do Thou care for us, for we have no power to care for ourselves. We cast ourselves upon Thee—beseeching Thee that Thou wouldst mercifully deliver us from the love and power of our sins, through the atoning blood of our great High Priest and Saviour—Thy beloved Son.

And now, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, to bless all our friends, relations, benefactors, and enemies, in their basket and in their store. May the Lord bless them and us, when we go out and when we come in. Surround us, with Thy favour, as with a shield, and implant Thy fear in our hearts. Never leave, nor forsake us, O Lord, for we place all our confidence in Thee, for the blessings of time and eternity—through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Saviour.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Fifth Week.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art very good,—Thou art above all Gods. Thou rulest over all,—in heaven,—in earth,—in the seas, and in all deep places. Thy name, also, O Lord, shall en-

dure for ever, and Thy memorial throughout all generations. Thou art, also, most holy and just in all Thy ways, and righteous in all Thy works.

Enable us O Lord, to draw near before Thee, this evening, feeling that we stand at a very great distance from Thee. We are unholy and sinful creatures, from the crown of our heads, to the soles of our feet, there is no soundness in us. May we therefore approach Thee, with the deepest self-abasement and prostration of soul, and may we receive grace, to enable us to feel and to confess our great sinfulness. O how abominable and filthy must we appear in Thy pure and holy sight,—we were born in sin, and we drink in iniquity like water; O Lord, it is because of thy mercy, that we are not cut down. Thou mightest, with the greatest justice, have banished us from Thy presence, and the glory of thy power, for ever.

O Lord Thy holy law,—Thy gospel and Thy providence, all proclaim Thee to be holy,—and that Thou hatest the workers of iniquity, Thou art angry with the wicked every day. At the close of this week, it well becomes us, who are individually very sinful and guilty in Thy holy sight, to thank Thee for Thy great mercy in giving us so many warnings,—gracious invitations—and precious promises, and for continuing us in life, and in the enjoyment of the means of

grace. O Lord, help us to hear, understand, and obey Thy holy word, and the dealings of Thy providence with us. Enable us to hate all sin, as Thou hatest it,—not to think it a trifle, but, to turn from it with abhorrence. May the precious blood of Christ be applied to our guilty souls, to cleanse us from our past sins, and may the spirit of Christ dwell richly within us, to purify our hearts, and santify us wholly, in body, soul, and spirit. Enable us, O Lord, to serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, and finally to attain eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

At the close of another week of our appointed time upon the earth, we thankfully acknowledge that, notwithstanding of all our sins, and misimprovement of our time, talents, and privileges, Thou hast, in Thy great mercy, spared us in life—Thou hast not removed our candlestick out of its place. Enable us to render our most grateful thanks unto Thee for all Thy blessings, both temporal and spiritual. We are most unworthy—but we rejoice to know that Christ is worth. All our mercies and blessings flow to us through Him—the greatest and best of all Thy gifts to a lost world. O blessed Jesus, look down upon us, and make peace between us and our offended God, by becoming our Saviour, and our Intercessor within the veil. Do Thou mercifully lay Thy hand upon us guilty sinners

and our justly offended God, and make peace between us. O Lord, leave us not, neither forsake us.

O Lord, send forth Thy word and Thy truth, that the blessed gospel may have free course and be glorified, and that all men may become obedient to the faith of Christ. O Lord, bless the labours of Thy ministering servants this night, that they may hold forth Christ, on Thy holy day, as the only Saviour who can save a lost and guilty world. Accompany Thy word with power from on high, that Christ may become the only foundation of the hope of sinners. Prepare us, O Lord, for spending another Sabbath upon the earth in Thy fear and service, and for our eternal good.

And now, may the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect through every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee the Father, and the blessed Spirit, one God, be glory for ever and ever.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD our God, Thou art very great, Thou art clothed with honour, and with majesty. We, Thy sinful and ever-erring creatures, on this the morning of Thy day, come into Thy holy presence, to worship Thee the living and true God, the Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter—one God.

O Thou great Supreme and eternal Jehovah, Thou art the former and possessor of heaven and of earth—Thou art infinitely wise, righteous, and good—the Sovereign Ruler of the world—having a right to dispose of all creatures and all things according to Thy will and pleasure,—the Judge of all the earth, ever doing what is right. O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, to teach us—Thy distrustful and repining creatures—to submit to Thy holy will, in all Thy dispensations towards us. In every trouble, trial, cross, and disappointment may we be still, and know that Thou art God. Enable us, at all times, and under all circumstances, to put our entire confidence in Thee, and to maintain the most grateful thoughts

of Thy undeserved goodness and grace to us sinners, through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

O Lord, we thank and praise Thee for the return of the morning light. May the day spring from on high visit our dark souls, and the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing under his wings. We bless Thee, that the light we enjoy is Thine—and that this is the day which Thou hast made for us and for Thyself.—May we rejoice and be glad in it. We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast revealed Thy Sabbaths to us, and that we live in a land in all parts of which Thou art this day publicly and solemnly worshipped. Grant that we may be in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and be enabled to worship Thee in sincerity and in truth. May we so sanctify this holy day, that it may be sanctified to us. By resting from our worldly employments, may our hearts be more and more weaned from earthly things, and prepared to leave them, and to spend an endless Sabbath with Thee in glory.

Enable us, O Lord, to keep this day holy to Thee, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, in remembrance of Thy work of creation—to sanctify it to the honour of the Lord Jesus Christ, Thine eternal Son, in remembrance of His resurrection from the dead—and also to sanctify it to the honour of the eter-

nal Spirit, the Comforter, in remembrance of His descent upon the Church of Christ.

We bless and praise Thee, O Lord, for Thy holy word—that we have it preserved pure and entire, and in a language that we understand. Let Thy word, by the influence and teaching of the Holy Spirit, come with life and power to our souls, and may our prayers and our praises be spiritual sacrifices, acceptable in Thy holy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We ascribe all our blessings, mercies, and privileges to Thy sovereign and distinguished good to us. Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name be all the glory. O Lord, we thank and praise Thy great and glorious name that Thou, day by day, suppliest the returning wants of all Thy creatures, and continuest to watch over all. We acknowledge Thy undeserved goodness to us during the last week and during our past lives. In Thy holy presence we confess before Thee how unthankful and evil we have been. We have forsaken Thee the God that made us, and lightly esteemed Thee the rock of our salvation. Be pleased, in Thine infinite mercy, and for the sake of Christ our Saviour, to have mercy upon us sinners. For His name's sake forgive the sins of our hearts and the sins of our lives—our evil tempers—our passion and our pride, and the wicked words we have spoken,

and the evil thoughts that have passed through our minds. May we feel that whilst the guilt of unpardoned sin rests upon us we can have no rest. Give us, therefore, grace to confess our sins that Thou who art merciful may, for Christ's sake, pardon and accept us in Him. Remember us, O Lord, with that love which Thou bearest to Thine own. O Lord, make us meek in our actions, and mild in our words, and remove from us all anger, pride, and ambition. Enable us to act our part in the world as the disciples of Christ. In all that we say and do may we shew that we have been with Jesus. May we deny ourselves to all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live quiet and sober lives in all lowliness of mind.

O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, to be in the midst of, and to bless all the assemblies of Thy people this day. May grace, mercy, and truth be with all that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. May the Redeemer ride forth triumphantly in the chariot of the everlasting gospel, conquering and to conquer. Let many be brought to believe the report of the gospel, and to many may the arm of the Lord be revealed.

Now the Lord of peace Himself give us peace always by all means. The God of hope fill us with joy and peace in believing, for the sake of Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer—who hath taught us to pray—Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.**LORD'S-DAY EVENING.**

O LORD, Thou art our maker, preserver, and daily benefactor. In Thee we live, and move, and have our being, and from Thee we receive all our mercies. Thou knowest our down-sitting and our up-rising—Thou understandest our thoughts afar off. O Lord, Thou compassest our path and our lying-down;—Thou art acquainted with all our ways. There is not an action which we perform, or a word in our tongue, but lo! O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether. O most gracious God, it well becomes us this evening, after having so largely experienced Thy goodness and mercy, to come into Thy holy presence to thank Thee for all Thy kindness to us in providence, and for Thy love towards us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. We desire to bless and praise Thee, that Thou art a God of love and compassion to sinners, in the Son of Thy love. May the Holy Spirit shed abroad Thy love in our hearts. Thy love, O Lord, to us, in the gift of Thy Son—in the gift of Thy word and in the gift of Thy spirit, surpasseth our knowledge. We adore and praise Thee O God, for the proofs of Thy love, in pardoning our sins—in giving

us our temporal and spiritual blessings—and in bestowing upon us the promise and earnest of eternal glory. Grant, O Lord, that we may, in an especial manner, feeling that we are the objects of Thy love, be enabled, by Thy grace, to love Thee supremely, and prove the sincerity of our love, by loving our fellow creatures, and obeying Thy commandments.

O Lord, we have to confess that we have not loved or served Thee, even during this day, as we ought to have done. Our thoughts, desires, and affections have been carnal and selfish—and the things of the world have exercised an undue place in our minds. In great justice, O Lord, Thou mightest have mingled our blood with our sacrifices.—But, in Thy great and Sovereign mercy, Thou hast graciously spared us miserable offenders. O Lord, for Christ's sake, have mercy upon us. By his stripes may we be healed. He bare our sins in his own body on the tree. Give us faith that we may see Him a suffering Saviour—and feel that his shed blood can only make us clean. Give us the Holy Spirit to convince us of our sins, and to know and feel that there is salvation only in Christ.

O Lord, we bless Thee for all the mercies and privileges which we have received this day. Bless to us and all men, the reading of Thy holy word, and the preaching of the everlasting gospel;—mercifully hear our prayers, accept

of our praises, and forgive what Thy pure eye hath seen amiss in us, and in our services. May we be made more and more meet for the everlasting Sabbath, which we hope to keep within the veil, when time and days shall be no more. May our religious services make us spiritually minded, that we may abstain from all fleshly lusts, which war against our souls, and that we may become dead to sin, and alive only to righteousness.

O Lord, mortify and subdue our pride and passion, and clothe us with humility. Put upon us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, and remove from us all hatred, malice, and evil speaking. Enable us to love one another, and all our fellow men, with pure hearts fervently, as become the followers of those who have named the name of Jesus. Convince us of the vanity of the world—of the worth of our souls—and the weight of eternity. Let Thy grace be mighty in us, and sufficient for us to walk worthy of our high calling in Jesus Christ, our Lord, that we may be prepared for death and judgment, and a happy eternity.

O Lord, in Thy great love and compassion, have mercy upon all heathen lands, and those who live in Christian lands, who know Thee not. Reveal Thyself to them as that Being who is now their Benefactor, and who will hereafter be their Judge. May the gospel of Christ have free

course, and be glorified in all the earth—and may all men be led to acknowledge Him as the only Saviour given under heaven among men, whereby they can be saved—and may all soon come to him for salvation.

O Lord accomplish, in Thine own time and way, all that Thou hast promised concerning Thy church in the latter days; let the earth be filled with Thy glory; let the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in, and let all Israel be saved. Let the mountain of the Lord's house be established upon the top of the mountains, and exalted above the hills, and let all nations flow into it.

O Lord, mercifully unite Thy people together in the truth as it is in Jesus, and in true love one towards another. Pour out a healing spirit upon them—a spirit of love and charity and of mutual forbearance.

O Lord, bless the fruits of the earth; continue our plenty, and abundantly bless our provision, and satisfy our poor with bread. Have mercy upon the sick and the dying; may they put their trust in Thee, and do Thou, in thine infinite mercy, have mercy and compassion upon them.

O Lord, we humbly pray Thee to spread over us, and all for whom we should pray—all who are near and dear to us—thy protecting wings. May we abide, this night, under Thy

shadow, O' Lord. Save us all from the terror that walketh by night and the arrow that flieth by day.

And now, O Lord, as we began this Lord's day with the joyful memorials of Thy power in creation—of Christ's triumphant resurrection from the dead—and of the gracious descent of the Holy Spirit—so we desire to conclude it with the joyful expectation of Christ's second coming, and of our resurrection to a blessed immortality. And the God of Peace sanctify and wholly renew us in the spirit of our minds—set up His throne in our hearts—write His law and plant his fear there, and fill us with all the grace of the Spirit, that we may be fruitful in the fruits of righteousness. And now, to the King, eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God, in Three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, dominion and praise, henceforth and for ever.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

MONDAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD, thou art the great and incomprehensible Jehovah. Whether shall we

go from Thy presence or flee from Thy Spirit. If we ascend up into heaven Thou art there—if we make our bed in hell Thou art there. The darkness hideth not from Thee, O Lord, but the night shineth as the day—and the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. Although Thou art thus great and incomprehensible, we rejoice to know that Thou art a God of truth without iniquity. Just and right art Thou, O Lord. Thou art not a man that Thou shouldst lie, nor the son of man that Thou shouldst repent. Hast Thou said, O Lord, and shalt Thou not do it? or hast Thou spoken and shalt Thou not make it good? We bless Thee, that, in all ages, Thy people have experienced that Thy word is truth—they have trusted in Thee and they have never been ashamed—not one thing has failed of all the good things which Thou hast spoken concerning them. All Thy promises in Christ are still yea and amen—for Thou art unchangeably the same. Enable us to put our entire confidence in Thee, knowing that Thou wilt do as Thou hast said. Thou knowest every step which we have to take in life—every grief we have to experience—every ill we have to endure. May we rest contented in Thy holy will, and bear all things as coming from Thy fatherly hand. Thou never correctest us unless for our profit.

O Lord, we need and now supplicate Thy

pardoning mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For His sake do Thou mercifully heal all our diseases—pardon our sins—and love us freely. Mortify and subdue the power and love of sin within us—and may the Holy Spirit teach, guide, sanctify, and strengthen us with all might in the inner man.—Enable us, O Lord, to give more diligence in our preparation for eternity—to choose that better part which shall never be taken from us, and which is Thy free gift to sinners, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, feed us, day by day, not only with the bread that perisheth, but also with the bread that endureth to everlasting life. As our day is, so may our strength be. Be with us this day, and mercifully protect our bodies and souls. Implant thy fear within us, and enable us to walk before Thee in the land of the living as Thy disciples.—Forbid, O Lord, that we should ever deny Thee by our words or actions.

O Lord, may the time soon come when all kindreds, and nations, and people, shall know honour, and serve Thee their Creator—Jesus Christ their Saviour—and the Holy Spirit their Comforter. We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word—the Gospel of our Salvation. Pardon our carelessness in reading Thy word.—May the Holy Spirit reveal it in its power to us as the great means in his hand of awaken-

ing sinners, and building up Thy people in their most holy faith.

O Lord, may we daily remember that our time upon earth is very short, and very uncertain. May we now, in this the merciful day of our visitation, escape for our lives—by building upon that rock which is Christ—and made secure against our last enemy—death. O God, grant that all our hope and comfort may now be in Him and his finished work, that when we die, we may stand before Thy throne in heaven, clothed in His spotless righteousness.

And now, O Lord, direct our hearts unto the love of God, and unto the patient waiting for Christ. And the God of all grace, who hath called us to His eternal glory, by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered a while, make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle us. O Lord, hear and answer us, for Christ's sake—in whose words we call upon Thee as—Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

MONDAY EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, we bow down before Thee our maker to praise Thee, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvellous, O Lord, are all Thy works, and Thy loving-kindnesses,

for they have been of old, even for ever. Whom have we in heaven but Thee, O Lord, and there is none upon the earth that we should desire besides Thee. Enable us, when we pray to Thee, to feel our wants, that we may present them before Thee, not only in words but also with our hearts.

This evening we adore Thee, O Lord, for Thy great love and kindness in sparing us in life this day. Thou hast graciously watched over us, and we are the living in the land of the living to praise Thee for Thy goodness and forbearance. This day, like our former days, we have committed many sins both in heart and in life, but may we be cleansed from all our transgressions in the fountain of Christ's blood which hath been opened for sin and all uncleanness. Our unknown sins which we daily and hourly commit, we humbly pray Thee, O Lord, to reveal unto us by the Holy Spirit. And especially, O Lord, deliver us from our besetting sins. Give us pardon for all our sins, known and unknown to us, and also renewing and sanctifying grace. Make us holy, both in speech and behaviour. In all things we offend and come short of Thy glory. Renew us in the spirit of our minds, that we may be strong in Thee, and glory only in Thy salvation.

O Almighty God, we have also to deplore and confess before Thee, that we are proud by

nature. Humble us and make us poor in spirit. Forbid that we should seek to establish a righteousness of our own, but may we rely and trust implicitly in that righteousness provided for sinners in the Lord Jesus Christ. O blessed Saviour, cover us now, we humbly and earnestly pray Thee, with Thy spotless righteousness, that at last we may stand before Thee without spot or blemish, or any such thing.

Bless unto us the reading of Thy Holy Word. By the effectual application of it to us by the Holy Spirit, may it be made effectual for our growth in grace here, and for our eternal salvation hereafter.

O Lord, bless all men of every name. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth, O Lord, that sinners may be converted, and that Thy people may be built up in their most holy faith. Especially, do Thou bless our country. Protect us by Thine almighty power. May righteousness and the fear of the Lord flourish more and more by the continuance of the blessed gospel and the means of grace among us. Bless our friends, relations, benefactors, and our enemies. Enable us to love all men as Thou hast loved us in the Son of Thy love.

O Lord, fill our minds with all peace and joy in believing. We believe in Thee. Let Thy power protect us—Thy wisdom conduct us—Thy holiness sanctify us, and Thy omnipres-

ence surround us. Notwithstanding of our great sinfulness, may Thy patience still bear with us, and Thy mercy in Christ save us. O Lord, may Thy faithfulness crown the whole of Thy mercies, and end in our final and eternal salvation. Give us all grace to yield ourselves in body, soul, and spirit unto Thee. May we glorify Thee, and be enabled to pass the rest of our time in the world in Thy fear and favour, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

And now, O Lord, mercifully defend and protect us by Thine Almighty power, and uphold us by Thy heavenly grace. Raise us up again upon a new day, and lead, guide, and defend us in all our journeyings through life, and bring us at last to Thy kingdom in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught us to pray—Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD, OUR GOD, how precious are Thy thoughts unto us—how great is the sum of them. We cannot reckon them up before Thee—They are more in number than the sand upon the sea shore. When we awake we are

still with Thee, O Lord. Thy mercy is new to us every evening when we lie down, and fresh to us every morning when we rise up. What can we render unto Thee for all Thy benefits?

O Lord, Thou art our Maker and our Preserver. Thou saidst live, and man became a living soul. Although Thou hast bestowed upon us sense and reason, we have to lament that all our powers of body and mind, which were given to us, to shew forth Thy glory, have been dedicated by us to dishonour Thee, and ruin our own souls. But we desire to unite together to praise Thee this morning, that when we had destroyed ourselves by sin, Thou didst lay our help upon one mighty to save. May we now trust in the righteousness and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who came down from heaven to earth, to redeem us from all iniquity—to make us a peculiar people zealous of good works. O Lord, Thou hast most mercifully manifested Thyself to us in Him, not only that our sins might be forgiven, but also that we might be made wise unto salvation. May we now know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent, whom to know is life eternal.

O Lord, Thy works which everywhere surround us, and Thy dealings toward us would

leave us, and all men miserable for ignorance of Thee. But we especially bless and praise Thee, that Thou hast revealed Thy will to us in the gospel of Christ, and that Thou hast therein mercifully recorded His doctrine—His actions—His suffering—His death, and His glory, for our instruction to the end of the world. We praise and thank Thee, for placing Thy word so bountifully in our hands, and for the powers of our minds, whereby we are enabled to read the Scriptures of Truth. May the reading of Thy Word be profitable to us. Do Thou save us, O Lord, from shutting our eyes lest we should see—from stopping our ears lest we should hear, and from hardening our hearts lest we should be converted. Work within us by Thy Holy Spirit, both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Search and know us O Lord—and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. For Christ's sake, pardon our many sins, and cause Thy face to shine upon us and give us everlasting peace.

O Lord, we desire to render unto Thee our most grateful thanks for Thy merciful care and protection, which Thou hast exercised over us during another night. We now seek from Thee grace to direct and defend, and strength to uphold us, this day. May we reduce our Christian profession into practice, by being of one mind—having compassion one of another—loving as

brethren—being courteous—not rendering evil for evil.

In our daily avocations, O Lord, we are often oppressed with fears within and fightings without. Do Thou, in Thy great love and compassion, stay our minds upon Thyself, and direct, lead, and guide us in all our ways.

Bless also, O Lord, all our fellow men. Enrich our friends and all for whom we should pray with thy heavenly grace; give them all things needful for time and for eternity.

And now, O Lord, enable us to spend this day in Thy fear. Remove from us pride and vain glory. Make us humble and dependent upon Thee, the Giver of all things, by placing all our trust and confidence in Thee for our temporal and spiritual mercies, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.—Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Ⓞ LORD, we desire this evening to draw near unto Thee, the only living and true God. Enable us to set our prayer forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. May we not bend

our knees before Thee, through formality, but in love to Thee and obedience to Thy commandments. O Lord, forbid that we should approach Thee in prayer because we dread Thy wrath, but may we do so from a principle of love and gratitude to Thee—who hast loved us with an everlasting love, in the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. O God, reveal unto us our real condition in Thy holy sight—as polluted in our nature—depraved in our habits, and guilty of wilful transgression of Thy holy commandments. By our nature and actions we are only fit for misery here and eternal misery hereafter. Thou hast commanded us to confess our sins unto Thee, with the assurance that when we do so, Thou wilt, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, hear us and pardon our iniquities, and heal all our diseases.

We humbly confess before Thee, who knowest our hearts, that we are sinners by nature and by practice—that we have done those things which Thou hast forbidden, and omitted to do those things which Thou hast commanded. In us, O Lord, there is no health—our heads are sick and our hearts are faint. From the crown of our heads to the soles of our feet we are covered with wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. We bless and adore Thee, O thou eternal Son of God, that Thou didst pity us in our low and lost estate—that Thou came

down from heaven to earth to save us when we were lost—when no man could redeem his brother from death. In Thy great love and compassion, Thou, O our merciful Saviour, for love to a sinful and ruined world, didst take on Thyself the load of our infirmities, and bore the heavy burden of our sins. As Thou canst only save us, O Lord, may we be enabled to look unto Thee, that we may be healed from the nature and power of sin. May we trust in Thee only for our salvation, and do Thou look upon us, and wash away all our pollution and sin in Thine own blood, and renew us in the spirit of our minds by the Holy Ghost.

Although we deserve nothing from Thee, yet we bless and praise Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast, in great compassion, brought us to the conclusion of another day. Thou hast upheld our bodies by Thy bounty, and protected our souls by Thy grace. Thou hast loaded us with Thy benefits—although we have abused Thy rich mercy. O Lord, may we know and understand that it is only through our Lord Jesus Christ, and for His sake, that even Thou bestowest temporal and spiritual mercies upon us. Thanks, eternal thanks, be ascribed unto Thee, O God, for Thine unspeakable gift. Enable us to love Thee in Christ, as the merciful supplier of all our wants for time, and of all our desires for eternity. May we be enabled to love Thee with

all our hearts and souls and minds. Fit us, by Thy present dealings with us, for spending an endless eternity with Thee hereafter. Enable us to remember that every day we spend brings us a day nearer death—and that our days pass away as a tale that is told. Our time is not our own, but Thy gift and property. Every moment which we squander is known to Thee, and for which we must at last account. Enable us, O Lord, to spend all our time to Thy praise, and for Thy glory, and for our own good. Every day we live may we be more and more prepared for glory, honour, and immortality. O Lord, defend us in our bodies and souls this night. May we rest in perfect peace with Thee, and with our fellow men. Give us Thy love and Thy fear, and grant that all our desires and hopes may hereafter be regulated by the precepts of Thy blessed word, for Jesus Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

⓪ LORD, give us all grace in approaching Thy foot-stool in prayer, to reverence and fear Thee. Thou art in heaven, we are upon the earth. Thou art from everlasting to ever-

lasting God, and Thy years shall have no end. We are but of yesterday and know nothing—our foundation is in the dust—we are crushed before the moth. Our breath is in our nostrils. We must soon be numbered with the dead—and the place that now knows us, shall soon know us no more for ever. O Lord, fit and prepare us all for the duties of life, and for that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Thy guidance alone can direct us in perfect safety through this world. We cannot direct our own steps. O Lord, we lament before Thee that we have followed the devices of our own evil hearts instead of Thy holy law. We have often professed to follow Thee, but our obedience has been very deficient and very inconsistent. We have loved the world, and the love of Thee the Father has not been in us. O Lord, we rejoice to think that, through Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness and plenteous redemption with Thee. We have departed from Thee, O Lord, by placing our hearts upon the things which are seen and temporal. Enable us, to put our trust in Thee our Father who art in heaven. Through good report and through evil report may we lean upon Thee. Although we are by nature very weak and very wayward, give us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in the narrow way that leadeth to everlasting glory. O Lord, may we now, by patient

continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, honour, and immortality. Enable us to overcome the world, and preserve us from falling into temptation. O Lord, cause us to hear Thy loving-kindnesses, and to trust only in Thee. We lift up our souls unto Thee, do Thou mercifully cause us to know the way wherein we should walk. Teach us to do Thy holy will, and quicken us for Thy name's sake, and lead us into the way everlasting.

As Thy professing people enable us, this day, O Lord, to eschew evil and do good—let us seek peace and pursue it. Help us to measure every thought, every word, and every action, by the infallible rule which we have received, considering it our highest felicity to learn and practice what Thou hast so mercifully taught us in Thy Holy Word. Above all things, may we have fervent charity among ourselves, and use hospitality one to another without grudging. Enable us to set our affections upon things above, and to mortify our members which are upon the earth. May we put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and all uncleanness, and put on, as Thy elect children, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another. Let Thy peace, O Lord, rule in our hearts, and the Word of Christ dwell richly in

us in all wisdom—that whatsoever we do we may do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

We adore and praise Thee, O Lord, for the mercies of the past night, and for this opportunity in meeting again before Thee, in health and comfort.

Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord—for in Thy sight no flesh living can be justified—but do Thou now mercifully hear us, and, in Thy faithfulness, do Thou answer us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—
AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

⓪ LORD, we draw near unto Thee, at this time, in the name, and trusting to the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For His sake, do Thou mercifully reveal our state and wants unto us—and do Thou teach and enable us to pray for those things which we require for time and for eternity. O Lord, what are we in Thy presence, that Thou takest knowledge of us, or the son of man that Thou makest account of him. We are like to vanity—our days are like a shadow that passeth away. We are nothing, and less than nothing,

before Thee, who are from everlasting to everlasting God, and whose years shall never fail.

Thou art the maker and preserver of the world, and all that it contains. In every land Thy power and Thy love are alike manifest. All the inhabitants of the earth, of whatever nation, kindred, or tongue, are known to Thee—the rich and the poor—the learned and the unlearned—Thou reignest supremely over all—an ever-present God. None are too great, none are too mean to receive Thy bounty—to share Thy smile, and to provoke Thy frown. O God, Thou searchest our hearts, Thou triest our reins. Our inmost and most secret thoughts Thou beholdest with the same distinctness as Thou lookest upon our outward acts. O Lord, turn our hearts to Thyself, and enable us, through Christ, to forsake every sin, and to love and serve Thee.

O Lord, give us all grace to adore and praise Thee, for Thy great love to us, in giving us a Saviour, and in giving us the blessed record of salvation—the holy Scriptures. O Lord, follow, with Thy divine blessing, the reading of Thy holy Word. We adore and praise Thee, that there the Lord Jesus Christ is set forth as a Saviour, able and willing to save to the uttermost us, and all others, that come to Thee, through Him, for salvation.

O Lord, we humbly, yet earnestly, pray Thee to gave us faith in Christ, who alone can

save us from Thy wrath now, and Thy wrath through all eternity. Thanks, eternal thanks, be ascribed unto Thee, O God, for Thine unspeakable gift—the gift of Thy Son, our Saviour—and for the glorious intelligence contained in the Gospel, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. We pray Thee, O God, for Christ's sake, to give unto us grace and glory, and to withhold nothing from us that is truly good. In the face of Christ, do Thou mercifully lift upon us the light of Thy reconciled countenance. Having faith in Him, may we press forward toward the mark, that we may obtain the prize of our high calling—and be enabled to lay aside every weight, and our easily besetting sins. May we look unto Him, and have implicit faith in His finished work, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the pain and disgrace of the cross. May our faith rise so high, as that we may be enabled to count all things but loss for Christ, that, living or dying, He may be our gain—our peace—our joy unspeakable—even in this world, and our eternal glory in the world to come.

O God, humble us under Thy mighty hand, enable us to cast all our cares upon Thee, and to be more sober and vigilant than we have yet been. Give us grace to be temperate in all things—keeping under the body and bringing

it into subjection, lest the enemy of our souls prevail against us. With every temptation may a way for us to escape be granted, that we may be able to bear and overcome all temptation.

O God, we now thank Thee for all the mercies which we have received this day. May every blessing, and every cross and disappointment which befall us in life, tend more and more to humble and prepare us to confide only in Thee, the giver of all things. Increase our faith in Thee, and in all Thy dispensations towards us.

O Lord, bless all men with those blessings which they require. Especially bless the poor, the needy, the distressed, and the dying—give them resignation to Thy holy will, and mercies suited to their various conditions, for time and for eternity. May all our friends, relations, and benefactors, share Thy blessing also with us. O Lord, care and provide for them, and cause Thy face to shine upon them.

And now, O Lord, though our outward man perish, yet may our inward man be renewed day by day; and, finally, when our earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, may we, and all for whom we should pray, have an eternal building in heaven,—a house not made with hands,—for Jesus' sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

THURSDAY MORNING.

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Thou art the Great God—the maker of heaven and of earth. Thou art from everlasting to everlasting God. We are frail and dying creatures. Enable us to approach Thee, our Maker and Preserver, with great fear. Thou art the giver of life—and when Thou, in Thy sovereignty, taketh away our breath, we die. Bow Thy heavens, O Lord, and come down and visit us. Enable us at this time to call upon Thee, in the name, and trusting to the righteousness and finished work, of the Lord Jesus Christ, for our salvation. O Lord, we confess that we are not only dying creatures, but that we are sinful creatures before Thee, in heart and in life. Give us grace, O Lord, to confess our sins. May we feel our condition by nature to be very awful before Thee—who art just and holy in all Thy ways. O Lord, we are all lost creatures by nature—at enmity with Thee, Our Maker and Preserver. Give us the holy Spirit that we may be enlightened and convinced of our real condition, as fallen and depraved creatures—that we may seek Thy mercy in Christ, and submit to his righteousness, which he hath wrought out for sinners. We adore and bless

Thee, O our God, that Thou hast mercifully provided a free salvation for all who come unto Thee in Christ's name, and who trust in his righteousness. Thou art in Him reconciling the world to Thyself, not imputing to us our aggravated guilt—but beseeching us in Christ's stead, to be reconciled to Thee. O Lord, enable us to believe upon Christ as our Saviour and Deliverer, that we may be delivered from Thy wrath, even now, and Thy eternal wrath hereafter. Glorify Thy grace in us, the chief of sinners, by granting us the pardon of all our sins, and acceptance with Thee, through Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour. May our sins no longer separate between us and Thee. Give us hearts, O Lord, to fear Thee, and also to love Thee for what Thou hast done, and art doing, in Thy great compassion and love for our salvation.

Bless, in Thy boundless compassion, all our fellow-men. Have mercy upon those that know Thee not,—make darkness light before them and crooked things straight. O Lord, behold in compassion the sins and miseries of a fallen world, and mercifully pour out Thy Spirit, as a Spirit of love, and of power upon all flesh.

May we, Thy sinful servants, receive this day Christ Jesus into our hearts as our Lord and Saviour, that we may be enabled, by the Holy Spirit, to walk in Him, and to be built up

in Him. Stablish and settle us, O Lord, in the faith, and may we abound therein, with all thanksgiving.—Fill our hearts with true and fervent charity—with love to Thee and all men—that charity which suffereth long, and is kind—which envieth not—vaunteth not itself—is not puffed up—doth not behave itself unseemly—seeketh not her own—is not easily provoked—thinketh no evil—rejoiceth in the truth—believeth in the truth—hopeth all things—endureth all things—that charity which never faileth.

And now, O Lord, mercifully preserve us all, and for those whom we should pray outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls. May we know what things we ought to do, and be enabled to perform the same to Thy praise and glory. Keep us from all evil. Make us humble and dependant on Thee, and do Thou graciously condescend to bless us and care for us this day, and all our days upon the earth, for Jesus Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Ⓞ GOD, Thou art our King. Give us grace to worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

Great art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be feared—Thy greatness is unsearchable. We desire to speak of the glorious honour of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works. We are sinners before Thee, O God—yet we bless Thee that in Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Saviour, Thou art gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy to us, Thine unworthy and unprofitable servants. For Christ's sake, O Lord, cleanse us from all our unrighteousness, and impart to us His Spirit. Against Thee, Thee only have we sinned and done evil, O Lord—may we henceforth be devoted to Thy service, being called out of darkness into light. May we be enabled to shew and prove ourselves to be of the number of Thy redeemed children, by aiming in all things to love Thee, and to be useful to our fellow-men in our day and generation.

O Saviour ! Lord God Almighty ! Deliver us from the body of sin and death which surrounds us. Graft us into Thyself, in whom there is no condemnation. Take away from us that carnal mind which is death, and give us that spiritual mind which is life and peace—and may the spirit of Christ dwell and rule within us.

May we henceforth, O God, present our bodies a living sacrifice unto Thee—holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service. May we abhor that which is evil, and cleave to that which is good—be kindly affectioned one

to another, with brotherly love, giving with simplicity, shewing mercy with cheerfulness—not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving Thee, the Lord. Enable us to live peaceably with all men, and not to be overcome of evil, but to overcome evil with good.

O God, we humbly desire, this evening, to thank and praise Thee for the multitude of Thy tender mercies, which Thou hast made to pass before us this day. Make us very grateful for all Thy goodness, love, and truth. Be pleased, to surround us this night with thine Almighty protection. May we fear no evil, but rest in peace with Thee, and with all men. Bless also, O God, all our friends and relations, and all for whom we should pray with the pardon of their sins, and with the love of holiness. Defend our country, and all in lawful authority over us, and under Thee, by Thine Almighty power.

Bless unto us the reading of Thy Holy Word. Seal instruction upon our hearts, and enable us to realize, in some measure, by our conduct in the world, that we take Thy Word for the rule of our life. May we bring forth fruit to Thy praise and glory—and be enabled, by grace, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

And now, may the Spirit of the Lord rest upon us—the Spirit of wisdom and understand-

ing—the Spirit of counsel and might—the Spirit of wisdom and the fear of the Lord. In all our troubles, trials, and labours, be Thou nigh to us, O Lord, to strengthen and to uphold us. In this world be Thou our hiding place from the wind and our covert from the tempest—as rivers of waters in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. We ask all our mercies from Thee, O Lord, for time and for eternity, in the name, and through the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our strength and our Redeemer.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

FRIDAY MORNING.

⓪ ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the maker and preserver of all things, give us grace, we humbly pray Thee, to draw near unto Thee with true hearts, and in the full assurance of faith. O God forbid that we should approach Thee in our own righteousness, which is as filthy rags in Thy holy sight—but trusting solely in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord may we be clothed in His spotless righteousness, and not appear before

Thee, as we are by nature, poor and naked, blind, and miserable sinners.

O Lord, we adore and praise Thee that Thou hast manifested Thyself in Christ, not only that our sins might be forgiven, but that we might be made holy and wise unto salvation. Grant, O God, that we may now know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent, whom to know is life eternal. O Lord, Thy great and marvellous works which, in creation, surround us, and Thy dealings with us in providence, would leave us without excuse for ignorance of Thee—but we bless Thee for the Scriptures of truth, which testify of Christ, and contain eternal life. We adore and bless Thee that the actions, sufferings, death, and glory of our blessed Saviour are there recorded. May we have faith to believe all that the Scriptures contain: and, by Thy grace, may we be enabled to practice what they reveal and enforce. O Lord work in us by the Holy Spirit, both to will and to do what Thou so plainly teachest us in the word of life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour.

O God may we all feel our great responsibility, in having Thy Holy Word, and remember that, to whom much is given, of them Thou requirest much. What, O Lord, must our end be, if we obey not the Gospel of Christ. If the

righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear. O Lord, humble us, we mercifully beseech Thee, for our carelessness and indifference for Thy holy word, and for the means of grace which we so liberally enjoy in this Christian land. We confess, O Lord, that our hearts are cold and lukewarm, and that Thou mightest, in very justice, remove our candlestick out of its place. Yet, O Lord, we now plead with Thee, for the sake of Christ, to have mercy upon us, and to give us grace to choose the one thing needful, and to grow daily in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Teach us to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross daily, and to follow Christ through good, and through bad report.


O Lord, we feel that we are ignorant creatures—knowing not what a day or an hour may bring forth. Be merciful to us sinners, and pardon and forgive all our sins, known and unknown to us, for Christ's sake. May we now have our loins girded about, and our lamps trimmed, for we know not at what hour the Son of Man may come.

Have mercy, O Lord, in thy boundless compassion, upon all our fellow-creatures. Open the eyes of the blind, and lead them by a way which they know not. Convert all men, by Thine almighty power, to the love and obedience of the Gospel of Christ.

And now, O Lord, we desire this morning to commend ourselves, and all for whom we should pray, unto Thee. Do Thou keep us near to Thyself this day, and may we walk before Thee with all lowliness of mind. While we live, keep us from all evil, and prepare us for death, judgment, and eternity, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

Sixth Week.

FRIDAY EVENING.

 LORD—most merciful and most gracious
 —Thou hast, in great love and forbearance, brought us once more to the conclusion of another day—Thou hast not cut us down as cumberers of the ground. What shall we render unto Thee, this evening, for all Thy goodness, and for all Thy truth which Thou hast made to pass before us, Thy sinful and ever erring children? O Lord raise our hearts and affections from earth to heaven, and enable us to worship Thee, who art a spirit in spirit and in truth. We confess that we are polluted by nature, and depraved by our sinful actions, in Thy pure and holy sight—by nature and practice fit only for endless misery. Blessed, ever

blessed, be Thy holy name, O Lord, who, in the Son of Thy love, can pardon all our iniquity, and heal all our diseases. We thank and adore Thee, O Thou eternal Son of God, that Thou didst, in the fullness of time, in Thine infinite wisdom and compassion, come down from heaven to earth to save us, in our low and lost estate. Thou didst take on Thyself our infirmities, Thou didst bear our sins in Thine own body upon the cross. Enlighten us, O Lord, in the spirit of our minds, that we may look upon Jesus and be healed, to the praise of the glory of Thy grace. Enable us to love Thee with all our heart and soul, and strength and mind. May we cast all our cares upon Thee, and, by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, honour, and immortality. Forbid, O God, that we should lean to our own righteousness, which we may have wrought, but may we trust only in the righteousness which Christ has wrought out for all believers. Preserve us, O Lord, from falling, and, in thine infinite mercy and love, when all Thy dispensations with us in the world are ended, may we be presented blameless before Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Saviour.

At the close of another day, we, Thy dependent creatures, desire to thank and praise Thee, O most merciful and gracious God, for all the blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us

during its course. We humbly confess that we have misimproved this day, and all our previous days. Do Thou mercifully pardon us for our misimprovement of time. O Lord, forbid that we should walk through the world in darkness, knowing that in Thee there is no darkness at all. Enable us to walk in light as the children of light, and have fellowship one of another, and may the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins. Give us grace to love one another. He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling on him. O Lord give us a meek and quiet spirit, and, above all things, give us charity. May we be holy in all manner of conversation. Purify our souls in obeying the truth, through the spirit, and may we be born again by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

O Lord most mercifully open the eyes of all that are in error—lead them in faith, and in repentance to Christ Jesus. Make all men of one mind, having compassion one of another. O Lord give us all grace to love as brethren—to be pitiful—courteous—not rendering evil for evil, but contrariwise blessing. May we ever remember that the end of all things is at hand—make us, therefore, sober, and may we watch unto prayer.

And do Thou now, O Lord, prepare and enable us to bear all our trials and afflictions in this world—as coming from Thee a merciful God in Jesus Christ for our good. Enable us to resist the devil, the world, and the flesh—and, after that we have suffered awhile, make us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, perfect; stablish, strengthen, settle us; and may the peace of God rest upon us, now and for ever more, through Jesus Christ.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Ⓞ Eternal and ever-blessed GOD, we are nothing in Thy sight, and have nothing to present unto Thee. We are covered and surrounded on all sides with sin, original and actual. We bless Thee that Thou hast, in Thy great compassion, so loved a guilty world, as to send into it Thy Son, Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him might not perish, but have everlasting life. We thank and bless Thee for the Lord Jesus Christ, Thine unspeakable gift. For His sake, we humbly pray Thee, to bestow upon us the pardon of all our sins, and love to Thee. Remove from us the natural enmity of our hearts

to Thee. Give us strength, O Lord, to mortify and resist sin, and to press on to obtain the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, laying aside every incumbrance, and our most easily besetting sins, and looking only to Jesus—who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the pain and disgrace of the cross, and who now lives in heaven as our intercessor within the veil. May we now, with all humility and earnestness, embrace the Saviour, who alone can secure for us everlasting life, and be enabled so to rely upon him as to count all things but loss for Him, that in life and death He may be all things to us—our life, peace, and joy now, and our glory for ever hereafter. O Lord, we believe—help Thou our unbelief and glorify Thy grace in us, by granting us the Holy Spirit, to teach and lead us into all truth, as it is in Jesus, our blessed Saviour.

O Lord, our advantages and privileges are numerous and very great. We must at last account for them, and for all our talents to Thee. Follow with Thy divine and effectual blessing the reading of Thy Holy Word. Seal instruction upon our souls. How, O Lord, shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation. Preserve us from an evil heart of unbelief. In ourselves, O Lord, we are very weak and very helpless, but we rejoice to think that Thou art, in Christ, everlasting strength to every believer. May we all,

by Thy grace, be enabled now to flee to the Lord Jesus Christ, the only hope set before us in the Gospel, and to rest upon him alone for our salvation. May the blood of Christ cleanse us from all sin, and may we hereafter follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man can see the Lord.

O Lord, we confess that we love the world too much. Enable us to love the world and the things of the world less—knowing that, if any man love the world, the love of God is not in him.

We pray Thee, O most merciful God, to preserve, pardon, and bless all our friends and relations, and to supply the spiritual and temporal wants of all our fellow-creatures. Especially, O Lord, we commend to Thee the afflicted in mind, body, or estate. May they not be wearied or faint in their minds,—under the dispensations of Thy holy and wise providence concerning them, but may their present afflictions be profitable to them for time and for eternity.

And now, O Lord, we desire to commit ourselves to Thy care and keeping this day. Watch over us for good. Compass us about with Thy favour as with a shield. Preserve us from all evil in our going out and coming in. O give us grace to do the work of this day in its day, according as the duty of the day re-

quires. May we acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and do Thou direct our steps. Never leave us, O Lord, never forsake us, and make us perfect in every good work to do Thy will, working in us that which is well pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

Sixth Week.

SATURDAY EVENING.

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Thou art the maker, preserver, and governor of all things, and all creatures. Thou formed the earth for Thy glory and man for Thy service. All things around us proclaim Thy power and Thy glory, and glorify Thee, but we, by reason of our sin, serve and glorify Thee not. By nature and practice, we are sinners—unholy in our hearts, thoughts, words, and actions. We acknowledge our sin, for it is ever before Thee. O Lord have mercy upon us, for the sake of our Great High Priest and Intercessor, the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom alone Thy pardoning mercy and sanctifying grace can be extended to us.

O Lord, we confess that we are not only sinful, but that we are also dying creatures. When Thou callest for judgment, we must give

a strict account unto Thee for all our thoughts, words, and actions. Fit and prepare us for death, and for that awful period, when all the inhabitants of the world, of every tongue and nation under heaven shall stand before Thy dread tribunal. May the termination of another week remind us that our days and weeks are fast disappearing.—Of Thy great mercy we now humbly implore Thee, O Lord, to prevent us now sowing to the flesh. Awaken us now to a true sense of our state, that we may flee to Christ our Saviour. May we seek Thee in Him whilst Thou mayest be found, and obtain Thy pardoning mercy, and Thy sanctifying grace, that we may at last be presented faultless and blameless before Thee, at the glorious appearance of our Lord and Saviour, when He shall come the second time in the clouds of heaven, to judge both the quick and the dead. O grant that the joyful sentence may then be addressed to each of us by Him — come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you, before the foundation of the world.

Upon this, the last evening of another week, we desire, O Lord, to thank and praise Thee, for all Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy, which Thou hast made to pass before us during this day, and during all our past days and weeks upon the earth. Many sins, O Lord, have we committed against Thee, and against our fel-

low-men. Before Thee, the Searcher of our hearts, we are verily guilty. Be pleased, for Christ's sake, to have mercy upon us, and to blot out all our sins as a cloud, and our iniquities as a thick cloud.

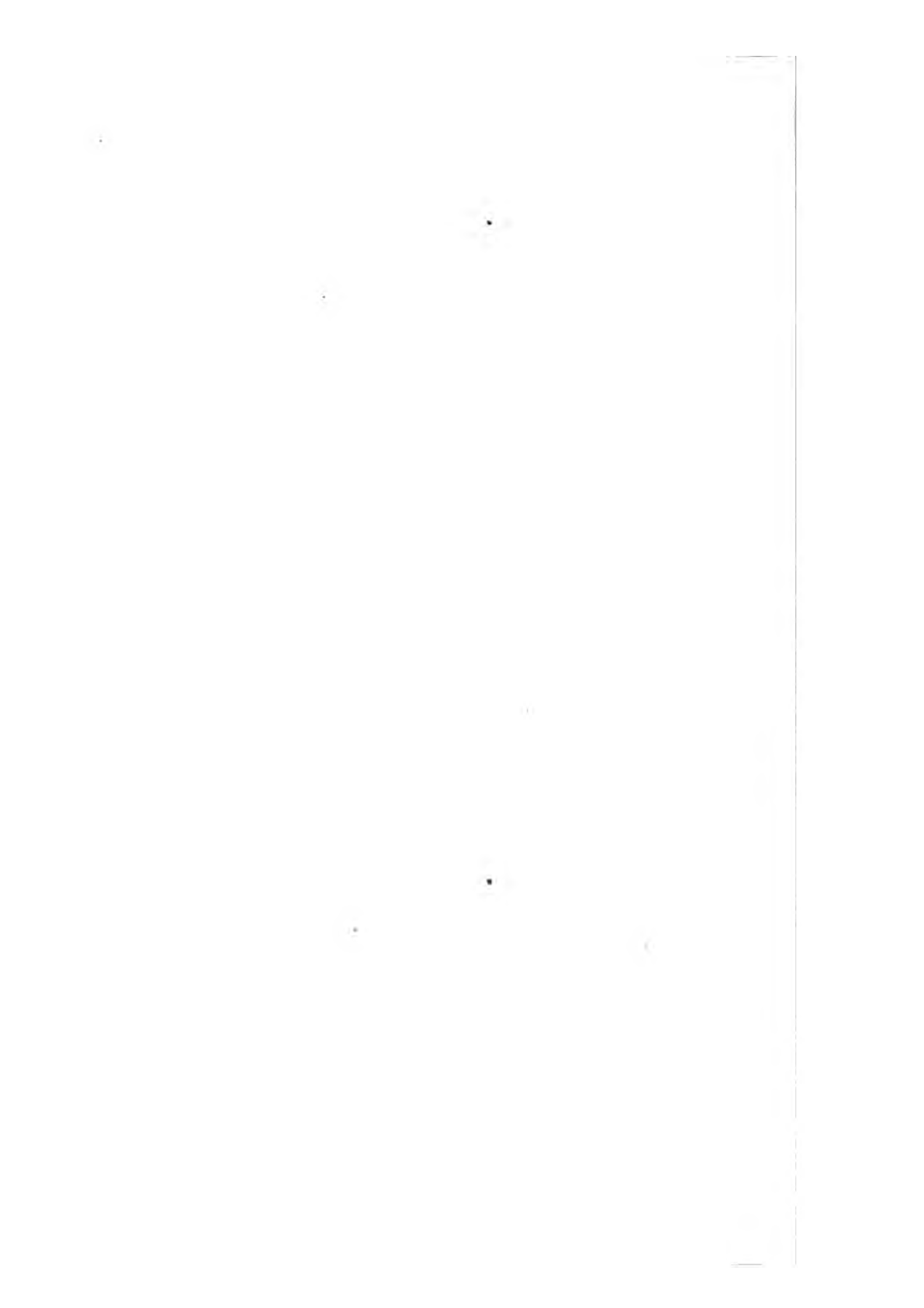
We thank Thee, O Lord, for the means of grace which we so liberally enjoy in this land. Bless to us the reading and study of Thy Holy Word. May we obey Thy commandments, which are pure, and daily grow in grace, as we grow in days and years. Till we are taken out of the world by death, O Lord, keep us from all evil, and sanctify us through Thy truth—Thy Word is truth.

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, for the observance of another Sabbath-day. May we take hold of Thy covenant, and keep the Sabbath from polluting it.

In Thine infinite mercy, we pray Thee, O Lord, to be merciful to our relations, friends, and neighbours, and do them good, according to their necessities. Supply the wants, both temporal and spiritual, of all Thy creatures. Visit, in Thy great compassion, all those who are in affliction, and comfort them, and be unto them a very present help. Recover the sick, ease the pained, succour the tempted, relieve the oppressed, and support the dying.

And now, O Lord, we commit ourselves unto Thee, for time and eternity. Let not

our hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. In the world we must have tribulation, but may we be of good cheer—knowing that our blessed Saviour has overcome the world—that he has ascended up on high to prepare a place for His people, and that He will come again to receive them unto Himself, that where he is they may be also. O Lord grant that these prospects and blessings may be ours;—and do Thou mercifully hear in heaven these, our imperfect supplications: and, when Thou hearest, forgive, and answer us, for Christ's sake.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.



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For a Sacramental Fast Day.

MORNING.

ENABLE us especially this day, O Lord, to examine ourselves of our being in Christ, and of our sins and wants. Give us knowledge—faith—repentance—love to Thee—and our brethren—charity to all men, and forgiveness to all enemies.

Assist us, O Lord, in all our religious exercises during this day of humiliation. Be with us in the public and private exercises of religion. O Lord, humble us in Thy sight. May we come unto Thee as poor and needy creatures having nothing in ourselves, but depending upon Thee, not only for temporal, but also for spiritual blessings. Prepare us for making an acceptable approach to Thy holy table upon a

Communion Sabbath. Manifest Thyself to us then in the breaking of bread. May we see in this holy ordinance Christ our Lord, and have eternal life abiding in us. Bless also all our fellow-worshippers with increase of faith, and with knowledge to discern the Lord's body, that our communion may be with Thee the Father, Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit the Comforter.

For a Sacramental Fast Day.

EVENING.

IN the evening of this day of humiliation, we adore and praise Thee, O Lord, for that wondrous love of Thine to us sinners, in the gift of Thy Son. He bare our sins—He carried our sorrows. For His sake, O Lord, be merciful to us, the chief of sinners. Help us to exercise true humiliation and repentance—and may Thy pardoning and saving mercy in Christ be extended to us. Lay not our sins to our charge, but graciously pardon and accept of us, for Christ's sake—who though He knew no sin, was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

O Lord, bless unto us the reading and

study of Thy Word, and the preaching of the Gospel of Christ. Prepare us for sitting down as acceptable guests at a communion-table. May we have clean hands and a pure heart. May our hearts be sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

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For a Preparation-Day before the Sacrament.

MORNING.

Ⓛ LORD, we are unworthy of any mercy or blessing from Thee, but ever blessed be our Saviour, he is worthy. In Him, Thou art rich in mercy to all that call upon Thee. O Lord, increase our faith in Christ, that our sins may be washed away in His blood which was shed as an offering for sin. May we derive virtue from Christ to fit us for Thy service here, and Thy glory hereafter. O Lord, make us humble and honest, and do Thou mercifully assist us in a careful examination and preparation of ourselves before we sit down at a communion table. Purify our hearts, by faith and repentance. Bless and direct us, Thine unworthy servants, in the great and important work of commemorating the dying love of our crucified but now exalted Saviour. Deal

graciously with us, and have mercy upon us and bless us, and deliver us from all hardness of heart—from all pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy—and from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness.

O Lord, bless Thy church of every name,—purify it more and more. May its members become united—and be able to shew to the world that they love each other with pure hearts fervently.

May pure and undefiled religion grow and prevail—and may all the nations of the earth soon be brought to worship and praise Thee as the only living and true God in Christ Jesus Thy Son.

Bless them this day who are to handle the word of truth. May they speak in all love and earnestness, from the heart to the heart. And do Thou water the word this day preached that it may be blessed to all who hear it, especially to those who intend to sit down so soon at Thy holy table.

For a Preparation-Day before the Sacrament.

EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, we especially pray Thee this evening to search us and know our hearts, to try us, and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and to lead us in the

way everlasting. Enable us, with all seriousness and impartiality, to examine ourselves before we sit down at Thy holy table. With Thee, O Lord, is the preparation of the heart, and the answer of the tongue. Send down upon us the Holy Spirit to enlighten, and qualify us for a suitable approach to Thee at Thy holy table. May the Spirit lead us into all truth, and quicken and excite our faith, hope, and love. O blessed Jesus do Thou be with us in our weakness, to support us in all our duties. May our true state and character be revealed to us, and may we be enabled to embrace Thee as all our salvation and as all our desire. We know, 'O Lord, that we are not straitened in Christ, but that we are straitened in ourselves. Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may indeed behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. May He have compassion upon us and save us with an everlasting salvation.

O Lord, we especially pray Thee on this the evening previous to a Communion Sabbath to pardon our sins, and to give us grace to forgive and pardon those who have done or wished us ill. Remove from us all pride, thoughtlessness, and vain glory. May we sit at Christ's feet as little children and learn His blessed words.

And now, O Lord, we put all our trust and

confidence in Thee and in Thy great mercy. Save us, O Lord, from the love of the world and the fear of man, and cause Thy face to shine upon us.

For a Sacramental Sabbath.

MORNING.

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LORD, we adore and praise Thee for the institution of our Lord's Supper, and for its administration in this land. Mercifully forbid that we should receive this, Thy grace, in vain. Give us, and all who are to approach Thy holy table this day, humility. May we be clothed with the wedding-garment, and draw near to Thee at Thy table, with a lively faith, and receive the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts, as our only foundation and hope of glory. Withdraw our thoughts and affections from the world and the love of the world. May we, by faith, be enabled to see Christ, bearing our sins in his own body upon the tree—wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities—and making a complete atonement for the sins of His people. O Lord, enable us to look upon Him whom our sins have pierced, and to mourn. Enable us to feed

upon his broken body and shed blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace. May our union and communion be confirmed, and may we renew our engagements to be Thine, in time and eternity. May we receive abundantly of the Spirit, that we may be enabled affectionately to meditate upon His death and sufferings—to judge ourselves—to be sorry with a godly sorrow for our sins—and to hunger and thirst after Christ and His righteousness. O blessed God, enable us to feed upon Christ by faith—to receive of His fulness—to trust in His merits—to rejoice in His love—to give thanks for His grace, and to have love towards all men, especially towards those who believe, and are called according to His purpose. In Thine infinite mercy, O Lord, forbid that any one of us should eat and drink unworthily, not discerning the Lord's body.

For a Sacramental Sabbath.

EVENING.

WE unite together, this evening, O most blessed God, in thanking and praising Thee for Thy great forbearance and kindness to us. Thou hast not only this day supplied all our temporal and spiritual wants, but Thou hast,

in Thy great love, called us into Thy banquetting house, and spread Thy banner over us. We adore and praise Thee for once more putting into our hands the bread of life, and the cup of salvation. Thou hast most mercifully, in these tokens, given us an assurance of our pardon, and a pledge of eternal life. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and let all that is within us bless His Holy name—who forgiveth all our iniquities, who healeth all our diseases, who redeemeth our life from destruction, who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

And, O Almighty God, we now humbly pray Thee to crown, with Thy rich and effectual blessing, the services in which we have engaged on this Thy holy day. May all that we have seen, heard, and handled of the Word of Life, have a salutary effect upon our souls for good. Above all, O Lord, may the affecting view we have this day seen, of Thy great love to us in the death of Thy beloved Son, and of His dying for us, inspire us with greater gratitude and affection. O Lord, may we all mourn over our sins—having beheld, in the broken body and shed blood of Christ, the strongest evidence of Thy hatred of sin. O Lord, give us grace to repent of our sins—to turn from them—and to resist them. May we indeed experience that Christ hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows—that the chas-

tisement of our peace has been laid upon Him, and that by his stripes we are healed. Accept, O Lord, of the vows which we have this day made, and give us grace to keep them. In our weakness and frailty, be mercifully pleased, to make Thy grace sufficient for us, and to perfect Thy strength in our weakness.

For a Sacramental Thanksgiving Day.

MORNING.

Ⓘ LORD, be pleased to keep us ever mindful of the vows which are upon us. Forbid that by elapsing into sin we should bring a reproach upon our Saviour's name, and crucify unto ourselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, enable us to walk worthy of him unto all well-pleasing, and to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we walk in love and in great humility, and may Christ's body and blood nourish and sustain our immortal souls unto life eternal.

Enable us, O Lord, to return to Thy House this day, and to worship Thee in Spirit and in truth—by giving Thee all the thanks and all

the glory for the great things which Thou hast done for us. O Lord, bless the preaching of the everlasting gospel to us for our farther increase of grace and knowledge. May our faith be more and more confirmed, and may our hopes of glory be more and more brightened.

For a Sacramental Thanksgiving Day.

EVENING.

O LORD have mercy upon us, and do Thou not enter into judgment with us for the cold and heartless return which we have this day made unto Thee for the blessings and privileges which we enjoyed upon a Communion Sabbath. See God our shield—look upon us in the face of Thine anointed, and for His sake pardon our lukewarmness, and all our other sins. May we be washed in Christ's blood and sanctified by His Holy Spirit.

Be pleased, O Lord, to follow with Thy blessing to us and others, the reading of Thy holy Word, and the preaching of the everlasting Gospel of Christ. Mercifully pardon our wandering thoughts and vain imaginations which have exercised an evil power over us this day. Prepare us more and more by all the mercies temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us, for

spending the rest of our time in Thy fear and service that we may show forth Thy praise and glory.

For a Sick Member of a Family.

MORNING.

HEAR us, O Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour, on behalf of Thy servant upon whom Thou hast laid Thy chastening hand. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, Thy fatherly correction to him, that the strength of *his* weakness may add strength to his faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance. O Lord, if it be Thy holy will, do Thou raise *him* up to strength and health. May *he* be enabled, by Thy grace, to spend the remainder of *his* life, in Thy fear, and to Thy glory. But, O Lord, if Thou hast appointed this sickness unto death, mercifully grant that a separation may be effectually made between *his* soul and *his* sins—that after death *he* may dwell in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Teach us all, O Lord, in the day of our health, to make our peace with Thee, that that night—the night of death—may not overtake us unawares. Do Thou mercifully fit and prepare us all for sickness, death, judgment, and

eternity. Give us grace to improve our present mercies and opportunities, in this the accepted time—the day of our salvation—for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is our everlasting strength.

For a Sick Member of a Family.

EVENING.

O MOST BLESSED GOD, we most humbly pray Thee—if agreeable to Thy holy will—to heal the sickness and infirmities of Thy servant, who desires an interest in our prayers. Sanctify to *him* all Thy gracious and wise dispensations. May every pain which *he* endures lead *him* more earnestly to prepare for that blessed rest, where there shall be no more death, and where sorrow and sighing shall have for ever fled away. Free and rid Thy suffering servant, O Lord, from all fear. May *his* confidence and hope be altogether fixed upon Christ, who alone can save *him* from the curse of Thy broken law, and procure an entrance for *him* and all Thy believing people, unto the abodes of everlasting glory.

O Lord, improve this dispensation of Thy providence unto us who are in health. May we be now enabled, earnestly and conscientiously, to prepare for sickness, and for meeting Thee,

our God, at death. Have mercy upon us, and upon Thy suffering servant, O Lord, and reconcile us all to Thyself, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord—our only Hope and Deliverer. Grant that we may be all found, at last, washed in Christ's blood—sanctified by His spirit—and rendered fit for leaving this world, and entering into the glory of our Lord and Master.

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness.

Ⓘ LORD, enable us to praise Thee with our whole hearts, for Thy goodness, and for Thy wonderful works which Thou causest continually to pass before us. We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, for Thou art good—continually doing wonders. Thy mercy endureth for ever. May the voice of joy and gladness be now heard in our dwelling.

O Lord, we especially adore and praise Thee for Thy great goodness to Thy servant whom Thou lately afflicted, and for the wonderful manifestation of Thy love and power, in raising *him* up from a bed of sickness. Adored be Thy Sovereign mercy, O Lord, that Thou hast not given *him* over to death. Accept, we beseech Thee, our thanksgivings for sparing *his*

life—for delivering *his* soul from death, *his* eyes from tears, and *his* feet from falling. We thank Thee for hearing the voice of *his* supplications. Grant that *he*, out of a true sense of Thy goodness in correcting *him*, and of Thy mercy in sparing *him*, may be enabled to walk circumspectly before Thee, in the land of the living—redeeming the time, because the days are few and evil. May *he* dedicate his spared life to Thy service, and for the honour of Thy glory.

Grant, O Lord, that this instance of Thy goodness and mercy may so influence us that we may know and feel that our health and sickness—our greatest worldly good—and our dearest blessings and comforts are not in our own hands, but are at Thy disposal, and under Thy control. Upon Thee we depend for everything which we enjoy. Give us grace to use all our blessings as those who know that they must die, and account for their use or abuse—and make us ready for joyfully meeting the summons of death, when, and by whatever means Thou mayest be pleased to send it to us.—Quicken us by the Holy Spirit, in this the day of our health and strength and merciful visitation, to a more steadfast and abounding diligence in working out our salvation with fear and trembling—constraining us by every fresh returning mercy, bestowed upon us to devote ourselves living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to Thee. Whether

we live, may we live unto Thee, the Lord, and whether we die, may die unto Thee, that whether living or dying we may be thine now, and thine for ever, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Upon the Death of a Member of a Family.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O
LORD, give us all submission to Thy sovereign pleasure, in the present sad dispensation of Thy Providence towards us. Make us confident that Thou doest all things well, and for the good of them who love Thee, and put their trust in Thee. Not our will, O Lord, but thine be done. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Forbid, O Lord, that we should sorrow as those who have no hope. May we know in whom we have believed, and be persuaded that those who sleep in Jesus, God will bring with Him. Blessed be God that He is the resurrection and the life—he that believeth upon Him, though He were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Him, shall never die. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord—from henceforth—yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow

them. Although death must remove us, and all our friends, from the world, yet the power of the grave shall not prevail over us—that which is sown in corruption shall be raised in incorruption—and Christ shall change these, our vile bodies, and make them like unto His own glorious body.

Teach us impressively, by this awful lesson, O Lord, to remember our latter end—by now laying to heart the things that belong to our everlasting peace, before they are for ever hid from our eyes. Enable us, by Thy grace, to work diligently, while it is called to-day, for the night will soon come when we cannot work. As death leaves us, eternity finds us. May we all, therefore, now rise from the death of sin to a life of righteousness, that at last we may obtain the crown of glory—through the merits and intercession of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the Last Day of the Year.

EVENING.

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art for ever the same, and Thy years shall have no end. A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

We render Thee, O Lord, our united thanks for having continued us in life during another year, and for Thy tender care of us by night and by day. We thank Thee for the food which we have eaten, and for the raiment by which we have been clothed, and for all Thine other mercies so liberally bestowed upon us. Thine eye, has constantly watched over us for good from the beginning of this year to the present moment. We also desire to thank and praise Thee, O Lord, for all the crosses and disappointments which we have met with during this year. May all Thy mercies and dealings with us in providence and in grace work together for our everlasting good, and to the honour and praise of Thy great name.

Give us grace, we humbly implore Thee, O Lord, to confess our sins. Bring them to our remembrance, and enable us all to feel and confess that they have been committed against Thee, our Maker, Preserver, and most merciful Benefactor. O Lord, we are ashamed to confess how often in heart and in life we have broken thy holy commandments. We have wasted much of the valuable time of this year, thinking our own thoughts, and doing our own actions, without thinking of Thee or performing any of the duties which we ought to have performed. O Lord, we have abused Thy Holy Day by not rendering Thee spiritual worship,

and our private devotions have been destitute of that spirituality which Thou requirest. We have often read Thy Holy Word with carelessness and without asking Thy blessing upon its perusal. We have also acted in the world towards our fellowmen not as Thy disciples, but as the very enemies of the Cross of Christ. Our evil tempers, our passion and our pride, have been often manifested to all about us. For these, and the many other sins of which we have been guilty during this year, we have righteously deserved Thy wrath and curse here and hereafter. But we bless and praise Thee, O Lord, that Thou art a God of mercy in Christ, and that Thou hast no pleasure in the death of sinners. Most mercifully give us grace to feel and to repent of all sin, and to flee to the Lord Jesus Christ—the Lamb of God, who alone can take away the guilt and power of sin. In the name of Our blessed Lord and Saviour, and for what He hath done and suffered for us, we plead for pardon and forgiveness. For His sake, O God, take away all our iniquity; receive us graciously and love us freely. May we now be washed and justified and sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of Our God.

O Lord, prepare us, and all men, for the trials and sufferings of life, which, in Thy providence, may lie before us, and for the hour of death,

and for that blessed state after death, when there shall be no more death, and where sorrow and sighing shall for ever flee away.

For the beginning of a New Year.

MORNING.

Ⓘ LORD, we desire on this the first morning of a new year to dedicate ourselves— all that we are, and all that we have, unto Thee. We confess that from our earliest infancy, up to the present moment, we have sinned against Thee the God that made us, and who daily loadest us with Thy benefits, both temporal and spiritual. Every past year of our lives has sunk us deeper and deeper in transgression, and we are now before Thee as an unclean thing. O God, have mercy upon us sinners. For the sake of Our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, mercifully pardon all our past sins, and renew us in the spirit of our minds by the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, thousands of our fellow-creatures, who were in health and strength at this time last year, have been removed from this world by death. As death left them eternity found them,

Their mortal bodies now see corruption and mix with their kindred dust, but their immortal souls have returned to Thee who gave them, and their state for eternity has been fixed either in happiness or misery. During the currency of this year, upon which we have now entered, thousands more who are also now in health and in strength will be removed by death. Some of us who now worship at Thy footstool may be among their number. Prepare us all, O God, for all that may be before us, for we know not the time or the manner of our death. Fit us by Thy heavenly grace now to prepare to meet Thee our God—to make our calling and election sure—for in such an hour as we think not the Son of Man cometh. Enable us to live a life of communion with Thee, and of entire dependence upon Thee, and to set Thee before us in all our ways. Preserve us by Thine almighty power to our dying day, and grant, O Lord, that we may never forsake Thee. Let Thy good providence order all the circumstances of our living and dying. Whilst we are in the body, make us wiser and better every day—more weaned from the world and more willing to leave it—more holy and spiritually minded, that the longer we live the better we may become. May our last days be our best days—our last works our best works, and our last comforts our best comforts. For these great

and important purposes, give us strength to lay aside every weight and the sins which do most easily beset us, and to run with patience the race which is set before us, looking continually to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith, that when our last enemy, death, comes to us, we may be able triumphantly to exclaim, O Death, where is thy sting, O Grave, where is thy victory—the sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Children.

M O R N I N G .

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Thou art a Spirit—infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in Thy being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. Thou art the only living and true God. By the word of Thy power all things were made and all things subsist. O Lord, Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee ; my father's God, and I will extol Thee.

I bless and praise Thee, O Lord, for Thy great love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and for the gift

of the Holy Spirit. I thank Thee, the giver of every good and perfect gift, for all Thy mercies to me—for my life and health, my food and raiment—for my creation and preservation—for casting my lot in this Christian land—for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

O Lord, I was born in sin and shapen in iniquity, and ever since I was born I have continually transgressed against Thee in thought, word, and deed. O Lord, my foolishness and my sin are not hid from Thee. God be merciful to me a sinner. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions—according to Thy mercy remember thou me, O Lord. For Christ's sake, mercifully pardon my sins and redeem me from all iniquity. Give me a new nature, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and eternal life.

O Lord, grant that I may know the Holy Scriptures from my youth, and obey Thy holy will in all things. Remove from me all pride, anger, strife, hatred, malice, and revenge, and implant in my heart Thy fear and love. May the word of Christ dwell in me richly in all wisdom.

I thank and praise Thee, O Lord, for Thy sparing mercy to me during the last night, and for raising me up again in health and strength. This morning I direct my prayer unto Thee and look up. My voice do Thou hear, O Lord. I laid me down and slept—I awaked for Thou

sustained me. O Lord cause me now to hear Thy loving kindness, for in Thee alone do I trust. Direct me in the way wherein I should walk this day. Hold up my goings in Thy path, that my footsteps slip not. Order my steps in Thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Bless all my fellow creatures with the knowledge of Thyself in Jesus Christ. Enable me to do my duty and to love my neighbour as myself. Bless all my relatives, friends, and benefactors. Pardon those who have done or wished me ill, and enable me from the heart to forgive them.

And now, O Lord, I desire to commit myself unto Thee. Teach me and guide me, provide for me and protect me, and bless me for Christ's sake, who hath taught me to pray, saying, Our Father, &c.

For Children.

EVENING,

Ⓛ LORD, Thou art the Great God who made the world and all things. Thou art my Creator and Preserver. In Thee I live, and move, and have my being. Grant, O Lord, that I may remember Thee, my Creator, in the days of my youth, and never forget Thee.

O Lord, I confess before Thee, that I am unholy. I have in thought, word, and deed sinned against Thee, and justly deserve Thy wrath and curse. But blessed, ever blessed be God, for the gift of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—the eternal Son of God, and the only Mediator between God and man, who died to atone for sin and to reconcile sinners to Thee. For his sake mercifully pardon all my sin and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew within me a right spirit. Cast me not away from Thy presence nor take Thy Holy Spirit from me.

I praise and thank thee, O Lord, for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who was sent into the world, to convince of sin, and to reveal Christ as the only Saviour and deliverer from sin, and to teach all things needful for man's salvation. May He mercifully convince me of my sin, and apply to me the redemption purchased by Christ. Enable me to receive Him into my heart—to rest upon Him alone for salvation—and to give up myself to be wholly ruled, and taught and saved by Him.

Having named the name of Christ, may I depart from all iniquity. May my heart never be lifted up with pride, disturbed with anger, or any sinful passion, and may my body never be defiled with impurity. Forbid, O Lord, that I should ever indulge in sinful thoughts, or speak

sinful words. Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty or riches—feed me with food convenient for me. May the Holy Scriptures ever be the rule of my faith and obedience, and make me wise unto salvation.

O Lord, give me grace to reverence and obey my parents and teachers. In Thy boundless compassion, pity, help, and succour the poor, the distressed, and the dying. Bless my friends, forgive my enemies, and enable me to be kind and merciful, and to do my duty to all men. Grant that I may be enabled to live a humble, holy, and godly life, serving and glory-fying Thee in all that I think, say, or do.

Blessed be the Lord, who has this day, and during my past life, loaded me with his benefits—even the God of Salvation. Mercifully hide me this night, O Lord, under the shadow of Thy wings. I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou only makest me to dwell in safety. Preserve me, O God, for in Thee only do I put my trust.

And now to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that great name unto which I was baptised, be honour and glory, dominion and praise, for ever and ever.—AMEN. Our Father, &c.

APPENDIX.

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CONTAINING

Baxter's Reformed Liturgy,

FOR THE

ORDINARY PUBLIC WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY
ABRIDGED AND ALTERED

FOR THE USE OF FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS, WHO, FROM NECESSARY CAUSES, MAY BE DETAINED FROM PUBLIC WORSHIP ON THAT DAY.

The Family being reverently composed—let God's assistance and acceptance of the worship to be performed be craved, in the following or like words :—

Ⓘ ETERNAL, ALMIGHTY, and most gracious God ! heaven is Thy throne, and earth is Thy footstool ; holy and reverend is Thy name ; Thou art praised by the heavenly hosts, and in the congregation of Thy saints on earth ; and will be sanctified in all that come nigh unto Thee. We are sinful and unworthy

dust; but being invited by Thee, are bold, through our blessed Mediator, to present ourselves and our supplications before Thee. Receive us graciously; help us by Thy Spirit; let Thy fear be upon us; put thy laws unto our hearts, and write them in our minds; let Thy word come unto us in power, and be received in love, with attentive, reverent, and obedient minds. Make it to us the savour of life unto life. Cause us to be fervent in prayer, and joyful in Thy praises, and to serve Thee this day without distraction, that we, who are detained from waiting upon Thee in public, may find that this day, spent in private, in Thy service, is better than a thousand, and that it is good for us to draw near to God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—AMEN.

Next, let the Creed be said, saying:—

IN the profession of this Christian Faith we are here privately assembled.—I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge

the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

The Ten Commandments.

God Spake these words, and said :—

I. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto Thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them ; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

IV. Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work ; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God ; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter,

thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy strangers that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother ; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house ; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

For the right informing and affecting those present, and moving them to a penitent believing confession, some of these sentences may be read :—

BY one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

For all have sinned, and come short of the knowledge of God.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. He that believeth on Him shall not be condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.

Verily, I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way, and live: Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God, over a sinner that repenteth.

I will arise and go to my father, and say unto him, father I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

The Confession of Sin, and Prayer for Pardon and Sanctification.

O MOST GREAT, most just, and gracious God: Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. Thou condemnest the ungodly,

impenitent, and unbelievers; but hast promised mercy, through Jesus Christ, to all that repent and believe in Him. We confess that we were conceived in sin, and are by nature children of wrath, and have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused Thy holy worship, Thy holy name, and Thy holy day. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbours, not loving them as ourselves, nor doing to them as we would they should do to us. We have not sought first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and been contented with our daily bread, but have been careful and troubled about many things, neglecting the one thing needful. Thou hast revealed Thy wonderful love to us in Christ, and offered us pardon and salvation in Him; but we have made light of it, and neglected so great salvation, and resisted Thy spirit, word, and ministers, and turned not at Thy reproof: we have run into temptations; and the sin which we should have hated, we have committed in Thy sight, both secretly and openly, ignorantly and carelessly, rashly and presumptuously, against Thy precepts, Thy promises, Thy threats, Thy mercies and Thy judgments. Our transgressions are multiplied before Thee, and our sins testify against us; if Thou deal with us as we deserve, Thou wilt cast us away from Thy presence into hell, where the worm never dieth, and the fire is not

quenched. But, in Thy mercy, Thy Son, and Thy promises, are our hope. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! Be reconciled to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins. Take us for Thy children, and give us the spirit of Thy Son. Sanctify us wholly; shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, and cause us to love Thee with all our hearts. O make Thy face to shine upon us Thy servants; save us from our sins, and from the wrath to come; make us a peculiar people to Thee, zealous of good works, that we may please Thee, and shew forth Thy praise. Help us to redeem the time, and give all diligence to make our calling and election sure. Give us things necessary for Thy service, and keep us from sinful discontent and cares. And seeing all these things must be dissolved, let us consider what manner of persons we ought to be, in all holy conversation and godliness. Help us to watch against temptations, and resist and overcome the flesh, the devil, and the world; and, being delivered out of the hand of all our enemies, let us serve Thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Guide us by Thy counsel, and afterwards receive us unto Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our only Saviour.—AMEN.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will

be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—AMEN.

For the strengthening of Faith, and rousing the penitent, some of these sentences of the Gospel may be here read:—

HEAR what the Lord saith of the absolution and comfort of penitent believers.

The Lord our God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away His face from us, if we return unto him.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Be it known unto you, men and brethren, that through this man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which they could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest

unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely

All that the Father hath given me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.

I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.



Hear also what we must be and do for the time to come, if we would be saved:—

IF any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.

There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. For they that are after the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit, the things of the spirit.

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of

the eye, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, and righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the word of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.



Then may be sung or read any Psalm considered to be suitable. After this may be said the following prayer or thanksgiving for Christ and his gracious benefits :—

MOST gracious God, accept through Thy beloved Son, though from the hands of sinners, the thanksgiving which Thy unspeakable love and mercies, as well as Thy command, do bind us to offer up unto Thee. Thou art the father of mercies, and the God of all consolation, full of compassion, gracious, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thou-

sands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. For Thy glory Thou didst create us in Thine image; Thou madest us a little lower than the angels, and crownedst us with glory and honour, giving us dominion over the works of Thy hands, and putting all things under our feet. And when we forsook Thee and broke Thy covenant, and rebelled against Thee, and corrupted ourselves, and turned our glory into shame, Thou didst not leave us in the hands of death, nor cast us out into utter desperation: but thou didst so love a sinful world, as to give Thy Son to be our Saviour. He took not upon Him the nature of angels, but of man: the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. This is the unsearchable mystery of love which the angels desire to pry into: He was tempted, that He might succour them who are tempted, and He conquered the tempter that had conquered us; He became poor that was Lord of all, to make us rich. He did no sin, but fulfilled all righteousness, to save us from our unrighteousness. He made himself of no reputation, but was reviled, scorned, and spit upon, enduring the cross, and despising the shame, to cover our shame, and to bring us into glory; Thou laidst upon Him the iniquity of us all. He was bruised and wounded for our transgressions, that we might be healed by His stripes. He gave himself a ransom for us, and died for our sins, and rose again for our justification.

We thank Thee for his death, that saveth us from death, and that he bore the curse to redeem us from the curse; and for His life which opened to us the way of life. Thou hast given him to be head over all things to the Church, and hast given the heathen to be His inheritance, and given him a name above every name, and given all power and judgment unto Him. We thank Thee for the new and better covenant, for Thy great and precious promises: that Thou hast given us eternal life in Christ; that we have the clear and sure revelation of Thy will in the Holy Scriptures. All Thy paths, O God, are mercy and truth to such as keep Thy covenant. We come unto Thy presence in the multitude of Thy mercies: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever. Glory ye in His holy name, let the hearts of them rejoice that seek Him. Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy name they shall rejoice all the day, and in Thy righteousness and favour shall they be exalted. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad in Thee all our days. Guide us by Thy counsel, and afterwards receive us unto glory; where, with all the blessed host of heaven, we may behold, admire, and joyfully praise Thee our most glorious Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, for ever and ever.—AMEN.

After this, a Psalm may be read or sung. Portions of the Old and New Testaments should be read, with a commentary or practical remarks upon the same: a Sermon may also be read if considered necessary at the time for edification: then should follow:—

The General Prayer.

☩ MOST HOLY, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, our Lord, our Governor and Father, hear us, and have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O Lord our Saviour, God and Man! who, having assumed our nature, by Thy sufferings and death, and burial, wast made a ransom to take away the sins of the world; who being raised from the dead, ascended and glorified, art made head over all things to the Church, which thou gatherest, justifiest, sanctifiest, rulest, and preservest, and which, at Thy coming, Thou wilt raise and judge to endless glory: we beseech Thee to hear us, miserable sinners.

As Thou art the hearer and answerer of prayer, and art everywhere present with those who meet in Thy name, mercifully hear our prayers, and in Thy faithfulness answer us; accept of our worship and bless us and do us

good. Make us sincerely thankful for the gift of Thy Holy Word, and for the privilege of being able to read and to meditate upon it: illuminate our minds more and more in the true understanding of it, and in the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord therein contained. Give us grace to receive it with reverence and humility unfeigned. May it lead us to give up ourselves entirely to Thee; to put our whole trust in Thee alone; to deny ourselves; and to serve and honour Thee, that we may glorify Thy holy name, and edify our neighbours by a good example.

Make sure to us our calling and election, our unfeigned faith and repentance; that being justified and made the Sons of God we may have peace with Thee, as our reconciled God and Father. Sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit, and make us meet for an eternal inheritance in heaven.

As the world was created for Thy glory, let Thy name be glorified throughout the world; let self-love and pride, and vain glory be destroyed; cause us to love Thee, fear Thee, and trust in Thee with all our hearts, and to live to Thee.

Let all the earth subject themselves to Thee their King. Let the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of the Lord, and of his Christ. Let the ungodly be converted. Send forth meet labourers into the harvest, and let the Gospel be preached throughout all the

world. Preserve and bless them in Thy work. Sustain in patience, and seasonably deliver the churches that are opposed by Idolators, Infidels, Mahometans, or other enemies, or by the Roman Papal usurpations.

Unite all Christians in Jesus Christ, the true and only universal Head, in the true Christian and Catholic Faith and Love; cast out heresies and corruptions, heal divisions, let the strong receive the weak, and bear their infirmities; restrain the spirit of pride and cruelty, and let nothing be done in strife or vain glory.

Keep us from atheism, idolatry, and rebellion against Thee; from infidelity, ungodliness, and sensuality; from security, presumption, and despair. Let us delight to please Thee, and let Thy word be the rule of our faith and lives; let us love it and understand it, and meditate upon it day and night.

Let us not corrupt or neglect thy worship; nor take Thy holy name in vain. Keep us from blasphemy, perjury, profane swearing, lying, contempt of thy ordinances, and from false, unworthy, and irreverent thoughts and speeches of God or holy things, and from the neglect and profanation of Thy holy day.

Put it into the hearts of the Rulers of this world to submit to Christ, and rule for Him as nursing-fathers to his Church; and save them from the temptations that would drown them in sensuality, or would break them upon Christ as

a rock of offence, by engaging them against His holy doctrine, ways, and servants.

Have mercy on Thy servant, our Sovereign, the Queen; protect her person, illuminate and sanctify her by Thy Spirit, that above all things she may seek Thy honour, the increase of faith, and holy obedience to Thy laws; and may govern us as Thy minister, appointed by Thee for the terror of evil-doers, and the praise of them that do well; that under her we may live a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

Have mercy upon all the Royal Family, the Queen's Ministers, and all the nobility, judges, and other magistrates of these lands. Let them fear Thee, and be ensamples of piety and temperance, haters of injustice, covetousness, and pride, and defenders of the innocent: in their eyes let a vile person be contemned, but let them honour them that fear the Lord.

Let every soul be subject to the higher powers, and not resist; let them obey the Queen, and all in lawful authority, not only for wrath, but for conscience sake.

Give all the churches, able, holy, faithful pastors, that may soundly and diligently preach Thy Word, and guide the flocks in the ways of holiness and peace, overseeing and ruling them, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; not as being lords over Thy heritage, but the servants of all, and

ensamples to the flock; that when the chief Pastor shall appear, they may receive the crown of glory.

Let the people know those that are over them in the Lord, and labour among them, preaching to them the word of God; let them highly esteem them in love for their work's sake, account them worthy of double honour, and obey them in the Lord.

Let parents bring up their children in holy nurture, that they may remember their creator in the days of their youth; and let children love, honour, and obey them. Let husbands love their wives, and guide them in knowledge and holiness; and let wives love and obey their husbands. Let masters rule their servants in Thy fear, and servants obey their masters in the Lord.

Keep us from murders, and violence, and injurious passionate words and actions.

Keep us from fornication and all uncleanness from chambering and wantonness, from lustful thoughts and filthy communication, and all unchaste behaviour.

Keep us from stealing, or wronging our neighbour in his property, from perverting justice, from false witnessing and deceit, from slandering backbiting, uncharitable censuring, or other wrong to the reputation of our neighbours.

Keep us from coveting anything that is our neighbour's. Let us love our neighbour as our

selves, and do to others as we would they should do to us.

Cause us to love Christ in his members with a pure and fervent love, and to love our enemies ; and do good to all, as we are able ; but especially to the household of faith.

Give us our necessary sustentation and provision for Thy service, and contentedness therewith ; bless our labours, and the fruits of the earth in their season, and give us such temperate weather as tendeth hereunto. Deliver us from such sickness, wants, and other distresses, as may unseasonably take us off Thy service. Keep us from gluttony and drunkenness, slothfulness, unlawful gain, and from making provision for the flesh to satisfy its lusts.

Be pleased to comfort all distressed and afflicted persons, whom Thou dost visit with any kind of cross or tribulation ; the nations whom Thou chasteneth with war, pestilence, famine, or any other plague ; and all men whom Thou afflictest with poverty, imprisonment, sickness, banishment, or any other distress of body or affliction of mind. Give them firm patience under their trials, and speedily bring them out of their afflictions.

O Thou Preserver of men ; whom the winds and the sea obey, mercifully preserve all those who are lawfully exposed to any peril, from the inclemency of the weather, or any other cause, by land or sea. When they cry unto Thee for

help, in the time of their distress, do Thou hear them and send them deliverance. May they place their whole trust in Thee and not be afraid; but know, from the wonders of Thy power, that Thou art God alone, ruling and directing all things according to Thy sovereign will and pleasure. For Thy great goodness in their preservation may they be constrained to love Thee and to dedicate their preserved lives for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of their fellow-men.

When we sin, restore us by true repentance and faith in Christ; let us loath ourselves for our transgressions; forgive them all and accept us in Thy well-beloved Son; save us from the curse and punishment which they deserve, and teach us heartily to forgive others; convert our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and forgive them.

Cause us to watch against temptation, to resist and overcome the flesh, the devil, and the world, and by no allurements of pleasure, profit, or honour, to be drawn from Thee to sin; let us patiently suffer with Christ, that we may reign with Him.

Deliver us and all Thy people from the enmity and rage of satan and all his wicked instruments; and preserve us to Thy heavenly kingdom.

For Thou only art the universal King; all

power is Thine in heaven and earth ; of Thee and through Thee, and to Thee are all things, and the glory shall be Thine for ever.—AMEN.

Then may be said in these, or the like words, the

Benediction :

BLESSED are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

The Lord bless us, and keep us ; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us, and all the children of God, now and for ever. AMEN.

The End.



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