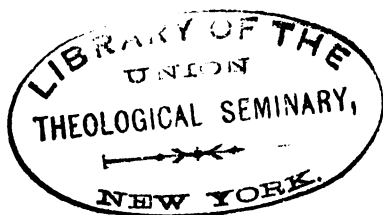




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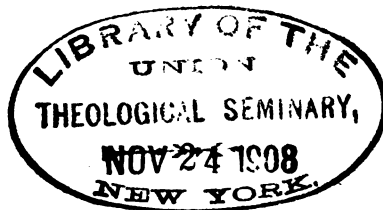
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TO HER,
WHO IN THE FIRST DAYS OF OUR MARRIED LIFE KNELT
WITH ME AT THE FAMILY ALTAR,
AND WHO,
IN ALL THE YEARS THAT LIE BETWEEN THAT TIME AND THIS, HAS
HELPED ME TO MAINTAIN THE DAILY SERVICE,
I DEDICATE THIS VOLUME.

PREFACE.

I WISH to make a contribution to the dignity and comfort and spirituality of Family worship.

If it is a good thing to bring a human mind in contact with the Holy Scriptures, how much better is it to bring human souls into communion with the Father of spirits in prayer.

When men and women make a public profession of religion, they promise, either in words or by fair implication, that they will observe the worship of God in His church and in the family. It might be a sad revelation if it were known how many Christian families partially or utterly neglect daily prayer and the reading of the Scriptures in the household.

Many excuses are given for the neglect of Family worship, but the most common and forcible, though not always avowed, is the unwillingness to offer extemporaneous prayers, or the disinclination to *read* prayers, or the want of a suitable book of prayers.

“There are some persons so richly endowed with fervency of spirit, tenderness of feeling, and freedom of utterance, that their extemporaneous outpourings of devotion constitute the best mode of Family worship which can be suggested. But such gifts are not common, and it cannot be expected that all fathers of families should feel themselves competent to discharge such an office, either with comfort to themselves or with edification to others. To maintain its continuous performance

without running either into eccentricity on the one side, or into monotony on the other, requires greater endowments than men can ordinarily be supposed to possess ; and no warmth of feeling or fluency of language is in itself sufficient."

This book is offered to those who are unable or unwilling to offer extempore prayers. Forms of prayer are not always better than free, spoken prayers ; but there are many heads of families, professing to be Christians, who excuse themselves from this duty because they have not been trained to the use of extempore prayer. I wish to leave such persons without excuse. The language of these prayers is believed to be such as persons of ordinary education would employ for this sacred service, if they could do so freely without reading, and it is believed that by a proper effort to introduce occasionally extempore petitions (for which there is a place in all the daily prayers), most persons will, after a while, be able to offer extempore prayers without that mental strain from which so many suffer.

All common prayer must necessarily be expressed in general terms, but as there are times when particular prayers are desirable, there is a place for such in every morning and evening prayer.

Five minutes in the morning and five minutes in the evening will be all the time required for the daily Family worship, and this includes the time necessary to read a lesson from the Scriptures.

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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.

O GOD, who hast given the Holy Scriptures to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, dispose us meekly to receive their instructions, and help us carefully to obey them, that, being upheld and guided in Thy ways, we may walk in holiness and in righteousness before Thee all the days of our life, and finally come to Thine everlasting kingdom.

Heavenly Father, who hast spared us to see another Christian Sabbath, we give Thee thanks for the privileges of this sacred day, and we humbly implore the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may worthily use these privileges for Thy glory and for our own good.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Glory be to Thee, O God, who didst raise up Thy Son from the dead, that our faith and hope might be in Thee. Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee; Thou art our God, we will exalt Thee. O let us give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.

Lord God of Hosts, the whole earth is full of Thy glory. Thou hast prepared Thy throne in the heavens, and Thy kingdom ruleth over all. Honor and majesty are before Thee; strength and beauty are in Thy sanctuary. Help us to give all glory to Thee, the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

O God, our hearts condemn us, our sins witness against us. We are of unclean lips, and we dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, and we are not worthy to approach Thy presence, or to utter Thy blessed name. Neither are we able of ourselves to render any acceptable service to Thee. When we would do good, evil is present with us. Our souls cleave to the dust, when we would lift them up to heaven. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, and forgive our sins.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers; and incline us towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the chances and changes of this mortal life we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help.

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the rest of another Sabbath, and for renewed opportunities this day of reading and studying the Scriptures and showing forth Thy praise.

Pardon whatever Thou hast seen amiss in our attempts to serve Thee. Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord, for the weakness of our faith, the wandering of our thoughts, the levity of our dispositions, the coldness of our affections. But grant that our humble endeavors, though marred by many infirmities and imperfections, may yet, for Jesus Christ's sake, be acceptable in Thy sight.

Bless the lessons of divine truth which have this day been addressed to us. Suffer not the good seed to be caught away by the wicked one out of our hearts; but let it take such root within us that it may bring forth fruit abundantly to Thy praise.

We confess, O God, that we have often been forgetful and unprofitable hearers of Thy Word; and that we cannot of ourselves receive, as we ought, the things which it declares to us. But give us grace, that henceforth we may be inclined to hear Thy truth diligently, to receive it meekly, and to lay it up in our hearts by faith, so as to be made wise unto salvation.

Make Thy Word to be the subject of our constant meditation, and the habitual rule of faith and duty. Imprint its precious truths upon our hearts; and help us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to walk more and more in accordance with its precepts.

Special Prayers and Thanksgiving.

All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.



ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord our God, who art graciously inviting us to read Thy Word and to join together in Thy worship, have compassion on our infirmities, and give us grace that we may profit by Thy teaching, and serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Father of mercies, who hast strengthened and refreshed us by the rest of the past Sabbath and the sleep of the past night, and art now calling us, in the morning of another day, to our ordinary occupations, we praise Thee for Thy goodness, and humbly ask the continuance of Thy favor.

Give us grace that we may walk worthy of Thee, not only in the observance of Thine ordinances, but in the concerns and business of our daily life. And grant that, throughout the week, a healthful influence may be exerted on us by the lessons of Thy Word and solemnities of Thy worship. Suffer us not to esteem any station too humble, or any occupation too common, to furnish opportunities of glorifying Thy name. And make us faithful in that which is least, as well as in that which is greatest.

Keep us from forgetting Thee amidst our pursuits and engagements. Strengthen us to withstand the temptations that surround us; guard us against the deceitfulness of our own hearts; and help us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to acknowledge Thee in all our ways.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

These and all other things needed we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord; hear us, for we are poor and needy. Rejoice the soul of Thy servants, for unto Thee do we lift up our souls. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

O Thou Holy One, we acknowledge and confess before Thee our sins, which in thought, word, and deed we have committed against Thee. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way. We have walked in the sight of our own eyes, and have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have slighted Thy counsels, abused Thy mercies, distrusted Thy promises, and broken Thy commandments. And every day we neglect many known duties, and commit many inexcusable offences.

Enter not, O Lord, into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. But through the merits of Thy beloved Son, who bore our sins in His own body on the tree, receive us graciously and love us freely.

Gracious God, who desirest not sacrifice, and hast no delight in burnt-offering, but who dost not despise a broken and contrite heart, pour out upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may repent heartily of our sins. Forbid that we should mock Thee and deceive ourselves, by confessing and lamenting our sins, while we yet cleave to them. Help us to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Help us to hate and shun every false way, to resist and subdue all evil habits, and to be ready for every good work.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thine only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

O GOD, help us to come unto Thee, believing that Thou art and that Thou wilt reward them that diligently seek Thee.

Pardon whatever want of faith we have shown towards Thee; and teach us henceforth by Thy Holy Spirit to trust in Thee with all our heart. Help us to set Thee always before us, so that, amidst all adversities and trials, we may steadfastly endure as seeing Thee who art invisible. Help us to cast upon Thee all our care, and to look to Thee for the supply of all our need, in the full persuasion that Thou carest for us and wilt not withhold from us any good thing. Teach us to rest on the merits and grace of Thy Son, who bore our sins in His own body on the tree, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us. And as Thou hast given us in Him exceeding great and precious promises, grant that we may be enabled to bear patiently every sorrow, to discharge every duty, and to resist every temptation, while we look, not at the things which are seen and temporal, but at the things which are unseen and eternal.

Give the like precious faith to our beloved friends. Increase everywhere the number of Thy faithful people. Encourage all who are in trouble or affliction to put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

So bless the labors of our hands, that we may have sufficient for the wants of this present life; and teach us to receive as stewards Thy gifts, and to use them to the help of our brethren, and to Thy praise and glory.

Grant to us this day Thy favor and protection. Shield us from all evil; keep us from all sin. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterward receive us into glory.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear and answer these our prayers for the sake of Jesus
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thou hast given us in Christ Jesus exceeding great and precious promises, both for the life that now is and for that which is to come; help us to hope in Thee. Help us to feel in our hearts that what Thou hast promised Thou wilt certainly perform; and that nothing is either too great for Thy power or too good for Thy love to bestow on them that trust in Thee. And though we are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies, let it please Thee to lift upon us the light of Thy countenance, and to seal us with the Holy Spirit of promise.

O God, who hast assured us in Thy Word that in due season we shall reap if we faint not, suffer us not to grow weary in well-doing, or to be cast down by trials and afflictions. But grant that we may be encouraged by Thy promises both to do and to suffer Thy holy will in all things.

Give us grace to hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of our hope firm unto the end. And when the time of our departure is at hand, grant that we may commit to Thee our spirits, in sure and certain hope of eternal life which Thou hast promised through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

May we rest in the assurance of Thy favor, in the peace of a good conscience, in the hope of a better life, in the faith of Thy providence and protection, and in the love of Thy Spirit.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Grant all this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, and art kind even to the unthankful and the evil, help us heartily to acknowledge Thy goodness, and trustfully to commit ourselves to Thy care.

Enter not into judgment with us for our shortcomings and sins, whereby we have provoked Thee to hide Thy face and withdraw Thy mercies from us. Grant us, for Christ's sake, Thy forgiveness. Continue to us, notwithstanding our unworthiness, the bounties of Thy providence and the riches of Thy grace; and teach us to show our gratitude for Thy benefits, not only by the praises of our lips, but by the obedience of our lives.

Help us to be loving, generous, and compassionate towards our fellow-men. Deliver us from all selfish affections, and from all malignant and uncharitable dispositions.

May we strive to be useful, not only by a consistent example, but by speaking a word in season as we have opportunity; and, by any means Thy providence presents, do Thou help us to do good to our fellow-men.

Bless us as a family. In the relations we sustain to each other may we remember the higher relation we sustain to Thee. Preserve us from whatever would mar our peace or disturb our unity. Help us to seek each other's happiness, and ever to forbear one another in love.

Prepare us for all Thy will. We may not expect immunity from trial. In some form Thou dost call us daily to bear it. May we do so meekly, submissively; and whatever afflictions may await us in the future, prepare us for them by giving us greater spiritual strength and more faith in Thee.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

We thank Thee for the mercies of the night, and we commend each other to Thy love through the day, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst comfort the hearts of them that seek Thee, incline Thine ear to the voice of our supplications, and grant unto us an answer of peace. We have provoked Thee by our sins, yet do we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to show Thy mercy upon us, and freely to forgive our manifold offences. Help us to flee for refuge to the hope set before us in the Gospel, so that we may have strong consolation.

Help us also, by the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, to walk in the ways of Thy commandments, and to delight in them as ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. Deliver us from anxious cares, unruly passions, and covetous affections. And teach us, in all outward troubles which may assail us, to look up to Thee as our very present help, and to rest with unfaltering trust in Thy promises.

We pray for those who mourn, that they may be comforted; for those who suffer pain and anguish, that they may be relieved; for those in sickness, that they may be healed, and may again praise Thee in the sanctuary; and especially we commend to Thee the dying, entreating Thee to be with them in that last hour when heart and flesh do faint and fail, and to receive them into Thy rest.

O Thou who art the confidence of the ends of the earth, and of them that are far off upon the sea, we commend to Thy almighty protection all travellers, sojourners, and strangers. Journey with them who journey, and grant to them who are far from their homes that they may revisit them, in Thy good time, in peace.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thine only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast made the light of another day to shine upon us, we give Thee thanks for the better light of Thy Gospel, to enlighten us, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Help us, as children of the day, to renounce the hidden things of dishonesty, and to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. And help us, by walking before Thee in all holy conversation and godliness, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, and to be faithful followers of Thy Son.

O God, who hast not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ; give us grace that we may be conformed to Him in His holy and blessed life, so that we may be prepared for dwelling with Him in heaven. Make us willing to take His yoke upon us, and to learn of Him who was meek and lowly in heart. And teach us, after His example, to walk in love; to go about doing good; to bear patiently any evil and injurious treatment to which we may be subjected in Thy service, and to show that our meat is to do Thy will and finish Thy work.

Pardon, O Lord, our shortcomings in all things. Help us for the future more earnestly to look unto Jesus, that we may be changed into His image from glory to glory.

We beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, our unthankfulness, our unbelief, our self-love, our neglect of Thy Word; our doubts of Thy mercy and good-will towards us; our insensibility to Thy great goodness and long-suffering. And of Thy mercy grant these Thy gracious gifts—repentance, and faith, and the spirit of prayer, and a hearty desire after everlasting life.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All these things we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THOUGH Thou art high, O Lord, Thou hast respect unto the lowly. Thou dwellest in the high and holy place, but with him also that is of a humble and contrite heart. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart Thou wilt not despise. Give us, in all our approaches to Thee, a sense of our unworthiness, and that repentance which needeth not to be repented of. Show us Thy glory, that in the light of it we may see our own vileness, and repent in dust and ashes.

Almighty God, whose eye is ever upon us, discerning not only our outward actions, but the inmost thoughts and intents of our hearts, we humble ourselves before Thee this evening, under a deep sense of our unworthiness, and earnestly seek Thy mercy to forgive us all our sins, and Thy grace effectually to cleanse us from them.

Suffer us not any longer to walk in the ways of our own heart, and in the sight of our own eyes, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind. Teach us to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross daily. Help us to control our affections, that earthly things may not obtain dominion over us, but that we may have strength to withstand when we are tempted. And help us to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of the Faith.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Accept our thanksgivings for the mercies of this day, and give us good sleep to-night for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEACH us, Lord, to pray. May we worship Thee in the Spirit, and have faith to lay all our sacrifices on that altar which sanctifieth every gift, that they may be acceptable unto Thee through Jesus Christ. May Thy Spirit implant in us all spiritual affections and gracious desires. May He take the hard and stony heart out of our flesh. May He lead us to the Saviour, and unite us spiritually to Him as the source of life. From day to day may we be growing in conformity to Thy blessed will—having more of the mind of Christ, walking more closely in His steps. O Lord, fulfil in us the work of faith with power, and supply all our need according to Thy riches in glory.

O God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art able to do for us above all that we ask or think, we cast ourselves on Thy fatherly care, and look up to Thee for the supply of all our wants.

We know not what earthly blessings may be suitable or expedient for us. Nor do we presume to ask of Thee great things. Feed us with food convenient for us. Bless us with health of body and soundness of mind. Endue us with skill, and strength, and industry, to provide for ourselves and for those who are dependent on us. Further our lawful undertakings with Thy help and blessing, and grant us such success as seemeth good in Thy sight.

Confirm our trust in the promise Thou hast given us, that they who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Teach us to see in the unspeakable gift of Thy beloved Son, whom Thou hast delivered up for us all, a sure pledge that, with Him, all things shall be freely given us which Thy wisdom seeth to be truly for our good.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us in all these things for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOST GRACIOUS GOD, we come to Thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to find refuge and shelter in Thy mercy. We can find no safety, or peace, or strength, in ourselves or in our services. We would seek all in Jesus Christ our Lord. We would come, therefore, to the blood of sprinkling, to the fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness, and would seek there cleansing and strength. Keep us mindful of Thy presence. Incline our hearts, as *Thy servants*, to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Help us to carry our religion into all our occupations, doing what we ought to do with all our might, and with a view to Thy glory, so that our employments may be a part of our religion, that our work may be a service done heartily, as to Thee the Lord, and that our servitude to Thee may be enjoyed by us as a blessed liberty.

We thank Thee for the preservation of our lives, and for the supply of our wants ; for health of body and soundness of mind ; for strength and skill to labor in our appointed callings, and for any success with which our efforts have been crowned ; for the good Thou hast allotted to us ; for the fellowship and kindness of friends ; and for the goodly land of light, and peace, and liberty, in which Thou hast cast our lot.

Above all, we magnify Thy name that Thou hast so loved us, as to give Thine only-begotten Son to die for us ; that Thou hast called us to the knowledge of Thy truth, which is able to make us wise unto salvation ; that Thou hast borne with us long and patiently, and hast taught us to look for an inheritance in heaven, that is incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our petitions for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD GOD, Father of mercies, Giver of every good gift, bow down Thine ear, and hear us. We desire to begin the day with Thee, and, in the remembrance of another night's protecting care, to lift up our hearts to Thee in praise and thanksgiving. O God, we are indeed unworthy of Thy goodness, for we have sinned against Thee, and been ungrateful for Thy mercy, and disobedient to Thy commands. But we are emboldened by Thy Word to come at all times to the throne of grace, and to ask mercy of Thee, and grace to help in time of need.

Help us to read and hear the Holy Scriptures with a sincere desire to understand Thy truth and to make faithful application of the Divine teachings. Forgive us for our misimprovement and neglect of past opportunities, and so may we grow in grace and knowledge.

Almighty God, who hast ordered all the circumstances of our lot, and determined the bounds of our habitation, help us to occupy contentedly and faithfully the station which Thy providence hath assigned to us. Fit us for the discharge of its duties. Strengthen us for the endurance of its trials. Guard us against its dangers and temptations. Dispose us to improve the opportunities which it affords us of glorifying Thee, and of doing good to our fellow-men. Suffer us not to walk disorderly, neglecting our own proper calling, and vexing ourselves in other men's matters. But grant that it may be our study, at all times, to be quiet, and to do our own business, and to work with our own hands, as Thou hast appointed us. And help us to render unto all their dues; fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor, tribute to whom tribute.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us and answer us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we have been brought safely to the close of another week. Help us to look back with gratitude on all the aid Thou hast given us, throughout the past week, in our several occupations. And while we rejoice in the prospect of an earthly Sabbath, wherein we may rest for a season from our daily toils, dispose us, with hope and joy, to look beyond it to the everlasting rest which remaineth for Thy people.

Help us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to walk by faith, not by sight, and to look, not at the things which are seen and temporal, but at the things which are unseen and eternal. Forgive us for walking unworthily of the hope which is laid up for us in heaven. And grant that henceforth we may confess that we are strangers and pilgrims in the world, that we are seeking a better country. Forbid that our hearts should at any time be overcharged with the cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life. Let it be our chief concern to lay up treasure in heaven. Grant us such foretastes of the promised bliss as to esteem all earthly joys as less than nothing and vanity in comparison with it.

In times of temptation and trouble may Thy word be to us as a light shining in a dark place. Make darkness light before us, and crooked things straight. As we advance on our earthly journey may we make progress in the divine life. May we go in the way our Master went, with affections set on things above, where He is at Thy right hand. And grant that, when Christ shall appear, we may appear with Him in glory.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

✓ Bless this household, and all connected with us, with all temporal and spiritual blessings. Keep us this night from all danger and mercifully hear and answer our prayer, and on the morrow, if we are spared to see it, may our first thoughts be directed to Thee; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, without whom we can do nothing, dispose us with humility to rely on the light of Thy truth and the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; and grant that all our endeavors in Thy service may be acceptable to Thee and profitable to ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Take away from us, we beseech Thee, whatever is depraved and perverse, whatever is contrary to salvation, whatever is hurtful to the soul, and whatever is displeasing to Thee. Cleanse Thou the thoughts of our hearts.

O Thou great Master and Lord, whose are all things in heaven and earth, and who givest to every one as it seemeth good in Thy sight, grant us grace so to use the talents which Thou hast committed to us for a season, that when the Lord shall return to reckon with his servants, we may be enabled to give in our account with joy, and not with grief.

Pour out upon us the gifts of thy Holy Spirit. Grant us true prayer, an earnest faith, a just and humble hope, and a never-failing charity. Grant us the grace of true humility, a meek and quiet spirit, pure and holy thoughts, clear understanding in the way of godliness.

Give us grace to deny ourselves, to bear the burdens of others, to be slow to anger, to redeem the time, and to walk always as in Thy presence. Grant unto us spiritual wisdom, that we may discern what is pleasing to Thee, and follow what belongs to our peace; and let the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord, be our guide and our portion all our days. Sanctify us in spirit, soul and body, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and King. These things, and all other things that we need, and that are good for us, we ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

ALMIGHTY GOD, with whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law, and give us grace that we may clearly understand and heartily choose the way of Thy commandments.

Thou knowest our hearts. If we have been careless hearers of the word, if we have been as men beholding their natural face in a glass, and going away, have forgotten what manner of men they were; if our hearts have been hard as the stony ground; if the cares of this world have choked the good seed and made it unfruitful; if temptation has taken away the truth which was sown, forgive us. Cause a deep sense of our responsibility to come over our consciences and awaken within us convictions of sin. O humble us, we beseech Thee, and give us the spirit of repentance and faith and love, that we may look on Him whom we have pierced, and mourn; that we may cry for mercy through Him who died for us, and that with a new heart and a right spirit we may turn to Thee as the Lord of our life, the Guide of our way, and the Saviour of our souls.

We think of Thy people to-night. Multitudes have been worshipping Thee to-day. While many may have been doing so only in form, we rejoice in the thought that many also have done so in spirit and in truth. Thy church is one, although with many varieties of creed and worship and spiritual life. Help us more and more to believe in this and to rejoice in this.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Merciful God, watch over us to-night. Let not the lessons taught us this day pass from our memories and our hearts. Lord, write them upon our souls, and make us epistles of Christ, known and read of all men.

Hear us for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SHINE into our hearts, O loving Master, by the pure light of the knowledge of Thyself, and open the eyes of our mind to Thy teaching, and put into us the fear of Thy commandments; that trampling down all carnal appetites, we may follow a spiritual life, thinking and doing all things according to Thy good pleasure. For Thou art our God, and to Thee we render glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we bow down before Thee, humbly confessing our sins.

Thou, who art our Judge, art also our Father: we have sinned; but Jesus, Thy Son, is our Advocate. Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners: enter not into judgment against us, lest we die: but spare us, gracious Lord, and let Thy mercies be magnified upon us. Let sin no longer have dominion over us. Make us free, that we may serve Thee in righteousness and peace all our days.

Sanctify our bodies and souls, and cast out all iniquity from within us; all deceit, pride, and envy, all hypocrisy and lying, all inordinate love of this world, all hardness of heart and unrelenting dispositions, all peevishness and anger, all revenge and irreligion, and every motion of soul which is against Thy will and commandment. Grant that the words which we yesterday heard with our outward ears may through Thy grace be so inwardly grafted in our hearts that they may bring forth in us fruits of righteousness and unfeigned goodness; that for the time to come we may, with pure minds, with contrite hearts, with sanctified lips and holy desires, serve Thee; walking humbly with Thee, our God; conversing justly and charitably with men, and possessing our souls in patience and holiness, and our bodies in sanctification and honor.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through Thy only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, grant us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and give us grace so to acknowledge Thee, that we may evermore be kept steadfast in the faith. Teach us, O Lord, how to pray, and what to pray for, and grant that we, being preserved from error, may be ordered and guided by Thy good Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, as the light of another day dawns upon us, we pray Thee to enlighten us spiritually. By nature we are dark, ignorant, sinful. Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord. What we know not, teach us; take away sin; dissipate the mists of pride, prejudice, and passion, and let us be so illuminated by Thy Holy Spirit that our whole nature may be full of light.

Grant us to-day the light of Thy countenance. As the natural sun gladdens the earth, do Thou make us glad by the shining of Thy face. In Thy favor is life. May we live in Thee. Reconciled to Thee through Jesus Christ, may we feel that Thou art well pleased with us for His sake. Give us grace to walk as children of light.

Lord God, look upon those to whom this world is dark: pity the lonely and sad-hearted, the forsaken and forgotten, the penitent, the sinful and the miserable: teach them that the light of Thy countenance can find its way through the thick clouds of misery. So shine upon our steps and so shed the light of Thy countenance upon us, that we may see that above and beyond this world of trial and change there are rest and glory: that we, through all the mist and darkness of time, may still have the shining light of Thy countenance upon us.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear and answer us for Christ's sake.

Amen.

INCLINE our hearts, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to receive with childlike affection Thy holy Word ; and so deliver us from the traditions of men, and the delusions of sin, that we may not be led astray from the simplicity that is in Christ ; but, ever abiding under the shadow of Thy wing, may be kept from all evil, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, we adore Thee for Thy mercy, for Thou dost pity our infirmities, and instruct our ignorance.

O God, let such great love be impressed upon us that it may work in us a sorrow for our sins, and a perfect hatred of them, a watchfulness against temptations, strict and holy resolutions, producing all virtue. Let us not fall from sin to sin, nor persevere in any, nor love anything which Thou hatest ; but give us Thy Holy Spirit to conduct and rule us for ever ; and let us never grieve, resist, or quench Thy Spirit of grace. Keep us, O Lord, from presumptuous sins, lest they get dominion over us. Let us never despair of Thy mercies by reason of our sins, or neglect our repentance by reason of Thy infinite loving-kindness ; but let Thy goodness bring us and all sinners to repentance.

Grant that we may never sleep in sin or death eternal, but may have our part in the first resurrection, that the second death may not have power over us.

Grant unto us to have faith in the Lord Jesus, a contempt of the world, a desire after heaven, a holy life, and a blessed death ; that when we shall appear before the seat of judgment, we may not be confounded, but may stand upright in the congregation of the saints, absolved from all our sins, that we may rejoice in His salvation, and sing Thy praises for ever and ever.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for His blessed name's sake.

Amen.

O LORD GOD, our Creator and Preserver, who dost daily redeem our life from destruction, and crown us with Thy mercies, we worship Thee, the Father everlasting. Through Him who died for us and rose again, we present the sacrifices of praise and prayer before the throne of Thy heavenly grace. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art good.

We acknowledge with gratitude Thy watchful providence, Thine overflowing goodness, Thine abounding mercy, Thine unwearied patience. Thy visitation preserves our spirits: in Thee, O God, we live and move, and have our being. It is a good thing to wait upon Thee.

Let Thy spirit so illuminate our minds that we may understand those things which Thou wouldst have us to do. May thy Word dwell in us richly, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may be followers of Christ Jesus, and perfect in every good word and work.

In all godly dispositions and works of piety; in all acts of righteousness and goodness towards men, rendering to all their due; being just, sincere, merciful, kind, forbearing and forgiving; in all sobriety, temperance, purity, and heavenly-mindedness; in fortitude and patience, may we, through Thy grace, increase and abound from day to day.

We pray for the whole world, that all men may know, believe, and obey Thy truth; and that Thy kingdom may come, and Thy will be done in all the earth. We commend especially unto Thee, O Lord, all who are dear to us; be pleased to protect, prosper, and bless them in all things.

Visit the sick and the afflicted; be the husband of the widow, the Father of the fatherless, and the refuge of all that call upon Thee, for in Thee only is sure help to be found.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear and answer us for the Redeemer's sake.

Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, grant us, we pray Thee, the spirit of wisdom and of a sound mind; that in all sobriety and humility we may search the Scriptures, and so be enabled rightly to interpret the revelation of Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It is good to give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High. Thou art exalted above all blessing and praise, yet Thou wilt not despise the thanksgiving we offer in the name of Thy Son. Help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. May ours be a living sacrifice, a spiritual service. Our souls cleave unto the dust; quicken us according to Thy word.

May our life be a daily glorifying of Thee, to whom we owe all our blessings and privileges and hopes; may it be a daily remembrance of Him whose love led Him to suffer and die for us. Daily may we bear about with us the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may be manifest in us. With Him may the evil nature in us be crucified. May we know the fellowship of His sufferings, and the power of His resurrection. May we feel the preciousness of the Saviour's sympathy, looking to Him as a merciful and faithful High Priest who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities, and who in His glory remembers those for whom He died. We bless Thee, that if when enemies we were reconciled to Thee by His death, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Remember us, O Lord; this night for good. May we think on Thy faithfulness in the night, and with a new day have renewed cause to praise Thee. May we and all whom we love be kept in Thy love, and preserved in Thy fear and favor, from this time forth, even for evermore.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WE give Thee thanks, Father Almighty, who hast been pleased to bring us through the night to the hours of morning; and we pray Thee to help us to pass this day without sin, so that at evening we may again give thanks to Thee.

O Lord our God, who knowest that we have daily need of Thy divine aid and guidance in our pilgrimage, dispose us, with true humility, to rely on the teaching of Thy Word and the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Convince us of our own ignorance and blindness; cause us ever to have recourse to Thee, lest in any way we be seduced by the wiles of the tempter or the wickedness of ungodly men; and so direct us in our course, that we may at last come to that heavenly glory which hath been obtained for us by Thy Son our Lord.

O Lord, take care of us to-day. We are dependent on Thee for all good. Provide for our temporal wants, and guide us through all paths of temptation. Keep us humble and lowly, yet make us brave and courageous, and constant in the discharge of duty and the endurance of trial. If we forget Thee, O do not Thou forget us. Be near to us at every moment, and often disclose Thyself to us amidst the dark clouds of obscurity and obstruction which the world creates around us, and which our hearts, alas! are so apt to attract and increase. We are in Thy hands; do with us that which seemeth good in Thy sight. Lord, bless all whom we love; overshadow them with Thy presence here below, and guide them at last to mansions of peace and rest above. Remember our country; bless the President, regulate our national affairs. Pity the heathen, and send them the Gospel. Recover them from their idolatries, and teach them Thy holy worship.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And to Thy name be the glory for ever.

Amen.

O GOD, the Giver of all good and the Fountain of all mercies, in whom are the springs of our life ; all glory, thanks and praise be unto Thee for Thine over-flowing goodness ; for Thy faithfulness, which is from one generation to another ; for Thy mercies, which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than we can number ; for seed-time and harvest, and summer and winter, and nights and days throughout the year ; for food, and clothing, and shelter ; for health and reason ; for childhood, and youth, and manhood ; for Thy fatherly hand ever upon us ; for friends and kindred, and kind benefactors ; for home and country. O Lord, there is nothing for which we may not bless and thank Thee ; therefore do we call upon Thy name, humbly beseeching Thee to accept our service, even as we offer it in the name and through the infinite merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pardon, good Lord, our great ingratitude in times past, our sloth, negligence, and unthankfulness ; and grant us Thy grace, that henceforth we may diligently improve the talents thou hast committed to us, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Bless all the nations of the world with righteous government, with liberty and peace. We commend unto Thee especially our own country. Prosper it in all good things, and defend it from all dangers, both from without and from within. Grant Thy blessing to all rulers and magistrates ; and may the whole people live quiet and peaceable lives, in godliness and honesty, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour.

We pray for our kindred and friends ; may they enjoy the protection of Thy providence, and be enriched with Thy grace, and finally reach everlasting life.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O GOD, who dividest the day from the night, separate our deeds from the gloom of darkness, that ever meditating on things holy we may continually live in Thy light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let the prayers of Thy suppliants, O Lord, come up to the ears of Thy mercy; and that we may obtain what we ask, make us ever to ask what pleases Thee.

Give us gentleness and patience, a meek and long-suffering spirit; that we may never be overcome with anger, or disturbed by peevishness, or entertain thoughts of revenge: but may, with meekness, receive all injuries that shall be done to us, and patiently bear every cross; and, with charity, may return blessing for cursing, good for evil; that, living all our days with meekness and charity, keeping peace with all men, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we may at last enter with them into the regions of peace and everlasting love.

Keep us this day, and ever, in all our ways, from accidents and dangers, from evil company, and the occasions and opportunities of evil, from a sinful life, and from despair in the day of death. Let Thy mercies, O God, and the light of Thy countenance sustain us in all our struggles, temptations, and weaknesses: and let Thy Spirit so conduct us in the ways of peace and safety, that, with the testimony of a good conscience, and the sense of Thy mercies and loving-kindness, we may depart this life in the love of God, and a certain hope of salvation.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

We ask all through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

THINE arm, O Lord, is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is Thine ear heavy, that it cannot hear. We come before Thee humbled by a sense of guilt and unworthiness. We have sinned; wherewith shall we answer Thee, O Thou Preserver of men?

We thank Thee for the revelation of Thy love in Jesus Christ Thy Son. We bless Thee for the faithful saying that He has come into the world to save sinners. Blessed Saviour, we would come to Thee. We would cast ourselves at Thy feet; we would look up to Thy cross; we would receive Thy righteousness; we would renounce every other trust, and cleave to Thee alone. Lord, save us, or we perish. Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Heavenly Father, who givest the sun for a light by day, and the moon and stars for light by night, receive us now, and ever, into Thy favor and protection. Defend us from all accidents and alarms; rule and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit; that all hurtful ignorance, despondency, and fear being removed, we may abide in confidence and joy under the shadow of Thy wings. Purify us from all uncleanness, and sanctify both our souls and bodies: strengthen us by Thy Spirit, that we may both do and bear Thy holy will; guide us in all doubts and perplexities by Thy heavenly light, and make us perfect in every good word and work, that we may both live and die unto the Lord.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Let the peace of God dwell with us for ever. Bless all our kindred; prosper all our labors; relieve our necessities; forgive our sins; defend us from our evil habits, foolish customs, and prevailing infirmities; and bring us in mercy and truth, in holiness and comfort, to Thy glory, through our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GRACIOUS and most merciful Father, help us to worship Thee now acceptably in the spirit of holiness.

O Lord, grant unto us Thy light and Thy truth, to illuminate our hearts and consciences, that we may know our weakness, guilt, and misery. And do Thou, who art the Lord and Giver of life, revive and quicken us, and make us new creatures in Christ; that, being cleansed from all sin, and being made perfect in every good word and work, the peace of God which passeth all understanding may keep our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, who workest effectually in them that believe, grant us grace sufficient for the duties and trials of this day. Hold up our goings in Thy paths that our footsteps slide not. Keep us from unholy thoughts, desires, and tempers, and from all unrighteous actions; keep also the door of our lips that we offend not with our tongue; and all that we do, let it be done in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with carnal wisdom. May we constantly intend to please and glorify Thee in all things; and let us not deny Christ our Master; but follow Him in faith and patience.

Mercifully regard our friends and kindred. Comfort them that mourn; bind up the broken in heart; let the sick, the miserable, the dying, find deliverance and salvation in Thee, O God; and dispose us to be ministers of Thy bounty and grace to our fellow-men.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our prayer is before Thee, O Lord; let it come up as the morning sacrifice—for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE praise Thee, O Lord ; we will bless Thy name for ever and ever. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, Thy name is to be praised.

At the close of another day, and another week, we offer up before Thee, O God, the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving for the goodness and mercy, the patience and long-suffering which Thou hast manifested toward us, though we daily abuse Thy bounties, and are unprofitable servants. The Lord hath been mindful of us ; Thou loadest us with benefits ; therefore will we bless the Lord from this time henceforth and for evermore.

Most gracious God, who hast promised unto them that love Thee such good things as have not entered into the heart of man, may we fight the good fight of faith, as seeing Thee who art invisible. Let us not be weary in well-doing, or faint when we are rebuked of Thee, knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

God of all grace, may we, who are called by Thy name, be followers of Thee as dear children ; being kind and merciful, forbearing and forgiving as Thou art, who art good even to the unthankful and the evil.

Our days and weeks glide swiftly away, reminding us of the end of our days, and of the night which is at hand, when we shall cease from all our earthly cares and labors. May we by Thy grace so redeem the time of our visitation that we shall close our eyes upon this world without fear, and sleep in Jesus, resting in the joyful hope of Thy promises : that when the day of God shall dawn, we may arise and put on immortality, being redeemed from all the power of corruption, and made like unto the Son of God.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we beseech Thee to fit us, through these happy and holy rests of Thine own day, for the rest that remaineth for the people of God. May we be numbered among Thy people, and enter into that rest. May the thought of the everlasting kingdom of glory and of peace fill our souls, that we may be strengthened to bear with patience all the labors and trials of our pilgrimage here below. O God, let Thy blessed peace sanctify all our days, till we come to the true land of rest, even the rest which is eternal. Lord, let our prayers ascend unto Thee, where Thou sittest in the glory everlasting.

O Lord God, we humbly beseech Thee to direct our thoughts and prayers this day; purify our hearts from every evil and false imagination, and may no vain and worldly desires have their abode in us. Keep us from all wandering looks and ways, from an undevout mind, and careless spirit. Let Thy love enter into our souls, that we may worship Thee with reverence and holy fear, with fervor and delight. O God, Thou seest us; help us to look up unto Thee; send forth Thy spirit of light and truth, and make us joyful in Thy house of prayer; for His sake, who died for us and rose again, and now liveth and reigneth for ever and ever, Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, who hast set apart this day to Thy service, mercifully accept the prayers and praises of Thy people which are offered unto Thee this day throughout the world. Let all who seek Thee be taught by Thee; and open the eyes of those who know Thee not, that they may be turned from sin, and be guided into the way of peace. Lord, hear our prayer, and of Thy great goodness help our weakness; for the love of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, give us Thy love, that we may know and love Thee above all things, and may ever be drawn nearer and nearer unto Thee, and into closer fellowship with each other. Unite our wills to Thy most holy will, that we may have no desire but to love and please Thee, and may be heartily and fully content with all Thou givest us. Be Thou our strength, and our glory, the joy of our hearts, and the fulness of our hopes; at the hour of death be our merciful Saviour and Deliverer, and hereafter our exceeding great reward.

O God, our chief and only good, we give Thee hearty thanks, that Thou hast taught us by Thy Word and Thy Spirit, and hast given us the Bread of Life. Still be with us, O Lord, to pardon and to bless. Forgive us our sins of ignorance and omission, our wandering thoughts and vain desires. O grant that we may so serve and worship Thee on earth, that hereafter we may be of that great multitude which no man can number, who stand before the throne and the Lamb; and may have entrance into that city which has no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Almighty Father, who dost neither slumber nor sleep, we humbly pray Thee to watch over us this night, and over all who are near and dear to us. Under thy care only can we rest securely. Grant us quiet and refreshing sleep such as may fit us for the duties of the morrow. Put far away from us all worldly cares and fears, and give us holy thoughts of Thee, that we may repose in perfect peace in Thy fatherly love; and whether we wake or sleep may we live together with Him, who died and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us, we entreat Thee, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank Thee for Thy mercy during the past night. We have lain down and slept; we have awaked, for Thou hast sustained us. Thou didst hear our evening prayer, blessed be Thy name. We thank thee for refreshing sleep, and that we are awakened in health to meet the return of day. Thou givest sleep; and that gift is not amongst the least of Thy mercies. We thank Thee, also, that Thou hast preserved our home in peace; safe from fire, and from robbers. We look upon the provisions of our table this morning remembering Thee. Thou dost feed us day by day. Our daily bread is Thy gift. Above all, we bless Thee for spiritual food, for the bread of life sent down from heaven. Memories of what we saw and heard and felt in Thy house come over us. The memory of Thy truth is very sweet; the memory of our own past insensibility to it, very bitter. Lord, strengthen and purify our spiritual taste, and forgive our neglect of Thy Word in times gone by. Preserve to us, throughout this week, the influence of Thy Gospel, and of ~~that~~ worship which we yesterday offered. Save us from confining our religion to the first day of the week. We are about to resume our daily work. Duties, trials, disappointments, and vexations lie before us. We know not what a day may bring forth. Lord, protect us. Blessed Saviour, impress us with a sense of our moral danger in the world, and keep us by Thy mighty power in the faith which overcometh the world. Let no bad temper, no sinful disposition, lead us away. Let no unhallowed thoughts enter our minds, or impure affections stir our hearts. Make us true, just, faithful, brave, kind, courteous, and loving. Let us not forget that in all our trials and temptations we may lean upon Thee; for Thou only art strong; Thou only art holy.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And to Thy name be the praise for ever.

Amen.

GREAT art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised. Angels adore Thee, and veil their faces, and how can we, who are but dust and ashes, look upon Thy holy majesty? Blessed be Thy name, Thou hast revealed Thyself to us in Jesus Christ. Thy name and Thy memorial to all generations is, the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious. Thou art not willing that any should perish.

God of all grace, whom rightly to know is life eternal, grant us so to receive Thy Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to everlasting blessedness.

O Lord, there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. May we come boldly to the throne of grace, yet as sinners ought to come before Him with whom evil cannot dwell. May we hate the sin for which the precious blood of Thy Son was shed, and be ashamed and confounded for all that we have done. Look upon us in the face of Thine anointed. Our sins are great, but we come in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord for mercy to pardon and grace to help. May we be made partakers of Thy grace, and heirs of eternal life. May we have peace with Thee through our Lord Jesus Christ. May Thy love be shed abroad in our hearts. May we by faith cleave to Christ and abide in Him, and walk before Thee as Thy chosen and obedient children.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Bless our seasons of social worship and our private prayers. May the ties of natural affection be strengthened and hallowed by the bond of a common faith and hope. And may we who kneel together at the throne of grace be at last united, to praise Thee for ever, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, around Thy throne in glory. Amen.

O GOD, Shepherd of Israel, who dost not slumber nor sleep, again would we acknowledge Thy manifold goodness and mercy. We have laid us down in peace and slept, for Thou, Lord, hast made us to dwell in safety.

We will praise Thee with all our heart, and we will glorify Thy name for evermore. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Thou art great and doest wondrous things; Thou art God alone. Teach us Thy way, O Lord; we will walk in Thy truth.

Almighty God, who art graciously extending the accepted time and day of our salvation, and hast raised us up again to the duties, and enjoyments, and trials of another day, may we cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, and walk honestly, soberly, and righteously, as becometh the children of light, who remember that the night and time of darkness is far spent, and the day, which shall reveal all things, is at hand.

O Lord, our merciful Father, be pleased to guide and guard us in all our ways, that we may be delivered in all dangers and temptations; and may so follow the example and pattern which Thy dear Son hath left us, both in joyfully bearing and constantly performing Thy holy will, that we may glorify Thy name, and may abide in Thy love.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Let our sins which are many be blotted out, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all honor and praise, world without end. Amen.

O GOD the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we bless Thy holy name that Thou hast watched over our going out and our coming in this day. We give Thee humble and hearty thanks for the varied blessings bestowed upon us, for we acknowledge Thee as the Author of them all. O God, forgive our want of gratitude, our want of service: forgive wherein we have failed in duty to Thee, or to our fellow-creatures, or to one another as members of the same family; forgive wherein we have sinned in thought, in word, or in deed.

In all our ways we would acknowledge Thee; do Thou direct our paths. May Thy word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open our eyes that we may see wondrous things in Thy law. May we love Thy word, and meditate on it, and hide it in our hearts. Make all the words which thou hast spoken to be spirit and life to us. May they give us light in darkness, and strength in weakness, and comfort in sorrow, and support in temptation; and thus may we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, till we come to the perfect light and open vision of the sanctuary above.

Bless this house, O Lord, and all who dwell in it. May the members of this family be gathered into the family of faith. Write our names with those of Thy children. Through the hours of darkness be Thou near us, and keep us in safety. Take away all our iniquity, receive us graciously, and answer us in peace.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSED be Thy name, O God, who didst preserve us last night from sorrow and death. The outgoings of the morning and evening shall praise Thee, and Thy servants shall rejoice in giving Thee thanks. Let Thy providence and care watch over us this day and all our lives, that we may never sin against Thee by idleness or folly, by evil company or secret sins, by word or deed, by thought or desire. Let the employment of this day leave no sorrow, or the remembrance of an evil conscience at night; but let it be holy and profitable, innocent and blessed. Thou hast brought us into this world to serve Thee, and to live according to Thy laws; but we, by our sins, have provoked Thee, and have planted thorns and sorrows round about our dwellings. Our life is but a span; the days of our pilgrimage are few. O God, look upon us in mercy and pity. Let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this world in safety, peace, and holiness. Grant that we may not be called hence with any duty undone, or surprised in an act of sin, or found with our lamps untrimmed. Let not our death be violent or untimely, but after the ordinary visitation of men. Preserve our reason and religion, our faith and hope, perfect till the last of our days. Grant that when the days of our short lives are done, and the shadows are departed, we may die the death of the righteous, in Thy fear and favor, and rest in a holy hope, and at last arise to the joys of a blessed resurrection.

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Comfort the afflicted: send consolation and joy to them that are in sorrow and trouble. Hear the groaning of the prisoners; deliver the oppressed from him that spoileth him; relieve the wants of the poor and needy, and save all afflicted people. Arise, O Lord, for judgment, and save all the meek of the earth.

All we ask is for Christ's sake.

Amen.

WE pray for the coming of Thy kingdom, O God. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn unto the Lord; let all the kindreds of the nations worship before Thee, for the kingdom is the Lord's; Thou art the Governor among the nations.

Let our friends and benefactors, and all whom Thou hast made the instruments of Thy goodness to us, share Thy grace and mercy. Give unto them and us those things that are needful for the body, and with them bestow Thy blessing; and make us to be partakers of Thy grace, and of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let this family enjoy Thy favor, which is better than life.

Father of mercies, we give Thee hearty thanks for the goodness Thou hast this day shown to us; and we humbly commit ourselves, and all whom we love, to Thy fatherly care this night. Let Thine all-seeing eye watch over us, and Thine everlasting arms be underneath us.

We pray for our relatives and friends. Remember them with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people, and visit them with Thy salvation.

We pray for the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying, that it may please Thee to comfort and support them, and to grant them a happy deliverance out of all their troubles.

Bless our rulers. Extend Thy favor and protection to our country. Further the peace and welfare of all nations. And hasten the time when all the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, to whom be glory for ever.

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Hear us and answer us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. All the blessed spirits and souls of the righteous cast their crowns before Thy throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created. Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, O Thou King of saints. Evermore will we praise Thee.

O God, for Thy great and unspeakable goodness, for our preservation last night, and for all other graces and blessings, we offer unto Thee praise and glory; presenting our bodies, and all that we are, and all that we have, as a sacrifice to Thee, for Thy service; humbly begging of Thee to pardon all our sins, to defend us from all evil, and to lead us into all good, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us Thy grace, that we may be diligent and just in our business, provident of our time, watchful in our duty, careful of every word we speak. Oh, make us to be useful in our generation, loving to each other, conscientious in all things, patient in adversity, and thankful in prosperity.

O blessed God, keep us in our souls and bodies, from evil accidents, from severe and tedious sicknesses; let us not want or be desolate in the earth; and in old age forsake us not. Grant us Thy Spirit, that we may abstain from all appearance and all occasion of evil, and may do whatsoever is honest and of good report; that having lived in Thy faith and fear, we may have comfort in the day of our death, and find mercy at the day of judgment, through the goodness of our God, and by the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Hear us for His blessed name's sake.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who dost heartily desire our salvation, and dost faithfully warn us in many ways to think in earnest on the things that belong to our peace, we humbly pray Thee to give us Thy good Spirit that we may believe in Thy great love and faithfulness with our whole hearts, and may not trifle away our time of grace, but follow Thy voice which bids us come to Thee while it is yet to-day.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us, and give us peace. Remember us with the favor Thou showest unto Thine own. May we know the blessedness of Him whom Thou choosest and causest to approach unto Thee.

We thank Thee for Thy promises to those who remember Thee in Thy ways. We would draw near to Thee in the way Thou hast appointed, and bless Thee for the freedom of access which we have at all times to Thy presence through the blood of Jesus. For His sake be merciful to our unrighteousness; our sins and iniquities do Thou remember no more. May we look to Him that we may be saved.

Give us spiritual discernment to know Thy will, and spiritual courage to do it. Cast down all vain imaginations within us, and make us willing to learn of Him who is meek and lowly, to sit at His feet and hear His voice. Give us the hearing ear and the understanding heart, and that godly simplicity to which thou revealest things hidden from the wise and prudent. May the Spirit of truth guide us into all truth, and do Thou, Lord, sanctify us wholly; and may we be preserved blameless unto the coming of Jesus Christ.

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Pardon, O Lord, the sins of this day. Grant us Thy blessing for the night. Be Thou our help and shield, that no evil may befall us. We ask it for Christ's sake. Amen.

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father, we bow with reverence and godly fear before the presence of Thy divine majesty. Thou art good; Thy mercy endureth for ever; again hast Thou opened Thy hand to supply our wants, and caused all Thy goodness to pass before us, and made the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

O Almighty God, Father of all the world, in the light of whose countenance there is perpetual day; we bless and glorify Thee. As we live by Thy power, so we desire to walk by Thy laws, to be blessed by Thy providence, to be defended by Thy Almighty hand. Let this day and all the days of our lives be holy and peaceable; send Thy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, to be the guide of our way, the guard of our souls and bodies, that we may spend our lives in blessing, and peace, and holiness.

Deliver us from all temptations which may assail us. Take not Thy grace from us; let us never want Thy help in our need, or Thy comfort in the day of our danger and calamity. Never try us beyond our strength, nor afflict us beyond our patience, nor smite us but with a Father's rod. Thou art our rock, and our strong salvation. Deliver us, O God, from the miseries of this world, and save us from the wrath to come. Rescue us from the evils we have done, and preserve us from the evils we have deserved. Receive us, for we approach the throne of Thy grace in the name of Jesus Christ; give unto each one of us what is best for us; cast out all evil from within us; work in us a fulness of holiness, of wisdom and spiritual understanding; that we, increasing in the knowledge of God, may be fruitful in every good work; that we may praise Him that sitteth upon the throne, and the Lamb for ever and ever.

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And to Thy name be the praise and the glory for ever.

Amen.

WE adore Thee, O God, as the Father of our spirits, in whom we live and move and have our being. We thank Thee for the good gifts of Thy providence which another day has brought. Thou hast opened Thine hand, our wants are supplied, and our souls are satisfied with Thy goodness. How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore we would put our trust in Thee. May we see in the abundance of our common mercies Thy willingness to bestow greater things than these. We would earnestly desire Thy best gifts. Awaken within us a sense of our true need; show us the provision Thou hast made for our wants as sinners. May we see Christ to be the very Saviour we need, and receive Him as the bread of life, and the water of life, to quicken and refresh and nourish us.

We thank Thee if Thy grace has implanted in us any desire towards Thee. However feeble, strengthen it; however wavering, confirm it. Fulfil in us the good pleasure of Thy goodness, and the work of faith with power. Take unto Thyself Thy great power, and reign in our hearts. Cast down every idol, and bring every thought and affection into captivity to the obedience of Christ. May our hearts be open to Thy voice, to the lessons of Thy providence, and the teachings of Thy truth. May Thy Spirit mould and fashion us after Thy holy image. May our affections be set on things above; may our life be hid with Christ in God; and, having a good hope through grace, may we purify ourselves, even as Christ is pure.

Bless us, Lord, through the night that is before us. When we lie down to rest, may our thoughts be of Thee, and our sleep be sweet unto us, that we may awake to praise Thee with the returning light.

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Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O GOD, the fountain of pardon and holiness, mercifully receive our supplications. We humbly confess our sins to Thee; may they all be blotted out; and may we live to Thee a life of righteousness, and grow in it till we arrive at a state of glory.

Oh, give us a resolution so strong, a hope so pure, a charity so true, that no temptation of health or sickness, no accident or interest may prevail to tempt us from Thee. Work in us faith, whereby we may overcome the world and crucify the flesh. Grant that we may grow in holiness, and abide in Thy favor, and adorn that holy religion which Thy Son came to reveal and exhibit to mankind. Make us meek, patient, and resigned in all accidents, changes, and in the issues of Thy divine providence. Deliver us from all wrath, strife, contention, murmurings, malice, and envy; from all peevish dispositions and unevenness of spirit. Teach us so to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that it may be as our meat and drink to do Thy will. Raise our affections to heaven, and prepare a treasure for us which we may receive when our work here is finished. And in this interval of infirmity and temptations, strengthen our hope and our faith by such light and grace of Thy Spirit, that we may delight in those blessings which Thou preparest for them that love Thee, and may desire earnestly the crown of righteousness, and the paths that lead thither, the graces of Thy kingdom and its glories; that having served Thee in holiness and true obedience, we may depart hence in Thy favor, and may have our portion in the resurrection of the just, and may enter into the joy of our Lord.

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We thank Thee for all Thy mercies, and pray that they may be continued to us for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we beseech Thee through Thy great mercies in Christ Jesus, to pardon and forgive us. Thou knowest that we are in so many and great dangers that we cannot always stand upright. But we are encouraged, in our approaches to Thee, by the assurance that when we offend against Thy holy law, if we confess our sins, Thou wilt forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Grant that with meek hearts and due reverence we may receive the truth which we have now heard and read. May we never forget that we are constantly exposed to evil and the corruptions of our own deceitful hearts.

Whenever we are so tempted and tried as to be brought into great straits and difficulties, may we remember the example of our Saviour, who, though tempted as we are, was yet without sin. May we never make it our only or chief care to obtain the bread which perisheth, but may we be taught by Thy Word to do and suffer Thy will.

Deliver us from the great sin of unbelief. May no hasty desire, no feeling of presumption, ever lead us rashly to engage in anything, but may we in all our ways seek Thy direction, and humbly trust in Thee.

Save us also from the undue influence of the world. Grant that its power may never subdue our spirits to its service; but preserve us, we beseech Thee, ever ready, in private, in the family, and in Thy house, to worship Thee, the one living and true God.

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Hear these our prayers, protect us through the night, refresh us with quiet rest; and to Thee will we ascribe the praise, for Christ's sake. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who didst, on the first day of the week, raise up Thy Son from the dead, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to spend this day and all our days in Thy service. Raise our thoughts above the cares and concerns of this life, which will soon be ended, to that better life which will last for ever. We thank Thee for the light of the Gospel, for the means of grace, and the hope of glory. We would be glad when they say unto us, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Let Thy presence be with us, and make us joyful in Thy house of prayer. May Thy Spirit so incline our hearts that we may offer up our prayers and praises in sincerity, and hear Thy Word with faith and love. And grant unto us in the comfort of Thy worship a foretaste of heavenly joy. May we spend these sacred hours as Thou wouldst have them spent, and enjoy the utmost comfort in them.

Give Thy blessing to all who are called by Thy name, that they may adorn their profession and walk worthy of Thee. Let all the nations of the world fear and serve Thee. Be gracious to the afflicted; have mercy upon all that desire and all that need our prayers. Ease the pains of the sick; support the spirits of the disconsolate; hear the cries of orphans and widows in their calamity; restore all that are oppressed to their rights, and sanctify to them all their wrongs. Pity the follies and alleviate the calamities of Thy creatures. Remember those that are appointed to die; comfort and support their spirits; and receive the souls returning unto Thee, which Thou hast redeemed with the precious blood of Thy Son.

Lord, pity and pardon, direct and bless, sanctify and save us all. Give repentance to all that are living in sin, and steadfastness to all Thy people.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

O GOD, give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in Jesus Christ. In Him Thou hast given us all things; life and health, and friends and helpers; blessings that come with every morning, and that return with every evening. In Him Thou hast given us eternal life, forgiveness for all our sins by His most blessed surrender and sacrifice of Himself upon the cross. By Him Thou hast given us Thy Holy Spirit, Thy holy Gospel, Thy holy day. In Him Thou hast come to us, restoring our sinful nature, making manifest that Thou art our Father, and that we are Thy children, even though we be wayward children. Accept our adoration and love and praise. We can bring to Thee no offering that is worthy of Thee, none that can fully or fairly testify our unutterable sense of Thy mercy, none that can be worthy Thine ineffable love. But like as to the ear of love on earth, the broken utterance of its little children is sweet, and the rude writing of its little children is fair, and full of meaning, so let our humble thanksgiving and worship be to Thee; so let our prayer come up before Thee.

Give us a ready ear to hear Thy truth, a willing, docile heart wherewith to receive it; the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Lovingly subdue our wills to Thine. Increase our faith in Thee, and in Thy dear Son, our Saviour. Keep our lives sheltered in Thine. Guide us by Thy heavenly counsel. Defend us from all evil. Give us power to overcome temptation. Teach us how to pass through the things seen and temporal, so as not to lose the things unseen and eternal. Give Thy grace to all whom we love, and make us true helpers of each other.

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And finally bring us to the fellowship of the good and true in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

O Saviour, who knowest our infirmities, and art our merciful High Priest, making intercession for us for ever; we beseech Thee, supply all our wants, have compassion upon our weakness, pity and relieve our sorrows, pardon our sins, and send down Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that while we are upon earth our conversation may be in heaven, and there also may be our portion and inheritance for ever.

Blessed Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another as Thou hast loved us, and hast taught us that, where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work, give us grace to be kindly affectioned, and to love one another with a pure heart.

O God, who hast appointed unto every man his work and his labor, let us undertake the duties of this day, not alone, but in Thy strength. May Jesus, our most loving Master, who toiled and labored for us when upon earth, be with us in each hour of the day, to strengthen our weakness, to refresh us when weary, and to guide us in all difficulties and perplexities. Help us to do the work to which Thou hast called us, faithfully and diligently, not for praise or reward, but as unto Him whom we love because He loved us; and do Thou bless all our work for His sake.

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Hear these prayers, we beseech Thee, and to Thy name be
the glory. Amen.

O GOD, who knowest the secrets of every heart, and understandest our thoughts afar off; humble us under a sense of our unworthiness; and graciously pardon our offences.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Keep back Thy servants also from presumptuous sins, and let them not have dominion over us. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Suffer us not to delude ourselves with vain imaginations of our own excellence and sufficiency. Help us to see ourselves as Thou seest us. Show us our infirmities and besetting sins. Show us what Thou knowest to be wanting in us of faith and love and obedience. Help us to examine ourselves in the light of Thy holy Word. And make us always willing to come to the light; that our deeds, if evil, may be reproved; and if good, may be made manifest that they are wrought in God. Give us wisdom to mark the beginnings of evil; to avoid every scene of temptation or occasion of falling; and never to despise little things, lest we fall unawares by little and little. And while we watch, help us also to pray, lest we enter into temptation. Suffer us not to trust in our own strength, which is but weakness; or in our own wisdom, which is but folly; or in our own goodness, which is as the morning cloud or early dew, that passeth away. Keep us mindful that even when the spirit is most willing the flesh is weak. Teach us ever to look up to Thee for those promised aids, without which we can do nothing. And grant that we may be kept in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Keep us safely through the night which is before us, and give us undisturbed and refreshing sleep, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

LORD of all grace, purify our hearts by faith, and so cleanse us from all evil, that everything which beclouds and hinders the simple reception of Thy truth may be put far from us, and the fruits of Thy Spirit being made manifest in our lives and conversation, our eyes may be opened to behold wondrous things out of Thy law, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most gracious God, the fountain of all mercy and blessing, who desirest not the death of a sinner, nor despisest the tears of the penitent; favorably receive our prayer, and move our hearts to a deep and true contrition, that, being pardoned all the evils which we have committed, we may be delivered from all the sorrows we have deserved; through Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, in whose presence there is no night, and in whose love there is continual rest, we thank Thee for preservation through the hours of quiet and darkness, and humbly pray Thee that we may dwell in Thy presence and in Thy peace to-day, and all the days of our life. Grant us so to seek Thee whom our souls desire to love, that we may find Thee, and be found of Thee, and may at length attain to Thy blessed rest, even the endless and perfect service of praise and thanksgiving before Thy throne for ever.

O God, who hast given unto each of us gifts wherewith we may serve Thee, give us Thy grace that we may diligently do Thy will this day in the work Thou hast put before us. Help us to remember that we have to give account of the talents Thou hast committed to our charge; help us to use them for Thy glory, and for the blessing and comfort of those around us.

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Help us, O Lord, to feel in our hearts the prayers we say with our lips, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O GOD, the King of Glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven, we beseech Thee leave us not comfortless, but send us Thy Holy Spirit, and exalt us in Thine own time unto the same place whither our Saviour, Christ, is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, we beseech Thee to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments, that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Saviour of the world, by whom we come to the Father, abide with us alway even unto the end. Grant that we who have not seen, may yet believe. Help us to become like unto Thee, in patience and meekness, in forbearance and charity, in mercy and forgiveness. Be Thou the life and the hope of our souls. Be Thou, in this dark and perilous world, our light and our guide; and so grant us Thy grace to follow Thee here, that at last, in Thy light, we may see light, and may dwell therein.

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O God, who hast given the day to man for labor and the night for rest, protect us by Thy watchful providence during the coming night, and all the nights and days of our pilgrimage. Cover all our sins with Thy mercy as Thou coverest the earth with darkness during the night-watches. And when our days are ended and our work is finished in this world, may we depart hence in the blessed assurance of Thy favor, and in the hope of the resurrection to immortal life which Thou hast given us in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

O GOD, Light of the hearts that see Thee, and Life of the souls that love Thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee; from whom to be turned away is to fall, to whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever: grant us now Thy grace and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications; and though we are unworthy to approach Thee, or to ask anything of Thee at all, be pleased to hear and to answer us, for the sake of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most gracious God, we give Thee hearty thanks who in the past night hast guarded, preserved, and visited us, and hast brought us safe to the beginning of another day. Give us, we pray Thee, some work to do for Thee this day; and whatever it be, may we do it with all our might. In all its duties and employments, in the least as in the greatest, let us be mindful of Thy presence, that it may be seen by our ways and behavior whose we are. Lord, we are Thine; let us not grieve Thee this day, nor do hurt to others by our faithlessness. Restrain all that is evil in us, and strengthen and confirm what is Thine own.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator and Redeemer of men, we come unto Thee in earnest supplication that Thy grace may be poured forth upon the works of Thy hands and upon all Thy children. Bring all men to the knowledge of Thy salvation, and into a more perfect unity with Thee, and with one another. Remember the sick and the poor, and all who are suffering pain in mind or body. Strengthen the feeble and succor the tempted. Bless all who are near and dear to us, and grant that we, with them and all Thy faithful people, may be Thine in that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels.

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Grant all these things for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

LORD OUR GOD, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keepest covenants and promises for those that love Thee with their whole heart ; who art the Life of all, the Help of those that flee unto Thee, the Hope of those who cry unto Thee ; cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to Thy goodness—cleanse our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and clear soul, with a perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto Thee, for Thou art able to do all things.

Give us the spirit of prayer, and make us diligent in the work which Thou wouldst have us to do. Take into Thy care and keeping our souls and bodies, our lives, and all that we have : let us not be tempted above that which Thou wilt enable us to bear ; and whatsoever Thou knowest us to need do Thou, gracious Father, give us. Guide us in the way in which we should go, that in our lives we may please Thee, and in our death we may praise Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, direct our minds by Thy gracious presence, and watch over our paths with guiding love ; that among the snares which lie hidden in this path wherein we walk we may so pass onward with hearts fixed on Thee, that by faith we may come to be where Thou wouldst have us, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O King of Saints, who hast manifested Thy wonderful love and power in the life and death of Thy redeemed and holy ones of old, grant that we too may have grace to glorify Thee ; loving Thee whom they have loved, and finding Thee whom they have found ; and may dwell with Thee for ever.

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Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we come before Thee, not trusting in our own merits, but in Thy great mercy and goodness: Our sins are many and great, more in number than we can count up or remember; but our hope is in Thine infinite mercy. Save us, O Lord; remember Thy children whom Thou hast redeemed, and defend us now and evermore.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, when we call upon Thee. Thou hast promised to fulfil the desire of those who fear Thee. May this promise be fulfilled in us. Thy servants should speak of the glory of Thy kingdom and talk of Thy power; and should delight to make known to the sons of men Thy mighty acts and the glorious majesty of Thy kingdom. Help us, so to apprehend Thy reign of grace and mercy, that from the fulness of our wonder and gratitude we may do so.

We thank Thee, O merciful God, for the peace and quiet in which we live; for our home; for the friends who love us; for the work of the day and for the rest of the night; for food, for clothing, and for all the blessings by which our lives are sustained and our hearts made glad.

Be with us throughout the day which lies before us. Even Thine angels are strong in Thy strength, not in their own; strengthen us too, so that if temptations come we may resist them firmly, and that if we are called to discharge any hard and painful duty, we may discharge it faithfully. May the exceeding greatness of that power which worketh in those that believe, be revealed in all of us to-day, enabling us to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to serve Thee with a free and perfect heart.

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Remember all who are dear to us. If any of them should be tempted to shameful sin this day, defend them, O God most merciful, O God most mighty. Hear us for Christ's sake.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whom we have been brought to the close of another day, we give Thee thanks for the patience and forbearance which Thou hast shown us, and for all the blessings, temporal and spiritual, which we have constantly received. It is of thy mercies, O Lord, that we are not consumed, because Thy compassions fail not. We have provoked Thee with our sins, and yet Thou hast daily loaded us with benefits. We have abused the riches of Thy long-suffering, and slighted the things which belong unto our peace; and yet Thou hast mercifully lengthened our day of grace, and multiplied our opportunities of repentance.

Lord God, merciful and gracious, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his wickedness and live, incline us with all our heart to turn unto Thee, and let Thy face shine upon us, that we may be saved. Bestow upon us, through the merits of Jesus Christ, the free forgiveness of all our sins. And help us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy Word, and to bring forth abundantly fruits of obedience, through Jesus Christ.

O God, who hast taught us in Thy Word, and art reminding us by Thy providence, that it is appointed unto all men once to die, impress us with a sense of our frailty, and so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace to be watchful and prayerful, having our lights burning, as becometh servants waiting for their Lord, who know not the hour when He shall come. Grant that the close of every day may admonish us, that the end of all earthly things is at hand, and that we must finish the work Thou hast given us to do, before the night cometh, when no man can work.

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Give us undisturbed and refreshing sleep this night, and awaken us in health to-morrow, for Christ's sake. Amen.

O LORD GOD, our Father in heaven, graciously help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Preserve us from the sin of drawing near with our lips, while our hearts are far from Thee. Thou art ever more ready to hear than we to pray. For Thy dear Son's sake, hear us now, and give us an answer of peace.

O God, Thou Fountain of all goodness, grant unto us a new heart and a right spirit; and according to Thy promise, put Thy laws in our minds, and write them upon our hearts, that we, knowing and constantly remembering Thy will, may do at all times the things that please Thee, and finally may be made partakers of Thine eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

We pray for the coming of Thy kingdom, O God. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn unto the Lord: let all the kindreds of the nations worship before Thee; for the kingdom is the Lord's; Thou art the Governor among the nations.

Let our kindred, our friends and benefactors, and all whom Thou hast made the instruments of Thy goodness to us, share Thy grace and mercy. Give unto them and us those things that are needful for the body, and with them bestow Thy blessing; and make us all to be partakers of Thy grace, and of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let all the members of this family enjoy Thy favor, which is better than life.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lord, comfort the comfortless and helpless; show the light of Thy truth to those who wander out of the right way; give us true repentance: keep us from all evil, and make us to continue in Thy service to the end of life; and bring us to Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE acknowledge our sin and misery before Thee, O God our heavenly Father, who searchest our hearts, and art acquainted with all our ways. Look down upon us in Thy tender mercy, and forgive us all our iniquities, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who died for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

O Lord Jesus, who didst bid Thy disciples to watch and pray lest they should enter into temptation, help us in all our temptations; for Thou art able to succor them that are tempted. Help us to pray diligently, and to watch patiently, against all evil without or within us, especially against the sin that doth so easily beset us. We pray that Thou wilt not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able to bear. Let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness; so shall Thy name be honored, and our love and praise to Thee be multiplied exceedingly.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thy tender love towards mankind hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection.

O Lord, our Saviour, make us mindful that in the midst of life we are in death; grant that when its last pains come upon us our souls may be at peace in Thee. Be near us in that hour to support and comfort us, and of Thine unspeakable mercy grant us an entrance into the glorious life of Thy saints above.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Take us into Thy keeping now; make us faithful to Thee upon earth, and blessed with Thee in heaven, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks for Thy constant goodness to us, for Thy care over us during the hours of sleep, for our food and clothing, our health and friends, and for all the blessings of our home. Grant, we beseech Thee, that as day by day we receive Thy mercies, we may have Thy help to live together in love and peace, patient with each other's faults, and mindful of each others wants. May we be gentle in words and helpful in deeds, not seeking our own profit, but rather the good of all around us, willing to endure all things, even to contradiction and vexation, for His sake who endured even to the death of the cross, and now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

O Lord, we humbly draw near unto Thee, remembering our many and grievous offences; we confess to Thee that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; and we beseech Thee to grant that all the sins, offences, and neglects of the days already gone may be freely pardoned, and entirely done away, through the precious blood of Thy dear Son.

O Lord, who hast forbidden us to take thought for the morrow, grant that, not setting our affections on earthly things, we may love the things that are heavenly; and while living in this world, which passeth away, may cleave unto that life which abideth for ever.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O God, who art the consolation of the sorrowful, and the strength of the afflicted, let the prayers of all that cry unto Thee in tribulation enter into Thine ear, that in all their necessities they may rejoice in the help of Thy mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, in whose merciful light we have been sheltered from all evil during the past day, we entreat Thee let Thy presence still go with us as we pass into the shadows of night, that Thy hand holding us, and Thy Spirit supporting us, we may lie down, without fear, in peace and thankfulness; and may rise in the morning with new life and strength to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to blot out our transgressions, which are as a thick cloud hiding Thee from our sight; and grant that the dark places of our hearts may be so enlightened by Thy loving forgiveness, that we may be cleansed from guilt, and evermore continually rejoice in Thy blessed light.

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

We commend to Thy blessing our friends and all the members of this family. Be with them and us through the hours of the night. We are safe only when Thou art our defender; rich only when Thou art our portion; happy only when Thou art our good. If it please Thee, may we rise on the morrow with new strength for new duty. When we awake, may we be still with Thee. We ask all through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD of all grace, purify, we beseech Thee, our hearts by faith which is in Christ Jesus; and so cleanse us from all evil, that everything which beclouds and hinders the simple reception of Thy truth may be put far from us; and the fruits of the Spirit be made manifest in our life and conversation.

Father of mercies, receive our humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness. We bless Thy name, that Thou hast bountifully provided for us, not only such things as are serviceable for the body, but such also as are needful for the soul. We thank Thee for the holy rest of Thy day, for the instructions of Thy Word, for the ordinances of Thy worship, for the promised grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and above all, for Jesus Christ, Thine unspeakable gift. Grant that all the institutions and observances of Thy Church on earth may prepare us for the higher and purer worship of the Church in heaven.

O Lord, who hast said that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou art in the midst of them, be present this day in all the assemblies of Thy people, in this land and in other lands. Let Thy Word everywhere have free course and be glorified. Assist Thy servants in proclaiming it; and open the hearts of all Thy people, for the humble, faithful, and profitable reception of it.

Draw nigh to such as are withheld from the public worship of Thy Church; and grant unto them the joy of Thy favor and the comfort of Thy fellowship. Have pity on those who wilfully forsake or profane Thine ordinances, and bring them to repentance. Increase everywhere the number of Thy true worshippers; and hasten the time when, throughout the whole world, Thy name shall be honored, and Thy Word believed and obeyed.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, hear our evening prayer. Let it come up before Thee as the evening sacrifice which Thy people are now offering to Thee.

We pray for Thy Church, that what is wanting in it may be supplied ; what is unsound, corrected ; that all heresies, schisms, and scandals may be removed. Correct the wandering, convert the unbelieving, and increase the faith of the Church. We pray also for the Pastors, that they may rightly divide the word of truth ; that they may walk in all godly conversation ; and that, while they teach others, they themselves may learn. We pray for all the people, that they may be humble and teachable, and may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ the Lord ; we pray for our country, that it may fare well and prosperously, and be delivered from all danger and distress ; we pray for our President, that Thou wilt help him to discharge the duties of his high office in Thy fear ; and that Thou wilt give prudence, equity and integrity to all judges, and others in places of trust and responsibility.

And we pray for the young in colleges and schools, in private families or institutions ; that as they increase in age, they may also increase in wisdom, and in favor with God and man. We pray for all that show themselves benevolent, whether to the Church or to the poor and needy ; do Thou reward them seven-fold for their charity. May it please Thee to behold and relieve the miseries of the poor ; to restore them that have transgressed, and to strengthen them that are falling. Graciously accept our reasonable service : raise our minds to heavenly desires : regard us with the eyes of Thy compassion, and preserve our souls from everlasting death.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Take care of us to-night and awaken us in health and peace to-morrow morning. Amen.

LORD of all power and might, grant us, we beseech Thee, a deep and true insight into Thy glorious Truth ; that, justified by grace, and renewed in the spirit of our minds by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, we may be sanctified for Thy service both here and hereafter, and at length enter into the joy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let Thy presence be with us this day in our appointed labors. Make us upright in the discharge of every trust, diligent in the performance of every duty, patient and meek in the endurance of every trial, and steadfast in the resistance of every temptation. Let us not forget that we are answerable to Thee for the right use of all the faculties, talents, and opportunities of doing good which Thou hast given us. And whatsoever our hand findeth to do, help us to do it with our might ; not with eye-service as pleasing men, but with singleness of heart as unto Thee. Reclaim the erring. Enlighten those who are perishing for lack of knowledge. And speedily diffuse Thy Gospel throughout the world.

Lord, bless all those whom we may have in any way wronged, and forgive all those who may have wronged us ; comfort the disconsolate, give health to the sick, ease to those that are in pain, patience to the afflicted, food to the hungry, and liberty to the captives. Lord, be Thou a guide to the travelers, safety to those that are at sea, a refuge to the oppressed, a father to the fatherless, and a guardian of the widow. Bless all our relatives, friends, and neighbors. Thou, O Lord, best knowest all our conditions, all our desires, and all our wants. Send us Thy grace and blessing according to our several necessities of body or soul.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

HEAR us, O God of our salvation, when we call upon Thee. Let Thy mercy be on us, according as we hope in Thee. Blessed be Thy holy name for all Thy goodness in the way by which Thou hast led us.

We thank Thee if, in reviewing Thy dealings with us, we can remember times of darkness and trial in which we felt Thee near. We bless Thee if Thou hast thus led us apart, and spoken to our hearts, showing us our sin and Thy mercy, drawing us in loving-kindness to Thyself. Deepen and strengthen all such impressions in our hearts.

Hear our intercessions, O God, in behalf of all whom Thou hast visited with affliction. Grant them support and comfort in their trials. Help them to see Thy hand more and more clearly in all the dispensations of Thy providence.

We especially commend to Thee all those who are in sorrow and heaviness for their sins. Give them true repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Visit them with the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold them with Thy free Spirit.

We pray for those who are wilfully scorning or thoughtlessly slighting the things which concern their peace, that it may please Thee to awaken and convert them, and to bring them to the knowledge and obedience of Thy Gospel.

Look with compassion on the whole world. Hasten the time when repentance and remission of sins shall be preached in the name of Jesus to all nations, and when men of every tribe shall be blessed in Him and call Him blessed.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O Thou Keeper of Israel, who never slumberest, watch over us, and over all who are near and dear to us, this night. Shield us from danger. Grant us quiet sleep. And bring us in safety to the light of another day. Amen.

O LORD GOD of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee. We thank Thee for Thy merciful care over us during the night. Thou neither slumberest nor sleepest. Thou tellest the number of the stars and callest them all by their names. We bless Thee for the refreshment of sleep, and for the good providence which watches over our unconscious hours. And now, O Lord God, our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning. To Thee will we look up. Father of our spirits, bless, preserve, and keep us this day. Clothe us in the garments of righteousness. Adorn us with a meek and quiet spirit, and gird us with strength for the work which is appointed for us. Shine upon our path, and fill us with peace and joy for evermore.

Help us this day to be followers of God as dear children. Thou carriest the lambs in Thine arms. May our hearts go forth in tenderness to all young children. Thou carest for the laborers and them that toil in rowing on the waves of this troublesome world. Help us to lighten, by sympathy, the burden of life and to cheer the hearts of all with whom we have to do. May our presence bring soothing and help to some that are tossed by tempest and not comforted, and assist the faith of those who are caring too much for the things seen and temporal. Make us, in all our work, the servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, and teach us to look not only on our own things, but also on the things of others.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

We implore Thy aid, merciful Father, against any special temptations to-day, whether in our temper, our principles, or our faith. In patience may we possess our souls. May no evil power gain the advantage of us. Protect us by Thy mighty power from **everything** that can hurt us in body or in soul, for Thou only art able to keep us. Amen.

O LORD, whatever Thy dealings with us may be, may they lead us to distrust our own strength, and to depend more firmly on Thine—to look to Jesus to help and comfort and save. If we should walk in darkness and have no light, may we have grace to call upon the Lord, and stay ourselves upon our God. In the hour of temptation may we hold fast the promise that Thou wilt not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able to bear, and in Thy strength may we resist and overcome. May we know Christ as a friend; and though other hopes and comforts may fail us, may it be enough to know that He abideth faithful. And at last, when we go through the valley of the shadow of death, may we fear no evil, knowing Him in whom we have believed.

Hear our intercessions, we beseech Thee, for those whom we ought to remember in our prayers.

Let Thy blessing be on all children. Guide them in the ways of godliness; and satisfy them early with Thy mercy, that they may rejoice and be glad all their days.

Extend Thy favor to our relatives and friends. Grant that they may prosper and be in health; above all, that their souls may prosper. Give consolation and good hope through grace to the sick, the dying, and all who are in trouble. And hasten the time when men in every place shall be blessed with the joys and comforts of Thy Gospel.

And now, O God, we beseech Thee to watch over us, and over all who are dear to us, this night. Suffer no evil to befall us, nor any plague to come nigh our dwelling; and, if it please Thee, raise us on the morrow to enjoy the blessings and discharge the duties of another day.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

These our humble supplications we present in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

SUFFER us not, heavenly Father, to receive Thy Word any more in vain; but grant us always the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit; that in heart, word, and deed we may sanctify Thy Holy Name; may help to further and increase Thy kingdom; and may be contented with Thy good will and pleasure. Only let us not lack that faith, O Father, without which it is impossible to please Thee; but give us also Thy blessing on the works of our hands; that, having a sufficiency, we may be helpful to our brethren. Be merciful, O Lord, to our transgressions, and seeing that our debt is great which Thou hast forgiven us in Jesus Christ, make us forgiving to all who trespass against us. Be Thou our defender in all temptations; hold Thou us by Thy merciful hand; that we may be delivered from all evil, and finish our course with joy.

Look with favor on the young, and satisfy them early with Thy mercy, that they may rejoice and be glad all their days. Lift up those who are bowed down with age. Unite all Christians in the bonds of a common faith, and dispose them to love one another with a pure heart fervently. Have mercy on all men; reclaim them from their errors; save them from their miseries; cleanse them from their sins; and bring them to the faith and obedience of the Gospel.

And now, O Lord our God, we commit ourselves to Thee. Aid us this day in our several occupations. Teach us, in our intercourse with our brethren, to walk in love as Christ also loved us. And whatsoever we would that men should do unto us, help us to do even so to them.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Grant these requests, O Father, we beseech Thee, and all other things which Thou knowest to be needful for us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

EVERY day would we bless thee, O Lord, and praise Thy name for ever and ever. Every night would we speak of Thy faithfulness, and adore the love which crowns every day with mercies and makes our cup to run over. As a father pitieth his children, so, O Lord, hast Thou pitied us and helped us and loved us.

May we rejoice in a sense of Thy forgiving love, and know the blessedness of him whose sin is covered, and to whom Thou imputest no iniquity. May we be followers of God as dear children, and walk worthy of Thee. We thank Thee, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Him.

Blessed Saviour, we come to Thee with our sin and wretchedness and want. Make us willing to cast our burden at Thy feet; deliver us from the bondage of sin. May we rejoice in the liberty with which Thou hast made us free. Let thy love rule in our hearts, making obedience pleasant and Thy service freedom, Thy yoke easy and Thy burden light. May we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ and Him crucified. May Christ be magnified in us as witnesses to what His grace has done for us, as living epistles written with His name and testifying of His love.

And now, O God, we humbly commit ourselves, and all whom we love, to Thy fatherly protection. Grant us quiet sleep, and awaken us on the morrow with renewed strength for the duties which await us.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Graciously hear our humble supplications. And let the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting. Amen.

O THOU that hearest prayer, we come to Thee through Him in whom Thou art well pleased. Give us humility in all our approaches to Thee, and grace to worship Thee with reverence and godly fear. Give us faith to plead the merit of Him who is the Lord our righteousness. Give us the Holy Spirit promised to all who ask Him as the Spirit of grace and supplication.

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, for the mercies of last night. Thy good hand has upheld us and brought us safely to this morning. May every day speak to us of Thy mercy, and every night teach us Thy faithfulness. May we see a Father's hand in all the blessings we enjoy, and may they all strengthen our love to Thee, and to Him for whose sake they are given.

We come before Thee, O Lord, confessing our sins. Thou hast not for one moment forgotten us, but how little have we thought of Thee. We have not always set Thee before us—we have not always walked as in the sense of Thy presence, and Thou hast had no place in many of our thoughts. Our hearts have wandered from Thee, when we should have set ourselves to seek Thee; and in the world we have shown much of the world's spirit, and walked in its vain and sinful ways.

Pardon our iniquity, O Lord, for it is great. Lead us to the fountain Thou hast opened, that we may wash therein and be clean. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. May Thy good Spirit show us our want and Christ's fulness, our sin and His righteousness; may He build us up in faith and holiness.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Be with us through this day: watch and guard our actions. Bless each of us with a Father's blessing. Be near to us at all times, and keep us ever near to Thee. All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, pitifully look upon our infirmities, we beseech Thee; and so deliver us from all darkness of mind, formality, and superstition, that, discerning clearly the true meaning of Thy Holy Word, we may, with all fidelity of heart, cleave thereto, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, O God, while we plead with Thee, not for ourselves only, but for all men. Our heart's desire and prayer is, that they may be saved. Bring all such as are in unbelief or error to a faithful reception of the truth as it is in Jesus. And help all Christians to show that the mind which was in Christ is in them, by striving so to walk even as he walked. Graciously give unto Thine afflicted servants a spirit of meek submission to Thy will, and dispose them patiently to bear their cross and to follow Christ. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of all his troubles.

Let Thy blessing be on all children, and make them to grow in grace as they grow in years. Especially give grace to all teachers that they may give the best instruction to the young.

Command Thy blessing on our habitation. May Thy peace be in our dwelling; may Thy grace abide in our hearts. This night be Thou with us, and all the days and nights of our earthly pilgrimage. Keep us by Thy mighty power, guide us with Thy counsel, and receive us afterwards into Thy glory.

And now, O our God, we humbly commit ourselves, and all whom we love, to Thy guidance and protection. Shield us from all danger; keep us from all sin.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils of this night; for the love of Thy only Son our Sayiour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

O LORD OUR GOD, remember our weakness and infirmity, and have compassion upon us. Deliver us from evil; from the flesh and its temptations; from the devil and his assaults; from the punishments which we most justly have deserved; from evil in the world to come, from evil in this present world; from dangers and diseases; from evil in our work and daily occupation; from all evils past, present, and to come, deliver us, O Lord; and preserve us Thy servants for evermore.

Father of mercies, we give Thee hearty thanks for all the benefits, temporal and spiritual, which Thou hast bestowed upon us. Forgive us, for Christ's sake, wherein we have offended Thee by ungratefully forgetting or sinfully abusing them. And help us henceforth, by Thy Holy Spirit, more thankfully to acknowledge them as Thy gifts, and more diligently to use them for Thy glory.

We pray for our fellow-men, that it may please Thee to supply all their need according to Thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Provide for the poor; instruct the ignorant; reclaim the erring; comfort the sorrowful; relieve the sick; support the dying, and prepare them for their change.

O Lord, remove far from us our sins and iniquities, that they may not separate between us and Thee. And let our prayers be acceptable in Thy sight, that Thou mayest grant our requests. Look upon us with Thy mercy; have pity upon us, and behold us in the righteousness of Thy beloved Son; that we may be presented faultless in Thy sight, and being accepted in Him may find grace evermore to set forth Thy honor and glory. Help us, O Lord, to love the things that are good, and hate the things that are evil; let us delight in all things that may please Thee, and be grieved with whatsoever is displeasing in Thy sight.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Thy faithfulness is like the great mountains, Thy judgments are a mighty deep. We cannot tell the height and depth of that love which passeth knowledge. At the end of another day we kneel, O Father, at Thy footstool, imploring forgiveness for the sins we have this day committed. Hide them from Thy sight, and let them not stand up in the judgment against us. We confess that we are not worthy of the least of Thy mercies. Pardon all our ingratitude and forgetfulness. Give us grace also, whereby we may be enabled more worthily to requite Thy mercies, by heartily loving Thee, confidently trusting in Thee, and cheerfully yielding up ourselves to Thy service.

We pray, for our fellow-creatures, that it may please Thee to succor and relieve them according to their several necessities. Have mercy on those who are sitting in darkness, and bring them to the knowledge and obedience of Thy truth. Look down in mercy on the sick, the destitute, the sorrowful, and the dying. Give them support and comfort in their affliction, and in Thy good time, deliverance out of all their troubles.

Heal our diseases, O Thou Physician of souls. Remove our guilt; purify our hearts by Thine indwelling Spirit; supply our wants out of Thy abounding grace. May we feel constrained by Thy love to live, not to ourselves, but to Him who died for us and rose again.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O Lord, write all our names in the book of life. Keep us by Thy mighty power through faith unto salvation. This night may we dwell in safety under the shadow of Thy wings. May we lie down in Thy fear; may we rest in Thy favor; and when we awake may we be still with Thee. All this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

O GOD, we pray Thee to deliver us from all earthly fears ; from all infirmity of the flesh and spirit, and from all other evils, present and to come ; that we, being defended from all hurtful things, may use those things which be profitable for us, and finally come unto that inheritance which Thy dear Son hath purchased for us with His blood. For Thine is the kingdom ; Thou only hast the majesty, and the power, and the glory. There is neither majesty, rule nor power, nor honor nor worship, nor health nor sickness, nor prosperity nor adversity, nor life nor death, but as Thou dost ordain ; for Thou hast the power, and wilt give to whomsoever it pleaseth Thee ; that all glory may be given to Thee, for Thou art worthy.

Let us not forget, O Lord, that we have higher duties to discharge, and more important interests to promote, than those which pertain to our present condition. Grant that, while we are not slothful in business, we may always be fervent in spirit, serving Thee ; and that, amidst our labors for that which perisheth, we may ever and above all be laboring for that which endureth unto everlasting life.

We implore Thy blessing on this household. Give us grace to discharge our duties with uprightness, fidelity, and diligence. Make us kindly affectioned one to another, and help us to know how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.

Bless all in authority over us, and enable them to rule in Thy fear. Help them, in their several stations, faithfully to walk with Thee, and to lead a quiet life in godliness and honesty. Promote the peace and welfare of our country, and further the enlightenment and conversion of all nations.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Graciously hear us, O God, and have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

GRANT us, Almighty God, Thy peace that passeth understanding, that we, amid the storms and troubles of our life, may rest in Thee, knowing that all things are in Thee; not beneath Thine eye only, but under Thy care, governed by Thy will, guarded by Thy love; so that with a quiet heart we may see the storms of life, the cloud and the thick darkness; ever rejoicing to know that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. Guide, guard, and govern us even to the end, that none of us may fail to lay hold upon immortal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Thy care, O God, our heavenly Father, we commend ourselves this night. Shield us from all evil. Grant us quiet sleep. Awaken us on the morrow with hearts rightly disposed to enjoy the privileges and discharge the duties of the holy day.

We pray for this family, and for all who by the ties of kindred are connected with us, that Thy favor, which is better than life, may rest upon them and us.

We pray for the children of adversity and affliction, that it may please Thee to succor and relieve them according to their several necessities. Be a father to the orphan, and a husband to the widow, a friend to the stranger, and a refuge to the helpless. Relieve the sick. Comfort the sorrowful. Have mercy on those who are drawing near to death. Let Thy presence sustain them. And, when they are absent from the body, grant that they may be present with the Lord.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

O LORD OUR GOD, who hast brought us safely through the past night, and who hast comanded us to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy, help us to sanctify this day by resting from the cares and pleasures of the world, and by giving up ourselves to Thy service. Teach us to call the Sabbath a delight, and grant us in the observance of it a foretaste of those heavenly joys which Thou wilt hereafter bestow upon Thy people, through Christ our Lord.

Almighty and most merciful God, who art nigh to all that call on Thee in truth, incline Thine ear to our supplications, and graciously receive our praise. Thou wilt be sanctified in them that come nigh unto Thee, and before all the people Thou wilt be glorified. Give us grace, whereby we may serve Thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

We confess, O Lord, that we are unworthy to approach Thee, by reason of our offences. For we have been foolish, disobedient, and deceived; we have loved the creature more than the Creator; we have sought the pleasures of earth more than the joys of heaven; we have walked according to the course of this world, fulfilling the desires of our own evil hearts.

O God, who knowest all our foolishness, and from whom our sins are not hid, have mercy upon us. Forgive us the evil we have done; condemn us not for the good we have omitted; but, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

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 power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of Thy name. May our minds be open to all peaceful and pure influences. May we be more earnest in our work, more kind and affectionate one to another; and as each night falls, may we think of the time when we shall be no more able to make amends to each other for any neglect of duty. Help us to do every day what we ought to do, as in Thy sight.

We thank Thee that we have a great High Priest; and we beseech Thee to pardon for His sake the sins and imperfections of our sacred duties. Graciously receive the tribute of our worship, notwithstanding all the wanderings of thought and coldness of affection with which it has been rendered. And grant that the truths of Thy Word, though often heard with listlessness and inattention, may be fixed in our memories and impressed upon our hearts, and that, as precious seed sown in good soil, they may bring forth fruit abundantly to Thy praise.

O God, we have cause to be ashamed that hitherto we have profited so little by the lessons of Thy Word and the worship of Thy house. Let them not rise against us to our condemnation; but grant that our growth in knowledge and in grace may henceforth be in some measure answerable to the opportunities and advantages Thou hast afforded us, and that by our continual advancement in godliness we may be enabled to show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All these things we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight.

Help us to enter on the labors of the week in the spirit of those holy lessons which were yesterday addressed to us from Thy Word. Teach us to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, that Thou mayest direct our paths. Whether we be called to rule or to obey, to teach or to learn, to labor or to suffer, help us in our several callings to abide with Thee. And whatsoever we do, help us to do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Remember all for whom we are bound to pray: especially bless those whom we love the most. Bless all the ministers of Thy Word. Refresh them abundantly with the dew of Thy blessing. Deliver them from the fear of man, from seeking the applause of men, and from preaching anything but only Christ Jesus, the Lord. Make them earnest and faithful. Pardon the schisms, divisions, and want of brotherly love of Thy Church. Heal the divisions of Thy people; build the walls of Thy Kingdom, and so strengthen Thy Church that the gates of hell may not prevail against it. Pity the sick and afflicted, relieve the destitute; be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow; and do for us, and for all for whom we should pray, more than we can ask or think, for our Lord and Saviour's sake.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Christ's sake.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea—our sun and shield, our refuge and defence, help us to put our trust in Thee. Teach us with full assurance to look up to Thee as our Father in Christ Jesus, who art willing, for His sake, to supply our utmost need. And graciously remember Thy Word unto Thy servants, on which Thou hast caused us to hope, that Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed upon Thee.

We confess that we have been prone to trust in the creature more than in the Creator. We have looked to the counsels of earthly wisdom. And instead of humbly acknowledging our dependence on Thee, we have too often placed reliance on our own efforts and resources.

Forgive, O God, our want of confidence towards Thee; and lead us by Thy Holy Spirit to trust in Thee with all our hearts. Help us to rely on Thy providence. Increase our faith in the promises of Thy Word. Dispose us to cast upon Thee all our cares, to commit to Thy keeping all our interests, and to seek the aid of Thy strength and the guidance of Thy wisdom in all our undertakings.

Remove from us foolish imaginations. Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity; and open our ears to the instructions of Thy Word. Set a watch upon the door of our lips. Let our speech minister grace to the hearers. Let us do some work for which Thou wilt remember us for good, and spare us according to the greatness of Thy mercy. Into Thy hands we commend our souls and bodies, for Thou hast created and redeemed us, O Lord God of truth. Guard us from all evil, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Keep us from falling, that at the last we may be presented faultless in the presence of Thy glory.

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Hear and answer us for Christ's sake.

Amen.

O GOD, who hast taught us to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto Thee ; we cast ourselves this morning on Thy care, and humbly ask of Thee those things which are necessary as well for the body as the soul.

Heavenly Father, we are not worthy to come into Thy sacred presence, much less to receive any favor at Thy hands. But we put our trust in Thy beloved Son, who gave Himself for our sins ; and for His sake we earnestly beseech Thee to take away all our iniquity and receive us graciously.

O God, who knowest that while we are in this life we have bodily wants to be supplied, and hast graciously promised to them that seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, that all other things shall be added to them ; grant us such a portion of earthly blessings as Thy wisdom seeth to be suitable and expedient for us. We ask of Thee neither poverty nor riches, but give to us skill and industry to provide for ourselves and for those who are dependent on us. Bless us in all the works of our hands, that we may have sufficient not to be chargeable, but rather to be helpful to others.

We make our humble requests unto Thee for all such as are afflicted or distressed with poverty, war, famine, sickness, or any other adversity, whether it be grief of body or disquiet of mind ; that it may please Thee to give them patience and constancy, until Thou send them full deliverance out of all their troubles ; so that by their life and death Thy glory may be advanced and the kingdom of Christ increased, in whose Name we make our humble petitions unto Thee.

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All these things and others that we need we ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst, when on earth, mercifully bear with the doubts of Thy disciples; pity, we beseech Thee, the questionings of them that love Thee; and so enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, perfectly believing all which Thou hast given us, our faith in Thy sight may never be reprov'd, but that we may abide in Thee evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Almighty God, teach us to acknowledge Thee in all Thy ways, and in all Thy works; and although clouds and darkness are about Thee, help us to rejoice that righteousness and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne. Now we see through a glass darkly—but hereafter all will be light.

We confess, O God, that we have been slow of heart to recognize the wisdom and goodness of Thy dealings with us; that sometimes we have been discontented with our condition, and have looked with envy and uncharitableness on the good of others; and that, instead of meekly bowing to Thy will, we have often rebelled against Thee.

Forgive us, O God, wherein we have offended Thee. Graciously receive us through Thy beloved Son.

Give us grace also, whereby we may be enabled to give ourselves up to Thy disposal. Make us willing that Thou shouldst choose our portion for us. Confirm our faith in the assurance Thou hast given us, that all Thy ways are mercy and truth to such as keep Thy covenant and Thy testimonies, and that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Grant us deliverance from anxious cares, and inordinate affections. And teach us in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content; that everywhere, and in all things, we may be instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

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All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. We thank Thee that we have a great High Priest, who ever liveth to make intercession for us. And in His name we earnestly beseech Thee to pardon our sins, to help our infirmities, and to give us what Thou knowest in Thy wisdom to be needful or expedient for us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast blessed us in Him with all spiritual blessings. Grant that we may in everything be enriched by Him, so as to be complete in Christ. Convince us of our need of Him; show us His divine fulness and His sufficiency for our spiritual wants; help us to be persuaded in our hearts that there is no salvation in any other; and incline us to receive and rest on Him alone, as able and willing to save us unto the uttermost.

God of all grace, help us this day, and all the days of our life here, to live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Give us grace continually to abide in Him, that we may bear much fruit. And whatsoever we do, in word or deed, help us to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, even the Father, by Him.

Hear our prayers for those who are in trouble; who have suffered in those things that death can do; the light of whose eyes is quenched for a while; upon whose households there have fallen sad blights, which it will take long to forget. Bless

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Hear and answer us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives; that, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of Thy Holy Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with Thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world.

We acknowledge that our hearts have been estranged from Thee; that we have been unthankful for Thy benefits; that we have preferred the indulgence of our own desires to the enjoyment of Thy favor and loving-kindness, which are better than life.

Merciful Father, who hast given Thine own Son to save us from our sins, grant us, for His sake, Thy mercy to forgive us, and Thy grace to help us according to our need. Pardon all our want of love to Thee, and all the excesses of our love to earthly things. Turn our inclinations and affections from those objects which would draw away our hearts from Thee. Give to us clear views of Thine excellency; impress us with a lively sense of Thy goodness. And help us to love Thee with all our heart and soul, and mind, and strength, and to show our love by keeping Thy commandments.

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We thank Thee for all the mercies we have enjoyed this day, and we commit ourselves to Thy care for the night, praying Thee to give us good sleep for Christ's sake. Amen.

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Lord, we bow before Thee this morning under a deep sense of our sinfulness, and humbly implore of Thee mercy to pardon and grace to help us according to our need. To whom shall we go but to Thee? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

O God, we deeply lament that when we would do good, evil is present with us; and that through the power of the sins that do beset us, we are often and easily turned from Thy ways, and led to do that which is hateful to Thee, and we are verily guilty in Thy sight.

Father, we beseech Thee to have compassion on us. For the sake of Jesus Christ blot out all our sins; and send us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be renewed after Thine image. Suffer not sin any longer to reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey it in the lusts thereof. Help us to crucify the flesh, with all its evil desires and affections. And grant that, being made free from sin, and having become servants to God, we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

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Guard our going out and coming in henceforth and for ever; prosper us this day; turn Thee unto us, and have mercy upon us; show us some token for good, that all men may see that Thou, Lord, hast helped us, and hast comforted us. Grant these petitions, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O THOU that dwellest in the heavens, unto Thee we lift up our souls. We thank Thee for boldness to come unto the throne of grace; and for the assurance that if men being evil, know how to give good gifts unto their children, much more will our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

Grant us, we pray Thee, this great gift, which we ask in the name of Thy well-beloved Son. Let Thy Spirit be shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Let Him be unto us a Spirit of light and truth, to guide us to the clear understanding of Thy mind and will; a Spirit of power to quicken and convert us, and to strengthen us with all needful might in the inner man; a Spirit of comfort to cheer us in our times of trouble; a Spirit of holiness to purify us more and more, and to make us fruitful in every good work, to the honor and glory of Thy name.

Forgive wherein we have offended Thee by grieving or resisting Thy Spirit. Suffer us not to do despite unto Him, lest He should cease to strive with us any more. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. But grant that He may abide with us continually, making us to grow in knowledge and in grace, and filling us with His blessed and holy fruits, which are in all goodness and righteousness and truth. We can do nothing without Thee—we cast ourselves on Thy great mercy. Disappoint us not, O Lord.

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Into Thy hands we commit ourselves this night. Keep us by Thy power from sin and danger. Defend us against our spiritual adversaries, and make us to rejoice in Thy salvation, and when we awake in the morning, may our first thoughts be of Thee. We ask all for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who dwellest in the light to which no man can approach ; in whose presence there is no night, in the light of whose countenance there is perpetual day ; we, Thy servants, whom Thou hast preserved during the past night, and who live by Thy favor, desire to bless Thee for Thy watchful providence ; and humbly pray Thee to grant that this day, and all the days of our life, may be holy and peaceable, healthful to our bodies, and profitable to our souls.

O Lord our God, we are sinful creatures, unworthy of Thy favor. Be pleased, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to blot out all our sins, and to heal our souls that we may sin against Thee no more. Open our eyes that we may see our infirmities ; make us watchful against them ; enable us to amend them ; and give us perfect understanding in the way of godliness, that we may walk in it all the days of our pilgrimage. Help us to be faithful and diligent in our several callings ; cheerful and zealous in duty ; patient in trial ; charitable in temper ; pure and sincere in speech ; fervent in prayer, and ready to every good work.

Pardon our indifference about spiritual things ; our too great eagerness after the things of this world. Our souls cleave unto the dust ; O quicken us according to Thy word. As Thou hast raised us this morning from sleep, do Thou quicken us from our spiritual slumber, sloth, and negligence. Send down Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts. Make us more lively in every duty, and more vigorous in the way of Thy precepts. Enable us to lay aside every weight, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. Make us thankful for His death and passion ; His resurrection, ascension, and intercession. Grant that we may be partakers of the

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Hear us in all things we need for Christ's sake.

Amen.

O GOD, our Father, by whose care and providence we are preserved and blessed, comforted and assisted; we heartily thank Thee for the many temporal and spiritual mercies Thou hast given us this day. Suffer us not to be forgetful of Thy benefits; and though we are not worthy of the least of them, still remember us for good. Thou only art good—Thy mercies never fail—they are repeated every evening.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy Son, the sins and follies we have this day committed against Thee; the unprofitableness of our services, the uncharitableness of our tempers, the rashness of our words, the vanity and evil of our actions. O God, how long shall we confess our sins, and pray against them, while yet we fall under them? Let us never return to those iniquities of which we are ashamed. Give us a command over our evil inclinations, a perfect hatred of sin, and a love to Thee above all the desires of this world.

O Thou keeper of Israel, who never slumberest, watch over us, and over all who are near and dear to us, this night. Shield us from all harm; keep us from all sin; never leave us nor forsake us. Help us to pass the time of our sojourning in Thy faith, fear, and love; and when we die, receive us, O holy and ever blessed Jesus, that we may dwell in Thy presence.

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We know not how near we are to our final rest. Grant, we beseech Thee, that when we close our eyes in death, we may awake in Thy likeness, and be for ever satisfied.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ALMMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast watched over us during the past night, we render praise and thanks to Thee for all Thy goodness. We acknowledge Thee as the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift; who forgivest our iniquities, who healest our diseases, who redeemest our life from destruction, who satisfiest our mouth with good things, who crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Pardon, O God, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our past ingratitude. Our sins are many and grievous—Thou only canst forgive sins.

And give us a deep and abiding sense of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge; and grant that it may constrain us by Thy grace to walk in love, as Christ also loved us. Help us to bear one another's burdens, so as to fulfil the law of Christ. Help us to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that it is more blessed to give than to receive; and make us willing, if need be, to deny ourselves, so as the more abundantly to supply the wants of others. Teach us, as much as lieth in us, to live peaceably with all men, recompensing to no man evil for evil, but overcoming evil with good. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking be put away from us, with all malice; and make us kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving, even as Thou for Christ's sake forgivest us.

O deliver us from whatever is evil, and grant that we, being armed with Thy holy armor, and fortified with Thy blessed Word, and guided by Thy Holy Spirit, may, according to Thy promise, serve Thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness.

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And to Thee, our Father, and to Thy beloved Son our Saviour, and Thy Holy Spirit our Instructor and Comforter, be all dominion and power and glory, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose good hand we have hitherto been guided in our pilgrimage, we give Thee praise and thanks for all Thy blessings. We acknowledge that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy benefits. But so much the more do we magnify Thy name for having dealt so bountifully with us.

Blessed Lord, who art of power to stablish us according to Thy Gospel, strengthen our hearts that we fall not from our steadfastness. Hold Thou us up, and so we shall be safe. Suffer us no more to wander from Thy ways, or to grow weary in keeping Thy commandments. Whatever of sin or of infirmity Thou seest in us, O Lord, forgive it, and help us to overcome it. Whatever of good Thy grace may have wrought in us, be pleased to confirm and complete it unto the day of Christ. Make us watchful against temptation, strong in faith, diligent in duty, patient in trial, and fervent in prayer.

Thou hast brought us safely to the close of another week; a step further on our pilgrimage, and nearer to the end of our days. If we have been kept from any sin, it is due to Thy grace; if we have done anything to Thy glory, it is due to Thy assistance, but if we have sinned and walked carelessly, it has been our own fault, and we would confess it as such. Prepare us for the holy day so near at hand. When we awake in the morning may our first thought be of Thee, and how best we can serve Thee.

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All these things and any others that we need, for we are very ignorant of our wants, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who workest in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure, give us grace that we may truly repent of all our sins, and heartily yield ourselves to Thy service. Let it be the work of our whole lives to obey Thee—the joy of our souls to please Thee—the satisfaction of all our desires, and the fulfilment of all our hopes, to walk with Thee in the comforts of Thy fellowship, and to dwell with Thee in the glories of Thy kingdom.

O God, who hast spared us in Thy providence to see another of Thy holy days, make us thankful for this season of rest and spiritual improvement, and help us by Thy grace to sanctify it, to the honor of Thy name and the good of our own souls. Give grace to Thy ministering servants rightly to divide Thy Word of truth; and let their preaching be with the power of Thy Holy Spirit.

Draw nigh to those who are withheld from worshipping Thee with Thy people, and make them glad with the light of Thy countenance. Have pity on those who neglect or forsake Thine ordinances; help them yet to seek Thee whilst Thou art to be found, and to call upon Thee whilst Thou art near. Look with compassion on our fallen race. Send the light of Thy Gospel into every land, and pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that Thy righteousness may be shown in the sight of the heathen, and that the whole earth may be filled with Thy glory.

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Our Father which art, etc.

O GOD of peace, who didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do Thy will, working in us that which is pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

O God, Thy hands have made us, and we depend on Thy preserving care. Thy mercies have been more in number even than our sins, though we have most ungratefully requited Thee. And our transgressions have been multiplied to the very heavens. We thank Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself in Jesus Christ reconciling sinners to Thyself. May we be strengthened by Thy Spirit inwardly, and grow up unto Him in all things as our living Head.

Help us, heavenly Father, to cleave to Thee with sincerity of heart and singleness of desire, as those whom Thou hast chosen and redeemed to show forth Thy praise, and to glorify Thee as the God of salvation. Establish our hearts in Thy fear; let no iniquity have dominion over us. Teach us Thy way, O Lord; we will walk in Thy truth; unite our hearts to fear Thy name. May we be strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus, steadfast and immovable, always abounding in Thy good work, and going forward in the ways of the Lord. May the love of Christ hallow our duties and lighten our cares. While diligent in business, may we be fervent in spirit, lifting up our hearts to Thee, and seeking now to be as Thou wouldst have us to be at Thy coming. Be our God and guide even unto death; and after death our everlasting portion.

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This night may we abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Cover us with Thy wings, Thou who keepest Israel; and whether we lie down or rise up, may we be still with Thee.

Amen.

O GOD, of whose grace alone it is that we are able to pray to Thee as we ought, deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from wandering thoughts, and help us in faith to ask of Thee such things as it shall please Thee to bestow, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator.

Father of mercies, accept our thanks for all the benefits, temporal and spiritual, which Thou art graciously bestowing on us; and help us to show our gratitude, not only by the praises of our lips, but by the cheerful obedience of our hearts and lives.

To Thy fatherly care we commend all children. Preserve them from all the dangers and temptations to which they are exposed. Help them to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Graciously hear our intercessions for all conditions and orders of our fellow-men; for the President of the United States and all in authority over us, that they may rule as Thy ministers to us for good; for the pastors of Thy flock, that they may be faithful and successful; for our friends and kindred, that it may please Thee to remember them for good, and to visit them with Thy salvation; for those who are in adversity and affliction, that they may be blessed with the comforts of Thy Word and Spirit; and for all men everywhere, that they may be brought to the knowledge, faith, and obedience of Thy Gospel.

May the Spirit of the Sabbath go with us into all the duties and employments of the week. May we be in the world what we profess to be in the sanctuary; and may others be led through Thy grace to follow the same Saviour and to fear the same God. May we abide under His protection, and at length enjoy an everlasting communion with Thee in the temple on high.

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All these things we ask for Jesus Christ's sake,

Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who inhabitest eternity, but dwellest also with the broken and contrite spirit, incline Thine ear to the voice of our supplications, and give us Thy Holy Spirit, that, believing in Thy word, we may be revived and comforted with Thy fellowship, and may render unto Thee acceptable worship.

O Lord, Thou art good unto all, and Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works. Great have been Thy mercies toward us: they are more than can be numbered. Every moment of our life has renewed Thy blessings, and to Thy constant remembrance we owe every breath we draw and every comfort we enjoy. We confess that we have too often received these gifts of Thy goodness as if we had a right to them; we have often used them, not for Thy glory, but for our own selfish enjoyment. Thou mightest have withdrawn them from us, and made us feel the guilt of our ingratitude. We are monuments of Thy goodness: make us monuments of Thy grace.

May we rest simply and unreservedly upon Christ, with that faith which cleaves to Him to the saving of the soul. May ours be a life of faith on the Son of God—a life of prayerful trust and dependence on our Father. May we commit our way, and our wants, and all that concerns us to Thee. Our times are in Thy hand; order them as seemeth best to Thee. Keep us, Lord, from vexing thoughts and fears. Whatever Thou givest us, grant us Thy blessing to hallow it; and whatever Thou takest from us, take not Thy Holy Spirit away. Withhold no good thing from us, and make things which seem evil to work together for good. This night encompass us with Thy favor, and let no plague come near our dwelling.

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Accept these our evening prayers for Christ's sake. Amen.

O MERCIFUL FATHER, we acknowledge that we have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight, and are not worthy to be called Thy children. We have gone astray like lost sheep, and have walked in our own ways. We have known how to do good, but have not done it; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast given us grace at this time to confess our sins unto Thee, grant unto us full and free forgiveness, and cleanse us from all our sins; give us peace through Thy word of pardon proclaimed unto us in His name, and grant unto us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may offer unto Thee true and acceptable worship, and that for the time to come we may serve and please Thee in righteousness and true holiness, and that at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ we may be found of Him in peace.

Teach us to acknowledge Thee in all Thy gifts; and when earthly comforts fail, evermore be Thou the God of our salvation. Above all, grant that our spiritual wants may be more and more abundantly supplied through Thy Gospel, to the end that, growing in knowledge and in grace, our souls may be strengthened and nourished unto life eternal.

We pray not only for ourselves, but for our brethren, that it may please Thee to succor and relieve them according to their several necessities. Give food to the hungry, instruction to the ignorant, comfort to the sorrowful, health to the sick, and hope to the dying.

Bless our land with plenty and prosperity. Enrich with Thy favor all our Rulers. Give to all the people such temporal and spiritual blessings as are needful for them.

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Hear and answer us, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

LET Thy Gospel, O Lord, come unto us not in word only, but in power and in much assurance and in the Holy Ghost, that we may be guided into all truth, and strengthened unto all obedience and enduring of Thy will with joyfulness; that, abounding in the work of faith and the labor of love and the patience of hope, we may finally be made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

O Lord, the Father of Lights, from Thee cometh down every good and perfect gift. Teach us to love Thee for what Thou art. May we desire Thee as our chief good; may we love Thee as the infinite portion of our souls. We thank Thee for Thy great condescension in looking down on us, Thy guilty and rebellious children, making Thyself known to us as a gracious and forgiving Father, and permitting us to draw near to Thee with the hope of acceptance through the merits of Thy Son.

May our sins be forgiven through the merit of the great atonement. May Christ's righteousness cover us as a garment of salvation, that we may stand before Thee accepted in the Beloved. May love to Thee be the source of holy obedience and of devout submission to Thy blessed will. May Thy will be our will; and whatsoever we do, may we do it to Thy glory. Living, may we live unto the Lord; dying, may we die unto the Lord: Living or dying, may we be the Lord's.

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Help us, O Lord, faithfully to fulfil the duties of all the relations of life in which Thy providence has placed us. May Thy love sanctify all the bonds of natural affection which unite us one to another. May we bear each other's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ. And may Thy blessing rest on us and ours, through Christ Jesus, our Lord, in whose name and for whose sake we ask all these things. Amen.

O LORD, Thou knowest how easily we forget Thee, and how often we turn our faces away from Thee, though Thou dost never forget us. Forgive us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Thou art our Father; we are Thy children. Ungrateful and disobedient though we are and have been, still we are Thy children, and Thou art our Father. O help us, pity us, love us.

O God, Thou King of glory, who rulest all the nations of the world, and to whom pertain all might, majesty, and dominion in heaven and earth, we beseech Thee to regard with Thy favor the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth (the members of Congress), all magistrates and judges, and all persons invested with authority. Be pleased to grant unto them a spirit of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord; and may we, and all under them, lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness and honesty, showing forth Thy praise, who hast called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Thy Gospel. Bless all the nations of the earth, and grant that all wars may cease. Hear our prayers for those whom we ought to remember at Thy throne of grace. Grant Thy favor to all our friends. Make them all to be Thy friends. Give relief and comfort to the afflicted. Instruct the ignorant; reclaim the erring; build up Thy saints in their most holy faith.

Grant Thy blessing on all children. Keep them from the snares and dangers of the world, and help them to grow in knowledge and in grace.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Bless Thy whole Church throughout the world. Watch over Thy flock wherever they be scattered; gather in both Jews and Gentiles into Thy fold, and hasten the time when there shall be one fold and one shepherd, for Christ's sake. Amen.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, help us so to distinguish between the teachings of the Divine Spirit and the conclusions therefrom of sinful and erring men, that, abiding in the simplicity of the Gospel, we may be preserved from all error. Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from everything tending to weaken the authority of the Holy Scriptures, that so, resting evermore under Thy protection, our souls may be kept in perfect peace.

Unto whom, Lord, can we go but unto Thee? Through whom can we come but through Him who hath said, No man cometh unto the Father but by Me; and him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out? Give us that knowledge of Thee, and of Jesus Christ Thy Son, which is life eternal. Make us willing to know ourselves—to confess that we are wretched and miserable. May each day's experience teach us our weakness, and in what manner we are weak—to what temptations we yield, and what duties we neglect.

We thank Thee, O Father, for Thy forbearance toward us. As a father pitieth his children, so hast Thou pitied us and cared for us, and hast had long patience with us, and rejoiced over us to do us good. May we give heed to the things that concern our peace, and know how willing and able Christ is to save to the uttermost them that come unto Thee by Him.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Blot our sins from the book of Thy remembrance. Make us truly thankful for our blessings. May we and all whom we love be ever in Thy gracious keeping. In the night may no evil befall us. Give Thy angels charge over us, and bless our lying down and our rising up. May ours be the sleep Thou givest to Thy beloved. All we ask is for Christ's sake.

Amen.

O GOD, whose word is quick and powerful, grant that we may receive Thy truth into our hearts in faith and love, and so be prepared for every good word and work, to the honor of Thy name.

Our Father, how can we thank Thee enough for the teachings of Thy Word? Prophets and righteous men desired to see those things we see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things we hear, and have not heard them. Blessed are our ears, for they hear; and our eyes, for they see. Let Thy Word abide in us, and Thy spirit enable us to understand it. Let not our hearts prove so hard that it cannot touch or enter them, but let it be as good seed cast into good ground, yielding ready and abundant fruit. Teach us to count the cost as well as to know the blessedness of obedience. If tribulation comes, or persecution, may consolations abound even as sufferings abound. Help us to be on our guard against the corrupting and deadening influence of worldly cares and of worldly wealth. If riches increase, teach us not to set our hearts upon them. Our cares, teach us to cast them upon Thee.

O God, everlasting and almighty, whose grace hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, teach us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, looking for the blessed hope, even 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.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast commanded us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, be pleased to sanctify and bless our worship at this time; and grant that, by Thy Spirit, our minds may be enlightened, our hearts cleansed, and our wills directed to keep Thy holy commandments. All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O BLESSED LORD, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, take us into Thy gracious keeping for this night; and make us mindful of that night when the noise of this busy world shall be heard by us no more. O Lord, in whom we trust, help us so to live that we may not be afraid to die, and grant that at the last, as now, we may be able to say: I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou, Lord, makest me dwell in safety.

Almighty God, help us to bear the burdens of each day more patiently, remembering that all our cares are known to Thee. Teach us to think less of ourselves and more of others. Teach us to work as Christ worked, to love as Christ loved; to suffer as Christ suffered for others, and with others patiently and willingly.

O Lord, we have left undone many things which we ought to have done. We have not been as thoughtful, nor as kind, as we might have been. We have forgotten to make allowance for the dispositions or the trials of others; we may have indulged ourselves at their expense; we may have wronged them by word and deed. If we have offended in these things, give us grace to acknowledge our fault, and give others grace to forgive the injury. How often this day have the good and evil struggled within us for mastery. How often has the evil prevailed. We may have hurried into temptation; we may have listened to inclination and stifled conscience. We may have spoken unadvisedly with our lips. If we have offended in these things, pardon and deliver us, and help us to strive more earnestly to amend our lives. Before we lie down to rest this night, let all bitterness and hatred be put away.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And to Thy name be all the praises and the glory for ever.

Amen.

O LORD OUR GOD, Most High and Mighty King of kings and Lord of lords, before whom all the nations of the earth are counted less than nothing and vanity; help us now and always to approach Thee with deep reverence. And strengthen our faith in the word which Thou hast spoken to us, that Thou, who inhabitest eternity and whose name is Holy, dwellest with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit.

We acknowledge with shame that we have often sinned against Thee, by cherishing proud and vain imaginations, by thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think.

Forgive, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, wherein we have thus, or in any way, offended Thee. And give us grace, that henceforth we may be inclined to render that which Thou requirest of us, by doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

Let Thy providence continually watch over us, that we may be delivered from all evil. Help us so to spend this day, that it may be profitable both to ourselves and others, and may leave no sorrow or evil conscience at the end. And grant that we may, through life, be so directed and governed by Thy Holy Spirit, that when the time of our life on earth is ended, we may die in Thy favor, and rest in a holy hope, and finally obtain the joys of a blessed resurrection.

Regard with Thy favor our family, our neighborhood, our country, and all in authority over us. Bless Thy Church. Unite the hearts of all Thy faithful people as the heart of one man in the belief and love of Thy truth.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

God of all comfort, have pity on the afflicted; assuage their griefs; relieve their sufferings, and overrule Thy chastening for their good. All this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee to kindle our hearts with the spirit of fervent prayer. Teach us how to place ourselves, our souls and bodies, at the disposal of all healthy and holy influences. At the end of this day we desire Thee to purify our hearts, so that we may present them unto Thee as an acceptable offering. If we have begun any wrong course of action, or fallen into any bad practice, may we have strength and resolution to reverse and abandon it. May the evil seed sown never spring up, may the evil deed be blotted out, may the hasty word be atoned for and forgotten.

Guard the gates of the soul this night; let nothing enter in that defileth or maketh a lie. Keep us from disturbing or evil dreams.

Give us grace to be temperate and wise in all our enjoyments. May we protect our health as a precious treasure, and never waste it for any transitory enjoyment. Make us more thoughtful and considerate for the well-being of all those near and dear to us, and for those whom Thou hast placed under our protection. Forgive us if there have been any instances of neglect and indifference towards them.

May all blessings rest on this family—blessings of temperance, of honesty, of kindness, of love; and let not the dear ones absent be divided from us in our prayer. And as our thoughts reach even unto them, so may these petitions rise to Thee for them and for us. And may we all be kept from the powers of evil, and gain a clearer perception of spiritual aids that come from the divine presence.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Keep us, O Lord, in all our ways, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. All these things we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, make us grateful for all the blessings of the past week. We thank Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life.

If we have suffered pain or loss, if we have been weary with depression, may we be able to open our hearts to those gracious influences which come from above; and if we cannot now feel them, may we wait patiently until the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

We would examine ourselves, our failures in temper, in honesty, in purity, in kindness, during the past week, and we pray that on the day of rest and worship we may be able to gather up all our good resolves, our desires for a better life, and bring them to the throne of grace, and there, in the midst of Thy people, may we acknowledge our faults, and receive the renewal of strength and spiritual energy, and the grace that shall be sufficient for us.

We ask Thy blessing on this family, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another, and may find how good and pleasant a thing it is to dwell together in unity.

We pray for the welfare and happiness, for the peace and prosperity of our country; for the conversion of all nations.

We beseech Thee to look with compassion on the afflicted, and to grant them all needful relief and consolation. Have mercy upon the sick and suffering, the poor and needy, and grant them relief.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, O God, we commit ourselves to Thee. Watch over us this day; deliver us from all danger; aid us in our lawful occupations, and keep our souls unspotted from the world; and we will give all the praise to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O THOU that savest by Thy right hand them that put their trust in Thee, grant us deliverance from all the enemies that war against the soul. Let Thy power so strengthen our weakness that neither the allurements of the world nor the desires of our own hearts may prevail against us, but that we may in all things be more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Keep us steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; and make us faithful unto death.

Hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, in behalf of all our brethren of mankind. We pray for the nations that are sitting in gross darkness, that it may please Thee to bring them into Thy marvellous light. We pray for all Christian nations—for the people and their rulers. We pray for Thy Church, that truth and godliness may flourish in it more and more, and that its members, united in the bonds of love, may dwell together as brethren in unity. We pray for those whom Thou hast visited with affliction, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, and to overrule the trials they are now enduring for the everlasting health and welfare of their souls. We pray for this family, and for all who by the ties of kindred are connected with us, that we may be blessed with Thy favor, and sanctified by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and kept by Thy power through faith unto salvation. Let Thy blessing be upon all the sick.

And now, O God, we beseech Thee to watch over us, and over all who are dear to us, this night. Preserve us from all evil; grant us refreshing sleep; and, if it please Thee, spare us to enjoy the blessings, and fit us to discharge the duties of Thy holy day.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

These, our humble supplications, we present in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

O LORD, we desire to be filled this day with the spirit of prayer. Grant that our hearts may be open to all purifying influences. Make us teachable and receptive. May we by our sincerity and earnestness, by our desire to hold communion with Thee, kindle our own devotion and the devotion of others.

Grant that some one prayer, at least, may be truly felt and truly prayed this day. Grant that some one resolution may be formed, some one lesson learned, some one sin put away.

Teach us how to be better brethren, friends, and associates, in the sight of Him who has set us to dwell together here, and has taught us that no man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

May to-day be a day of rest and joy to us; may we be strengthened and cheered for the work of the coming week, and willing to forget the vexations or disappointments which have come to us; and if we have wronged or disappointed any, may we be able and willing to remove the cause, so that we may keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Let Thy presence go with us, and make us joyful in Thy house of prayer. May Thy Spirit so incline our hearts that we may offer up our prayers and praises in sincerity, may hear Thy word with faith and love. And grant unto us in the comfort of Thy worship, a foretaste of heavenly joy. Help us in all our duties this day. May we spend these sacred hours as Thou wouldst have them spent.

Give Thy blessing to all who are called by Thy name, that they may adorn their profession and walk worthy of Thee. Let all the nations of the world fear and serve Thee. Be gracious to the afflicted; draw nigh to the dying; have mercy upon all men.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, follow with Thy rich blessing the instructions which have this day been delivered to us. Graciously accept the praises we have offered to Thee. Give a favorable answer to our prayers. And grant that all the services of our earthly Sabbaths may prepare us for the enjoyment of the everlasting Sabbath which awaits Thy people in heaven.

Hear our prayers in behalf of all our brethren of mankind. Make known the way of salvation to all who are yet in ignorance or error, and hasten the time when the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and the fulness of the Gentiles, shall be brought into the fold of the great Shepherd. Be very gracious to Thy servants who have gone forth to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Aid them in their labors, counsel them in their difficulties, defend them in their dangers, support them in their discouragements, and crown their efforts with success.

Bless Thy whole Church; heal its divisions; reform its errors; cleanse it from its corruptions. Give grace to those who serve Thee in the ministry, that they may be faithful and zealous in their great work, watching for souls.

Father of mercies, let Thy compassion be on all whom Thou hast visited with affliction. Give them support and comfort in their trials. And let Thy fatherly chastening minister to the everlasting welfare of their souls.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, O God, we humbly commit ourselves and all our beloved friends to Thy care, beseeching Thee to defend us this night from all evil, and to bring us in safety to the light of a new day.

Graciously hear the voice of our supplications, which we offer in the name of Thy well-beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

MERCIFUL GOD, who hast given us protection during the night; we would lift up our souls to Thee in praise and thankfulness; we would devote ourselves to Thy service in the prospect of a new day. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High; to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. May we know and magnify Thee, not only by our lips but in our lives. May our work in the world, and our intercourse with men, be as acceptable in Thy sight as those services which belong to the closet and the sanctuary.

May we this day walk in Thy fear, remembering that Thou art ever near us—about our path, encompassing all our ways. Through faith in Thy Son, may we feel no terror in the thoughts of Thy presence. We would set Thee always before us. We have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth; as on the past day we drew near to Thee in the worship of the Church. Help us to be honest and industrious, and to do with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do. Increase our energy and our fidelity. May we have the will and the power to be steady and persevering. May we be faithful and just in all our dealings, may we work honestly and well, and may we be kind and considerate toward each other, remembering that we are brethren in Christ.

O Lord, grant that not only now, but at any hour this day, when tried by our temper or evil thoughts, or when distressed and anxious, or in pain or any other trouble or adversity, we may be able to lift up our hearts unto Thee, and find new strength and comfort through prayer.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Grant all these things for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

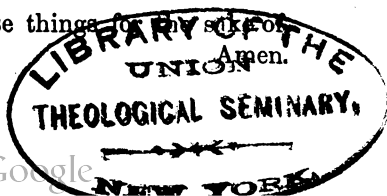
ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast fixed the bounds of our habitation, and hast appointed us our work in the world; who hast given to us the day for labor and the night for rest; we desire to come to Thee as when the light departs and the darkness draws nigh, that we may once more commit ourselves to Thee. Thine eye has been upon us, and Thy hand around us all the day. Thou hast blessed us in our going out and our coming in. We have been supported by Thy strength, and guided by the wisdom that cometh from above. If we have this day been diligent in business; if we have exerted ourselves to any good purpose; if we have exercised judgment and discretion in the affairs of this life—we ascribe it to Thee from whom cometh every good and every perfect gift. We would bless Thee if we have been enabled to resist temptation; if we have done justly, loved mercy, walked humbly before Thee, and kept ourselves unspotted from the world. The world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

O great and gracious God, do Thou look down with mercy and love on us; if Thou be with us, none can be against us. Bless us in our stations, and enable us humbly and conscientiously to fulfil those duties which Thou hast entrusted to us, not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart serving Thee. Do Thou make us to live in unity one with another, and in peace with all men. May we seek the good of each other, remembering that we are not our own, but are bought with a price. O God, in this house may Thy name be hallowed, not only with our lips, but in our lives, and Thy will be done with all our heart and with all our strength.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us and answer us in all these things for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



O HOLY and most merciful Saviour, we give Thee thanks for the remembrance of Thy perfect life in this world, and that we have still the history of many of those deeds of mercy and of power which were wrought by Thy hands, and of many of the words of love and wisdom which fell from Thy lips. And we thank Thee, too, that Thou art as near to us as Thou wast to those who saw Thy face and heard Thy voice in Galilee, in the courts of the temple, and in the upper room of Jerusalem. And all the love Thou didst manifest to the sick, the sorrowful, and the guilty, when Thou wast visibly present in the world could give us no peace, if we did not know that Thou art with us in all our suffering.

O Saviour of the world, our hearts are not clean in Thy sight ; give us grace to feel our own weakness, and to desire a better life. Grant that we may not wait for a convenient season, but begin at once to run the race that is set before us. Help us to watch our lips that we may not be deceitful ; keep us from spiteful tempers and malicious thoughts. If our sins have hidden Thee from us, so that we have been disinclined and unfit to pray, restore us to a right mind, and kindle once more in us the hunger and thirst after righteousness. O Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Thou knowest the temptations which beset us. If we are restless and impatient at our work, give us a new motive and a new interest. If we are selfish and without care or pity for those with whom we live, give us more kindness, gentleness, and power of sympathy. If we are sorrowful and desponding, give us courage and hope, so that our faith in Thee may never fail.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O Lord, give us a clean heart and a right spirit, a spirit of hopefulness, and watchfulness, a spirit of purity, and strength, a spirit of life-inspiring prayer, for Thine own sake. Amen.

GREAT GOD, all majesty is Thine. The heavens and the earth are Thine. The sun, the moon, the stars are Thine. Thou hast given bounds to the great and wide sea. Thou hast said to the earth, Be fruitful, be full of riches and beauty; and it is so. And truly Thy words of grace and mercy sent to men do drop as the rain and distill as the dew. Thy work is perfect.

But wilt Thou, indeed, dwell with man upon the earth? Wilt Thou be mindful of him? We thank Thee that we have answers to these questions. Thou art our Father, for we are the work of Thy hands, and when we had destroyed ourselves Thou didst redeem us to Thyself by His precious blood who died for us upon the cross. We bless Thee that through His mediation Thy dealings with us have been with long-suffering and goodness.

Hear our prayers, O God, in behalf of all our brethren of mankind. Pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that the whole earth may be filled with Thy glory; and especially upon all the Churches, that Thy work may be more and more revived in them. Give the consolations of Thy Spirit to all whom Thou hast visited with affliction, that they may be strengthened, according to His glorious power, with all patience and long-suffering. Give unto all Thy people Thy Holy Spirit in such measures as Thy divine wisdom seeth to be needful for building them up in their most holy faith, and for enabling them steadfastly to abide with Thee wherever Thou hast placed them.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, O God, we humbly commit ourselves and all whom we love to Thy fatherly care. Grant us refreshing sleep; shield us from all evil; and bring us in peace to the light of a new day. Graciously hear us, O God, and have mercy upon us, for the Lord Jesus' sake.

Amen.

O LORD GOD, we thank Thee for last night's sleep and for the light of this new day.

Make the Holy Scriptures to be profitable to us. We thank Thee for them. We know that they are written for our learning; that through the power of such Scriptures to strengthen us we may find comfort and hope. Thou dost often lead Thy children through dark ways. Help us to feel that it is with Thee to make the darkness light. When our faith is tried, may it endure. May we know how to wait until the end shall come. We know that even the wrath of man may be made to do Thy will, and that the remainder of wrath may be restrained.

O Lord God, give us grace to live this day as becomes the disciples of Jesus Christ. He pleased not Himself, and may we not think first of how to please ourselves, but of how to do Thy holy will, and find our joy in obeying the voice of a true conscience within us. Whenever that voice speaks give us the desire and the impulse to obey. May we learn to find our peace in controlling all unlawful desires, and may we receive with joy and gratitude those good things, those joys of mind and body, which Thou hast given us. Grant that we may bear one another's burdens this day. May we be patient with the fretful, tender and considerate to the afflicted, ready to forgive an injury, and slow to provoke anger. Give us the spirit of wisdom as well as the grace of love, that we may make allowance for those whom we cannot understand and who cannot understand us, that so we may be the true followers of Christ, who loved those who never understood Him.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

These things and all others that we need, whether mentioned or not, we ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD of all grace, without whom we can do nothing, help us to continue in Thy love, and let our love abound yet more and more, that we may prefer Thy favor above our chief joy; that we may delight to do Thy blessed will, and that we may be filled with the fruits of righteousness.

O God, who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, look with compassion on all who are afflicted. Heal the sick, provide for the destitute, deliver the oppressed, prepare the dying for their change.

Let Thy way, O God, be known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations. Gather the dispersed of Israel, with the fulness of the Gentiles, into Thy fold. And add to Thy Church daily such as shall be saved.

May Thy Word suggest to us holy thoughts; may it strengthen in us holy resolutions; may it inspire us with holy joys. We pray also that we may have grace to carry into practice all that it teaches us. May we prove its worth by the happiness it brings to us. May we find that the more faithfully we do Thy will the more fully we know Thy doctrine, and the more firmly we are established in obedience to Thee.

If, during the day that is ending, we have disobeyed or forgotten Thy commands, O forgive the sins of Thy servants, for the Saviour's sake, and call us back to the remembrance of Thy law. Henceforth may Thy truth dwell in us richly. Order our steps in Thy Word.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Heavenly Father, as Thou art drawing around us the shades of night and providing for our quiet repose, breathe on us an evening blessing before we lie down to rest. May we and all we love enjoy Thy guardian care and be refreshed by peaceful slumber. And all this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple, acceptable unto Thee.

Almighty God, draw our hearts after Thee; teach us how to pray. We need Thy protection, and strength, and comfort every day; bring us into such near communion with Thee that we may be able in the hour of temptation to resist the sin that so easily besets us.

Give us heavenly motives to encourage us; may we see our lives and actions in their true light, and labor for those qualities of patience and purity and of right endeavor which belong to our everlasting peace. If this day we are tempted to untruth, put into our lips the word of truth, and give us strength to utter it. If we are tempted to harshness and anger, give us the kind answer that turneth away wrath. Let us not be discouraged, but let us try again and again to master those tempters which bring trouble to ourselves and to others.

O Lord, make us the means of blessing others and making them happy; may we cultivate their affection, and comfort them in any pain, need, sickness, or sorrow that has fallen upon them; and when we feel that our efforts are feeble or fruitless, help us to lift up our hearts in silent prayer, for grace and strength to help us.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Grant that these our prayers may not pass away without bringing forth the fruits of good living to the praise and honor of Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee ; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests ; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for us ; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

O God, who hast prepared for us in heaven a better and more enduring substance than can be found on earth ; help us to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand ; and help us to look, not at the things which are seen and temporal, but at the things which are unseen and eternal, that we may bear patiently all present hardships, and may reckon them unworthy to be compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in us.

We pray for this household, that we may prosper in all things and be in health ; above all, that our souls may prosper. We pray for the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying, that it may please Thee to comfort and support them. We pray for the whole family of mankind, that Thou wouldst mercifully enlighten and convert them, and bless them in Christ Jesus with spiritual and heavenly blessings.

Father of mercies, we thankfully acknowledge Thy goodness to us throughout the past day ; and during this night we humbly commit ourselves, and all whom we love, to Thy fatherly protection. Suffer no evil to befall us, nor any plague to come nigh our dwelling.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All these things for ourselves and others do we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive our prayers ; and grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, help us to live this day without sin. Renew and purify our hearts. May we find our happiness not in those things of which we should be ashamed, but in honest and cheerful employment and in lawful pleasures. Let each one of us live and work for some worthy end this day. Give us the spirit of thoughtfulness for others ; may we be willing to deny ourselves something if the denial checks what is evil in ourselves, or makes others happier or better. Take from us our blind selfishness, which urges us to please ourselves at any cost ; and may we at the end of this day feel joy in the thought that some evil thing has been resisted, some good work done, some kind word spoken, some one made happier or better by our forbearance, sympathy, or timely help.

O Lord, how often do we pass useless days ; how often are our tasks ill-done or wholly neglected ; how often do our tempers get the better of us ; how often do our tongues offend against peace, against purity, and injure others, and lay up in store misery for ourselves ; how often do we in our difficulties, trials, and temptations, forget to turn to Thee for help. May it not be so to-day.

Help us to do whatever work Thou hast given us thoroughly and cheerfully ; help us to guard our angry tempers, our jealous dispositions, our discontented or despondent thoughts, our rash tongues ; and may we be able to seek and find that strength and comfort which come to those who lift up their hearts to Thee for help in the time of need ; for all our help must come from Thee.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

MOST merciful and gracious Father, at the end of another day we desire to bow before Thee with reverence, humility, and thankfulness. We come in the name of Jesus Christ, our great Advocate and Mediator, the Way, the Truth, the Life; and for His sake implore Thine evening benediction. O Lord, blessed be Thy name for all Thy mercies. They are new every morning, repeated every evening.

Thou hast spared our lives, while many have died; Thou hast continued to us our comforts, while many have been in distress; Thou hast given us strength for duty, protection from danger, succor in temptation; and we bow at Thy footstool, for we have received unnumbered blessings. Receive, we beseech Thee, our grateful thanksgiving. May we have a due sense of Thy mercy; and, recollecting how different our position might have been to-night, may our hearts swell with holy gratitude, and our praise be earnest and sincere.

We implore Thy blessing on all children. Teach them to remember Thee in the days of youth; and keep them by Thy power through faith unto salvation. Father of mercies and God of all comfort, look with compassion on the sick and the afflicted. Give them support and comfort in their trials; and overrule Thy fatherly chastening to the everlasting welfare of their souls. Bless our rulers, and our country. Pardon our many national sins; continue to regard us with Thy favor; and make us a people fearing Thee and working righteousness.

Bless Thy whole Church. Unite all Christians in the bonds of a common faith and love.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Give ear, O God, to our humble supplications, for the sake of our only Mediator, Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory for evermore. Amen.

GLORY be to Thy great name, O Lord, for the mercies of the past night, and of the returning day. Continue, we beseech Thee, thy gracious favor and protection. Now that we are entering again on our duties, endue us with Thy heavenly grace, and grant us such increase of wisdom and strength that we may walk circumspectly before all men, and say and do nothing this day that would dishonor Thy name.

O God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, give us for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to bring our thoughts and feelings into harmony with what is pure and lovely; give us health of mind as well as health of body; suffer us not to corrupt our hearts and to corrupt the hearts of others. When opportunities of sin occur, give us strong motives and impulses to resist the temptation; take away from us the cravings for unwholesome pleasures and help us to regulate our lives according to Thy holy will.

If we have tendencies against which we have struggled in vain, or against which we have not struggled at all, grant that we may renew the battle before the evil has grown more firmly rooted within us. Let us neglect no outward means of help. Make us careful to surround ourselves as far as possible with favorable companions and circumstances; anxious to seek for sympathy, assistance, and advice from those who are better and wiser than we are; and, above all, let us not be weary in our prayers, but help us to bring our special petitions and special trials again and again to the throne of grace.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us in all these things for Christ's sake.

Amen.

THE day is Thine, O Lord, and the night also is Thine. Thou hast held our souls in life through another day. We have been permitted to attend to the various duties of life. Preserved from evil and supplied by Thy bounty, we have not lacked any good thing. Thou hast opened Thine hand and satisfied us. The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and we have a goodly heritage.

But while mercies and blessings belong unto Thee, O Lord, shame and confusion of face belong unto us. How much of imperfection and of sin attaches to us! We are conscious of many transgressions; and if our hearts condemn us, Thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. God be merciful to us sinners.

Be Thou the portion of our inheritance and of our cup, and give us ever to set Thee before us, and act as with Thee at our right hand. Let us, with the faith of Jesus Christ, believe that Thou wilt show us the path of life. Like Him, may we have the blessed assurance that in Thy presence is fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. And thus, amidst all the temptations, toils, and sorrows of earth, may we aspire, with hope and confidence, after that better country which is the heavenly. Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that these glorious views of immortality may be widely spread throughout the families of our own and other lands, until there shall be no longer occasion for any to say, Know the Lord, but all shall know Thee.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, O Father, we calmly and confidently commit ourselves to Thy protection and blessing during another night. Suffer no evil to come near our persons or our dwelling. Let sleep refresh us and fit us for the duties of the morrow; and let all our days and nights on earth be passed in the fear and in the favor of God our Father, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst, as on this day, raise up Thy Son from the dead and give Him glory, quicken us also by Thy mighty power from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, and cause us to set our affection on things above, so that we may at the last day have part in the resurrection of the just, and in the glory of Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, who hast promised that in all places where Thou dost record Thy name Thou wilt come unto Thy people and wilt bless them, give us and all our fellow-worshippers Thy presence and Thy blessing. Help all preachers of the Gospel to guide the devotions of Thy Church, and faithfully to declare the truths of Thy Gospel. And grant that their ministrations may be effectual for the building up of Thy people in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Be very gracious to those who are kept by sickness or any other cause from worshipping in the assemblies of Thy people; and let them feel, in their dwellings, that Thou art ever nigh to such as truly seek Thee.

Have pity on those who wilfully forsake Thine ordinances. Convince them of their guilt, and bring them to repentance.

Increase everywhere the number of Thy true worshippers; and hasten the time when a pure offering shall ascend unto Thee from the rising unto the setting sun.

To Thy special care and guidance we commit ourselves and all who are near and dear to us this day. O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead us and bring us to Thy tabernacles. Then will we go to the altar of God, unto God our exceeding joy. Help us to feel that it is good for us to draw near to Thee.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

O LORD OUR GOD, who hast graciously promised an everlasting rest to Thy people hereafter, and hast given Thy Sabbath to foreshadow it and to prepare us for it, help us with all diligence and faithfulness to labor that we may enter into that rest, and so help us to profit by our use of the ordinances and instructions of Thy holy day that we fail not at the last.

We pray that everywhere Thy Word may have free course and be glorified; that Thy ministering servants may be faithful and successful; that Thy Church may be edified, purified, and extended; that the outcasts of Israel and the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered into the fold of the great Shepherd; and that the blessed day may soon come when the knowledge of Thy Gospel shall cover the whole earth.

We pray for wisdom and grace for the President of the United States, and for his Cabinet counsellors, for the good of our country, for the peace of all nations.

During the night be Thou light about us; watch over us while we sleep. Thy blessings abound towards us by day; but more divinely do they abound while we sleep at night. Without our care, without our aid, without our thought—in ways altogether Thine own, hidden and unknown to us, Thou renewest and refreshest us, that by the morning light we may again arise as renewed creatures from Thine hand. When we are nothing and lost in sleep, Thou art everything to us, and our life becomes fresh in us, and our strength is renewed in our hand. O Lord, Thou art in all and givest Thy beloved sleep. Within the curtain of Thy darkness, beneath Thine overshadowing, in Thine arms, we lie down to lose ourselves in Thee.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O God, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE praise Thee, O Lord, for Thy goodness in permitting us to see the light of another day. Refreshed by sleep, we now undertake the duties Thou hast appointed, and wherever Thy providence may lead us, grant that Thy grace may prove sufficient for us. Help us to learn from Thy holy Word the lessons Thou hast designed it to teach us. May the light of Thy truth irradiate our minds, and cheer our hearts.

If this day we should be placed in circumstances of perplexity, in which we know not where to walk, or how to act, oh, let us not lean on our own understanding.

Grant us this day Thy guidance and protection. Support us in any trials or dangers that may befall us. And while we are diligent in seeking those things that are needful for our sustenance and comfort in the present world, make it to be our chief concern to lay up treasure in heaven, and to labor for the meat that endureth unto eternal life.

Let Thy blessing rest on all in this dwelling. Give us grace to discharge our several duties with uprightness, fidelity, and diligence.

Give Thy favor to our relatives and friends. Prosper all the interests of our country. Bless the President of the United States, and all in authority over us.

Provide for the poor; instruct the ignorant; reclaim the erring; pity the afflicted; give relief and comfort to the sick; prepare for their great change those who are about to die.

We pray for all our brethren of mankind, that it may please Thee more and more widely to diffuse among them the knowledge of Thy saving truth, and to bring them to the faith and obedience of Thy Gospel.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Graciously hear our supplications, for the sake of Thy beloved Son.
Amen.

O THOU Giver of all good, who knowest what things we have need of before we ask, and art able to do for us above all that we ask or think, we cast ourselves on Thee. Grant us, in all our duties, Thy help; in all our difficulties, Thy counsel; in all our trials and dangers, Thy protection; in all our sorrows, Thy peace and consolation. And whatsoever it may please Thee to give or to withhold, teach us to be contented with Thy will, and to rest with unshaken trust in Thine assurance, that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

Father of mercies, whose power hath sustained us, whose bounty hath provided for us, whose love hath redeemed us, we render praise and thanksgiving unto Thee; acknowledging that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy benefits, and beseeching Thee so to impress them on our hearts, that we may be led to show our gratitude by a cheerful and steadfast obedience to Thy commandments.

Help us to feel the great responsibility of our stewardship. May we be daily living for our Lord and Master, and be ready to give in our account when required. May we remember that One is our Master, and not try to serve God and Mammon. Give us a decided faith and a decided mind; and when we fail, and may be no longer stewards on earth, give us an abundant entrance into the everlasting habitations of the blest.

We pray for our relatives and friends, that they may be blessed with Thy favor and protection. We pray for those who are in affliction, that it may please Thee to comfort them.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, O God, we commit ourselves to Thee. Grant us quiet sleep, and mercifully spare us to enjoy the blessings and discharge the duties of another day. Amen.

LORD, help us to order our worship and our lives as becometh creatures such as we are. Help us to speak to Thee reverently, to look to Thee with humility, to live before Thee conscious of our dependence upon Thy mercy. May we think of Thine eternal years, of Thine almighty power, of Thy wonderful love and grace. It is the comfort of our life that Thou dost compass it and sustain it. O Thou gracious and eternal God, may this be our conscious experience of life; to feel that our life is hidden with Christ in God; that our days, which are so transient upon the earth, are nevertheless precious in Thy sight, because Thou dost endow them with Thine own life and dost work out great issues in them: Thou dost make us partakers of Thine own nature.

Assist us in the duties of our calling. Grant that while we are not slothful in business, we may also be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. And help us, while laboring for the life that now is, to look ever beyond it to that heavenly life which Thou hast promised to Thy children.

Defend us, O God, in soul and body, from all evil. Guard us against the snares of the world, and the sinful desires of our own hearts. And take us, O Lord, into Thy keeping this day and all our days.

We pray for all our relatives and friends, and for all young children, that Thou wouldst enrich them with Thy grace.

We pray for the poor, the sick, the dying, and all who are in adversity or affliction, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them.

Extend Thy compassion, we beseech Thee, to all mankind. Put an end to war and discord, as well as to vice and superstition, everywhere. And speedily diffuse Thy Gospel through.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, in these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amén.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord ; hear us, for we are poor and needy. Rejoice the soul of Thy servants, for unto Thee do we lift up our souls. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

O Thou Holy One, we acknowledge and confess before Thee our sins, which in thought, word, and deed, we have committed against Thee. All we like sheep have gone astray ; we have turned every one to his own way. We have walked in the sight of our own eyes, and have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have slighted Thy counsels, abused Thy mercies, distrusted Thy promises, and broken Thy commandments. And every day we neglect many known duties, and commit many inexcusable offences.

Enter not, O Lord, into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. But through the merits of Thy beloved Son, who bore our sins in His own body on the tree, receive us graciously and love us freely.

Forbid that we should mock Thee and deceive ourselves, by confessing and lamenting our sins while we yet cleave to them. Help us to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Help us to hate and shun every false way, to mortify all sinful inclinations, to resist and subdue all evil habits, and to be ready for every good work.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

O LORD, Thou hast been with us during the hours of slumber, and hast been watching over us for our safety and peace. Thou hast withdrawn the curtains of darkness, and art again pouring light upon the earth. Everywhere we see Thy power and wisdom, Thy majesty and greatness, Thy bounty and love. The mystery of Thine omnipresence we cannot comprehend; but the assurance of Thy Word, that Thou art with us by day and by night, we desire to receive into our hearts; cause us to feel and to act in accordance with its truth. O heavenly Father, impress it deeply upon our minds. Raise us above the things which are seen, and make us to endure as seeing Thee who art invisible; open our eyes, we entreat Thee, that we may discern our spiritual circumstances, and behold the tokens of Thine encompassing providence and grace. Teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. And whatsoever we do, in word or in deed, help us to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God even the Father by Him.

Graciously hear us, O God, while we plead with Thee for all whom we ought to remember before Thee. Give Thy blessing to our relatives and friends. Reward with Thy bounty all that have done us good. Pardon and convert all who have done or wished us evil, and enable us to forgive them from the heart.

God of all comfort, have pity on the afflicted. Grant them Thy grace to sustain them in their hour of trial. And let Thy chastening, though for the present grievous, yield in them the peaceful fruits of righteousness.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Incline Thine ear, O God, to our supplications, and favorably receive the tribute of our praises, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Saviour; to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all glory, thanksgiving, and dominion, world without end. Amen.

FATHER of mercies, who doest good continually, and art kind even to the unthankful and the evil; teach us, in imitation of Thy goodness, to be generous and compassionate towards our fellow-men, to bless them that curse us, and do good to them that hate us, to walk in love as Thou hast loved us, and to forgive one another, even as Thou for Christ's sake forgivest us.

God of all grace, we beseech Thee to extend to others the blessings and privileges which we have enjoyed. Have mercy on all our brethren of mankind, and bring them to the knowledge and reception of Thy truth. Extend pure religion in our land; and grant that we may be distinguished by that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

We pray for the sons and daughters of affliction, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them.

Forgive us, O Lord, all the sins of which we have been guilty this day. How unworthy does our life appear, even to ourselves; how much more unworthy to Thee. Blot out the thick cloud of our offences which has risen before Thee, and suffer us to behold the light of Thy reconciled countenance, our King and our God. We would amend our ways, and learn lessons of wisdom and piety from our past failures. Help us to be more constant to our purposes, more sensible of Thy presence in temptation, more bent on executing Thy word and will. Teach us not only to mourn over the faults of the past, but to look forward, and to prepare our way, so that our lives may become more pleasant to Thee in our present stewardship, and our fidelity on earth approve our fitness to be entrusted with that which shall be our own beyond.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Christ's sake.

Amen.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give us grace more faithfully to live as in Thy presence. Teach us in times of danger or of trouble to look up to Thee as our very present help. Dispose us in times of trial or temptation to stand in awe, lest in anything we offend Thee, who searchest our hearts and understandest our thoughts afar off. In all the concerns and occupations of our daily life help us to endure as seeing Thee. And when our course on earth is finished, grant, O God, that we may be supported and comforted with Thy presence in the valley of the shadow of death, and may at last come to the glories of Thy heavenly kingdom, and there be made perfectly blessed in seeing, serving, and enjoying Thee for ever.

We pray for Thy servants who in every place make Thy knowledge known, that it may please Thee to strengthen and encourage them, and to make them faithful and successful in their great work.

Deal favorably, O God, with the land in which we dwell, and bless it with peace, and plenty, and prosperity. Be very gracious to the President of the United States, and let the government be established in righteousness.

Bestow Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, on our friends and kindred. Keep them from the evil that is in the world.

Father of mercies, have pity on the afflicted. Relieve their distresses, and grant them a happy issue out of all their troubles.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear and answer us for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, teach us every day to examine and prove ourselves, that we may not be continuing in any sin or neglecting any duty. And let it be the testimony of our conscience that in simplicity and godly sincerity, by the grace of God, we have our conversation in the world.

O God, who art daily bearing with our sins and crowning us with Thy loving-kindnesses, give us hearts more sensible of Thy love to us, and more full of love to Thee, and help us ever to seek our happiness in the doing of Thy will, and the hope of Thy heavenly kingdom.

We implore Thy blessing on all young children. Preserve them from the sins and dangers of youth. Incline their hearts to seek Thee early, and prepare them for serving Thee.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, have pity on those whom Thou hast visited with affliction, and let Thy chastening, though for the present grievous, yield in them afterward the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

Merciful Father, who givest Thy beloved sleep, let our rest this night be quiet and refreshing; and if it please Thee to raise us to another day, help us faithfully to spend it in Thy service.

We commend to Thy care our relatives and friends, beseeching Thee to remember them with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit them with Thy salvation.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

We ask and offer all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone ; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give us grace also, whereby we may be enabled to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Suffer us not to be burdened with its cares, ensnared by its pleasures, corrupted by its riches, or led astray by its fashions and examples. Teach us to live above it and to look beyond it, confessing ourselves to be strangers on the earth, and desiring a better country, that is, a heavenly.

Father of mercies, give Thy compassion to those who are disabled by sickness and infirmity from the active business of this life. Help them to glorify Thee in their affliction by a meek and patient submission to Thy will, and by a firm trust in Thy gracious promise, that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

Let Thy favor be on our friends and kindred. Deliver them from the evil that is in the world, and keep them by Thy power.

Bless all conditions of men among us. Help them in their several stations faithfully to walk with Thee, and to lead quiet lives in godliness and honesty.

Let Thy mercy be on all mankind. Our heart's desire and prayer is that they may be saved. Let the people praise Thee, O God ; let all the people praise Thee.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Grant these requests, O Father, we beseech Thee, and all other things which Thou knowest to be needful for us, according to Thy promises made to us in Jesus Christ, through whom we humbly offer our prayers, and to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting. Amen.

MOST holy and merciful God, Thou dwellest in light that no man can approach unto. Even Thine angels cannot know all Thy greatness and Thy glory. And yet Thou art nigh to all them that call on Thee, to all that call on Thee in truth. In our trouble and in our sin Thou art full of pity and compassion and love for us, and we may speak to Thee without fear. We know that we are weak, but Thou rememberest that we are dust. We confess with sorrow and shame that we have grievously sinned against Thee, but Thou hast laid on Christ the iniquity of us all.

Yet let us not forget that Thou art a great God, clothed with honor and majesty. We cannot hide from Thee in secret places where Thine eye cannot follow us, nor flee beyond the reach of Thy hand. Reveal to us Thy great holiness; that we may know how Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity.

If we have forgotten Thy commandments this day, we ask Thee to forgive us; we also ask Thee to inspire us with a deep abhorrence of sin, and suffer us not to suppose that it is a light thing to break Thy most holy law. May we constantly remember that Thou wilt render to us according to our deeds; and that although Thou dost pardon our iniquities, we must suffer loss through our wrong-doing.

Graciously hear us, O God, while we plead with Thee, not for ourselves only, but also for our brethren. Cause Thy light to shine on those who are in darkness. Bring into the way of truth all who are deceived. Succor the tempted. Raise up the fallen. Provide for the destitute. Comfort the afflicted. Support the dying, and prepare them for their change.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, O God, we humbly commit ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, to Thy care. Amen.

WE thank Thee, most merciful Father, that we have not been called to sleep the sleep of death. For life and health, and all things we enjoy, we give Thee our most humble and hearty thanks. We call upon our souls, and all that is within us, to bless and to praise Thy holy name. Thou hast redeemed our life from destruction; Thou crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. We humbly beseech Thee to impress upon our hearts the consideration of our entire dependence upon Thee, and make us feel the deep and solemn obligation we are under to worship and to serve Thee with all the faculties and capacities of our being.

We come to Thee for the blessings which we need to-day. We beseech Thee to keep us by Thy mighty power in all the temptations which may assail us in the discharge of our lawful duties. Help us to honor Thee even in our trials and afflictions. We ask Thee to give us the wisdom we need to walk in the path of virtue and holiness. We implore Thy grace to enable us to honor the Lord with our substance, and to exemplify that spirit of benevolence and self-sacrifice which ever distinguished our divine Redeemer when he was upon earth. May we be enabled this day to commend the religion of Jesus Christ to some who have hitherto rejected it, and by our holy walk and conversation may we draw souls to the Saviour. Impress upon our minds, O Lord, the lessons of Thy holy Word. Assure our hearts that, if we are Thy children by faith in Jesus Christ, we have an all-sufficient friend in Thyself, from whom no powers of earth or hell can ever separate us.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Give Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to all who are dear to us. Make them the objects of Thy special care, and the subjects of Thy saving grace, and grant that we may all be found at Thy right hand, and with all Thy redeemed children may we attain unto eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IT is a good thing to wait upon Thee, O Lord, and to call upon Thy name. O God, so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; and while week after week is swiftly gliding away, dispose us to walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, and giving heed to the things which belong unto our peace before they are hid from our eyes. Teach us to be sober, watchful, and prayerful, and to do with our might whatsoever our hands findeth to do; and grant that, after having done and suffered Thy will upon the earth, we may depart in peace, and may have an entrance ministered to us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hear our prayers for those whom we ought to remember at the throne of grace. Bless our rulers and pastors, and all who are in offices of trust and of authority, and aid them with Thy grace in the work Thou hast assigned to them. Bless our relatives and friends. Protect them by Thy power, guide them by Thy counsel, and visit them with Thy salvation.

Look down in pity on the sick and the afflicted; comfort and relieve them according to their necessities; and overrule Thy chastening for their eternal good.

Have mercy on all the family of mankind. Give them the knowledge of Thy Gospel, and bring them to a saving reception of its grace and truth.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

These, our humble supplications, we present before Thee, O Thou that hearest prayer. Graciously answer them, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory for evermore.

Amen.

O SON OF GOD, Redeemer of the world, who hast loved us and given Thyself for us, show us Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation.

O blessed Spirit, the Comforter and Sanctifier, let Thy grace be shed abroad in our hearts. Convince us of sin, and bring us to repentance. Enlighten our minds in the knowledge of Thy truth. And help us to take unto our own souls those gracious promises which are given us in Christ Jesus, that we may be filled with all joy and peace in believing.

O Lord of Hosts, of whose glory the whole earth is full, help us to glorify Thee in our body and in our spirit, which are Thine. Grant that Thy grace may teach us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

We thank Thee, O God, that Thou hast spared us to see another of Thy sacred days, and we implore Thy grace for the solemn and profitable observance of it. Deliver us from vain thoughts and distracting cares and worldly imaginations; from formality and insincerity, from heedlessness and levity, from unbelief and hardness of heart, and keep us in Thy fear all the day long.

Give Thy gracious presence this day unto all worshipping assemblies, and help Thy ministering servants faithfully and earnestly to declare Thy blessed Word.

Draw near to such as are necessarily withheld by sickness or affliction from worshipping in Thy courts. Hear Thou their prayers in the solitude of their dwellings, and give them the consolations of Thy grace.

Have pity on those who are wandering in error, or sitting in darkness, or hardening themselves in sin.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom all fulness dwells, we humbly beseech Thee to give us of Thy fulness grace sufficient for us ; so that, being taught of Thee how we ought to walk and to please Thee, we may abound therein more and more. Cause us to be filled with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Strengthen our faith ; enliven our hope ; increase our love ; perfect our repentance. Suffer us not to rest satisfied with present attainments ; but carry us still forward in Thy ways, until we are ready for that better country where we shall see Thee face to face, and, being fully conformed to Thine image, shall love Thee, rejoice in Thee, and celebrate Thy praises for ever.

We pray for all our brethren of mankind, that they may be brought to the knowledge of the truth. Be merciful to the land in which we dwell, and to all our rulers. Be gracious to all who minister in holy things, that they may watch for souls as those who must give account, and be faithful in every good word and work. Visit in mercy the children of affliction ; supply their wants ; relieve their sufferings ; give unto them patience and submission to Thy blessed will ; and in Thy good time deliver them from all their troubles.

Graciously accept the worship which Thy people have offered Thee to-day. They have called upon Thee in different languages and from all parts of the world. Thou hearest all prayers, Thou understandest all tongues. Receive the prayers and offerings of Thy children and send them answers of peace.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O God, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night ; for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, O God ; to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

We thank Thee for all the bounties of Thy providence ; for health and strength, for food and raiment ; for help and succor in times of need, for pity and consolation in times of sorrow ; and for all the kindness Thou hast shown us. But above all, we thank Thee for Thine infinite love to us sinners ; that Thou hast given Thy Son to be the propitiation for our sins ; that Thou hast given Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify our corrupt natures ; that Thou hast called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Thy Gospel ; that Thou hast given us the means of grace, and hast comforted our souls with the hope of immortal glory.

We give Thee thanks for the rest of the past night, and for the mercies of another day. Let Thy presence go with us, and Thy grace be helpful to us, in all the duties or trials which await us. Help us to perform the labors of the week in Thy fear. And whatsoever we are called to do, dispose us to do it heartily, not with eye-service as pleasing men, but with singleness of heart as unto Thee.

Extend the joy of Thy favor, and the comfort of Thy fellowship to all our beloved friends. Hide not Thy face from those who are in trouble. Speak peace to them that are afar off. Reclaim the erring. And bring men everywhere to know Thee, love Thee, and trust in Thee with all their heart.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

These, our humble supplications, we present to Thee in the name of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O LORD, how great have been Thy mercies to us this day. Thou hast fed and clothed us: we have gone to our daily task, and Thou hast spread around us the shield of Thy power and protection. Thou redeemest our lives from destruction, and crownest us with the gifts of Thy loving-kindness. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless His holy name. Thou knowest our frame, and rememberest that we are dust. Thou dost not always chide, nor keep Thine anger for ever. Oh, suffer us never to forget Thee, Thou Father of mercies.

Do Thou help us, we beseech Thee, to acknowledge Thy goodness, in all time to come, by trusting entirely in Thee, by contentment with the portion Thou hast given us, by charity to the poor and needy, and by a cheerful obedience to Thy holy commandments.

Father of mercies, we beseech Thee to have compassion on those who are tried with adversity and affliction. Provide for the destitute. Comfort the mourners. Lift up those who are bowed down with years. Relieve the sick. Spare useful lives. Support the dying, and prepare them for their change.

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations, and wouldst have all men to come to the knowledge of the truth; open, we pray Thee, a great and effectual door for the preaching of Thy blessed Gospel everywhere; and hasten the time when all the ends of the earth shall see its glorious light, and hear its joyful sound.

To Thy watchful providence, O God, we commit ourselves, and all who are dear to us, during the coming night. Grant us quiet sleep. And, if it please Thee, spare us to see another day.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

These, our humble supplications, we present in the name of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting. Amen.

SET a watch, O Lord, before our mouth, and keep the door of our lips, that we may not sin against Thee with our tongue. Help us to repress all fretful repinings, uncharitable censures, and profane and foolish levities. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from us. And grant that no corrupt communication may proceed out of our mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying.

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are able to do any good thing; help us in all things to regard Thy revealed will, and carefully to shun every false and wicked way. Teach us to renounce the hidden things of dishonesty; to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; and to abstain from all appearance of evil. Make us watchful against temptation; careful of our time; diligent, just, and prudent in our business; temperate in our enjoyments, and patient in our trials. And whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, help us to do all to Thy glory.

Let Thy blessing rest on this house. Give us grace to discharge our several duties with uprightness, fidelity, and diligence. Bless our relatives and friends. Grant that they may prosper, and be in health; above all, that their souls may prosper. Have pity on those whom Thou hast visited with affliction, and give them the consolations of Thy grace. Look in mercy on all mankind; and speedily send Thy Gospel throughout the world.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, O our God, we commit ourselves to Thee. Show us Thy ways; teach us Thy paths; lead us in Thy truth, for Thou art the God of our salvation; on Thee would we wait all the day. Graciously hear us, and grant an answer of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who desirest truth in the inward parts, suffer us not to deceive our own souls, by professing much love to the Saviour, while yet in our hearts and lives we are estranged from Him. Help us to show that we love Him in sincerity, by studying to please Him and delighting to honor Him; by doing with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do, for the furtherance of His cause, and the benefit of His people; and by esteeming no labors burdensome, and no sacrifices grievous.

Give us grace, that we may steadfastly cleave to Him, whom, not having seen, we love; and in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. And grant that our love to Him may abound more and more, and that we may be led by it more and more zealously to do all things whatsoever He hath commanded us; until, having faithfully served Him on the earth, we are taken to dwell with Him eternally in heaven.

O God, Thou knowest the weakness of our sinful nature, and our proneness to turn aside from Thee. Hold up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Cheer us continually with the tokens of Thy love. Help us to resist all temptations from within or without, and in Thy strength to deny ourselves and follow Christ. Oh, help us to give Thee our best and truest service, remembering that Thou art a great King, the God and Father of all, blessed for evermore.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O Thou Keeper of Israel, who dost never slumber nor sleep, watch over us this night, and keep us from all evil. Give Thy favor and protection to all our friends. Regard with tender pity those who are in affliction, and overrule the trials they are enduring for the everlasting welfare of their souls. Have mercy on those who are perishing for lack of knowledge; and hasten the time when all the ends of the earth shall be brought to the faith and obedience of Thy Gospel. Amen.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks for another night's rest, and for the light of this new day. We acknowledge that we have not always rendered to Thee that worship which we ought, and that in many things we have come far short of the duties we owe to our fellow-creatures and to ourselves. Forgive us freely through the merits of Thy beloved Son. And give us grace, that henceforth we may be inclined to deny ourselves all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to lead a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name.

Let Thy presence be with us this day in all our appointed duties, and let Thy grace be sufficient for us. Hear our intercessions for all whom we ought to remember at Thy throne of grace. We commend to Thy favor our relatives and friends. Grant that they may prosper in all things. Reward with Thy bounty all that have done us good. Pardon and convert all that have done or wished us evil, and help us to forgive them from the heart.

Grant Thy blessing on all children. Keep them from the snares and dangers of an evil world, and help them to grow in knowledge and in grace.

Prosper all the interests of our country. Hasten the prevalence of Thy kingdom among all nations.

God of all comfort, have pity on the afflicted. Assuage their griefs, relieve their sufferings, and overrule Thy chastening for their good. Have mercy on those who are drawing near to death. Let Thy grace sustain them when heart and flesh are failing.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Graciously hear and answer us, O God, according to Thy promises made to us in Christ Jesus, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting. Amen.

WE give thanks to Thee for the glad tidings of salvation, and for making plain the way to heaven. Open our understanding, that we may know all things written in the law and the prophets, in the Psalms and the Gospels, concerning Jesus. Impress them upon our hearts, that we may testify of them to others, and be Thy true and faithful witnesses, conforming our lives to Thy will, and the example of our Saviour Christ. Send the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, to guide us into all truth, that we may have a right judgment in all things, and rejoice in His light and comfort.

Help us to consider that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses, but that godliness with contentment is great gain. Teach us to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. And satisfy our souls with His divine fulness, so that, whatever adversities befall us, we may cheerfully submit to them; as troubled, yet not distressed; as perplexed, but not in despair; as cast down, but not destroyed; as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Bless our kindred, our friends and neighbors, and all who are connected with us.

Help and pity the afflicted, and strengthen them with might, according to Thy glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness.

Reveal Thy light to those who are in darkness. And increase everywhere the number of Thy people, who know Thy name and put their trust in Thee.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, O God, we commit ourselves to Thee, who hast said that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. Watch over us this night, deliver us from evil and grant us quiet sleep. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who workest in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure, strengthen us by Thy Spirit, that we may be ready to every good word and work. Suffer us not to grow lukewarm in Thy ways, or faint and weary in keeping Thy commandments. Kindle our hearts with such love to Thee that nothing may seem to us too hard to do or suffer for Thy sake. Above all, grant that our souls may be brought under the power of redeeming love, so that we may live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who loved us and died for us.

Aid us this day, we beseech Thee, in our several duties. And grant that we may be not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Give Thy favor and blessing to our friends, Thy consolation to all who are in sorrow. Provide for the destitute. Deliver the oppressed. Support the aged. Relieve the sick. Prepare for their departure those who are about to die.

Have pity on those who are perishing for lack of knowledge. Give to Thy Son the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. And stir up the hearts of all Christians to greater zeal, liberality, and prayerfulness, in seeking the spread of Thy Gospel throughout the world.

Make us, also, faithful in all our duties; faithful in that which is least as well as in that which is greatest; faithful in that which is another's as well as in that which is our own. We are but stewards of that which is Thine. Thou art the one Proprietor and Owner of all. The earth is Thine and all the fulness thereof. All things are of Thee, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Christ's sake.

Amen.

HELP us, O Lord, to feel that we are nothing, and have nothing, and deserve nothing of ourselves. Show us that every excellence or attainment which we may have is truly Thy gift, for which it becomes us to feel indebted to Thee. Suffer us not to be forgetful of our sins, which ought ever to fill us with shame and self-abasement. And help us to imitate the pattern of humility which our blessed Lord hath set before us, that learning of Him who was meek and lowly in heart, we may find rest unto our souls, and hereafter be honored and exalted in His heavenly kingdom.

Give the like blessings to our beloved friends. Let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be found in all His people. Specially grant unto all the afflicted a spirit of humble submission to Thy will. And so further the cause of pure religion throughout the world, that men everywhere may serve Thee with humility.

Father of mercies, we thankfully acknowledge Thy goodness to us throughout the past day; Thy mercies never fail and we humbly commit ourselves, and all whom we love, to Thy watchful care during this night. Suffer no evil to befall us, nor any plague to come nigh our dwelling.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear our humble supplications, we beseech Thee, and do for us abundantly above all that we ask or think, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O God; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

WE give Thee thanks, O Lord, our heavenly Father, for Thy mercies which come to us with every returning day, notwithstanding our ingratitude. Help us, we pray Thee, to make the best use of them.

To Thy fatherly care we commend ourselves, amidst any duties or trials which may now await us. Remember Thy precious promise, that as our day so shall our strength be. Cause us to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in Thee do we trust. Cause us to know the way wherein we should walk; for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Teach us to do Thy will; for Thou art our God: Thy Spirit is good; lead us into the land of uprightness.

Graciously hear us, O God, while we plead with Thee, not for ourselves only, but also for our fellow-men. Send forth the light of Thy Gospel throughout the world, to enlighten and reclaim the nations that are in darkness. Abolish every system of doctrine or of worship that is contrary to Thy revealed truth. And pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all flesh, that all may know Thee, from the least unto the greatest.

We pray for the peace and welfare of Thy whole Church. Cleanse it more and more from errors and impurities. Enlighten and guide all pastors and teachers, that they may fully know and faithfully proclaim Thy Gospel. And grant that Thy people may adorn their Christian profession by a godly life.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, look down, we pray Thee, on the poor, the sorrowful, the sick, and the dying. Succor and relieve them according to their need. And grant that their present affliction may work for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE beseech Thee, Heavenly Father, help us to make the best improvement of the means which Thou hast given to read and learn and understand Thy Word. Divine Redeemer, we pray that we all may know what it is to believe on Thee to the salvation of the soul. O Christ our King, help us to receive Thee as our Prophet to teach us, our Priest to atone for us, and our King to rule over and defend us.

O glorious and eternal God, Father of mercy, and God of all comfort, we worship and adore Thee for Thine infinite glories and perfections; and for the abundance of Thy mercies which Thou art continually pouring down upon us. Visit us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with Thy mercy and Thy salvation; and let the Holy Spirit dwell in our souls and bodies, filling our hearts with light and grace.

To Thee, who art the fountain of peace, we pray for peace, for love, and for Thy salvation. Let a holy peace for ever dwell in our consciences. Let peace and holiness, and Thy blessing, for ever adorn, support, and comfort this family. Let there be peace and union in all Christian assemblies, one heart, and one voice, the same faith, and an eternal charity. Make wars to cease in all the world; and let Him reign everywhere who is the Prince of Peace.

Now that we are going to rest, into Thy hands we commend our souls and bodies. So bless and sanctify our sleep, that it may be temperate and holy, a refreshment to our wearied bodies, that we, being watchful and prudent, may serve Thee by a faithful discharge of every duty. O let us never sleep in sin or death eternal.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Let Thy mercies, which have been so freely given to us this day, be extended over us this night also. Amen.

ACCEPT, O Lord, our thanks for the rest of the past night, and for the health and strength we enjoy this morning. Though we are unworthy, Thy mercies fail not.

O Lord, govern us, we beseech Thee, by Thine own almighty power in all things; be Thou long-suffering with all of us, and turn unto us according to our supplications; remember us in Thy tenderness and Thy mercy; visit us in Thy goodness; help us by Thy blessing to escape the wiles of the wicked one; and preserve our life from all snares by the grace of Thy most Holy Spirit.

Grant that peace may abide in this household, and that we may dwell together in unity. Show Thy favor to our relatives and friends. Reward with Thy bounty all who have done us good. Forgive all who have done or wished us evil, and enable us to forgive them from the heart.

Have pity on those whom Thou hast visited with affliction. Enable them meekly to submit to Thy will; and sanctify Thy chastening for their good.

We pray for the peace and welfare of Thy whole Church, that its dissensions may be healed, its errors reformed, and that all its members may stand fast in one spirit, and strive together with one mind for the faith of the Gospel.

We pray for the peace and prosperity of our country; and for the enlightenment and conversion of all nations. Put an end, we beseech Thee, to strife and tumults, as well as to ignorance and superstition everywhere. And hasten the time when the Prince of Peace shall take to Himself His great power, and reign over the whole earth; and when, under the blessed influence of His dominion, nation shall no longer rise against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. So may Thy kingdom come.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

O GOD, our Father, whose merciful providence has kept us through this day, now that its work is done, and we are brought again together to read Thy Word and worship Thee, enable us to render hearty thanks for all Thy great goodness towards us. In Thee we live, and move, and have our being; from Thee has come every blessing which has been ours this day. Whatever success has attended us, whatever power we have had to resist sin, or to live as followers of Jesus, has been Thy gift, and for these do we render thanks; but most of all for Thy revealed Word, for the gift of Thy Son, and for the knowledge of Thy free forgiveness and ready help to all who seek Thee in simple trust on Him.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge Thy past goodness, and humbly beseech Thee, who hast blessed us hitherto, to bless us still. Watch over us this night. Grant us refreshing sleep. Mercifully spare us to see the light of another Sabbath. And grant that we may awake with hearts duly prepared to enjoy its privileges and to discharge its solemn duties.

Graciously hear us, O God, while we plead with Thee for all classes and conditions of our fellow-men. Provide for the poor. Instruct the ignorant. Reclaim the erring. Comfort the afflicted. Be the guide of the young, and the staff of the aged. Deliver those who are in danger or distress. Prepare for their great change those who are about to die.

Look in mercy on the whole human race. Enlighten and convert the nations that are yet in darkness. Watch over Thy flock wherever they be scattered. Gather in both Jews and Gentiles into Thy fold.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us, O God, and graciously accept us, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Creator of heaven and earth, who wast pleased of old to hallow the seventh day, wherein Thou didst rest from all Thy works which Thou hast made, grant that in this our Christian Sabbath we may cease from our own works, and when we have diligently labored in Thy service all the days of our appointed time on earth, we may be partakers of the everlasting rest which remaineth for Thy people in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways; we would bless Thee for the repose of the past night, we would acknowledge Thy goodness in the gift of a new day. We lay down and slept; we have arisen because Thou makest us to dwell in safety. Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning; O Lord; in the morning will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Glory to Thee for the holy and blessed memories of the day; for on the first day of the week our Lord Jesus Christ, having died for our sins, rose from the dead, and brought life and immortality to light. Having overcome the sharpness of death, He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

O Lord, strengthen Thy ministers to-day, that they may speak with power, and teach Thou those that are set to teach Thy people. Pour upon all Thy people the spirit of prayer, that not their lips only, but their hearts, may speak unto Thee. Awaken the careless, convince the doubting, confirm the weak, add power to the strong.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

O GOD, who dost instruct us by Thy Holy Scriptures, we beseech Thee, enlighten our minds and purify our hearts that we may be able to comprehend and receive as we ought the things which are revealed to us. Make the instruction we have received effectual by the power of the Holy Spirit, that the good seed may be received into our hearts, as into a good soil, and may bring forth fruit in abundance; that we may not only hear Thy word, but keep it; so, living in accordance with its divine instructions all the time of our life in this world, that we may come finally to eternal salvation.

Lord of the Sabbath, we kneel at Thy footstool at the end of this day of rest. If it has been spent in Thy service, may it leave a blessing which will make it to be remembered for many days. What are we, O Lord, that Thou shouldst have dealt so bountifully with us? We are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies. Yet Thou hast given Thy Son to die for us; Thy Sabbath, with its memories of our risen and ascended Lord; Thy Word, with its revelations of truth and life; Thy house, with its hallowed privileges, the means of grace and the hope of glory.

Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, what prophets and righteous men of old desired to see and hear, but were not permitted. May we not only hear the joyful sound, but know it in the experience of its saving power. May we not only have the light, but walk in it, as those whom it has visited as the dayspring from on high, guiding their feet into the way of peace.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thine only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GRACIOUS GOD, in whom alone dwelleth all fulness of light and wisdom, illumine our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of Thy Word. Give us grace to receive it with reverence and humility. And enable us so faithfully to obey it that, by our godly lives, we may edify our brethren and glorify Thy holy name.

We confess our sins before Thee, O God. We have done evil in Thy sight, transgressing Thy law, which is holy, just, and good; and we are verily guilty before Thee; but Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

O God, everlasting and almighty, who art the Creator and Preserver of all men, and who willest not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, have mercy upon us and upon all men.

Comfort the afflicted; send consolation and joy to all that are in trouble and sorrow; hear the groaning of the prisoners; deliver the oppressed from him that hurteth him; relieve the wants of the poor, and save all afflicted people. Arise, O God, for judgment, and save all the meek of the earth.

O God, who hast revealed to us the light of Thy Gospel and called us into the fellowship of Thy Son, grant that we may put away all the works of darkness, and may walk in purity, uprightness, and truth; that we may have fellowship with Thee, for Thou art light, and in Thee there is no darkness at all; that so, when the shadows of this mortal life are passed away, we may behold those things which the eye of man hath not seen, and be made partakers of everlasting glory, through Christ our Lord. Make us grateful for the mercies of the past night, and for all Thy mercies, so abundant, so constantly enjoyed; for, notwithstanding our ingratitude, Thy mercies never fail.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All these things we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

O LORD, have mercy upon us, and grant that we may receive Thy truth into good and honest hearts, and may bring forth the fruit of good living, to the honor of Thy great name.

Thou who hast given the day to man for labor and the night for rest, protect us by Thy watchful providence during the coming night, and all the nights and days of our pilgrimage. And when our days are ended, may we depart hence in the blessed assurance of Thy favor, and in the certain hope of the resurrection to immortal life, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone, to grant a spirit of wisdom and power to Thy servants who are appointed to labor in the sacred ministry, that, by their doctrine and example, Thy people may be built up in their holy faith, and sinners may be converted unto Thee.

Father of mercies, look down in compassion upon the sick and afflicted; upon the poor, the miserable, and the dying; upon the friendless, the despairing, and the tempted; and upon all who are in danger, necessity, or tribulation. Send them comfort and deliverance; and do Thou, who makest all things work together for good to them that love Thee, sanctify their pains and sorrows to the health and salvation of their souls in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We beseech Thee, O God, to bless all men; bring them to the knowledge and obedience of the truth. Break Thou the arm of the oppressor everywhere, and scatter the counsels of the people that delight in war, and in all the earth let Thy kingdom come, which is righteousness and peace.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us and answer us for Christ's sake.

Amen.

O GRACIOUS and exalted Saviour, we bless Thee that Thou didst come into our sinful world, taking upon Thyself a human body, and appearing in form like a servant, that Thou mightest bear our sins and redeem our souls from death.

Thou didst consent to be scorned and smitten; Thou didst submit to the cross of shame and agony, taking the sinner's place, and drinking the cup of woe for us. We praise Thee that Thou didst complete the great sacrifice, and that now pardon and peace in Thy name are freely offered to all.

Make us penitent for our transgressions. May our hearts be filled with love and gratitude as we gaze at Thy cross. Give us an abiding trust in Thee as the Friend of sinners and the only Saviour. May the remembrance of Thy sufferings in our behalf keep us back from every evil way.

Help us evermore to make our daily lives, like Thine, holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sin. Let no wicked purpose, or passion, or disposition, have dominion over us. Be Thou our Teacher, that we may learn the words of eternal life from Thee. Be Thou our example, that in following Thee we may deny ourselves and seek our happiness in doing good. Let us never be ashamed of truth or duty. Enlarge our minds, increase our knowledge, correct our understandings, and purify our hearts, that we may use all our faculties for the glory of God and the good of man.

Let no evil thoughts dwell within us, no selfish desires control our conduct, no unseemly word pass our lips. Make us firm in our purpose always to do right, faithful to our friends, conscientious in word and deed, blameless in deportment, patient under difficulties, watchful against temptations, fearing God, and serving Him with cheerful hearts in all things.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All these things we beg for Christ's sake.

Amen.

FATHER of mercies and God of all grace, we thank Thee that Thou hast made known to us Jesus Christ Thy Son. We come before Thee in His name confessing our sins ; through Thy grace may we truly repent of them and forsake them in heart and life. For the sake of Him whose blood cleanseth from all sin, forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Receive us into Thy family ; remember us with the favor Thou showest to Thine own ; make us fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

We thank Thee for the promise, that if an earthly father knoweth how to give good gifts to his children, Thou our Father in heaven wilt give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Thee. Give us, Lord, the spirit of faith and love, of light and wisdom, of comfort and holiness, of grace and supplication. Oh that, as Thy children, we might desire and live upon the good and simple nourishment of Thy holy Word. Oh that there were such an heart in us that we might fear Thee and keep Thy commandments always, that it might be well with us and ours for ever. May we have grace to serve Christ faithfully, to follow Him fully, to love Him with a pure heart fervently. In Him grant us all things pertaining to life and godliness, all that we need to fit us for Thy service on earth, and to prepare us for Thy glory in heaven. May it be enough for us to know that, having given us Thy Son, much more wilt Thou freely give us all things.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

We thank Thee for leading us safely through the day and for the innumerable blessings Thou hast granted us. Protect us through the night. We would lie down to rest and sleep, for Thou only makest us, Lord, to dwell in safety. Let nothing distress or disturb us. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning ; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

O Thou that hearest prayer, and canst alone teach us to pray to Thee as we ought, help us with fixedness of mind and true devotion to call upon Thy name ; and grant us the aid and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ask such things as shall please Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, we come to Thee as Thine own children, to thank Thee for Thy great mercies. We lay down and slept, and arose in safety, for Thine arms were around us. We bless Thee for thus preserving us. We bless Thee for our food and raiment, for our interests and comforts, for all that makes this present life to be desired. But above all, we bless Thee for our place in Thy family by redemption through Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Lord, what are we, that we should lift up our faces before Thee, and stand accepted in Thy presence ?

Praise be to Thee for the coming of Jesus Christ, for He is ours, and He is Thine, and we are His. He is our Sacrifice ; our glorious Head, and Thine only begotten Son ; our Intercessor, and Thy Beloved ; our merciful High Priest, and Thine anointed King.

O may we live by faith in Him ; may we increase in union with Him ; may we this day, and every day, become more and more like Him, till we see Him as He is, and be changed into His perfect likeness.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Blessing and honor, and glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Amen.

O GOD, who hast taught us in the Scriptures what we are to believe concerning Thee, and what duty Thou requirest of us, open our hearts to receive meekly the engrafted Word which is able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Unto Thee we lift up our eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. Thy mercy is the source of all our blessings, Thy truth is the foundation of all our hopes. May we know the blessedness of Him who hath the God of Jacob for His help and refuge. In Thy favor is life; Thy loving-kindness is better than life. Draw away our hearts from every object of undue affection, and fix them on Thyself. May we love Thee because Thou hast first loved us. May we delight in Thee, and walk with Thee, and rest in Thee.

Strengthen us with all might by Thy good Spirit. Give us constant supplies of grace to fit us for our work and warfare. Blessed Saviour, bring us into closer union with Thyself. Dwell in our hearts, Thou in us and we in Thee, that Thy love may be perfected in us, and that we may be fashioned after Thy likeness. May our life be an habitual communion with our risen Lord. May we act under a sense of Thy presence; may we serve, and suffer, and obey in the strength of Thy faithful promises.

We acknowledge the goodness and mercy which this day has renewed. May Thy blessing rest on our home; may Thy Spirit dwell in our hearts. May it be our desire to fulfil the duties of our several stations, and to live to Thy glory in the world.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Bless us through the night. Thou who slumberest not nor sleepest, have us in Thy holy keeping. Bless us in our lying down and in our rising up, and preserve us from all evil, from this time forth and for evermore. Amen.

O LORD, we come to Thee, through our faithful and merciful High Priest, who has made atonement for our sins, and who in the fulness and tenderness of His human sympathies makes intercession for us.

Thou dost invite us to come to Thee that we may be sanctified from our sin. Thou wouldst make us partakers of Thy divine nature, and thus deliver us from our sins and sorrows. May we thus be children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Thou wouldst gather us to Thyself that we may no longer feel the helplessness and sorrow of alienation. O help us to come to Thee as children come to a father, as those who are needy come to the source of abundant blessing.

May our home be blessed, our family life be a holy and a blessed thing to us. Help us to rule our spirits so that every word and feeling shall be gracious, and to consecrate the influence that affection gives us, so that in all things we shall be helpers of each other's joy. May the beauty of holiness adorn all our relationships. May the blessed presence of Christ be here as He was with the family of Bethany; our divine Teacher, at whose feet we may sit; the divine Comforter, in whose love we may find sympathy even in our greatest sorrows. Thou art the God of the families of the earth: may all the members of our family be Thine; that we may be found at last a whole family in heaven.

O Lord, Thou knowest us altogether; whether young and cherishing the visions of youth, or old and needing the thoughtfulness of age, whether passing through light or darkness, nothing pertaining to us is veiled from Thee. And Thou alone art equal to our wants.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Grant all these things for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O GOD, by whose inspiration Holy Scripture hath been written, grant that Thy Word may be profitable to us for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, so as to make us wise unto salvation, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Father, Thou reignest above in the light unapproachable : heaven is Thy throne, and earth is Thy footstool : what are we that Thou shouldst regard us and adopt us as Thy children ? Teach Thou us to forget ourselves and seek Thy glory ; let Thy praise be shown forth by us ; let Thy great name be known and feared ; let the kingdoms of the world become Thine, till Thy holy law is kept by men as angels keep it above. And, O Father, preserve us from day to day, and feed us with food convenient for us. And as our love does not reach the measure of Thine, teach us to forgive others, as Thou hast forgiven us. Suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able ; but however Thou triest us, keep us from harm within and without ; from the evil in the world around us, and in ourselves.

Father, Thou canst hear and answer our prayers ; for Thou reignest over all from the beginning, and with Thee nothing is impossible. We come unto Thee through our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray ; who, having obeyed and suffered for us, is gone into heaven, and sitteth at Thy right hand, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils of this night ; for the love of Thine only Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD, we are Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture, bought with the precious blood of Thy dear Son. But we have not always behaved as the children of Thy family; we have not always walked as becometh the sheep of Thy flock; we have not always followed where our good Shepherd went before, but have often turned aside after our own desires and pleasures, and have forgotten Thee.

May we learn to distrust ourselves. May we avoid all temptations, especially such as are attached to certain times and places, persons and things. Help us to lay aside every weight, and watch against every besetting sin, and run with patience the course of our daily life, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. From Thee we would learn to give to our life its true purpose and aim.

From Thee we receive our mercies. Make us sincerely grateful for them. From Thy presence we go to our labor with dependence on Thee. We would set Thee before us as our mark and aim in all our work. Be Thou our chief desire. May we wish for nothing without Thee, go nowhere without Thee, do nothing except in Thy name, enter into no bond Thou dost not bind, and may we conclude no business without Thy sanction.

O Lord, our God, we beseech Thee to be with us through the whole of this day, and cause whatever we do that is right to prosper. May we live and act as in Thy presence, and shrink from everything that would be displeasing to Thee. In all the works we undertake for our own profit may we serve Thee; and in serving Thee may we feel that we effectually benefit ourselves. May we gain more and more of that mind which was in Christ Jesus, and become more and more fitted for the heavenly rest.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake,

Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

O God, who hast given the Holy Scriptures to be a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path, guide our steps at all times in the way of Thy precepts. Suffer us not to go astray from Thee, nor to err from Thy truth. Acknowledging our ignorance and the deceitfulness of our hearts, we call upon Thee, O God, for help and deliverance.

O Lord, our merciful Father, be pleased to defend us in all our ways, that we may be delivered in all dangers and temptations of this day, and may so follow the example and pattern which Thy dear Son hath left us, both in joyfully bearing and constantly performing Thy holy will, that we may glorify Thy name, and may abide in Thy love.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who workest in Thy children both to desire and to perform those things that please Thee, grant us grace that we may pursue our several callings and duties in the world with a devout, holy, and heavenly mind, considering that we are ever in Thy presence and under Thine eye; that in all our works and labors, working the work of God, and laboring for the meat that endureth unto everlasting life, we may be found good and faithful servants, and may finally enter into the joy of our Lord.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Thou art the Author of all good. Fill our hearts with grateful love as we think of the multitude of Thy mercies. Amen.

O GOD, who hast taught us in Thy word that there is laid up a rest for Thy people, and who hast given us a promise of entering into it, grant to us, we beseech Thee, that we fail not of that promise through unbelief and disobedience.

We are Thy stewards, O God. Time, talent, strength, opportunity to do good, and power of example, are given by Thee, that we may in them glorify Thee. O Thou who searchest the heart, forgive us all the error of the past, and quicken us by Thy Spirit, that we may be found faithful in the time to come. Help us to care more and to do more for the spread of Thy Gospel. May the Spirit of our Master stir our hearts with earnest desire for the salvation of sinners. Prosper all efforts to make known the name and love of Jesus. Wherever the good seed is sown, in church or school, abroad or at home, may Thy blessing give the increase. Have mercy on our country; may Thy Word have free course and be glorified among us. Have pity on all who are in trouble, and sanctify to them their trials.

O God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for all the blessings, spiritual and temporal, which Thou hast poured down upon us; but especially for spiritual blessings. Grant that all our thoughts, words, and deeds may tend to the discharge of our duty, the good of our fellow-men, and the advancement of Thy Kingdom on earth.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O God, who hast taught us to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto Thee; pour out upon us a spirit of grace and of supplication, and enable us so to cast our care upon Thee, that the peace of God which passeth all understanding may keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

GRACIOUS FATHER, at the close of another week we Thy children desire to unite in offering to Thee our tributes of praise and thanksgiving. We bow before Thee in humble adoration. Thou art from everlasting. Thou inhabitest eternity. All the changes of our time and lives make no alteration in Thee. Thou art the same, and Thy years have no end.

What shall we render to Thee, O Lord, for all Thy mercies? Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou art the God of our life, and the length of our days. Thou hast granted us life and favor, and Thy visitation hath preserved our spirit.

Keep us mindful of our constant dependence upon Thee. We have lived too much as if Thou wert not in all our thoughts. Strengthen our faith, that we may live habitually under the power of things unseen. Our impressions of things eternal are so weak, and our views so dim, that we often walk in darkness, having no light. Lord, help our unbelief. Increase our faith. May our conversation be in heaven, because our Lord is there; and though we see Him not, yet believing, may we rejoice in Him with joy unspeakable and full of glory. May we trust Thee where we cannot trace Thee, and in every dark and perplexing visitation hear Thee say, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." In looking to Thee may light be given us. In waiting on Thee may strength be renewed. May we have grace to be ever doing our Master's work, that we may not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Unite our hearts in love to Thee and to one another. Give us a name in Thy family and a place in Thy kingdom.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear and answer us for the Redeemer's sake.

Amen.

O Thou that dwellest in the heavens, unto Thee we lift up our souls. Help us, on this day of rest, to give Thee the glory due unto Thy name, and to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. And seeing we have a great High Priest, who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us, help us through Him to come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Great art Thou, O God, and greatly to be praised. Thou art God alone: Thou hast made the heavens, with all their hosts; the earth and seas, and all that is therein; Thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth Thee. Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy.

Wherewith shall we come before the Lord, or bow ourselves before the High God? We confess that we are unworthy to approach Thee. For we are sinful creatures, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do good. We have broken Thy holy laws, times and ways without number. We have been unthankful for Thy benefits. We have slighted the calls and promises of Thy Word. We have turned a deaf ear to Thy warnings and admonitions. We have loved the creature more than the Creator. We have walked according to the course of this world, and have fulfilled the desires of our own evil hearts.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his wickedness and live, have mercy on us according to Thy loving-kindness, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

O GOD, who art a Spirit, and who art to be worshipped in spirit and in truth, give us, we beseech Thee, the dispositions of true worshippers, and let our humble endeavors in Thy service be aided by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and accepted through the mediation of Thy beloved Son, our Lord.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created. The heavens declare Thy glory; the firmament showeth Thy handiwork; day unto day uttereth speech, night unto night showeth knowledge. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom Thou hast made them all. All Thy works shall praise Thee, and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O God, that through Thy tender mercy the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Suffer us not to receive Thy grace in vain. But shine into our hearts, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we being filled with the knowledge of Thy will, and animated with the hope of Thy promises, may in all things adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour, and walk worthy of Him who hath called us unto His kingdom and glory.

Graciously pardon, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our past neglect of the privileges Thou hast conferred upon us. Cast us not off as unprofitable servants. Cut us not down as cumberers of the ground. But of Thy great mercy continue our day of grace, so that we may still enjoy our advantages and opportunities. And incline us henceforth more justly to value them, and with greater care and diligence to profit by them, that they may not rise up in the judgment to condemn us.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And to Thy name be the praise for ever.

Amen.

O LORD, who hast taught us that if men, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto their children, much more shall our Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him; help us, with the confidence of Thy children, to spread out before Thee the desires of our hearts; and let it please Thee to supply all our need according to the fulness of Thy mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord and only Mediator.

Almighty God, the source of all blessedness, in whose favor is life, and in whose presence is fulness of joy, grant that our souls may thirst for Thee, as in a dry land where no water is, to see Thy power and Thy glory, so as we have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

We confess, O God, that our hearts have been estranged from Thee; that we have erred and strayed from Thy ways; that we have been prone to live without Thee in the world; and that by our many sins we have provoked Thee to cast us away from Thy presence.

Give us grace, that we may be enabled in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. Help us to live near to Thee. Teach us to look to Thee as our very present help, and to cleave to Thee as our only portion. Be with us, O Father, everywhere, and at all times; in health or in sickness, in prosperity or in trouble, in all events and circumstances of our life; that Thy presence may sweeten and sanctify whatever befalls us. And cease not to guide and uphold us on our way, until Thou hast safely brought us to Thy heavenly kingdom, where we shall see Thee, and dwell with Thee for ever.

We give Thee thanks for the rest of the past night, and for this new day. Thy mercies are new every moment; they never fail, notwithstanding our ingratitude and unworthiness. Fill our hearts with thankfulness, as Thou art filling our lives with Thy mercies.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And all we ask is for Christ's sake.

Amen.

O LORD, Thou dwellest in the light which no man can approach unto. Thou coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. Thou art light, and in Thee is no darkness at all. But though Thou art exalted above our highest thoughts, Thou hast in infinite mercy come near unto us; and Thine only-begotten Son, who was in the bosom of the Father from everlasting, hath revealed to us Thy love. Through Him we would draw near to Thee; in Him would we desire to look upon Thy mercy and Thy holiness.

May we have such a view of Thy glory in Him as will truly humble us because of our sin. May the thought that Thou God seest us, that Thine eye pierceth to our deepest and most secret thoughts, lead us to abase ourselves before Thee, the holy and heart-searching God. Show us the plague of our heart, that we may come to Him who alone can make us whole. Search us, O God, and know our heart; try us, and know our thoughts; see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Help us to set Thee before us at all times; to walk through the world as seeing Him who is invisible. May our eye be fixed on things eternal; our hearts influenced, our spirits chastened by thoughts of the world unseen, and the judgment-seat at which we must render account to Thee. Grant that we may so pass the time of our sojourning here, that we may approve ourselves to Thee; and when the Son of man shall appear, that we may lift up our head with joy, knowing that our redemption draweth nigh.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Be very gracious, Heavenly Father, to all whom we love. Show them Thy mercy, grant them Thy salvation. Protect us in the night. Grant us, if it please Thee, quiet and refreshing rest, for Christ's sake. Amen.

O GOD, who hast promised wisdom to all who ask it of Thee, enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, by thy Word and Spirit, that we may no longer be children in understanding, but may grow up unto the stature of a perfect man, and be prepared for every good work, to the glory of Thy name.

Almighty God, on whom we ever depend, and without whom we can do nothing, we lift up our souls to Thee in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Thou art our God; early will we seek Thee.

We give Thee thanks for the rest of the past night. Thou hast made us to lie down in peace, and to awake in safety. And now that the light of another day is on us, we humbly implore the continuance of Thy care, and commit ourselves anew to Thy service.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we are sinful creatures, who merit no favor or kindness at Thy hands. But putting our trust in the merits of Thy dear Son, we pray Thee to blot out our sins, and to give us grace, that henceforth we may be inclined to glorify Thee in our body and in our spirit, which are Thine.

O God, unto whom no services are acceptable but such as proceed from a pure and honest heart, cast out, we pray Thee, all evil from within us. Save us from error, impenitence, and unbelief. Preserve us from that insensibility of conscience which might lead us to excuse or justify ourselves, while leading a careless, unprofitable, and godless life. Deliver us from sinful tempers, unholy thoughts, and inordinate affections; from pride, envy, covetousness, and uncharitableness. Inspire us with love to God and to man. Teach us to maintain a constant habit of self-government, and enable us with all diligence to keep the heart, out of which are the issues of life.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

O LORD, our Father and our God, we kneel at Thy footstool at the close of another day. The day is Thine, the night also is Thine.

We adore Thee for Thy providential care. From our earliest infancy to the present moment Thou hast watched over and blessed us; and whilst caring for others, Thou hast not forgotten us, though we have been so unmindful of Thy goodness.

We thank Thee for Thy holy Word. May its promises comfort us in every season of sorrow; may its precepts teach us the nature of that obedience which Thou dost require. Help us to derive profit and encouragement from that portion of Thy Word which has now been read.

We pray that we may live more holy and useful lives, that we may be known by our faith and charity, and that Thou wilt enable us to increase and abound in love one toward another. Save us from an unforgiving and an uncharitable spirit. From pride and passion, from malice and revenge, O Lord, deliver us. Holy Spirit, who alone canst sanctify our fallen nature, come and make our hearts Thy temple. Dwell within us, to cleanse our thoughts, to purify our motives, to restrain our evil dispositions and desires. Conform us more and more to the likeness of our blessed Lord. Take from us the image of the earthly, and put upon us the image of the heavenly.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now we invoke Thy blessing before retiring to rest to-night. Abide with us, O Saviour, for the day is far spent. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, take away our sins. May the atoning blood which Thou hast shed for sinners cleanse our souls. We gather around Thy cross, and bring to Thee the burden of our guilt. Lord, remember us! Son of David, have pity upon us! Resting in Thy love, and sheltered by Thy power, may we lie down and sleep in peace, and in the morning rise strengthened and refreshed for the duties of another day. Amen.

O GOD, who hast taught us to approach Thee as children to a Father able and ready to help us, send forth the Spirit of Thy Son into our hearts, that we may draw near unto Thee with all holy reverence and confidence, and may obtain the petitions which we ask of Thee.

O Lord our God, who dwellest in the heavens, but humblest Thyself to behold the things that are in the earth, incline Thine ear to the voice of our supplications. Although we are unworthy of Thy favor because of our offences, yet do we beseech Thee, in the name of Thy beloved Son, to receive us graciously and to love us freely, forgiving us those things for which our own hearts condemn us, and making us glad with the light of Thy countenance. Give us grace, whereby we may be enabled to show our sense of Thy great mercy, not only by love to Thee who hast first loved us, but by kind and charitable dispositions towards our brethren, and by abounding in those peaceable fruits of righteousness, which are unto Thy praise and glory, through Christ Jesus.

O God, who hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities, give us a meek and quiet spirit, that we may not be easily provoked by any wrongs, or quick to resent any indignities, but that we may be patient toward all men, and ready to forgive, even as Thou, for Christ's sake, forgivest us.

Help us, in our intercourse with our fellow-men, to shun every occasion of discord and contention. Help us to put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, with all malice. And teach us to love as brethren, to be pitiful, to be courteous, and to follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O hear us in these our prayers, for we offer all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who hast invited us to approach Thee in the name of Thy beloved Son, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, make us thankful that we have not a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and enable us to come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, show us Thy glory. May Thy Spirit shine upon the Word, and may the light of the glorious Gospel shine into our hearts. Lift the mist and darkness from our hearts, that we may come to the light and rejoice in the light, and walk as children of light. Give us such a view of Thy glorious perfections that our desire may be toward Thee and our delight in Thee. Give us, as sinners, such a view of the glory, the excellency, and all-sufficiency of the Saviour, that we may esteem Him all our salvation and all our desire. Give us spiritual discernment to see the things of the Spirit, and spiritual affections to receive and love them. We are ignorant, do Thou teach us; we are dark, do Thou enlighten us; we are proud, do Thou give us humbleness of mind, that we may sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. May we see His spiritual beauty, and may our hearts be drawn forth in holy longing to know Him and love Him and be made like Him. Beholding Thy glory with unveiled face, may we be changed into the same image. Looking unto Jesus, may light arise on us in darkness, and in His light may our path be shining more and more unto the perfect day.

Grant to each of us in Thy presence the blessings we need. Be Thou the light of our dwelling, the light of our souls, until the day break and the shadows flee away, and we stand before Thee in the light which has no shadow.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

O LORD OUR GOD, who hast taught us to look to Thee as a very present help, we cast ourselves on Thy care, and humbly beseech Thee to supply all our need, according to Thy riches in Christ Jesus.

Make us thankful for the rest of the past night, and for the light and blessings of another day. And now, that Thou art calling us to resume our daily work, impress us with a sense of our dependence on Thee, and teach us to acknowledge Thee in all our ways.

Keep us ever mindful that it is our first duty to glorify and serve Thee. Help us to feel how much we owe to Thee, as our Creator, Preserver, Benefactor, and Redeemer. Fill our hearts with such love to Thee that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to Thy will. And whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, enable us to do all to Thy glory.

Teach us to be just and righteous in our dealings with our brethren. Suffer us not to beguile any with deceitful words or to injure any by wrong or oppressive actions. Let it be our hearty desire to render unto all their dues, and our earnest endeavor to be faithful in that which is least, as well as in that which is greatest.

O God, give us grace that we may so use the good things which Thou hast provided for the body that they may not in any wise be hurtful to the soul. Restrain us from all intemperance or excess. Help us to be sober and vigilant. Help us to repress all inordinate desires for the riches, honors, and pleasures of this life.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And to Thy name be the praise and the glory forever. Amen.

THE day, O Lord, is Thine; the night also is Thine. Day unto day uttereth speech, night unto night showeth knowledge of Thee. Thou hast written Thy faithfulness and power in the ordinances of nature, so that sun and moon praise Thee, and all the stars of light.

Blessed be Thy name that Thou art so abundant in goodness and mercy, and that we can draw near to Thee and say, This God is our God for ever and ever. May we feel that Thy holy presence is round about those who fear Thee for a defence, and Thy name a strong tower into which they can run at all times and be safe. May it be our desire to behold Thy glory.

May Thy grace draw out the affections of our soul in love toward Thee, and lead us to long for a clearer knowledge of Thee in the face of Jesus Christ Thy Son. Here, O Lord, it is but a small part of Thy ways that we see. The greatness of Thy power and glory we cannot understand. Give us faith to cling to Thy promise of fuller light; give us love to desire its fulfilment, patience to await it, and diligence to do all Thy holy will.

Direct our hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. May Christ be in us the hope of glory. May 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.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Through all the ways of life lead us safely, from every evil work do Thou deliver us, and preserve us unto Thy heavenly kingdom. There we shall see Thee no more through a glass darkly, but face to face, and sing the praises of Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood; to whom, with Thee the Father and the blessed Spirit, one God, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

O LORD, who hast said that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name there art Thou in the midst of them, give us Thy presence and Thy blessing. Let Thy fear be upon us; let Thy grace be helpful to us; let Thy Word come to us in power and be received in love; and whatsoever we do, enable us to do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

O Lord, who hast deigned to instruct us by Thy heavenly doctrine, dispose us with meekness and humility to learn of Thee, and give us grace to profit by Thy teaching.

Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver; the Redeemer of our souls; the source of all our blessings and all our hopes; we acknowledge Thy claims to the affection and obedience which Thou requirest of us, and humbly implore Thy Holy Spirit, that we may give Thee the love and homage that are due.

Whom have we, O Lord, in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that we desire beside Thee.

O God, we have cause to be ashamed, that we have been so little affected by a sense of our obligation to serve Thee, and have so greatly failed in the diligence wherewith it becomes us to do Thy holy will. Pardon, we beseech Thee, our lack of zeal for the honor of Thy name. Enter not into judgment with us for the coldness of our affections, the unsteadiness of our purposes, the sluggishness and weakness of our endeavors. And give us grace, that henceforth we may be enabled to yield Thee the full devotion of our hearts, and earnestly to employ all our faculties and talents in obedience to Thy will, and to Thy glory.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O Lord, these and all other things that we need for ourselves or others, we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Who shall not fear Thee and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy. Help us to sanctify Thee in our hearts. Give us that preparation of heart which cometh from Thyself alone, that we may worship Thee aright. Of ourselves we cannot serve Thee, nor bring any offering in our hands to which Thou canst have respect. But blessed be Thy name, we have an Advocate with Thee the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who died the just for the unjust. Through His blood may we obtain the forgiveness of sins; through His merit may we find grace and favor in Thy sight; through His all-prevailing intercession may our services come up with acceptance before Thee.

We bless Thee that He has passed into the heavens to appear in the presence of God for us, and there as our Mediator and Advocate pleads our cause. Give us faith, Lord, to plead His finished work, faith to rely on His effectual intercession.

May we see in Jesus one who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin; who took upon Him our flesh and blood that He might have compassion on the ignorant and succor the tempted. May we see in His atonement a firm and abiding ground of hope; and may we ever come to Him to receive from His fulness, to know more of His love, to grow up into the likeness of His holy image, and reach, in our measure, the stature of His holy perfection.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Accept, Lord, our thanksgivings for the mercies of the day now closing. May we who are united in prayer be bound one to another, and made one in Thee by a living faith in Thy Son. Let Thine eye be upon us, and Thine arm around us, through the watches of the night. May our prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

Amen.

O GOD, we worship and bow down ; we kneel before Thee, our Lord and Maker ; for Thou art our God ; and we are the people of Thy pasture, and the sheep of Thy hand. We praise Thy name, that though we have often wandered from Thy ways and hardened our hearts against Thee, yet Thou art pleased to deal bountifully with us, and to crown us from day to day with undeserved benefits.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, all our sins. Deal not with us according to our sins, whereby we have so frequently provoked Thee. And give us grace, that henceforth we may be enabled to bring forth fruits meet for repentance, and to show our sense of Thy goodness by a life of cheerful obedience to Thy commandments.

Almighty God, who didst command the light to shine out of darkness, and hast again made the light to arise upon the world in the morning of another day ; let it please Thee so to illuminate our souls with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be guided in the paths of righteousness, and brought to know Thee and Thy Son Jesus Christ, whom to know is life eternal. Deliver us from ignorance and delusion, from prejudice and passion, from pride and self-confidence, and from every evil influence that opposes the entrance of Thy truth into our minds. Give to us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may meekly receive whatsoever Thou hast taught us. Make us ready to believe, where we cannot see ; and willing to trust, where we cannot comprehend. Endue us with a right judgment in all things, that we may know the things that are true, and approve the things that are excellent. And grant that Thy truth may so richly dwell in us, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may be built up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All we ask is for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

O GOD, who givest light unto the simple, fill us with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing, and may be fruitful in every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Oh may our hearts ever yield to Thee fresh returns of praise. May our lives prove our thankfulness to Thee by daily acts of cheerful and willing service. To Thee we owe all that we have and all that we hope for. Make us truly Thine. May we serve Thee in the spirit of love and confidence and of a sound mind as our God and Father. Being justified by faith in the merits of Thy dear Son, may we have peace with Thee, and rejoice in the assurance of pardon, the sense of Thy love, and the enjoyment of Thy favor. May the common blessings of life be endeared as gifts of a Father's love coming from a Saviour's hand. Through the spiritual blessings so richly bestowed on us, minister supplies of grace and strength according to our need, draw our hearts more closely to Thee, and cherish and mature in us the graces of Thy children.

May the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus; may we be led by His Spirit, may we walk in His steps. Be with us, Lord, through all the days of our pilgrimage; and when heart and flesh fail, be Thou the strength of our heart, and our portion for ever.

We bless Thee, O Lord, that we have been brought in peace and safety to the close of this day. Thine eye hast watched over us; Thy hand hast upheld us; Thou hast made our cup to run over.

Bless our rest to night; may it strengthen the body and refresh the mind; and as our sleep is sweet unto us, may we be prepared at the last to rest from our labors and be with Christ.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And all we ask is for His name's sake.

Amen.

O GOD, our Creator and Redeemer, who hast set apart one day in seven to be a holy Sabbath; and in Thy merciful providence hast spared us to see another return of this day, make us thankful for this season of rest and worship and instruction, and enable us by Thy grace to hallow it to those uses for which Thou hast appointed it.

We are apt to forget Thee in the pursuits and pleasures of the world. Even on Thy holy day we have been inclined to follow our own ways, to speak our own words, and to find our own pleasure; and often when we have come before Thee as Thy people come, and worshipped Thee with our lips, our hearts have been far from Thee.

O God, forgive the coldness and indifference we have shown to Thy name and Thine ordinances. And now that Thou art again inviting us to remember the Sabbath-day and keep it holy, we humbly implore Thy Spirit to prepare our hearts for its observance. Grant that we may be enabled this day to rest from our works as Thou didst, and to rise from worldly vanities and cares, as Christ our Lord was raised from the dead.

And that we may have true understanding and discernment, we beseech Thee let Thy Word dwell richly in us, that we may abound in all knowledge, and do according to Thy will. Grant that being thus instructed in mind, and ready to all holy obedience, we may grow and increase evermore, from grace to grace, from faith to faith, until we come to the fulness of the Spirit, to be perfect members of the body of Christ, waiting for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Our Father which art, etc.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of mercies, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we lift up our souls unto Thee in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.

We thank Thee for the instructions of Thy Word, for the rest of Thy Sabbath, for the ordinances of Thy worship, and for all our Christian privileges and means of grace; above all, for the promise of Thy Holy Spirit to make them effectual for our salvation. We thank Thee that we are more highly favored than prophets and kings and righteous men of old, who desired to see the things which we see but saw them not, and to hear the things which we hear but heard them not; and that Thou hast greatly distinguished us above many of our fellow-creatures who are still sitting in gross darkness, by causing the Day-spring from on high to visit us, and guiding our feet into the way of life and peace.

Make us duly sensible of our great advantages. Enter not into judgment with us for the negligence, unfaithfulness, and sinfulness wherewith we have hitherto slighted or abused them. And help us, for the time to come, more justly to value our privileges, and with greater care and earnestness to improve them, that they may not at last rise against us to our condemnation.

Almighty God, who hast called us with a holy calling, according to Thine own purpose and grace in Christ Jesus, and hast blessed us in Him with all spiritual blessings, grant that we may in everything be enriched by Him, so as to neglect no gift. Make perfect that which is lacking in our faith; make us to increase and abound more and more in love to Thee, and in charity to our fellow-men; and help us to be filled with the knowledge of Thy will.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And to Thy name be the praise and the glory for ever.

Amen.

HOLY SPIRIT, who alone canst enable us rightly to apply Thy truth, grant that we may derive from it those lessons only which Thou didst intend it to impart; that so, being preserved from all the errors and inventions of men, we may evermore walk in Thy light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, our Creator and Preserver, who, by the rest of the Sabbath, and by the slumbers of the past night, hast restored our souls and refreshed our bodies, we thankfully acknowledge Thy goodness.

Suffer us not, when returning to the ordinary concerns of this life, to be forgetful of the instructions, or the influence of Thy worship. May every wholesome lesson be remembered, every good impression be deepened, every holy resolution be confirmed. Help us to carry the spirit of the Sabbath into the business of the week, so that, in all our labors, our souls may rest in Thee, and that, whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, we may do all to Thy glory.

O God, pardon our unsteadfastness, and give us grace, whereby we may be inclined more constantly and consistently to walk with Thee. Let the life we henceforth lead be a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us; and let us profit by the grace He hath conferred on us, in our habitual temper and conversation.

Set a watch at the door of our lips, that no corrupt communications may proceed from them. Cleanse our hearts from all unholy desires, from all worldly and covetous affections, from all malignant and uncharitable dispositions. And incline us so to manifest the power of godliness, that we may be living epistles of the Lord, known and read of all men.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for His blessed name's sake.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son's name, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us who now make our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we faithfully ask according to Thy will may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory.

O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, give us the spirit of adoption; that, coming unto Thee with all holy confidence, as children to a father able and ready to help us, we may be accepted in the name of Thy beloved Son, and through Him receive the petitions which we ask of Thee.

We are unworthy to be called Thy children, because we have rebelled against Thee. We have been unthankful for Thy mercies, distrustful of Thy promises, and disobedient to Thy commandments; we have despised Thy fatherly chastenings, and have turned a deaf ear to Thy counsels and reproofs; we have kept back from Thee our hearts, and by our indifference have provoked Thee to cast us off.

Merciful Father, grant us Thy forgiveness. Give us true repentance towards Thee, and faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ.

Give unto us also Thy Holy Spirit, to witness with our spirits that we are Thy children, and to produce in us love, and trust, and gratitude, and obedience to Thy will. Make us kindly affectioned to our brethren, ready to bear with their errors and infirmities, and to do them good as we have opportunity. And amidst the toils and trials of our present condition, support and comfort us with the hope of that blessed inheritance which awaits us in our Father's kingdom.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us in these prayers for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, we give Thee thanks that Thou hast watched over us during the past night, and brought us to see the light of another day. Strengthen and guard us by Thy grace, that we may spend this day in Thy service, seeking Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men. And even as the sun has risen upon the earth to give us light, let it please Thee to illuminate our souls with the brightness of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be guided in the paths of righteousness. Cause us to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do we trust. Cause us to know the way wherein we should walk ; for we lift up our souls unto Thee.

O God, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to blot out our transgressions. They are many and grievous, and they stand between us and Thee, hiding from us the light of Thy countenance. Cast them out of Thy remembrance, and forgive us, as Thou hast promised unto such as call on Thee in truth.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

God of all power and glory, Spirit of all goodness and truth, sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit, and guide us evermore in the way of peace. Help us, by Thy grace dwelling in us, to overcome the world. Give us courage to confess Christ always ; give us patience to endure in His service to the end, that, having finished our course with joy, we may rest in hope, and finally rise in the resurrection with the just, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, we thank Thee for Thy mercies, which are new every morning, repeated every moment. We thank Thee for food and clothing and a comfortable home; for health and reason; for Thy fatherly hand ever upon us; for friends and kindred; for home and country; for Thy Church; for the Gospel. We therefore call upon Thy name with glad and thankful hearts, humbly beseeching Thee to accept our service for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thou hast appointed the night for rest and the day for labor; grant that we may so rest in peace and quietness during the coming night, that we may be able to-morrow to bear our appointed labors. Take us into Thy protection that no evil may befall us, and no plague come nigh our dwelling. And although we have not passed this day without sinning against Thee, yet let it please Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to hide our sins with Thy mercy, as Thou coverest all things on earth with the darkness of the night; that as our bodies are refreshed by quiet sleep, so also our minds may be made tranquil by a comfortable sense of Thy forgiveness.

We thank Thee, O God, that Thou hast appointed us to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Help us to rest on Him and cleave to Him. And when at length our days are ended and our work finished in this world, grant that we may depart hence in the blessed assurance of Thy favor, and in the sure hope of that glorious kingdom where there is day without night, and life without the shadow of death.

We pray for Thy blessing on all our beloved friends. Guard them from evil by night and by day. Supply all their wants according to Thy glorious riches.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake. Amen.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Almighty and most merciful Father, it is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

We thank Thee for health and strength, for food and raiment, for many social blessings and domestic comforts, for help and succor in our times of need, for tender pity and consolation in hours of sorrow, and for all the care and kindness Thou hast shown to us.

Above all, we magnify Thy name for Thine unspeakable mercy to our souls. We thank Thee that Thou hast given Thy beloved Son to die for our sins; that Thou hast promised Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify our souls; that Thou hast called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Thy Gospel; that Thou hast abundantly favored us with means of grace, and hast comforted us with the hope of glory.

Holy Father, let not our sins, which have made us unworthy of Thy mercies, prevail against us. Have mercy on us according to Thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions.

Help us for the time to come more worthily to acknowledge Thy goodness. May we show our sense of it by trust in Thee, by full contentment with the portion Thou hast given us, by kind and charitable dispositions towards our fellow-men, and by cheerful obedience to Thy holy commandments.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men, we humbly beseech Thee to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy divine majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord. And grant that all they that do confess Thy holy name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, who hast guided and upheld us throughout the past day, and under whose watchful guardianship we lie down to sleep to-night; we acknowledge our dependence on Thy care, and lift up our souls in thanksgiving for Thy goodness. Blessed be God, who daily loadest us with benefits.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our ingratitude for Thy many loving-kindnesses. Remember no more against us our transgressions. Continue to us those temporal and spiritual blessings which we have received at Thy most bountiful hands. And help us to show our thankfulness by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by doing those things that are pleasing in Thy sight.

Grant, O God, that our experience of Thy goodness may lead us, at all times, to put our trust in Thee. Help us to feel assured that Thou, who hast blessed us hitherto, wilt bless us still, and wilt withhold from us nothing which Thou knowest, in Thine unerring wisdom, to be needful or expedient for us.

Grant also, that a due sense of Thine unmerited kindness may subdue in us every feeling of discontentment. May we meekly submit to hardships or deprivations, if Thou shouldst so direct, acknowledging that they are unworthy to be mentioned with the bounties of Thy providence, and the riches of Thy grace.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And to Thy name be the praise and the glory for ever.

Amen.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life, grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure, that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

O Lord, who hast searched us and known us, who compasseth our path and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways, we worship Thee as the ever-present God, who, though unseen, art not far from any one of us. Whither shall we go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall we flee from Thy presence?

O God, who hast set our iniquities before Thee, and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance, we humble ourselves in Thy most holy presence, acknowledging our utter unworthiness in Thy sight. O God, we have cause to be ashamed before Thee, when we consider how little we have thought upon Thee; how often we have disregarded or forgotten Thee; how prone we have been to live without Thee in the world; how much Thou hast witnessed, in the ungodliness of our hearts and the sinfulness of our lives, that is hateful and offensive to Thee. Yet Thy mercies have not failed, though we have deserved them not.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. But for the sake of Jesus Christ, who bore our sins in His own body on the cross, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, grant us Thy forgiveness, and make the light of Thy countenance to shine upon us.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

O GOD, Thou art our Creator, and we are the work of Thine hands; Thou art our Father, and we are Thy children; Thou art our Shepherd, and we are Thy flock; Thou art our Redeemer, and we are Thy people whom Thou hast bought; Thou art our God, and we are Thine inheritance. Visit us not, in Thy displeasure, O Lord, neither punish us according to our deserts, but if Thou chasten us, do it mercifully with a fatherly affection.

O God, who humblest Thyself to behold the things that are on earth, and dost not despise the supplication of the penitent; have mercy on us, Thine unworthy children, and favorably regard us for the sake of Thy beloved Son, through whom alone we have access to Thy throne of grace.

We acknowledge that we are not worthy to lift up our eyes to heaven, or to take Thy holy name on our lips. We confess that our sins have been many and great. Our own hearts condemn us; and Thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things.

Lord God, most merciful, whatever we have said or done that is inconsistent with love to Thee, or charity towards our brethren, graciously forgive. Justify us freely by Thy grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; and grant us, for His sake, the blessedness of the man whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered, and unto whom Thou imputest not iniquity.

Gracious God, who desirest not sacrifice, and hast no delight in burnt-offering, but requirest of us to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thee; so direct and govern our hearts and lives, that henceforth we may walk in the way of Thy commandments.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And to Thy name be the grace and the glory for ever. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

O God, we give Thee thanks for all Thy past goodness, and humbly implore Thy continued favor and protection. Thou art our God, early will we seek Thee. Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will we direct our prayer to Thee, and will look up.

We confess before Thee that we are sinful and unworthy to receive any blessing at Thy hands. But we put our trust in Thy well-beloved Son, and in His name we earnestly beseech Thee to grant us Thy grace.

O God, who art now calling us, in the morning of another day, to go to our several occupations until the evening; teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. Help us to perform our allotted tasks with diligence, and to guide our affairs with discretion. And in all our undertakings encourage us with Thy favor, further us with Thy help, and grant us such success as seemeth good to Thee.

Teach us to walk in truth and uprightness before Thee; rendering unto all their dues, and doing unto others as we would that they should do to us. Dispose us to live peaceably with all men. Make us kindly-affectioned one to another, ready to bear with the infirmities of the weak, to relieve the destitute, to comfort the afflicted, to reclaim the erring, and to do good to all as we have opportunity.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

O LORD, who art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee, incline Thine ear to our supplications. Let our prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

We thank Thee for the help Thou hast given us through the past day, and humbly beseech Thee to grant us during the coming night such quiet rest as shall enable us on the morrow to go again with renewed strength to our daily labors.

We confess that we are apt to be engrossed with the cares and business and pleasures of this life, and that, in the eagerness of our pursuit of things temporal, we are prone to forget or neglect those which are eternal. O God, who knowest our foolishness, grant us, for Christ's sake, Thy mercy to forgive us, and Thy grace to restrain and turn us. Quicken our souls that they cleave not to the dust. Convince us of the vanity of this world, and of its insufficiency to make us truly happy. Lead us to choose Thee, in preference to all Thy creatures, as our only sure and satisfying portion. Teach us to esteem Thy loving-kindness as better than life, and Thy law as more precious than gold and silver. And give us such views of the great and glorious things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee as shall withdraw our affections from the world, and fix them on the joys and glories of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And do Thou look in mercy on them that sit in the shadow of death. O Lord, let the armies of Thy faith march forward and possess the enemy's lands. Show us, we beseech Thee, this token in our time, that the work is of Thee. Advance the frontiers of Thy kingdom on earth, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom from heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD OUR GOD, who dwellest on high and art worshipped by glorious spirits, that cease not to render to Thee pure and perfect homage, look on us, Thy fallen and sinful creatures, and hearken to the voice of our prayers.

Remember not, we beseech Thee, our many offences, by reason of which we are unworthy to lift up our eyes to the place where Thine honor dwelleth. Graciously forgive us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, and through Him let it please Thee to give us Thy Holy Spirit, whereby we may be disposed truly to love Thee, heartily to trust in Thee, and wholly to give up ourselves to Thy service.

O Lord, who hast called us to be holy as Thou art holy, and who canst alone make us such as Thou wouldst have us to be, fulfil in us all the good pleasure of Thy goodness, and stablish us in every good work, that we may stand perfect and complete in all Thy will. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Deliver us from evil thoughts, unholy passions, and uncharitable tempers; from pride and vanity, from malice and revenge, from envy and discontent, from covetousness and worldliness. Cause us to abound more and more in faith, and love, and temperance, and godliness; in all holy desires; in all good purposes; in all kind and brotherly affections; in all meek, patient, humble, sober, pure, and peaceable dispositions: that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us and we in Him, according to the grace which through Him Thou hast bestowed upon us. O God of peace, sanctify us wholly. And grant that our whole spirit, and soul, and body may be established in holiness before Thee, and preserved blameless, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Take care of us to-day for Christ's sake.

Amen.

O ALMIGHTY LORD and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments, that, through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Blessed be Thy name that Thou hast reconciled us to Thyself by Thy blessed Son. For His sake cast us not out of Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Thou hast taught us to pray that Thy kingdom may come. Hear us while we plead with Thee for the spread of Thy Gospel throughout the world. Look in mercy on Thine own flock who have entered into covenant with Thee. Heal their divisions, enlighten their dark places, strengthen their feeble and scattered efforts. Look upon that part of the world yet bound in ignorance and superstition. Look upon those who, having Thy commandments, yet worship other gods beside Thee. And here in our own country, Lord, unite us in Thy faith and fear, and in Christian charity one to another. May we cease murmuring and disputings, and put away the spirit of party from among us.

And as it hath pleased Thee to make the night for rest, as Thou hast ordained the day for labor, grant, O heavenly Father, that we may so take our bodily rest that our souls may continually watch for the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that we, not being overcome by any delusions, dreams, or other temptations, may fully set our minds upon Thee and rest in Thee. Give unto us such sleep as shall be sufficient for our need, that, being strengthened and refreshed, we may live in all godly conversation, to the glory of Thy holy name.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Hear us in these our prayers for Christ's sake.

Amen.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

WE thank Thee, heavenly Father, for another New Year's day, for the life which Thou art giving us upon the earth, and for all the mercies and blessings which crown these years.

Give us grace that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom ; and as our time is passing away, help us to make the best use of it, so that whatsoever our hands find to do, we may do it with our might, and do all to the glory of God.

We beseech Thee to take care of us in all the coming year. We stand on the threshold to-day, but we know not whether we shall see the end. There may be sadness and sorrow and sickness and suffering in the future. We do not know, nor do we desire to know ; but if we have Thee with us, all will be well. If our hand is held in Thy hand, we shall not fall, we shall not be afraid.

Thou art the preserver of all. May we never forget that by the word of Thy power Thou upholdest us in existence. In Thee we live and move and have our being. Through another night Thou hast watched over us : we lay down and slept, we awoke, for the Lord sustained us. All that we have are Thy gifts. Our dwelling, our food, our clothing, all things that make life agreeable and pleasant are proofs of Thy goodness. Thou reignest over all, and in Thine hand is power and might, and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. We praise Thee for all the bounties of providence ; and pray that we may never repine at the afflictions and troubles which Thou seest fit to send.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be opened to the prayers of Thy humble servants ; and that we may obtain our petitions, make us to ask such things as shall please Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

THOU, Lord, rulest over all the kingdoms of the earth ; and in Thy hand is the power and might, so that none is able to withstand Thee. Thine eyes behold the nations : by Thee princes rule, even all the judges of the earth ; and Thine, O Lord, is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever.

O God, who by Thy servant Moses didst lead forth Thine Israel with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, who by Thy servant Joshua didst bring them into the promised land, and by Thy servant David didst give them victory over their enemies and establish them in peace ; we bless Thee that when the men of this land were few and feeble, and sore oppressed, Thou didst remember Thy covenant with our fathers, even the sure mercies of David, and didst raise up Thy servant Washington for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. We bless Thee for the wisdom, the courage, the faith, the fortitude, the patience, wherewith Thou didst endow him for the trials of war ; and for the prudence, the integrity, the unselfish love of country and of mankind, wherewith Thou didst fit him for the establishing of government and the administration of affairs. We bless Thee for the independence, the freedom, the order of this nation, and we pray that all these blessings may be continued to us.

O Lord, forgive our sins, the sins of our rulers, the sins of the people. Bless Thy servant the President of the United States, and all his counsellors ; bless the assembled Congress of the nation ; bless all governors and legislatures, all judges and magistrates ; bless the army and the navy, and all who are in any place of authority and power throughout the land.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

We give Thee thanks for our home in this land of freedom and plenty ; for the daily benefits which load our lives ; and pray for grace to serve Thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY (Morning).

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who wast with the Father before all worlds, very God of very God; who wast conceived by the Holy Ghost, and in the fulness of time born of the Virgin Mary; who being obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, hast delivered us by Thy holy and precious blood; and having destroyed the power of death hast opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; we earnestly beseech Thee, O Lord, who sittest at the right hand of the Father Almighty, that of Thine infinite mercy, and through Thy cross and passion, Thou wilt redeem us miserable sinners, who are worthy of death, from all our sins and iniquities; and deliver us from all evils, past, present, and to come, and mortify in us all evil affections, both of body and soul. Raise us up with Thee, we beseech Thee, by Thy glorious power, that we, desiring and seeking after those things which are above, may attain to the glory of everlasting felicity, through Thy infinite mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, the Creator of all things, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest in the unity of the Godhead, world without end.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

If we may go to Thy house, go thou with us and help us to worship Thee with Thy people in spirit and in truth, drawing very near to Thee in the prayers—the supplications—the worship of the sanctuary.

And all this we beg for Thy name's sake.

Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY (Evening).

O GOD, we have gathered round the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ to-day. We remember how He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; how He was smitten and afflicted; how He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows; how He died for our offences, and cleansed us from our sins in His own blood.

Lord, we know that by His death we live; by His sacrifice He secures our acceptance with Thee; and that, having endured the sharpness of death, He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. We would lift up our eyes to heaven, and by faith behold the Lamb in the midst of the throne, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Help us to imitate our Saviour's example, to submit patiently to suffering, and to take the cup which our Father gives us, saying, Thy will be done. Give us the spirit of forgiveness, that we may pray for our enemies, for any who despitefully use us and persecute us. As Jesus Christ, amidst the agonies of the cross, thought of His mother and commended her to His beloved disciple, may we be delivered from selfishness, even when oppressed by pain and sorrow, and tenderly care for and lovingly promote the welfare of those to whom we are related.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O Lord Jesus, who for our sakes didst endure such contradiction of sinners against Thyself, grant us grace that, like Thee, we may be meek and lowly of heart. When offended and wronged by others, when persecuted by an evil and gain-saying world, may we remember Him who, when He was reviled, reviled not again, and who from the cross prayed for the forgiveness of His enemies.

Hear us and answer us, and to Thy Name be the glory for ever. Amen.

EASTER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who, through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee that as, by Thy special grace preventing us, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

O most holy, most glorious Saviour and Redeemer, who for our sake didst descend from the glories of heaven to the pains and labors of the earth, and didst pass from the bitterness of death to the darkness of the grave, and by Thy divine power didst raise Thyself from death to life again, we give Thee thanks for Thine infinite love to us and all mankind. We acknowledge Thee to be our Lord and our God. We adore Thy majesty and rejoice in Thy mercy, and we humbly pray Thee to help us by Thy Spirit to believe Thy truth and to obey Thy commandments, that, after a holy and religious life, spent in doing honor to Thy holy name, we may be partakers of Thy holy resurrection, passing from death to life, from the darkness of the grave to the light of heaven, from imperfect service to the perfection of holiness in the fulness of the joys of God in Thy eternal kingdom, O most holy, most glorious Saviour and Redeemer.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for His merits who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOURTH OF JULY.

O GOD, the Lord of heaven and earth, who 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, we thank Thee that in the fulness of time Thou didst plant in this land a Christian people, and didst give them dominion over the wilderness unto the great river, and beyond, even unto the great sea, toward the going down of the sun. And we do thank Thee, Lord God of our fathers, that Thou didst look upon them in their affliction and oppression, and didst deliver them with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, and hast made of them a nation great, mighty and populous, as at this day. We thank Thee, O Lord, for our freedom and union; for our arts and industries; for our fields and mines; for our trade and commerce; for our homes, our schools, and for all Thy benefits unto this nation. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

O Lord, preserve us from war and discord, from famine, pestilence, and every evil; and purify us from every sin. Bless Thy servant the President of the United States, and all who are in authority; fill this land with judgment and righteousness. May the fear of the Lord be our treasure, and wisdom and knowledge the stability of our times. So may we, as a people whom Thou hast redeemed, help on the blessed day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; to whom be glory and dominion for ever.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING DAY (Morning).

O GOD, our heavenly Father, Thou hast brought us to see another Thanksgiving Day, set apart by our rulers as a day of praise and prayer. Thy mercies have been so abounding and so unceasing, to the people of this land, that our hearts should go up to Thee in united, fervent praise. We thank Thee for the early and the latter rain, for abundant harvests, rewarding the labor of the husbandman; for the products of the land and the sea, for the general health of the people, for their well-being and their love of country. We thank Thee for the advancement of religion, for the open Bible, for the free school and for wholesome literature. We heartily thank Thee for all Thy bountiful gifts to us and to all men. We thank Thee for our life, and all its blessings of health and strength; but more, for all its charities and affections, and all its means of doing good in our home, or to our friends, or persons who trust us or depend upon us; above all, for whatever measure Thou hast taught us of Thy grace and truth, and for our hopes of things eternal. Increase, O Lord, this knowledge, and multiply Thy grace upon us, that no ignorance nor sin may turn Thy blessings into curses; but give us such a sense of Thy goodness, that we may ever devote ourselves to Thy service in word and deed; and so, praising Thee both with our lips and lives, go on through Thy mercy to the joy of everlasting life.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

For all these Thy mercies, we bless and magnify Thy glorious Name; humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for His sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THANKSGIVING DAY (Evening).

O GOD, who keepest covenant with Thy people, and showest mercy unto all men, we offer our grateful thanks to Thee for the bountiful harvest with which Thou hast crowned the labors of the husbandman, and hast provided for us our daily bread. Thou hast fulfilled Thine ancient promise, that seed-time and harvest should not fail. Thou hast graciously given fertility to the soil, hast made it soft with showers, and blessed the springing thereof. Thy paths drop fatness. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Continue Thy favors, although we are undeserving of them, and deepen in our hearts a sense of our obligation to Thee. May our lives, so preserved and so richly endowed by Thy bounty, be daily consecrated to Thy service and glory.

Help us, O Lord, with devout thankfulness of heart, to recognize the rich provision made for our spiritual necessities. Thou hast dealt bountifully with us. Thou hast given us the inestimable gift of the Holy Scriptures. May our souls be sustained and invigorated by the blessed truths and promises of the Gospel, and be fruitful in all godliness.

May every nation under heaven soon be favored with the same privileges that we enjoy. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth, that they may bring men unto Thy holy hill and to Thy tabernacles. Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers into Thy harvest; and grant, for Christ's sake, that when Thine angels, the reapers, shall come, at the end of the world, we and all others may be gathered into the heavenly garner.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

We humbly implore these mercies, and all the fulness of Thy grace and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Morning).

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we may be made Thy children by adoption and grace, and may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

O holy and blessed God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we kneel down at Thy footstool on the morning of this blessed day.

We would join in the angels' song, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will towards men." Thankfully would we listen to the tidings, "Unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Help us, like the shepherds, to come by faith to Bethlehem, to find the Babe lying in the manger; and then, may we return, when this day is over, to the pursuits of life, glorifying and praising God for all the things which we have seen and heard.

We praise Thee for the glorious mystery of His birth, who is the promised Seed of the woman, in whom all the families of the earth are blessed—who is the Child born, the Son given, Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. May we, amidst all the social intercourse and enjoyments of this day, remember Him devoutly; and consider how He has sanctified domestic life, and made the joys of father, mother, husband, wife, and child, holier than before. May He, the Bright and the Morning Star, shine over all homes. May that peace which He gives mingle with the innocent pleasures of our home this day.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And unto Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be the glory for ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Evening).

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for another Christmas Day. During all the days and nights of the past year Thou hast kept us and now we are permitted to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ into this world. We thank Thee that He who was foretold by the prophets as the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, came into this world as an infant. We thank Thee that in the fulness of time He came, that He was born of a virgin, made under the law. We thank Thee that unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.

We thank Thee that we live in such a time as this, when the hearts of so many people in all the world are turned towards the manger at Bethlehem and to the infant child lying there. We thank Thee that the knowledge which we enjoy has been given to so many people, that in Christian churches all over the world people have been gathered to-day to worship Him who was born King of the Jews and who died to save sinners. We pray that this Gospel which we enjoy may be published everywhere, and that the time may soon come when all men shall love the Saviour and give Him their hearts. We pray especially that children may love Him who was once a little child and who knows how to sympathize with young children. We pray especially that all poor children may learn of Jesus, for He was once a poor child, and when He became a man had not where to lay His head. We pray that all sick children may learn to know and love Jesus, for He healed sick children.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And we pray that on this blessed Christmas day we may have more and more reason to bless and praise Thy holy name. Hear us, O God our Saviour, and to Thy name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be the glory and the praise, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR (Morning).

MOST merciful and gracious Father, through Thy good hand upon us we are brought in safety to the end of the year. Thou hast caused us to lie down by night, and Thou hast protected us; we have gone in and out daily, because Thou hast kept us. Thou hast made our bed in sickness and hast raised us up again when we have been brought low. Thou hast refreshed us when weary, and hast comforted us with Thy comforts. Thou hast endued our souls with strength, and hast upheld us by Thy mighty power. Thou hast blessed us with the means of grace. Thou hast made known to us Thy Son crucified for our sins, and raised again for our justification; and Thou hast given Thy good Spirit to teach and to sanctify the hearts of Thy people. O Lord, Thou hast done all this for us, and delighted to do us good; notwithstanding all our sins, our negligences, and our backslidings. O God, we acknowledge that we have not rendered unto Thee according to all that Thou hast done for us. We cast ourselves anew on our divine Redeemer. We pray Thee, for His sake, forgive us all that is past. Renew to us now the sense of Thy free pardon, and so give us peace; so fill us with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, that we may rejoice and be glad in Thee all our days.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

And now, Lord, teach us so to number our days as to apply our hearts to wisdom. Give us grace that we may always stand ready and prepared for the coming of the Lord. Look in mercy on our country. Pardon our national sins. Let not our abuse of the privileges which Thou hast bestowed bring down Thy judgments on the land. Continue to us, we beseech Thee, our national blessings. Hear us, O Lord, and stir up Thy strength and come among us, and with great might succor us; and hasten the time when all shall know Thee, from the least to the greatest. Amen.

THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR (Evening).

O LORD, the last hours of the year have come. Another year has told its tale. Like the years which have gone before, it has brought millions of our race into being; and it has carried millions away as with a flood. They are gone as a sleep and a dream.

Assist us, O Lord, to feel the responsibility, the solemnity of life. Forbid that this year should pass away without our questioning it as to the report it has to make concerning us. Surely mercies have come with it, for which we should be grateful; and follies and sins have come with it, for which we should be humbled and penitent. If the days and months now passed have brought us suffering, may it be seen that we have profited by it. But Thou hast been long-suffering, O Lord, and very gracious; and we pray that our souls, in the memory of Thy goodness, may become more than ever Thine in the exercise of every dutiful affection; and may our remaining days be marked by the signs of a growing spiritual life.

When we go to rest to-night, watch Thou over us and suffer nothing to disturb us while we sleep, and if we may live to see to-morrow, may our first thoughts be of Thee and of our purpose to love and serve Thee as long as life lasts, more truly and faithfully than we have ever done.

Special Prayers and Thanksgivings.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen,

FOR CONGRESS.

GRACIOUS GOD, we pray Thee, as for all nations, so for our own people, for the President, and for the Congress now assembled, that Thou wouldst inspire all our rulers and legislators with the spirit of right, justice and truth, and with Thy most holy fear; and that Thou wouldst prosper their counsels to the advancement of true religion, and the welfare and honor of our government and people; that things may be settled upon sure foundations, and that peace and happiness, fairness and right, with Thy holy faith and fear, may continue among us. Give to all our people the purest patriotism, the love of country, the love of God.

FOR THE SICK.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we implore Thy grace and favor towards Thy servant who is sick. Give — a lively and steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Fill — with a grateful sense of Thy fatherly love and tender care. Give unto — heavenly supports and comforts; and give — perfect patience and absolute submission to Thee during this sickness.

We know that there is nothing impossible with Thee; but that if Thou wilt Thou canst raise — up, and grant — a longer continuance in this world. May it be Thy gracious pleasure to restore — to us. May it please Thee to save and deliver —, for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Bless all the means that are used for — preservation, and make them effectual. And in the meantime help — meekly to resign — to Thy wisdom, and humbly to confide in Thy loving kindness; and quietly to wait upon Thee for ease and refreshment at present, and for perfect health and strength at last; which we earnestly beseech Thee, in Thy good time, to bestow

upon —, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, the Saviour both of soul and body, and our compassionate Intercessor with Thee.

LORD, we desire to commend to Thy special care — who is sick. Be with — in — sickness. Grant that it may be a time of blessing to — soul. Lead — to the Saviour, and may — find comfort in the midst of trial, and that peace which the world cannot give. Grant — relief from pain and ease from restlessness. If consistent with Thy will raise — up to health and strength again, and let the cloud which hangs over this household be dispelled. Spare us all, we beseech Thee. But, if Thou hast otherwise ordained, grant us submission to Thy will. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Him who has borne our sorrows and who knows what it is to suffer.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE SICK.

O GOD, most gracious, most holy, most merciful, we have heard, we have seen, we have experienced Thy love. Thou hast not made Thyself known to us by the judgments which we have deserved; but hast made Thyself known to us as willing to forgive all our iniquities. Thou hast delivered our eyes from tears, and our hearts from anguish; and in Thy mercy hast spared — whom Thou hadst lately afflicted. Thou hast not delivered — over unto death. Thou, Lord, hast turned our mourning into joy, and our fears into songs of praise.

May — whom Thou hast spared, love Thee more, and walk more perfectly before Thee in the land of the living. Perfect, we beseech Thee, — recovery; and grant unto —, and to every one of us in this family, a due sense of Thy

mercy and compassion; that henceforth we may depend on Thee more entirely for the preservation of our earthly comforts, and may consider them as Thy free gifts, O Lord, who art the only Giver of all good things.

We again present ourselves, with all we have, and all we are, a lively sacrifice unto Thee for all our remaining days. Be with us, O Lord, when we are passing through the valley of the shadow of death. Guard us that we may fear no evil, and bring us safe to Thine eternal kingdom and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



WE bless and praise Thee, O most merciful Father, that of Thy great goodness Thou hast hearkened to our supplications and given us reason to hope for complete recovery of health to — who is sick. O Lord, continue to bless—that — may be more and more devoted in body and soul to Thy service, and teach us all to show forth our grateful sense of Thy mercy to us by rendering ourselves up to Thee, a holy family, living in Thy love on earth, and becoming more and more fitted for Thy kingdom in heaven.

UNDER BEREAVEMENT.

O LORD, under the shadow of Thy judgments we come to Thee, seeking Thy grace to support us in our time of trial. Strengthen us according to Thy glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering. And help us to look beyond this vale of tears to that land of everlasting blessedness and rest, where those Christian friends whom death has for a while severed shall be forever united in the presence of their Lord.

We pray that this chastening, though for the present grievous, may in due time yield in us the peaceable fruits of righteousness. May it lead us to seek a closer union with Thee, from

whose love nothing in life or in death can ever divide us. May it teach us to reflect more seriously than we have ever done on the short and uncertain duration of our pilgrimage, and with greater earnestness and diligence than hitherto to lay up in store a good foundation for eternity.

Keep us ever mindful that this world is not our rest. Teach us, as strangers and pilgrims on the earth, to desire a better country, that is, a heavenly, and to pass the time of our sojourning in Thy fear, so that, when it shall be Thy will to call us hence, we may have a peaceful departure out of this life, in favor with Thee, and in perfect charity with all mankind, and may be received into that heavenly kingdom, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee.

And now, O Lord, what wait we for? our hope is in Thee. Help us to cast upon Thee all our care, whether for ourselves or for any who are dear to us, in the full persuasion that Thou carest for us. And let the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee, and with the Holy Ghost, be glory everlasting. Amen.

FATHER of mercies and God of all consolation, we lift up our souls unto Thee. Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

Look with compassion on this family, from whom Thou hast taken away one that was dear to us. Enable us to say, the will of the Lord be done. Cause us to be persuaded in our hearts, that though this dispensation be mysterious, it is sent in love and mercy. And let Thy fatherly chastening be sanctified, to the weaning of our affections from the world, and to our greater fitness for that better life, where sorrow and disappointment are unknown.

O blessed Saviour, who didst Thyself weep beside the grave of a beloved friend, fulfil to us Thy promise, that Thou wilt not

leave us comfortless. Turn not away Thine ear from our cry; hold not Thy peace at our tears. Say to us, let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. Make Thyself known to us as the Resurrection and the Life; and satisfy our souls with the assurance, that whosoever believeth in Thee, though he were dead, yet shall he live for ever.

O God, who art showing us that in the midst of life we are in death, grant that we may be rightly impressed by this visitation of Thy providence; and may Thy grace make us more earnest in redeeming the time and preparing for eternity. Spare us, merciful Father, yet a little while, before we go hence and be no more. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let Thy goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life; and receive us at last to dwell in Thy house for ever.

O God of peace, who hast loved Thy people, and given them consolation and good hope through grace, we humbly commend to thee all our brethren in affliction. Comfort and relieve them according to their necessities. And strengthen them with might, according to Thy glorious power. Amen.

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WE adore Thee, O Lord, we bow our wills to Thee, whose judgments are unsearchable, and whose ways are past finding out; we believe Thou intendest to do us good, even by denying our earnest desires. We would bless Thee therefore at all times. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

The cup which our Father hath given us, shall we not drink it? We take it humbly from Thy hands, O God, and submit to Thy wise dispensation. We return to Thee again that which Thou so lovingly bestowedst upon us, heartily thanking Thee for the same, and beseeching Thee to pardon our ingratitude.

Grant us Thy grace, O Lord, that we forget not all Thy benefits: especially Thy great love, Thy exceeding great love in

Christ Jesus, by whom Thou hast provided a remedy for all our griefs, and hast comforted us with the hope of another and better life, where there is no death, not any pain or sorrow, but all tears shall be wiped away from our eyes.

To Thee we come, O blessed Jesus, who art our best and our eternal Friend ; to Thee who knowest our frame, and canst have compassion on our infirmities ; most humbly beseeching Thee to sustain us under this sore affliction in a thankful remembrance of all Thy mercies. Draw up our hearts thereby more towards heaven where Thou art our life ; where we hope that—whom Thou hast taken is ; and where we hope to be when Thou shalt call us away from hence : there to sing Thy praises with eternal joy, in the company of all Thy saints, and of the holy angels.

Amen.

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O FATHER of mercies, who didst give Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, and by dying to open unto us the gate of everlasting life, help us to hope and believe, that of Thy love and wisdom Thou hast taken to Thyself the soul of our—Thy will be done. But, O gracious Father, look with pity on us in our sore grief. Comfort our souls with Thy strengthening Spirit. Increase our faith. Give depth, and earnestness, and constancy to our prayers. Turn our hearts more and more away from earthly things, and put them on heavenly things, that, when it is Thy pleasure to call us hence, we may have a part in the resurrection to eternal life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR RAIN.

ALMIGHTY God, who art the Ruler of all things, and who doeth what pleaseth Thee in the heaven above and in the earth beneath, we approach Thee with deep humility, through the merits of Thy Son. Thou hast bidden Thy people to come boldly unto the throne of Thy grace, through that great High Priest who is passed into the heavens ; and we come to

Thee pleading Thy promise. Hast Thou not said, that whatsoever we ask believing, we shall receive? Lord, help our unbelief; and at this time do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

Thou hast laid Thine afflicting hand upon Thy servants, O Lord, and hast commanded the clouds that they give no rain. The heaven is shut up; the skies are as brass over our head, and the earth as iron beneath our feet. We call upon Thee for mercy. Thou makest a fruitful land barren; and again, Thou turnest the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs. We confess that we have grievously sinned against Thee, and have justly provoked Thy wrath and indignation against us. But we beseech Thee, O Lord, and have pity upon us. Cover the heaven with clouds, and prepare rain for the earth. Send us the early and the latter rain, and so preserve for us the kindly fruits of the earth that in due time we may enjoy them. For Thy Son's sake, spare us, O Lord, who confess our sins unto Thee. Hear us, for Thy mercy is great; and in the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us. We humble ourselves beneath Thy mighty hands, O Thou most Holy. Above all, sanctify our trouble to the removal of our sins. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the supply of our need, and all things that Thou seest necessary, both for our souls and for our bodies, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR FAIR WEATHER.

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who makest the sun to rise on the evil and on the good, let it please Thee of Thy great mercy to be favorable to this our land. Remember, O God, Thy covenant, that while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease. And so increase our faith that we may trust in Thee, who givest us all things

richly to enjoy, and whose tender mercies are over all Thy works.

O God, who bindest up the waters in the thick cloud, and the cloud is not rent under them, be pleased to stay the clouds of heaven, that it may not rain, and grant such weather as that the ground may give its increase; that our fields may yield the precious fruits brought forth by the sun; and that our barns being filled with plenty, we may eat and bless Thee, the Lord, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; and whose hand is ever open to supply the wants of every living thing.

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord, in whose hand are all things, and who workest all things after the counsel of Thine own will. Let it please Thee of Thine infinite goodness so to fill our hearts with Thy grace, that we may take no thought for the morrow; but having food and raiment, may we therewith be content. Mercifully remove our unbelief, and disappoint our fears, that we, confiding in the promises of Thy Word and the bountifulness of Thy providence, may pass our days in peace and quietness, knowing that we have our treasure in heaven, and an inheritance that fadeth not away.

We humbly confess, O God, that we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast showed unto Thy servants; but we plead the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Hear us at this time and bless us, O our God and Father, for His sake. Amen.

COMMUNION DAY (Morning).

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast given us through Him free access to Thy presence, and art graciously inviting us, on this Thy holy day, to the worship of Thy house and the fellowship of Thy table; give us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

We magnify and praise Thy holy name for having so loved the world as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever

believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We thank Thee that He was made flesh and dwelt among us; that he fulfilled all righteousness, and went about doing good; that He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, being wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; that He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and being by the right hand of God exalted, received for us of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit; that, touched with the feeling of our infirmities, He ever liveth to make intercession for us, and is able to save them to the uttermost who come unto Thee through Him; and that, having gone to prepare a place for His people, He will come again to receive them unto Himself, that where He is there they may be also.

What shall we render unto Thee, O Lord, for all these Thy benefits towards us? We will take the cup of salvation, and call upon Thy holy name, and pay our vows to Thee in the presence of Thy people. O Lord, we will praise Thee. Thou hast delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. Help us to walk before Thee in the land of the living, seeking our rest in Thee, and presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

Blessed be Thy name, O God of our salvation, for the renewed opportunity Thou art giving us of observing the holy sacrament of the Supper. Prepare us, we beseech Thee, so that we may discern the Lord's body in this ordinance. Confirm our faith in those great mysteries of redeeming grace which we are this day to show forth. Inspire us with ardent love to the Saviour. Work in us unfeigned sorrow for our sins. Give us sincere and humble purposes of new obedience, that we may with a true heart devote ourselves to His service. And help us, while partaking of this ordinance, to feed by faith on the blessings represented by it, so as to promote our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Bless all our fellow-worshippers, and grant that they may be united to us in the bonds of charity, as becometh those who are brethren in the Lord. Be very gracious to all Pastors, and give them richly to enjoy in their own souls the comforts and blessings they dispense to others. Supply the lack of ordinances to those who are withheld by infirmity or affliction from worshipping in Thy house, and communicating at Thy table. Visit them also with the comforts of Thy fellowship, and satisfy their souls with Thy goodness. Bless Thy Church Universal throughout the world. Let grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied unto all that love the Lord Jesus in sincerity.

And now, O God, our hope is in Thee. If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence. Be with us in all the duties that await us. Make Thy grace sufficient for us. And grant that all the words of our mouths, and all the meditations of our hearts, may be acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

COMMUNION DAY (Evening).

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of mercies, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we bless and praise Thy name for all Thy benefits. We thank Thee that Thou hast not only provided for us all things needful to sustain us in the present life, but that Thou art pleased also to feed us with that spiritual food whereby our souls may be nourished unto life eternal.

Fill our hearts with gratitude for what we have this day seen, and heard, and tasted, and handled, of the Word of Life; for Jesus Christ, who hath been evidently set forth crucified among us; and for the memorials and pledges of His dying love. May every good impression made upon us by the solemnities of this communion season be deepened and confirmed. May the vows and resolutions we have formed at the table of the Lord be remembered and fulfilled. May the

spiritual nourishment and comfort we have there received strengthen us for the duties and trials which await us, so that we may be enabled to go on our way with rejoicing hearts.

Help us, O God, in all things to walk worthy of the good confession we have witnessed before many brethren. Suffer us not to return to those sins which we have solemnly renounced as the hateful and accursed things that crucified the Lord of glory. Let us not be neglectful of those duties which we have promised to render to Him, as His ransomed and peculiar people. Help us always to bear about with us in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in us. And may the love of Christ constrain us to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.

Gracious Lord, without whom we can do nothing, but through whom we can do all things, restrain us from self-confidence and presumption, and teach us humbly and faithfully to trust in Thee. Hold Thou up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Help us to be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; that when our course in this life is ended, we may be admitted to the marriage supper of the Lamb in heaven.

We commend to Thy favor our friends and fellow-worshippers who have joined with us in commemorating the Saviour's death. May their hearts be comforted, being knit together in love. And as they have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so may they walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith, and abounding therein with thanksgiving. Be gracious to the young; confirm them in their principles, and keep them from all the evil that is in the world. Support the aged under the burden of their infirmities, and cheer them with the persuasion that Thou wilt never leave them nor forsake them.

Amen.

FOR A WEDDING.

OUR Father in heaven, who, in the beginning, didst constitute the family in unity of interest, of affection, and of life, to be the channel of thy heavenly grace, we bless thee for all the love and joy which, as members of this family, we have had together, and for all the good that has come to us of Thy bounty and Thy care. We bless Thee for the tender and sacred names of husband and wife, of parent and child; and we pray that our family union on earth may be the type of a union in everlasting love and joy in our Father's house.

We thank Thee that changes in our earthly homes are subject to Thy governance, and that the change which takes the children of our love to constitute anew the family in another home is by the ordering of the same gracious Providence which established this home at the first. We commend to Thee the dear ones who this day shall be joined together in the most sacred of earthly ties; beseeching thee, that, in taking the marriage-vow, Thy holy fear may be before their eyes, and the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, may be upon them.

O Thou divine Redeemer, who didst hallow the marriage festival with Thy presence and benediction! may we this day feel Thy presence, and receive Thy blessing! O Thou holy and blessed Spirit, who hast declared marriage honorable in Thy sight, shed over these beloved ones the sanctity of Thy grace. May their union be for long years of joy in each other, may their love draw them the closer to the God of love, may all the experiences of life bind them together in faith and hope. Grant unto them all things needful in the present life; and in the world to come, life everlasting. And may Thy blessing abide with this household! Help us to be true and loving in all the relationships of life; and finally bring us to the family above, to the marriage supper of the Lamb, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SOME COLLECTS.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succor us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us Thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only Son Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD GOD, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who through Thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech Thee that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who showest to them that are in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire

that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy holy spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

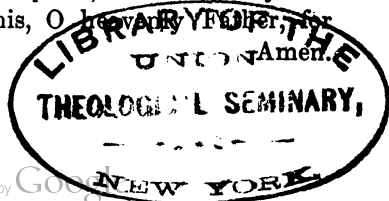
ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us Thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in Thee; mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by Thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.



GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who declarest Thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church ; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L ORD, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L ORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil ; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee ; mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us ; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which Thou commandest ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L ORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness ; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works to the glory of Thy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HOLY and Eternal Spirit, who alone canst enrich thy people with all knowledge and utterance, and who sendest Thy Seraphim with the hallowed fire of the Altar to touch and purify the lips of whom Thou wilt, kindle throughout our land Diviner longings for the Truth, and teach us to love more and more that Book which, mighty through Thee, can control the turbulence of the will, calm the restlessness of the intellect, or satisfy the hunger of the heart. Amen.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; help us so to distinguish between the teachings of the Divine Spirit, and the conclusions therefrom of sinful and erring men, that, abiding in the simplicity of the Gospel we may be preserved from all error. Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from everything tending to weaken the supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures; that so, resting evermore under the shadow of Thy wing, our souls may be kept in perfect peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD of all grace, purify, we beseech Thee, our hearts by Faith which is in Christ Jesus; and so cleanse us from all evil, that everything which beclouds and hinders the simple reception of Thy Truth may be put far from us; and the fruits of the Spirit being made manifest in our life and conversation, our eyes may be opened to discern wondrous things out of Thy law. Amen.

GOD of all grace, whom rightly to know is life eternal; grant us so to receive Thy Son Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that, following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to everlasting blessedness, through the same our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

INCLINE our hearts, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to receive with childlike affection the pure milk of the Word; and so deliver us from the traditions of men, and the delusions of Satan, that we may not be led astray from the simplicity that is in Christ; but ever abiding under the shadow of Thy wing, may be kept from all evil, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, pitifully look upon our infirmities, we beseech Thee; and so deliver us from all darkness of mind, formality, and superstition, that, discerning clearly the true meaning of Thy Holy Word, we may, with all fidelity of heart, cleave thereto, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ETERNAL SPIRIT, who alone canst enable us rightly to apply Thy Holy Word, grant that we may derive from it those lessons only which Thou didst intend to impart; that so, being preserved from all the errors and inventions of men, we

may evermore walk in Thy light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, grant us, we pray Thee, the spirit of wisdom and of a sound mind; that in all sobriety and humility we may search the Scriptures, and so be enabled rightly to interpret the revelation of Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L ORD of all power and might, grant us, we beseech Thee, a deep and true insight into Thy glorious Truth; that, justified by grace, and renewed in the spirit of our minds by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, we may be sanctified for Thy service both here and hereafter, and at length enter into the joy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst, when on earth, mercifully bear with the doubts of Thy disciples; pity, we beseech Thee, the questionings of them that love Thee; and so enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit that, perfectly believing all which Thou hast given us, our faith, in Thy sight, may never be reprov'd, but that we may abide in Thee evermore. Amen.

A LMIGHTY GOD, who through Thine only Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; grant us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things; and give us grace so to acknowledge Thee, that we may evermore be kept steadfast in the faith. Teach us O Lord, in reading Thy Holy Word, how to pray, and what to pray for; and grant that Thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MORNING PRAYER.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be etc. Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we, thy needy creatures, render Thee our humble praises for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To Thy watchful providence we owe it, that, notwithstanding our dangers, we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these Thy mercies, we bless and magnify Thy glorious name; humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for His sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, Thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And since it is of Thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and Thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

But, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; we humbly beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of Thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend Thee. And above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and, according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded

or punished, by Him whom Thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

In particular, we implore Thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways, [*and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations.] Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under Thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else Thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

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

Amen.

* *On Sunday morning, instead of this, say, and let Thy Holy Spirit accompany us to the place of Thy public worship, making us serious and attentive, and raising our minds from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next; that we may fervently join in the prayers and praises of Thy Church, and listen to our duty with honest hearts, in order to practise it.*

AN EVENING PRAYER.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be etc.
Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; we come before Thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of Thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at Thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

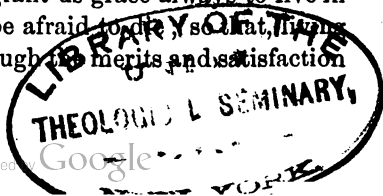
And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech Thee, the direction and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards Thee, and towards men; that so we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of Thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto Thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve Thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen

their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain Thy true religion and virtue. Send down Thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do Thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities; for His sake who went about doing good, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

To our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all Thy mercies; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food, and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore Thy mercy in sending Thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards Thee. We bless Thee for Thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; for Thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day; beseeching Thee to continue these Thy blessings to us, and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to His laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In particular, we beseech Thee to continue Thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die, so that, living and dying, we may be Thine, through Thy merits and satisfaction



of Thy Son Christ Jesus, in whose Name we offer up these our imperfect prayers.

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

Amen.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men ; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal ; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate ; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities ; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

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