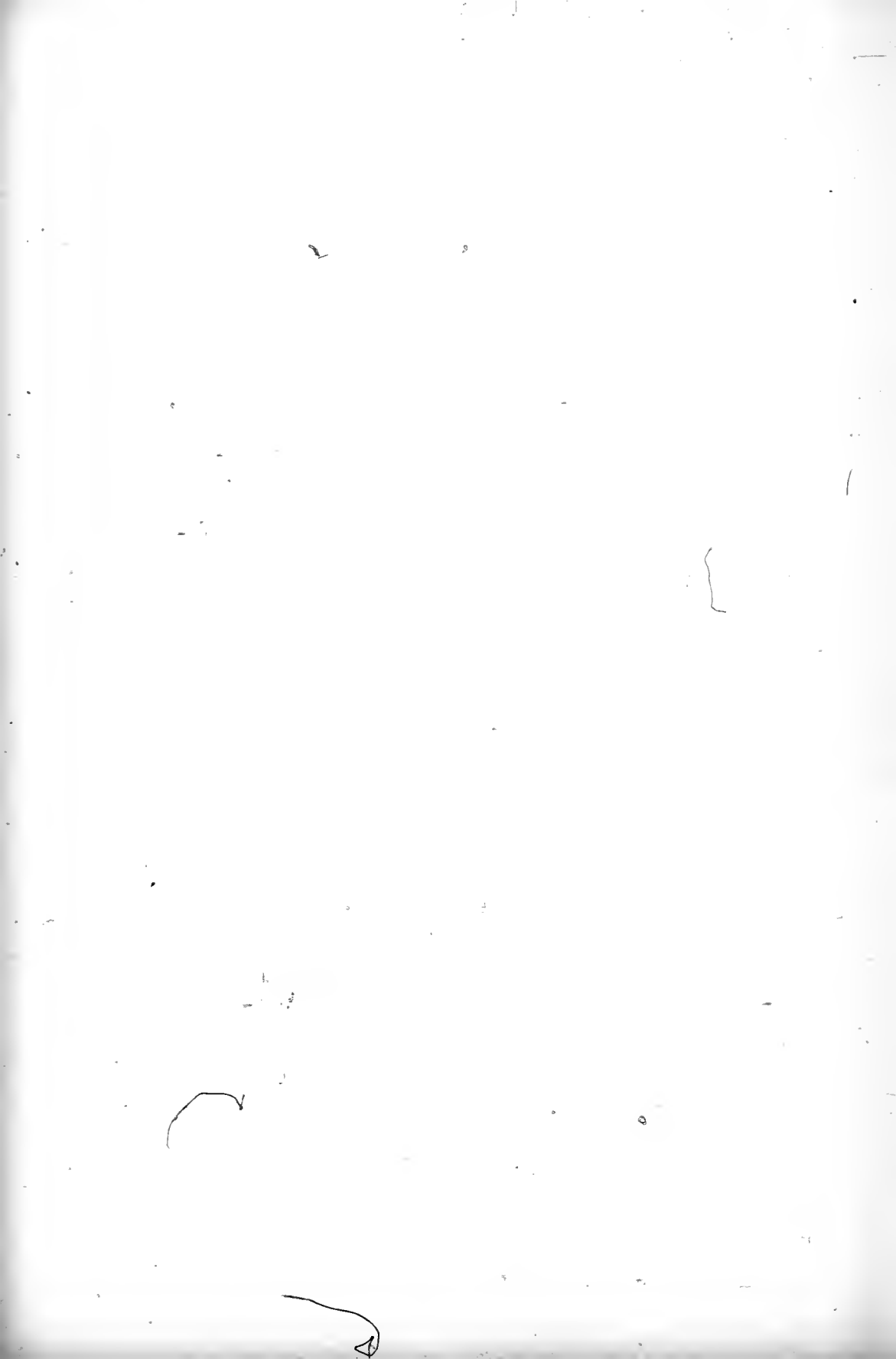


COMMON PRAYERS



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FOR FAMILY USE

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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING
THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH
WHATSOEVER THINGS YE DESIRE WHEN YE PRAY
BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVED THEM AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM
BRETHREN PRAY FOR US

THE following Common Prayers for family use were originally written for Evening Prayers in my father's house at Harrow, but they were in continuous use at the household family prayers until the move to Bishop Auckland. Even in the Castle Chapel my father used a few Collects from them in the latter part of Evensong (after the Third Collect and Hymn), which he always took himself.

SUNDAY

Hallowed be Thy Name.

¶ *Psalm, or Lesson.*

Reader. The secret of the LORD is among them that fear Him :

Answer. And He will shew them His Covenant.

R. Let us pray.

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER.

R. Teach us Thy way, O LORD :

A. And knit our hearts unto Thee, that we may fear Thy Name.

R. Grant us true understanding and knowledge :

A. So shall we keep Thy law.

R. Open our eyes that we may see Thy wondrous works :

A. And let our mouth be filled with Thy praise all the day long.

R. O help us to give Thee the honour due unto Thy Name :

A. And to worship Thee with a holy worship.

¶ *Collect for a devout reverence of all the works of God.*

O Almighty GOD, Who has made us in Thy image, and given unto us the enjoyment of many excellent gifts, enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to use these Thy blessings to Thy glory. Grant unto us a devout reverence for all Thy works. Pour into our hearts a true love for all who are called by Thy Name. Quicken our souls that we may at all times be sensible of Thy presence; and make us, day by day, more fit to see Thee hereafter as Thou art in heaven, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Or Collect for the 6th Sunday after the Epiphany.*]

¶ *Collect for a devout reverence of God's Word.*

Blessed LORD, by Whose Providence all Holy Scriptures were written and preserved for our instruction, give us grace to study them each day with patience and love. Strengthen our souls with the fulness of their divine teaching. Keep from us all pride and irreverence. Guide us in the deep things of

Thy heavenly wisdom ; and, of Thy great mercy, lead us by Thy Word into everlasting life, through JESUS CHRIST our Saviour.
Amen.

[*Or Collect for the 2nd Sunday in Advent.*]

¶ *Collect for a devout reverence of Divine Services.*

O Eternal God, by Whom the whole Body of CHRIST is sustained and governed, we thank Thee that Thou hast called us to worship Thee in Thy Holy Church. Grant to us each day to feel more deeply the privileges of Christian fellowship. Bless to us all the services of Thy public worship. Reveal Thyself to us, according to Thy promises, in the appointed means of grace, and especially in the Holy Sacraments. Give a rich increase to each seed of good sown in our hearts ; and by Thy almighty power keep us steadfast in the faith once delivered to the Saints, through CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Or Collect for All Saints' Day.*]

[¶ *Special Collect before or after Holy Communion ; or for the Day or Season.*]

R. Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens :

A. *And Thy Glory above all the earth.*

R. Serve the LORD with fear :

A. *And rejoice unto Him with reverence.*

R. Let us pray.

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks, O most merciful Father, for all the blessings of the past day. Teach us to praise Thee not only with our lips, but with our works and with our lives. We are Thine : O sanctify us wholly.

Bless our King and all who are put in authority under him. Guide and strengthen those who are here set over us. Shield all in this place who are in temptation or danger. Guard with Thy gracious protection our families and friends. Forgive us our many offences and failures and negligences throughout this day ; and defend us, of Thy great love, from all the perils of the night, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

The LORD bless us and keep us :

The LORD make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us :

The LORD lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace. *Amen.*

MONDAY

Thy Kingdom Come.

¶ *Psalm, or Lesson.*

R. The kingdom is the LORD'S :

A. *And He is the Governor among the people.*

R. Let us pray.

¶ *Collect for the spread of the Gospel among the Heathen.*

O Almighty and most merciful Father, Who didst send Thy beloved Son to die for the sins of the whole world, look down, we beseech Thee, upon all the nations who have not known His name, and in Thine own good time lead them to His Cross. Strengthen with the comfort of Thy Spirit all who bear abroad the message of the Gospel. Raise up among us a lively sympathy with their labours. Take away from those who hear them all hardness of heart and pride and impenitence ; and so move them, Blessed LORD, with Thine infinite love, that the day may speedily come when all the ends of the world shall be turned unto Thee, and there shall be one flock and one Shepherd. We ask all for CHRIST'S sake.
Amen.

[Or *Third Collect for Good Friday.*]

¶ *Collect for the spread of the Gospel in our Nation.*

We humbly thank Thee, O Almighty GOD, for the many blessings which Thou hast given to our country : and add this, O LORD, to Thy other mercies, that we may be enabled to use them better in Thy service. O, take from among us all contempt of Thy Word and commandments. Break down all the barriers of selfishness and ignorance which keep men from Thee. Convince the impenitent of the misery of sin, and comfort the broken-hearted with the assurance of Thy love. Teach us all to be Evangelists not in word only but in everything which we do. This we ask for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

[Or *Second Collect for Good Friday.*]

¶ *Collect for the power of the Gospel within us.*

O LORD GOD, Who by Thy Almighty power canst subdue all things to Thyself, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, and pardon the imperfection of our service. We acknowledge Thee as our only King ; and do Thou, O LORD, subdue every power within us which is not obedient to Thy Law. Hallow and purify our souls and bodies with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may offer to Thee the reasonable sacrifice of our lives. O LORD, hear us ; O LORD, pardon us ; O LORD, strengthen us ;

for His sake Who was born and died and rose again for us.

[Or *Collect for Easter Even.*]

O CHRIST, hear us.

O CHRIST, *hear us.*

LORD, have mercy upon us.

CHRIST, *have mercy upon us.*

LORD, have mercy upon us.

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER.

R. O LORD, gather unto Thee a people from among the heathen :

A. That they may give thanks unto Thy Holy Name.

R. Sanctify those that are called by Thy Name :

A. And give Thy blessing unto Thine inheritance.

R. Thou art our Helper and Redeemer :

A. Haste Thou, O GOD, to deliver us.

R. O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end :

A. But guide Thou the just.

R. Let us pray.

{¶ *Special Collect.*}

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks, O most merciful Father, for all the blessings of the past day. Be with us and guard us during the defenceless hours of the night.

Bless our King and all who bear rule over us. Hasten the time when peace, truth, and justice shall be established throughout the world. [Reveal Thyself in Thy great mercy to those who are afflicted by war, and cast down the unrighteous cause.] Support and relieve all who are distressed in mind or body, [especially.....]. Shield all in this place who are in temptation or danger. Guard with Thy gracious protection our families and friends. Forgive us our many offences, and failures, and negligences throughout this day. And help us day by day to serve Thee better and love Thee more sincerely, for JESUS CHRIST's sake.

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

Thy Will be Done.

¶ *Psalm, or Lesson.*

R. The salvation of the righteous cometh of the LORD :

A. Who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

R. Let us pray.

R. O LORD, have mercy upon us :

A. O LORD, have mercy upon us.

R. O LORD, make Thyself known unto us :

A. O LORD, make Thyself known unto us.

R. O LORD, teach us to pray to Thee as we ought :

A. O LORD, teach us to pray to Thee as we ought.

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER.

R. Into Thy hands we commend our souls :

A. For Thou hast redeemed us, O LORD, Thou God of Truth.

R. Unto Thee do we lift up our cry :

A. O let us not be confounded.

R. Let Thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us :

A. *Like as we do put our trust in Thee.*

R. O stablish us according to Thy word :

A. *And let us not be disappointed of our hope.*

¶ *Collect for Faith.*

O LORD GOD, in Whom we live, and move, and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold Thy Fatherly Presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to Thee with the power of Thy Love. Teach us to be careful for nothing ; and when we have done what Thou hast given us to do, help us, O GOD, our Saviour, to leave the issue to Thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and distrust. Lift our thoughts up to Thee in heaven ; and make us to know that all things are possible to us through Thy Son, our Redeemer. *Amen.*

[Or *Collect for the 4th Sunday after Easter.*]

¶ *Collect for Courage.*

Blessed LORD, Who wast tempted in all things like as we are, have mercy upon our frailty. Out of weakness give us strength. Grant to us Thy fear, that we may fear Thee only. Support us in time of temptation.

Embolden us in the time of danger. Help us to do Thy work with good courage, and to continue Thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end. *Amen.*

[Or Collect for the 4th Sunday after the Epiphany.]

¶ Collect for Truthfulness.

Almighty God, Who hast sent the Spirit of Truth unto us to guide us into all truth, so rule our lives by Thy power, that we may be truthful in word, and deed, and thought. O keep us, most merciful Saviour, with Thy gracious protection, that no fear or hope may ever make us false in act or speech. Cast out from us whatsoever loveth or maketh a lie, and bring us all into the perfect freedom of Thy truth: through JESUS CHRIST, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

[Or Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Easter.]

¶ Collect for Labour.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, by Whose Providence the duties of men are variously ordered, grant to us all such a spirit that we may labour heartily to do our work in our several stations, as serving one Master and looking for one reward. Teach us to put to good account whatever talents Thou hast lent

to us. Help us to overcome all sloth and indolence ; and enable us to redeem our time by patience and zeal : through Thy Son, our Saviour. *Amen.*

[Or Collect for the 4th Sunday after Trinity.]

¶ *Collect for Purity.*

O Eternal God, who hast taught us by Thy Holy Word that our bodies are temples of Thy Spirit, keep us, we most humbly beseech Thee, temperate and holy in thought, word, and deed, that at the last we, with all the pure in heart, may see Thee, and be made like unto Thee in Thy heavenly kingdom : through CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

[Or Collect for the 6th Sunday after the Epiphany.]

[¶ *Special Collect.*]

We thank Thee, O LORD, for all the blessings of the past day. Be with us and guard us throughout the night. Forgive us our manifold sins, ignorances, and negligences, that so we may rest at peace with Thee : through the merits of Thy Son, our Saviour, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

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

Give us this Day our Daily Bread.

¶ *Psalm, or Lesson.*

R. All things wait upon Thee, O LORD :

A. Thou openest Thy hand, and they are filled with good.

R. Let us pray.

R. O GOD, the Father, Creator of the world, have mercy upon us :

A. O GOD, the Father, etc.

R. O GOD, the Son, Redeemer of mankind, have mercy upon us :

A. O GOD, the Son, etc.

R. O GOD, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of Thy people, have mercy upon us :

A. O GOD, the Holy Ghost, etc.

R. Hear us, O LORD GOD, and be merciful unto us for Thy Name's sake. Thou knowest our wants : teach us to feel them. Thou knowest our ignorance : teach us how to pray. Thou knowest our weakness : teach us to look to Thee for strength :

A. We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to bless our King and nation : to prosper the cause of peace, truth, and righteousness throughout the world ; and to hasten the coming of Thy kingdom :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee [to bless our school ;] to increase among us self-denial and labour ; and to hallow all our work by Thy Holy Spirit :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to make us bold to confess Thee in our daily life ; to enable us to check evil and to support good, and to look to Thee in all the dangers and temptations by which we are beset :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee [to preserve us from the perils of wealth and station ;] to make us tender-hearted and pitiful ; to teach us to help all who are in distress, or necessity, or want :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to give us a true love for Thee and for Thy service : to enlarge our sympathy for those who are farthest removed from us : to pardon and enlighten

those who condemn us wrongfully, or injure us :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to reveal Thyself to those who do not know Thee : to support and prosper those who bear Thy gospel to heathen countries : to bless the labours of those who work in our own land : to convert the erring, to quicken the ignorant, and to draw to Thee the impenitent :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

That it may please Thee to continue to us the blessings of health and vigour and prosperity, and of Thy Holy Word and ordinances, and to help us to use them all to Thy glory :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good LORD.

O LORD, hear us :

O LORD, *hear us.*

O CHRIST, hear us :

O CHRIST, *hear us.*

O LORD, hear us :

O LORD, *hear us.*

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER.

R. Be not Thou far from us, O LORD :

A. Thou art our succour: haste Thee to help us.

R. Show Thou us the way that we should walk in :

A. For we lift up our souls unto Thee.

R. Help us, O GOD of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name :

A. O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

[¶ *Special Collect.*]

We thank Thee, O most merciful Father, for Thy kindness to us during the past day. Teach us to praise Thee always in deed, and not in word only. Pardon our manifold sins and negligences, and give us grace to live more worthily of our Christian profession. Receive these our imperfect prayers, and grant us what we need for our souls and bodies, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, Thy Son our Saviour. *Amen.*

The LORD bless us and keep us :

The LORD make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us :

The LORD lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

THURSDAY

Forgive us our Trespases.

¶ *Psalm, or Lesson.*

R. In Thee, O LORD, have I put my trust :

A. *Thou shalt answer for me, O LORD,
my GOD.*

Confession to be said by all kneeling.

Almighty GOD, Father of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, we humbly acknowledge our manifold sins and offences against Thee by thought and deed. We have neglected opportunities of good which Thou, in Thy love, gavest unto us. We have been overcome by temptations, from which Thou wast ready to guard us. We have looked unto men, and not unto Thee, in doing our daily work. We have thought too little of others, and too much of our own pleasure, in all our plans. We have lived in forgetfulness of the life to come. But Thou art ever merciful and gracious to those who turn to Thee. So we now come to Thee as those whom Thou wilt not cast out. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon us. O Almighty GOD, heavenly Father, Who forgivest iniquity and transgression ; O LORD JESUS CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD, Who takest away the sin of

the world ; O HOLY SPIRIT, Who helpst the infirmities of those that pray : receive our humble confession. Give us true repentance and sincere faith in Thee. Do away our offences, and give us grace to live hereafter more worthily of our Christian calling, for the glory of Thy great name. *Amen.*

R. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon us :

A. LORD, be Thou our Helper.

R. Turn Thy face from our sins :

A. And put out all our misdeeds.

R. Cast us not away from Thy presence :

A. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

R. O give us the comfort of Thy help again :

A. And stablish us with Thy free Spirit.

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER.

R. Let us pray.

¶ *Collect for Union.*

O LORD GOD, Who by Thy Providence hast ordered various ranks among men, draw them ever closer together by Thy Holy Spirit. Teach us to know that all differences of class

are done away in CHRIST. Take from us and from our countrymen all envy, jealousy and discontent. Unite us one to another by a common zeal for Thy cause; and enable us by Thy grace to offer unto Thee the manifold fruits of our service, through CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

[Or Collect for the day of St. Simon and St. Jude.]

¶ *Collect for Sympathy.*

Blessed LORD, who for our sakes was content to bear sorrow and want and death, grant unto us such a measure of Thy Spirit that we may follow Thee in all self-denial and tenderness of soul. Help us, by Thy great love, to succour the afflicted, to relieve the needy and destitute, to comfort the feeble-minded, to share the burdens of the heavy-laden, and ever to see Thee in all that are poor and desolate. *Amen.*

[Or Collect for the Sunday next before Easter.]

¶ *Collect for Love.*

Almighty and most merciful Father, Who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, give us also grace that we may fulfil it. Make us gentle, courteous, and forbearing. Direct our lives, so that we may look each to the good of

others in word and deed. And hallow all our friendships by the blessing of Thy Spirit, for His sake, who loved us and gave Himself for us, JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

[Or Collect for Quinquagesima.]

[¶ *Special Collect.*]

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks, O most merciful Father, for all the blessings of the past day. Be with us and guard us during the defenceless hours of the night.

Bless our King and all who bear rule over us. Hasten the time when peace, truth and justice shall be established throughout the world. [Reveal Thyself in Thy great mercy to those who are afflicted by war, and cast down the unrighteous cause.] Support and relieve all who are distressed in mind or body, [especially.....]. Shield all in this place who are in temptation or danger. Guard with Thy gracious protection our families and friends. Forgive us our many offences and failures and negligences throughout this day. And help us day by day to serve Thee better and love Thee more sincerely, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

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

Lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us
from the Evil One.

¶ *Psalm, or Lesson.*

R. The LORD be with you :

A. *And with Thy Spirit.*

¶ Let us pray.

LORD, have mercy upon us :

LORD, *have mercy upon us.*

CHRIST, have mercy upon us :

CHRIST, *have mercy upon us.*

LORD, have mercy upon us :

LORD, *have mercy upon us.*

Have mercy upon us, O God, after Thy
great goodness; and guide us by Thy Holy
Spirit: in all the perils and dangers of our
daily life,

Guide us, good LORD.

In times of happiness and joy: in times of
sorrow and dejection: in our pleasures and in
our cares,

Guide us, good LORD.

In times of labour and study : in times of relaxation and repose : in our work and in our amusements,

Guide us, good LORD.

In the pursuit of noble aims : in the flight from known evil : in success and disappointments,

Guide us, good LORD.

In the common intercourse of life : in the choice of companions : in the society of friends,

Guide us, good LORD.

From all outward evils, from sickness, from suffering : from loss, if it be Thy will,

Good LORD, deliver us :

From all hardness of heart and irreverence : from all uncharitableness, envy and jealousy : from all pride and selfishness,

Good LORD, deliver us.

From all indolence and sloth : from all self-indulgence and intemperance : from all impurity in thought, word and deed,

Good LORD, deliver us.

From all deceit and untruthfulness : from all unworthy ends : from all undue anxiety and distrust in Thee,

Good LORD, deliver us.

From neglect of Thy Word and promises :
 from neglect of prayer : from forgetfulness of
 Thee,

Good LORD, deliver us.

O GOD the Father, Who hast promised
 forgiveness to all who turn to Thee,

Pardon our sins and negligences.

O GOD the Son, Who knowest the frailty
 of our nature,

Strengthen our weakness.

O GOD the Holy Ghost, Who canst hallow
 all things by Thy power,

Renew us to Thy service.

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER.

R. Hear us, O GOD, in the multitude of
 Thy mercies :

*A. After Thy great goodness do away our
 offences.*

R. O, remember not the offences of our
 youth :

*A. Nor cast Thy servants away in dis-
 pleasure.*

R. Set a watch, O LORD, before our mouth :

A. And keep the door of our lips.

R. O cleanse Thou us from our secret faults :

A. And preserve us from presumptuous sins.

O Almighty and most merciful GOD, receive these our humble prayers. We are weak ; but Thou art strong and gracious. We have left undone this day many things which we ought to have done, and done that which we ought not to have done ; but Thou art faithful and just to forgive the sins of those who confess them unto Thee for CHRIST'S sake.

O show us the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole. Guard us through the coming night. Bless our nation [our school, our house, or our families], our friends ; and grant unto us those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, and whatever else we need, for the merits of Thy Son our Saviour JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

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

Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory.

¶ *Psalm, or Lesson.*

R. Give thanks unto the LORD, for He is gracious :

A. And His mercy endureth for ever.

¶ *Thanksgiving, all kneeling.*

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks, O most merciful Father, for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men, for the blessings of this life, and for the promise of everlasting happiness. And, as we are bound, we specially thank Thee for the mercies which we have ourselves received from Thee during the past week.

For health and strength, for outward prosperity and well-being, for the manifold enjoyments of our daily life, and the hopes of the future,

We thank Thee, O GOD.

[For the opportunities of learning, for the discipline of sound instruction, for the exercise of free independence,

We thank Thee, O GOD.]

For the knowledge of Thy will, for the means of serving Thee in Thy Holy Church, for the love which Thou hast revealed to us in Thy Son, our Saviour,

We thank Thee, O GOD.

We thank Thee, O GOD, for every blessing of soul and body; and add this, O LORD, to Thy other mercies, that we may praise Thee not with our lips only, but with our lives, always looking to Thee as the Author and Giver of all good things. We ask all for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER.

R. O LORD, satisfy us with Thy mercy :

A. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

R. (*standing.*) Hear the blessings which CHRIST Himself hath pronounced on those who love Him :

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

A. O LORD, rule our hearts that we may inherit this blessing.

R. Blessed are they that mourn.

A. O LORD, rule our hearts, etc.

R. Blessed are the meek.

A. O LORD, *rule our hearts, etc.*

R. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.

A. O LORD, *rule our hearts, etc.*

R. Blessed are the merciful.

A. O LORD, *rule our hearts, etc.*

R. Blessed are the pure in heart.

A. O LORD, *rule our hearts, etc.*

R. Blessed are the peacemakers.

A. O LORD, *have mercy upon us, and rule our hearts that we may inherit these blessings.*

R. (*kneeling.*) We thank Thee, O LORD, for this revelation of Thy will which Thou hast given us. Send to us Thy Holy Spirit to guide and teach us, that we may be made worthy of Thy heavenly kingdom, and live now as fellow-citizens of the Saints. O LORD, hear us: O LORD, have mercy upon us: O LORD, make us like unto Thee. *Amen.*

[¶ *Special Collect.*]

O Almighty God, pardon, we beseech Thee, our sins and negligences during the past week. Help us in future to struggle more successfully with the temptations by which we have been

overcome. Confirm and strengthen in us the good habits which Thou hast enabled us to begin or carry out. [Prosper the whole work of this place to the increase of godliness and good learning in our nation.] Bless to us the repose and services of Thy Holy Day. Teach us to look on each week as a stage in our homeward journey ; and ever draw us, O LORD, nearer to Thee in heart and soul, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

¶ *Doxology to be said by all.*

Glory be to Thee, O GOD, the Father, the Maker of the World.

Glory be to Thee, O GOD, the Son, the Redeemer of mankind.

Glory be to Thee, O GOD, the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier of Thy people. *Amen.*

The LORD bless and keep us :

The LORD make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us :

The LORD lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace. *Amen.*

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

¶ *Collect before Communion.*

Almighty God, Who hast again called us to the Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, help us to meditate on that Holy Mystery and examine ourselves, that by Thy grace we may be received as worthy guests at Thy Holy Feast, in humble dependence on Thy Word. Grant to us such a spirit that we may not offend Thee by lightly regarding Thy command or neglecting Thy promises. But so teach us, Blessed LORD, that we may come to Thy Table with faithful and penitent hearts, and there obtain remission of our sins, and strength for a new life : through Thy Son, our only Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

¶ *Collect after Communion.*

Almighty God, Who hast given Thine only Son to die for us, grant that we [all] who have this day been united in the Communion of His most precious Body and Blood, may be so cleansed from our [their] past sins, and so strengthened to follow the example of His most Holy Life, that we [they] may hereafter enjoy everlasting fellowship with Thee in heaven, through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR SUNDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, at the beginning of another week we come to Thee for help and light. Grant, we beseech Thee; that we may hallow this day of rest to Thy service and find in Thee all peace and strength. Quicken our devotion that we may serve Thee in spirit and in truth, and lay a good foundation for our coming work. Be with us in all the public services of Thy Church, that we may join in them with heart and soul, and receive the blessings which Thou hast promised to all who sincerely pray to Thee and faithfully hear Thy word. This we ask, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, our Lord. *Amen.*

Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right; for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

HARROW, January 1864.

