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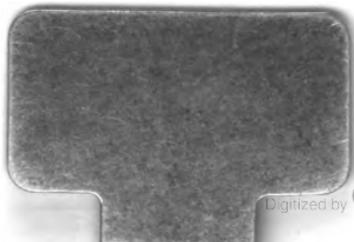
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P R E F A C E.

It has often occurred to the Compiler, that among the many "Volumes of Family Prayer" and "Aids for the Domestic Altar," (not a few of these of admitted excellence,) there might be room for one to meet a pardonable predilection on the part of many for the familiar words, alike of confession and petition, embodied in the *Book of Common Prayer*, were these, by a judicious combination, transposition, and abbreviation, moulded into suitable shape.

Having employed such a compilation from that noblest repertory of devotional utterance as an occasional auxiliary in conducting the worship of his own household, he has ventured to put it in this permanent form for the use of others. It is arranged so as to include a prayer for the morning and evening of each day of the week.

The phraseology of the Prayer Book, endeared to

the lips and hearts of millions, has, with a few trifling exceptions, (where there occurred a quaint word or obsolete expression,) been scrupulously adhered to. Repetitions, here and there, have been purposely made; and, where the connection required it, the petitions have, in one or two instances, been linked together by a verse of Scripture.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN
HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY
NAME. THY KINGDOM COME. THY
WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY
BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. AND
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION; BUT
DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS
THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND
THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN.

Sunday Morning.

O ETERNAL GOD, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, mercifully incline Thine ear to us, who now make our prayers and supplications unto Thee. Thou art the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to Thee for succour. Thou art always more ready to hear than we are to pray. Unto Thee all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Thee no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

O Saviour of the world, who, by Thy cross and precious blood, hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee. Regenerate us, and make us Thy children by adoption and grace.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us !

O God, Thou knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great perils, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright. Of Thy bountiful goodness, keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things which may hurt us. Teach us to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is ; and so to number our days that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, while we live here, which in the end may bring us to life everlasting.

Chiefly are we bound [this morning] to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son, JESUS CHRIST our Lord, the Pascal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world ; who, by His death, hath destroyed death ; and by His rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. We bless Thee that He ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us, that whither He

is, there we might also ascend and reign with Him in glory. Raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that; at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying, "Come, ye blessed children of My Father, receive ye the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world."

Endue Thy ministers this day with righteousness, and make Thy chosen people joyful. Send down upon all Pastors, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Do Thou give to all Thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly Thy Word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. And 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.

Have mercy on those in pain and suffering. Pitifully behold the sorrows of their hearts; favourably, with mercy, hear their prayers. May they bear their sickness patiently, trusting in Thy mercy, for Thy dear Son JESUS CHRIST's sake; and render unto Thee humble thanks for Thy Fatherly visitation, submitting themselves wholly unto Thy will. Comfort and support the dying; through the gate of death may they pass to a joyful resurrection.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

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.

Sunday Evening.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers. Thou 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. With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name: evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD GOD of Hosts;—heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;—glory be to Thee, O LORD most high!

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation

against us. Forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name.

O most merciful Father, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent that Thou rememberest them no more, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, true repentance, and Thy Holy Spirit. We bless Thee that of Thy tender love towards mankind, thou didst send Thy Son, our Saviour, JESUS CHRIST, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross. O Saviour of the world, Thou who, having overcome the sharpness of death, didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers;—Thou who sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father, we pray Thee help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting. Grant to us, LORD, such strength

and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. Though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us. Keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence. May we so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises.

Grant especially, 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 honour and praise of Thy name.

May it please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord. Bless all who are in authority, endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace. Look down in pity and compassion on Thine afflicted servants. May they patiently and with thanksgiving

bear their heavenly Father's correction. Daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace. Bless the young. May they not be ashamed to confess the faith of CHRIST crucified; but manfully fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and so continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto life's end.

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.

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.

Monday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; whose kingdom is everlasting, and His power infinite—the life of them that believe:—unto Thee all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Thee no secrets are hid. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O LORD, for in Thy sight shall no flesh living be justified. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Our souls would magnify the LORD, our spirits would rejoice in GOD our Saviour. For He that is mighty hath done great things for us, and holy is His name. Blessed be the LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, for

He hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of His servant David. O Thou who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, we beseech Thee to grant us true repentance and Thy Holy Spirit; that those things may please Thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at last we may come to Thine eternal joy, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

Mercifully look upon our infirmities; and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us. 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. Because the frailty of man without Thine aid cannot but fall, keep us ever, by Thy help, from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation. So

strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy name. LORD have mercy upon us! CHRIST have mercy upon us! HOLY SPIRIT have mercy upon us! O LORD save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Give peace in our time, O LORD: because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived. Strengthen such as do stand. Comfort and help the weak-hearted. Raise up them that fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Succour, help, and comfort those that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; defend and provide for the fatherless and the widow, and all that are desolate and oppressed. Give us all an heart to love and fear Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments. Forgive us our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and endue us with the grace of Thy Holy

Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word.

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 by Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we may fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

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.

Monday Evening.

O LORD of all power and might, Thou art the author and giver of all good things. Thy never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth. Of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us, Thou hast given us Thy only and beloved Son JESUS CHRIST to be our Redeemer, and the author of everlasting life. We will sing unto the LORD a new song, for He hath done marvellous things; with His own right hand and His holy arm hath He gotten Himself the victory. Our souls would magnify the LORD, our spirits would rejoice in God our Saviour. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and most humbly we beseech Thee to grant that, through faith in His blood, we and Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His

passion. O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace. Graciously hear us, O CHRIST. Graciously hear us, O LORD CHRIST. We present unto Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee such 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. In all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us. Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that, by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness.

Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness: give unto us the increase of faith,

hope, and charity: grant us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thou art the Protector of all them that trust in Thee,—without Thee 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.

We pray for Thy holy Church throughout all the world. Let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend it. Heal divisions. Take away all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word. Let Thy way be known upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O GOD; yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing. Thou shalt bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear Thee.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest

not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: look in mercy on all who are in any wise afflicted or distressed in mind, body, and estate. Pitifully behold the sorrows of their hearts. Favourably with mercy hear their prayers. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax; but make them to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

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.

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.

Tuesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that 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.

Thou art the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to Thee for succour, the life of them that believe. O most merciful Father, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, true repentance and Thy Holy Spirit, that those things may please Thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to Thine eternal joy.

O Thou who sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father, we pray Thee help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting. O LORD have mercy upon us. Let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

Give us a right understanding of ourselves and of Thy threatenings and promises, that we may neither cast away our confidence in Thee, nor place it anywhere but in Thee. Give us strength against all our temptations. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Deliver us from fear of the enemy. Let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over us; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace. As through CHRIST Thou hast opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, and hast prepared for them that love Thee such things as pass man's under-

standing, pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises. Raise us more and more from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that, at the last day, 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.

Succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; defend and provide for the fatherless and the widow, and all that are desolate and oppressed; hear the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. Pitifully behold the sorrows of their hearts; favourably with mercy hear their prayers.

O Thou by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, we beseech Thee let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend it. And because

it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness. Stir up the wills of Thy faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded. Receiving of Thy bountiful liberality, may they use the same to Thy glory.

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.

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.

Tuesday Evening.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Thou Most High; to shew forth Thy loving-kindness every morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

We praise Thee, O GOD: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father Everlasting. To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens, and all the powers therein. To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee. The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee. The Father of an infinite majesty: Thine

honourable, true, and only Son: Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O CHRIST: Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

O God, who desirest not the death of the sinner, but rather that he would turn from his wickedness and live, we humbly beseech Thee mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of Thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved. Grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory. Wash our souls, we pray Thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, slain to take away the sins of the world. Being dead unto sin, and living unto righteous-

ness, and being buried with Christ in His death, may we crucify the old man, and abolish the body of sin; that as partakers of the death of Thy Son, we may also be partakers of His resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of Thy holy Church, we may be inheritors of Thine everlasting kingdom.

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 would we pray for the good estate of the 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. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from brotherhood and concord. United in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, may we,

with one mind and one mouth, glorify Thee.

Finally, we commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all those who are anyways 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. Comfort and sustain the dying. Through the gate of death may they pass to a joyful resurrection. And may we—amid all the changes and chances of this mortal life—be ever defended by Thy most gracious and ready help. May we glorify Thy holy name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.

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.

Wednesday Morning.

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 shew forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives. Make us to know and feel that there is none other name given under heaven to man, in whom and through whom he may receive salvation, but only the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

O GOD the Father, of heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners. O GOD the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners. O GOD the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and from the Son, have mercy upon us miserable sinners. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Thou 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. Give us grace, that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light. May we 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 be fixed, where true joys are to be found.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and the 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.

And, O Thou by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, we beseech Thee let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend it; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness. Have mercy on those who are the upholders of false doctrine. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed LORD, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among

the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

Bless those who are bowed down with sorrow. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, Thy Fatherly correction to them, that they may lead the residue of their lives in Thy fear, and to Thy glory. Defend and provide for the fatherless and the widow, and all that are desolate and oppressed. May their faith be found, on the day of the Lord, laudable, glorious, and honourable.

Bless this household. Mercifully look with Thy favour upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that we may so live together in this life, that in the world to come we may have life everlasting. In all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, may we glorify Thy holy name.

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.

Wednesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, unto Thee all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Thee no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

As Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask and ye shall have, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; so give now unto us that ask, let us that seek find, open the gate unto us that knock. Prevent us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help.

We bless Thee that of Thy tender mercy Thou didst give Thine only Son **JESUS CHRIST** to suffer death upon the

cross for our redemption ; that He made there, by His one oblation of Himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice and satisfaction for the sins of the world. Grant us perfectly to know Him to be the way, the truth, and the life. We bless Thee that after His most glorious resurrection He ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us, that where He is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with Him in glory. Raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that at the general resurrection in the last day we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of My Father, receive ye the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness. Give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light. Grant us 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. May Thy Holy Spirit in all things direct and rule our hearts. Of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; and give us grace to use Thy manifold gifts alway to Thy honour and glory. Make us to have a perpetual love and fear of Thy holy name. May we so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we may fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises.

May it please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; strengthen such as do stand, comfort and help the weak-hearted, raise up them that fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

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 His doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee.

Unto Thy gracious mercy and protection we commend all who are in anyways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate. The Lord bless them, and keep them; the Lord make His face to shine upon them, and be gracious unto them; the Lord lift up His countenance upon them, and give them peace, both now and evermore.

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.

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.

Thursday Morning.

ALMIGHTY, ever-living God, Maker of mankind, in Thy hand is power and might which none is able to withstand. Thou art gracious; Thy mercy is everlasting; Thy truth endureth from generation to generation. We praise Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory, O LORD GOD, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord the only-begotten Son, JESUS CHRIST, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, and receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. There is none other name given under heaven to man, in whom and through whom he may receive salvation, but only the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Prevent us, O LORD, by Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help. Graft into our hearts the love of Thy name. Being dead unto sin, may we live unto righteousness; being buried with Christ in His death, may we crucify the old man and abolish the body of sin: looking for the resurrection and the life of the world to come, through our LORD JESUS, who, at His coming, shall change our vile body, that it may be like His glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself. Give us a right understanding of ourselves, and of Thy threatenings and promises, that we may neither cast away our confidence in Thee, nor place it anywhere but in Thee. Give us strength against all our temptations. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. In all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, may we glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.

O GOD, to whom alone belongs the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, on those who are in affliction and distress. May they bear their trials patiently, trusting in Thy mercy, for Thy dear Son, Christ's sake. Be pleased shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom, that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory.

Bless the young. May they not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and so continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto life's end.

O LORD, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Let Thy way be known upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O GOD: yea, let all the people

praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

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 by Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we may fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance to do always that which is righteous in Thy sight, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

O LORD have mercy upon us. Let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

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.

Thursday Evening.

EVER-LIVING GOD, Maker of mankind, in whose hand is power and might which none is able to withstand, graciously assist our prayers. Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy. With angels and archangels, and with the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name. Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD GOD of Hosts.

We will not dissemble nor cloke our manifold sins and wickedness before the face of Thee, Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by Thine infinite goodness and mercy. Thou art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Thee. To Thee all things in heaven and earth and under the earth do bow and obey.

Be now and evermore our defence. Make us know and feel that there is none other name given under heaven to man, in whom and through whom he may receive salvation, but only the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up for us an horn of salvation in the house of His servant David.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give. Mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us. Give us all an heart to love and fear Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments, and so to pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal.

Bless all who are in authority. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit: enrich them

with Thy heavenly grace. O LORD save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Give peace in our time, O LORD, because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O GOD.

Bless the young. Let Thy Fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over them; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life.

We pray for the needy, the poor also, and him that hath no helper. Have mercy on the sick. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, Thy Fatherly correction to them; and if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore to former health, may they lead the residue of their lives in Thy fear and to Thy glory.

Be pleased to make Thy way known upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations. More especially would we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church, 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.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and most humbly we beseech Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son JESUS CHRIST, and through faith in His blood, we, and Thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion; that so, at His second and glorious coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in His sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

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.

Friday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thy kingdom is everlasting, and Thy power infinite. Thou art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Thee; to Thee all things in heaven and earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey. For the glory of Thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, Good Lord; spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. From all evil and mischief; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from all blindness of heart; from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness; from all fleshly lusts and deadly sin; from

Thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation, Good Lord, deliver us. From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle, and murder, and sudden, unprepared-for death, Good Lord, deliver us. From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt of Thy word and commandment, Good Lord, deliver us. By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation, by Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation, by Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, by Thy precious death and burial, by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, Good Lord, deliver us. In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of Judgment, Good Lord, deliver us.

And as Thou 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 daily

endeavour ourselves to follow His most blessed steps. Lord have mercy upon us, and write all Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

May it please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way. O Thou by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, we beseech Thee let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend it; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness. Knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son CHRIST, our Lord; and may we all come at last to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, comfort and succour all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Let Thy fatherly hand ever be over them ; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them. Bless the young. Grant them Thy peace all the days of their life : pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. May they receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children.

Vouchsafe, O LORD, to keep us this day without sin. O LORD have mercy upon us. Let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee. Prevent us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, 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.

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.

Friday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God and Heavenly Father, unto Thee belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We give Thee humble thanks if Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace, and faith in Thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Wash our souls, we pray Thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb slain to take away the sins of the world: who did humble Himself even to the death upon the cross for us miserable sinners; who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that He might make

us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, may Thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us. Defend us, Thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of JESUS CHRIST our Lord. In all our troubles may we put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory. May we 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 be fixed where true joys are to be found.

O Blessed LORD, the God of all comfort, Thou who despisest not the sighing

of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful, we beseech Thee look down in pity and compassion on Thine afflicted servants. May they patiently and with thanksgiving bear their heavenly Father's correction, whensoever by any manner of adversity it shall please His gracious goodness to visit them. We pray for the dying: when Thou art pleased to take them hence, take them unto Thy favour: may they be received into those Heavenly habitations where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity.

Knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Christ; 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; and may we all come at last to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee.

Almighty and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy law, that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul. As partakers of the death of Thy Son, may we also be partakers of His resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of Thy holy Church, we may be inheritors of Thine everlasting kingdom.

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.

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.

Saturday Morning.

O ETERNAL GOD, Creator and preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; mercifully incline Thine ears to us who now make our prayers and supplications unto Thee. Thou art the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to Thee for succour. Thou art a great God and a great King above all gods. Thy mercy is everlasting. Thy truth endureth from generation to generation.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O LORD, for in Thy sight shall no flesh living be justified. We will arise and go to our Father, and will say unto Him, Father, we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children. O LORD, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. We look alone to Thy Son

JESUS, the Paschal Lamb which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Thou 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.

O LORD GOD most holy, O LORD most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. O Thou who hast overcome the sharpness of death, and hast opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers, save us, regenerate us, and make us Thy children by adoption and grace. 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. Forgive us all

our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word.

Bless the young. May He who commanded the children to be brought unto Him, laid His hands upon them and blessed them, embrace all such with the arms of His mercy, and make them partakers of His eternal kingdom. May they so pass through the waves of this troublesome world, that finally they may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with Thee, world without end.

Bless those in sickness and distress. Give them comfort and sure confidence in Thee. Defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace. O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities whensoever they

oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us be brought to nought, and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we, Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church, through JESUS CHRIST, our Lord.

Be pleased shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom, that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory.

Vouchsafe, O LORD, to keep us this day without sin. O LORD, have mercy upon us. Let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

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.

Saturday Evening.

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, Thou art the author and giver of all good things. Thy never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth. Thou who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses: receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins.

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee. Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith, even unto death,

we may glorify Thy holy name. From our enemies defend us. Graciously look upon our afflictions. Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts: favourably, with mercy, hear our prayers. O Son of David, have mercy upon us. Graciously hear us, O CHRIST; graciously hear us, O LORD CHRIST. O LORD, let Thy mercy be shewed upon us, as we do put our trust in Thee. Because the frailty of man without Thine aid cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; looking for the resurrection, and the life of the world to come.

Send times of refreshing unto Zion. The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us: He will bless the house of Israel: He will bless the house of Aaron. O LORD, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Give peace in our time, O LORD, because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O GOD! Let Thy way be known upon the earth,

Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O LORD ; yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

Have mercy on all who are in any-ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate. May they render unto Thee humble thanks for Thy Fatherly visitation, submitting themselves wholly unto Thy will. We pray for the dying. Give them unfeigned repentance for all the errors of the past, and steadfast faith in Thy Son JESUS, that their sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and their pardon sealed in heaven, before they go hence and be no more. And teach us who survive, in these daily spectacles of mortality to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is ; and so to number our days that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which in the end may bring us to life

everlasting, through the merits of JESUS CHRIST, Thine only Son, our Lord.

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. May God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, filling us with all spiritual benediction and grace.

The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore.
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