

THE ORDER FOR DAILY  
MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER,  
ACCORDING TO THE USE OF THE  
**Protestant Episcopal Church**  
IN THE  
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
**ANTE - COMMUNION OFFICE**  
AND A SELECTION OF  
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## Introduction and Explanation

This *Order for Morning and Evening Prayer* was published in 1863 in Atlanta for the use of the troops of the armed forces of the Confederate States of America, then at the height of war with the United States.

The Book of Common Prayer of the Confederate States was essentially the same 1789 Book of Common Prayer used by all American Episcopalians until the Secession Crisis in 1860-61. The first General Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States authorized a minor rewording of certain prayers in the U.S. version of the BCP to pray for the "PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES, and all others in authority." There were three editions of the Confederate BCP printed in Great Britain, two of which were captured in the blockade of the Southern ports and largely destroyed.

In order for the troops of the Southern armed forces to have a specifically Confederate prayer book to carry with them, this prayer book containing extracts specifically useful to the soldier in the field or the sailor at sea, publisher R.J. Maynard of Atlanta, Georgia printed this smaller edition.

As an ardent lover of Southern history and heritage, I offer you this reprint of the book originally titled (in full): *The Order for Daily Morning and Evening Prayer According to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America, together with the Ante-Communion Office and a Selection of Occasional Prayers from the Offices of the Book of Common Prayer*. For the sake of brevity, I have retitled it simply, *The Confederate Prayer Book*. I have offered this little volume as an insight into the spiritual life of the South. Perhaps this volume will also be useful to the Southern history lover as well (be they a lover of the liturgical, ecclesiastical or secular history of the South).

The volume was electronically downloaded from the University of North Carolina's Documenting the American South website (<http://docsouth.ncu.edu/imls/order/order.html>) and then imported into the OpenOffice Writer ([www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org)) No part of the formatting from the website was used and only the

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On the remaining pages, I have used a layout that helped the text fit more neatly into the page size chosen for this printing. Headings were moved to the following page when no text appeared in the limited space at the bottom of the page following them. In the hymn sections and the Psalms of David set in meter, I adjusted the spacing to keep metrical blocks and verses intact. Where a space occurred above text at the top of the page, I simply deleted the space in order to keep the appearance of the page neat. This happened most often in the metrical Psalms and hymns toward the end of the book. I leave it to the reader to determine where this is the case if this volume should be actually used for some purpose.

Finally, acknowledgements for those who have most inspired me in my own love of the Southland: T. Warren and the Border Ruffians, Charles Demastus, Ray McBerry and the good folks on DixieBroadcasting.com, the Free South Band (thanks, T. for the CD!) and a multitude of others whose love for Dixie is shared by me and mine (they are too many to list here, but they are all loved and appreciated).

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## THE ORDER FOR DAILY MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer, by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture:*

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm xix., 14, 15.*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel ii. 13.*

Repent ye: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. *St. Matt. iii, 2.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of 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 his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying:

### A GENERAL CONFESSION.

¶ *To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling.*

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. Amen.

**THE DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION,  
OR REMISSION OF SINS.**

¶ *To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore, let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him 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 his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *The Lord's Prayer to be said by the Minister and People together, kneeling.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom,

and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say.*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

*Answer.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following Anthem:*

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.*

For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.

*In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.*

The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

*O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.*

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

¶ *Then the following selection of Psalms may be read.*

### **SELECTION THIRD. From Psalm li.**

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.*

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

*Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight, that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.*

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

*But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.*

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

*Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

*O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit.*

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

*Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.*

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show thy praise.

*For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.*

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

### **From Psalm xlii.**

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.  
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

*My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily  
say unto me, Where is now thy God?*

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself;  
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the  
house of God,

*In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among such as keep  
holy-day.*

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why art  
thou so disquieted within me?

*Put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks for the  
help of his countenance.*

The Lord hath granted his loving kindness in the day time;  
and in the night season did I sing of him, and made my prayer  
unto the God of my life.

*I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou  
forgotten me? why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth  
me?*

Namely, while they say daily unto me, Where is now thy  
God?

*Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? and why art thou so  
disquieted within me?*

O put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the  
help of my countenance, and my God.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Ghost.*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read a Lesson taken out of the Old Testament. Te Deum.*

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 adorable, 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 humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.*

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

*Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.*

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

*We therefore 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, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.*

Govern them, and lift them up forever.

*Day by day we magnify thee;*

And we worship thy name ever, world without end.

*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.*

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

*O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.*

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

¶ *Then shall be read a Lesson, taken out of the New Testament.*

¶ *And after that, the following Psalm:*

## Psalm c.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

*For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and the People, standing.*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church, The communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of

the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Answer.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **A Collect for Peace.**

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; 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. Amen.

### **A Collect for Grace.**

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Prayer for the President of the Confederate States,  
and all in Civil Authority.**

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The following Prayers are to be omitted here, when the Litany is read.*

**A Prayer for the Clergy and People.**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the 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. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.**

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.

### **A General Thanksgiving.**

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. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.**

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. Amen.

### **2 Cor. xiii. 14.**

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.

Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

## THE LITANY, OR GENERAL SUPPLICATION.

¶ *To be used after Morning Service, on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.*

O GOD the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; 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 the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

*O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and 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.

*O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-fathers; 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 forever.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; 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 holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

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 prosperity; in

the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of

grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land or by water, all women in the perils of child-birth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*Grant us thy peace.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and 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; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A General Thanksgiving.**

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 honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.**

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. Amen.

### **2 Cor. xiii. 14.**

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.

Here endeth the Litany.

## THE COMMUNION.

### The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister, turning to the People, rehearse distinctly the TEN COMMANDMENTS; and the People, still kneeling, shall, after every commandment, ask God mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come, as followeth:*

### Minister.

GOD spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my commandments.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his

name in vain.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Thou shalt do no murder.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Thou shalt not steal.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Minister.* Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

¶ *Then the Minister may say,*

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Let us pray,

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. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said the Collect for the Day, and the Epistle and Gospel.*

## THE ORDER FOR DAILY EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The Minister shall begin the EVENING PRAYER, by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture:*

I ACKNOWLEDGE my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. *Psalm li. 3*

Hide thy face from my sins; and blot out all mine iniquities. *Psalm li. 9.*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalm li. 17.*

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. *Jer. x. 24. Psalm vi. 1.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of 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 his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying--

### A GENERAL CONFESSION.

¶ *To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all*

*kneeling.*

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. Amen.

**THE DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION,  
OR REMISSION OF SINS.**

¶ *To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins: confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer; the People still kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be read the following Selection of Psalms.*

**SELECTION SIXTH.  
From Psalm xxxii.**

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

*Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

*I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord; and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.*

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

*Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.*

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go, and I will guide thee with mine eye.

*Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.*

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord, and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

### **Psalm CXXX.**

*OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.*

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

*If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?*

For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

*I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.*

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

*O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.*

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.  
Psalm cxxi.

*I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh*

*my help.*

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.*

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

*The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand:*

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.*

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be read a lesson taken out of the Old Testament*

¶ *After which shall be said or sung, the following Psalm.*

O SING unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things.

*With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory.*

The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he

openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

*He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.*

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

*Praise the Lord upon the harp; sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.*

With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

*Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; the round world, and they that dwell therein.*

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth.

*With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Or this.

### **Psalm xcii.**

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest.

*To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season;*

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

*For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

¶ *Then a lesson from the New Testament shall be read.*

¶ *And after that, shall be sung or said, this Psalm.*

### **Psalm ciii.**

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise his Holy Name.

*Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*

Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities:

*Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.*

O praise the Lord, ye Angels of his, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

*O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his, that do his pleasure.*

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy*

*Ghost.*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the People, standing.*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, The communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing.*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Answer.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Answer.* And take not thy Holy Spirits from us.

¶ *Then shall be said the Collect for the day, and after that the*

*Collects and Prayers following.*

**A Collect for Peace.**

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; that 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; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose Almighty power we have been preserved this day; 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.

**A Prayer for the President of the Confederate States, and all in Civil Authority.**

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Prayer for the Clergy and People.**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the 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. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator Jesus

Christ. Amen.

### **A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.**

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.

### **A General Thanksgiving.**

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. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.**

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. Amen.

### **2 Cor. xiii. 14.**

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.

### **PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.**

Selected from those to be used on several occasions.

#### **In time of War and Tumults.**

O ALMIGHTY God, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory; through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **For a Sick Person.**

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; preserve him from the temptations of the enemy; give him patience under his affliction; and, in thy good time, restore him to health, and enable him to lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory. Or else give him grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life

ended, he may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For a Person, or Persons, going to sea.**

O ETERNAL God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; We commend to thy Almighty protection, thy servant, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard him, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which he may be exposed. Conduct him in safety to the haven where he would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For a Person under affliction.**

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us, in thy holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servant, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble, and to bring distress upon him. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon him, and give him peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Thanksgiving for a Recovery from Sickness.**

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless thy Name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from his bodily sickness this thy servant, who now desireth to return thanks unto thee, in the presence of all thy people. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May his heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may he devote the residue of his days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTION.**

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Faithful, visit, we pray thee, this Congregation with thy love and favour; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father, and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

### **FROM FORMS OF PRAYER TO BE USED AT SEA.**

¶ *The Prayer to be said before a fight against any enemy, or in storms at Sea.*

O MOST powerful and glorious Lord God, the Lord of hosts, that rulest and commandest all things; Thou sittest in the throne judging right; And therefore we make our address to thy Divine Majesty, in this our necessity, that thou wouldest take the cause into thine own hand, and judge between us and our enemies Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come and help us; for thou givest not always the battle to the strong, but canst save by many or by few. O let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance but hear us thy poor servants begging mercy, and imploring thy help, and that thou wouldest be a defence unto us against the face of the enemy: Make it appear that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer to be used in Storms at Sea.**

O MOST glorious and gracious LORD GOD, who dwellest in Heaven, but beholdest all things below; Look down, we beseech thee, and hear us, calling out of the depth of misery and out of the jaws of this death, which is now ready to swallow us up: Save, LORD, or else we perish. The living, the living shall praise thee. O send thy word of command to rebuke the raging winds, and the roaring sea; that we, being delivered from this distress, may live to serve thee, and to glorify thy Name all the

days of our life. Hear, LORD, and save us, for the infinite merits of our blessed Saviour, thy Son, our Lord JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

¶ *Short Prayers for single persons, who cannot meet to join in Prayer with others, by reason of the Fight or Storm.*

### GENERAL PRAYERS.

LORD be merciful to us sinners, and save us for thy mercies' sake.

Thou art the great God, who hast made and rulest all things: O deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Thou art the great God to be feared above all: O save us, that we may praise thee.

Special Prayers with respect to the enemy.

THOU, O Lord, art just and powerful: O defend our cause against the face of the enemy.

O God, thou art a strong tower of defence to all who fly unto thee: O save us from the violence of the enemy.

O Lord of hosts, fight for us, that we may glorify thee.

O suffer us not to sink under the weight of our sins, or the violence of the enemy.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us, for thy Name's sake.  
A Psalm or Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving after Victory.

IF the Lord had not been on our side, now may we say; if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;

They had swallowed us up quick, when they were so wrathfully displeas'd at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us, and the stream had gone over our soul; the deep waters of the proud had gone over our soul.

But praised be the Lord who hath not given us over as a prey unto them.

The Lord hath wrought a mighty salvation for us.

We got not this by our own sword, neither was it our own arm that saved us; but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto us.

The Lord hath appeared for us; the Lord hath covered our heads, and made us to stand in the day of battle.

The Lord hath appeared for us; the Lord hath overthrown our enemies, and dashed in pieces those that rose up against us.

Therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy Name be given the glory.

The Lord hath done great things for us; the Lord hath done great things for us, for which we rejoice.

Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *After this Hymn may be said the Te Deum.*

¶ *Then this Collect.*

O ALMIGHTY God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might, which none is able to withstand; We bless and magnify thy great and glorious Name for this happy Victory, the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to thee, who art the only giver of Victory. And, we beseech thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to thy glory, the advancement of thy Gospel, the honour of our country, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. And, we beseech thee, give us such a sense of this great mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives, by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, as for all thy mercies, so in particular for this Victory and Deliverence, be all glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

**2 Cor. xiii. 14.**

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.

**FROM THE ORDER  
FOR THE VISITATION OF THE SICK.**

**A Prayer for a sick Person, when there appeareth but small  
hope of recovery.**

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon him, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen him, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give him unfeigned repentance for all the errors of his life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that his sins may be done away by thy mercy, and his pardon sealed in heaven, before he go

hence and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise him up, and grant him a longer continuance amongst us; Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of his dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare him, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after his departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, his soul may be received into thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**A commendatory Prayer for a sick Person at the point of departure.**

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear brother, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this and other like 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 may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

**A Prayer which may be said by the Minister in behalf of all present at the Visitation.**

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 the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world: All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Prayer which may be said in case of sudden surprise and immediate danger.**

O MOST gracious Father, we fly unto thee for mercy in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of thine hand. If it be thy will, preserve his life, that there may be place for repentance; But, if thou hast otherwise appointed, let thy mercy supply to him the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of his lamp. Stir up in him such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to thee, as may in a short time do the work of many days: That among the praises which thy Saints and holy Angels shall sing to the honour of thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to thy unspeakable glory, that thou hast redeemed the soul of this thy servant from eternal death, and made him partaker of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Thanksgiving for the beginning of a recovery.**

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; We bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our brother to some degree of his former health. Blessed be thy Name, that thou didst not forsake him in his sickness; but didst visit him with comforts from above; didst support him in patience and submission to thy will; and, at last, didst send him seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards him; and prosper the means which shall be made use of for his cure: That being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, he may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness; and to

bless thy holy Name for all thy goodness towards him, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. To whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.**

¶ *Here is to be noted, that the Office ensuing is not to be used for any unbaptized Adults, any who die excommunicate, or who have laid violent hands upon themselves.*

¶ *The Minister, meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Churchyard, and going before it, either into the Church, or towards the Grave, shall say, or sing,*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. *St. John xi. 25, 26.*

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job xix. 25, 26, 27.*

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord. *1 Tim. vi. 7. Job i. 21.*

¶ *After they are come into the Church, shall be said or sung the following Anthem, taken from the 39th and 90th Psalms.*

LORD, let me know my end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself

in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences; and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: Every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; and with thine ears consider my calling; Hold not thy peace at my tears:

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure; and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry, all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are three-score years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the Lesson, taken out of the fifteenth Chapter of the first Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.*

### **1 Cor. xv. 20.**

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order; Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's, at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put

down all rule, and all authority, and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead? and why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool! that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain; it may chance of wheat or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him; and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they that are earthy; and as

is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

¶ *When they come to the Grave, while the Corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, shall be sung or said,*

MAN, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death; Of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, 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.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy

Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

¶ *Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the Body by some standing by, the Minister shall say,*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the Soul of our deceased Brother, we therefore commit his Body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general Resurrection in the last Day, and the life of the World to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious Majesty to judge the world, the Earth and the Sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible Bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious Body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

¶ Then shall be said, or sung.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. *Rev. xiv. 13.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say one or both of the following Prayers, at his discretion.*

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord; and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are

in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle St. Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and 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 who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. 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.

*At the Burial of the Dead at sea, the Office in the Common Prayer Book may be used only instead of these words, We therefore commit his Body to the ground, earth to earth, &c., say: We therefore commit his Body to the deep, to be turned into corruption, looking for the Resurrection of the Body, when the sea shall give up her dead, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; 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 unto himself.*

## ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS OF PSALMS.

### SELECTION FIRST.

#### Psalm xix.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy-work.

*One day telleth another; and one night certifieth another.*

There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them.

*Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.*

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

*It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

*The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.*

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

*More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.*

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; and in keeping of

them there is great reward.

*Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.*

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me.

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight,*

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### **Psalm xxiv.**

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

*For he hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.*

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

*Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.*

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

*This is the generation of them that seek him, even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

*Who is the King of glory? it is the Lord strong and mighty,*

*even the Lord mighty in battle.*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

*Who is the King of glory? even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

### **Psalm ciii.**

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

*Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*

Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities;

*Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;*

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

*The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all them that are oppressed with wrong.*

He showed his ways unto Moses, his works unto the children of Israel.

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering, and of great goodness.*

He will not alway be chiding; neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

*He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.*

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth;  
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him!

*Look how wide also the east is from the west; so far hath he  
set our sins from us.*

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so is the  
Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

*For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that  
we are but dust.*

The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a  
flower of the field.

*For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the  
place thereof shall know it no more.*

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and  
ever upon them that fear him; and his righteousness upon  
children's children;

*Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his  
commandments to do them.*

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, and his kingdom  
ruleth over all.

*O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength;  
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his  
word.*

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye servants of his that do  
his pleasure.

*O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of  
his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.*

## SELECTION FIFTH.

### Psalm i.

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

*But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.*

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

*His leaf also shall not wither; and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.*

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

*Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm xv.

*LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?*

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

*He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, and hath not slandered his neighbour.*

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes,

and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

*He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance.*

He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken reward against the innocent.

*Whoso doeth these things shall never fall.*

### **Psalm xci.**

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

*I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold; my God, in him will I trust.*

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

*He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

*For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.*

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

*Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the ungodly.*

For thou, Lord, art my hope; thou hast set thine house of

defence very high.

*There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.*

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

*They shall bear thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone*

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

*Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.*

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.

*With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.*

## **SELECTION SEVENTH.**

### **Psalm xxiii.**

THE Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

*He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

*Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup*

*shall be full.*

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.  
Psalm xxxiv.

*I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.*

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

*O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his Name together.*

I sought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

*They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.*

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

*The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.*

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

*O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; for they that fear him lack nothing.*

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

*Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

What man is he that lusteth to live, and would fain see good days?

*Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips, that they speak no guile.*

Eschew evil, and do good; seek peace, and ensue it.

*The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.*

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

*The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

*Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of all.*

He keepeth all his bones, so that not one of them is broken.

*But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.*

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Psalm lxxv.

*THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.*

Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

*My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto*

*our sins.*

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

*Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; thou that are the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.*

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power.

*Who stilleth the raging of the sea, and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.*

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

*Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; thou makest it very plenteous.*

The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

*Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.*

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy clouds drop fatness.

*They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.*

The folds shall be full of sheep; and the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

## SELECTION TENTH.

### From Psalm xcvi.

O SING unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

*Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; be telling of his salvation from day to day.*

Declare his honour unto the heathen, and his wonders unto all people.

*For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.*

### Psalm cxlviii.

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height. Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his hosts.

*Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.*

Praise him, all ye heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens.

*Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he spake the word, and they were made, he commanded, and they were created.*

He hath made them fast for ever and ever: he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

*Praise the Lord upon earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:*

Fire and hail, snow and vapors, wind and storm, fulfilling his word:

*Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars:*

*Beasts and all cattle; worms and feathered fowls:*

Kings of the earth and all people; princes and all judges of the world:

*Young men and maidens, old men and children praise the Name of the Lord: for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.*

He shalt exalt the horn of his people: all his saints shall praise him; even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

### **From Psalm cxlix.**

O SING unto the Lord a new song; let the congregation of saints praise him.

*Let Israel rejoice in him that made him, and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.*

Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

*For the Lord hath pleasure in his people, and helpeth the meek-hearted.*

### **Psalm cl.**

O PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

*Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.*

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

*Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.*

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.

*Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## **SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALMS OF DAVID IN METRE.**

### **3 C. M.**

THOU, gracious God, art my defence;  
On thee my hopes rely;  
Thou art my glory, and shalt yet  
Lift up my head on high.

Since whensoever, in my distress,  
To God I made my prayer,  
He heard me from his holy hill;  
Why should I now despair?

Guarded by him, I lay me down  
My sweet repose to take;  
For I through him securely sleep,  
Through him in safety wake.

Salvation to the Lord belongs;  
He only can defend;  
His blessing he extends to all  
That on his power depend.

### 18 C. M.

THE Lord himself, the mighty Lord,  
Vouchsafes to be my guide;  
The shepherd, by whose constant care,  
My wants are all supplied.

In tender grass he makes me feed,  
And gently there repose;  
Then leads me to cool shades, and where  
Refreshing water flows.

He does my wandering soul reclaim,  
And, to his endless praise,  
Instruct with humble zeal to walk  
In his most righteous ways.

I pass the gloomy vale of death,  
From fear and danger free;  
For there his aiding rod and staff  
Defend and comfort me.

Since God doth thus his wondrous love  
Through all my life extend,  
That life to him I will devote,  
And in his temple spend.

### 32 C. M.

THY chast'ning wrath, O Lord, restrain,  
Though I deserve it all;  
Nor let on me the heavy storm  
Of thy displeasure fall.

My sins, which to a deluge swell,  
My sinking head o'erflow,  
And, for my feeble strength to bear,  
Too vast a burden grow.

But, Lord, before thy searching eyes  
All my desires appear;  
The groanings of my burden'd soul  
Have reach'd thine open ear.

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God,  
Nor far from me depart:  
Make haste to my relief, O thou,  
Who my salvation art.

### 33 C. M.

LORD, let me know my term of days,  
How soon my life will end;  
The numerous train of ills disclose,  
Which this frail state attend.

My life, thou know'st, is but a span,  
A cypher sums my years;  
And every man, in best estate,  
But vanity appears.

Man, like a shadow, vainly walks,  
With fruitless cares oppress'd;  
He heaps up wealth, but cannot tell  
By whom 'twill be possess'd.

Why then should I on worthless toys  
With anxious cares attend?  
On thee alone my steadfast hope  
Shall ever, Lord, depend.

Lord, hear my cry, accept my tears,  
And listen to my prayer.  
Who sojourn like a stranger here,  
As all my fathers were.

O spare me yet a little time;  
My wasted strength restore,  
Before I vanish quite from hence,  
And shall be seen no more.

### **38 L. M.**

LET me with light and truth be bless'd;  
Be these my guides to lead the way  
Till on thy holy hill I rest,  
And in thy sacred temple pray.

Then will I there fresh altars raise  
To God, who is my only joy;  
And well-tun'd harps, with songs of praise,  
Shall all my grateful hours employ.

Why then cast down, my soul? and why  
So much oppress'd with anxious care?  
On God, thy God, for aid rely,  
Who will thy ruin'd state repair.

**48 L. M.**

MY soul, for help on God rely,  
On him alone thy trust repose;  
My rock and health will strength supply,  
To bear the shock of all my foes.

God does his saving health dispense  
And flowing blessings daily send;  
He is my fortress and defence,  
On him my soul shall still depend.

In him, ye people, always trust;  
Before his throne pour out your hearts;  
For God, the merciful and just,  
His timely aid to us imparts.

The Lord has oft his will express'd,  
And I this truth have fully known;  
To be of boundless power possess'd,  
Belongs of right to God alone.

Though mercy is his darling grace,  
In which he chiefly takes delight;  
Yet will he all the human race  
According to their works requite.

### 57 L. M.

THY presence Lord hath me supplied,  
Thou my right hand support dost give;  
Thou first shalt with thy counsel guide,  
And then to glory me receive.

Whom then in heaven, but thee alone,  
Have I, whose favor I require?  
Throughout the spacious earth there's none  
Compared with thee, that I desire.

My trembling flesh and aching heart  
May often fail to succor me;  
But God shall inward strength impart,  
And my eternal portion be.

For they that far from thee remove  
Shall into sudden ruin fall;  
If after other gods they rove,  
Thy vengeance shall destroy them all.

But as for me, 'tis good and just  
That I should still to God repair;  
In him I always put my trust,  
And will his wondrous works declare,

### 74 L. M.

O COME, loud anthems let us sing,  
Loud thanks to our Almighty King;  
For we our voices high shall raise,  
When our salvation's rock we praise.

Into his presence le us haste,  
To thank him for his favors cast;  
To him address, in joyful songs,  
The praise that to his Name belongs:

For God the Lord, enthroned in state,  
Is with unrivalled glory great:  
A king superior far to all  
Whom gods the heathen falsely call.

The depths of earth are in his hand,  
Her secret wealth at his command;  
The strength of hills that reach the skies  
Subjected to his empire lies.

The rolling ocean's vast abyss  
By the same sovereign right is his;  
'Twas made by his almighty hand,  
That form'd and fix'd the solid land.

O let us to his courts repair,  
And bow with adoration there;  
Down on our knees devoutly all  
Before the Lord, our Maker, fall.

For he's our God, our Shepherd he,  
His flock and pasture-sheep are we:  
O then, ye faithful, flock, to-day  
His warning hear, his voice obey.

## 79 L. M.

WITH one consent let all the earth  
To God their cheerful voices raise;  
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,  
And sing before him songs of praise.

Convinced that he is God alone,  
From whom both we and all proceed;  
We, whom he chooses for his own,  
The flock that he vouchsafes to feed.

O enter then his temple gate.  
Thence to his courts devoutly press;  
And still your grateful hymns repeat,  
And still his Name with praises bless.

For he's the Lord, supremely good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth which always firmly stood.  
To endless ages shall endure.

## 82 S. M.

O BLESS the Lord, my soul,  
His grace to thee proclaim;  
And all that is within me, join  
To bless his holy Name.

O bless the Lord, my soul,  
His mercies bear in mind;  
Forget not all his benefits,  
Who is to thee so kind.

He pardons all thy sins,  
Prolongs thy feeble breath;  
He healeth thine infirmities,  
And ransoms thee from death.

He feeds thee with his love,  
Upholds thee with his truth;  
And, like the eagle's he renews  
The vigor of thy youth.

    bless the Lord, my soul,  
His grace to the proclaim;  
And all that is within me, join  
To bless his holy Name.

**105 III. 1.**

LORD, forever at thy side  
Let my place and portion be;  
Strip me of the robe of pride,  
Clothe me with humility.

Meekly may my soul receive  
All thy Spirit hath revealed;  
Thou hast spoken--I believe,  
Though the oracle be sealed.

Humble as a little child,  
Weaned from the mother's breast,  
By no subtleties beguiled,  
On thy faithful word I rest.

Israel! now and evermore  
In the Lord Jehovah trust;  
Him, in all his ways adore,  
Wise, and wonderful, and just.

## **HYMNS.**

### **15 L. M.**

ALL glorious, God, what hymns of praise  
Shall our transported voices raise;  
What ardent love and zeal are due,  
While heaven stands open to our view.

Once we were fallen, and O how low!  
Just on the brink of endless woe;  
When Jesus, from the realms above,  
Borne on the wings of boundless love,

Scatter'd the shades of death and night,  
And spread around his heavenly light:  
By him what wondrous grace is shown  
To souls impoverished and undone.

He shows beyond these mortal shores,  
A bright inheritance as ours;  
Where saints in light our coming wait,  
To share their holy, happy state.

### **17 C. M.**

TO our Redeemer's glorious Name  
Awake the sacred song;  
O may his love (immortal flame!)  
Tune every heart and tongue.

He left his radiant throne on high,  
Left the bright realms of bliss,  
And came to earth to bleed and die!  
Was ever love like this?

Dear Lord, while we adoring pay  
Our humble thanks to thee,  
May every heart with rapture say,  
"The Saviour died for me."

O may the sweet, the blissful theme,  
Fill every heart and tongue;  
Till strangers love thy charming Name,  
And join the sacred song.

### **21 C. M.**

FATHER, to thee my soul I lift,  
On thee my hope depends,  
Convinced that every perfect gift  
From thee alone descends.

Mercy and grace are thine alone,  
And power and wisdom too;  
Without the Spirit of thy Son  
We nothing good can do.

Thou all our works in us hast wrought,  
Our good is all divine;  
The praise of every holy thought  
And righteous word is thine.

From thee, through Jesus, we receive  
The power on thee to call,  
In whom we are, and move and live--  
Our God is all in all.

**22 III. 1.**

SING, my soul, His wondrous love,  
Who, from yon bright throne above,  
Ever watchful o'er our race.  
Still to man extends his grace.

Heaven and earth by him were made,  
All is by his sceptre swayed;  
What are we that he should show  
So much love to us below!

God, the merciful and good,  
Bought us with the Saviour's blood;  
And, to make our safety sure,  
Guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore his Name,  
Let his glory be thy theme;  
Praise him till he calls thee home,  
Trust his love for all to come.

**40 III. 5.**

LORD. dismiss us with thy blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace;  
O refresh us,  
Travelling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give, and adoration,  
For the Gospel's joyful sound:  
May the fruits of thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound;  
May thy presence  
With us evermore be found.

**51 C. M.**

AS o'er the past my memory strays,  
Why heaves the secret sigh?  
'Tis that I mourn departed days,  
Still unprepared to die.

The world and worldly things beloved,  
My anxious thoughts employed;  
And time unhallowed, unimproved,  
Presents a fearful void.

Yet, holy Father, wild despair  
Chase from my laboring breast,  
Thy grace it is which prompts the prayer,  
That grace can do the rest.

My life's brief remnant all be thine;  
And when thy sure decree  
Bids me this fleeting breath resign,  
O speed my soul to thee.

**57 L. M.**

MY God, permit me not to be  
A stranger to myself and thee;  
Amidst a thousand thoughts I rove,  
Forgetful of my highest love.

Why should my passions mix with earth,  
And thus debase my heavenly birth?  
Why should I cleave to things below,  
And all my purest joys forego?

Call me away from flesh and sense;  
Thy grace, O Lord, can draw me thence;  
I would obey the voice divine,  
And all inferior joys resign.

**60 L. M.**

O THOU, to whose all-searching sight  
The darkness shineth as the light,  
Search, prove my hearts; it looks to thee,  
O burst its bonds, and set it free.

Wash out its stains, remove its dross,  
Bind my affections to the cross;  
Hallow each thought, let all within  
Be clean, as thou, my Lord, art clean.

If in this darksome wild I stray,  
Be thou my light, be thou my way;  
No foes, no violence I fear,  
No harm, while thou, my God, art near.

Saviour, where'er thy steps I see,  
Dauntless, untired, I follow thee;  
O let thy hand support me still,  
And lead me to thy holy hill.

## 62 L. M.

WHEN I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the cross of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to thy blood.

See! from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet?  
Or thorns compose a Saviour's crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my life, my soul, my all.

## 75 C. M.

COME; Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove,  
With all thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.

See how we grovel here below,  
Fond of these earthly toys:  
Our souls, how heavily they go,  
To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our lifeless songs,  
In vain we strive to rise:  
Hosannas languish on our tongues,  
And our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,  
With all thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.

**78 L. M.**

FATHER of all, whose love profound  
A ransom for our souls hath found,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend;  
To us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend;  
To us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
The soul's raised from sin and death,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend;  
To us thy quickening power extend.

Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son,  
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One!  
Before thy throne we sinners bend;  
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

## 102 L. M.

JESUS shall reign, where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless pray'r be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms, of every tongue,  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
The pris'ner leaps to burst his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise, and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King:  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

## 103 L. M.

FROM all that dwell below the skies,  
Let the Creators's praise arise;  
Jehovah's glorious Name be sung  
Thro' every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,  
And truth eternal is thy Word:  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

**107 II. 6.**

FROM Greenland's icy mountains,  
From India's coral strand,  
Where Afric's sunny fountains  
Roll down their golden sand;  
From many an ancient river,  
From many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver  
Their land from error's chain.

What though the spicy breezes  
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's Isle;  
Though every prospect pleases,  
And only man is vile;  
In vain with lavish kindness  
The gifts of God are strown;  
The heathen in his blindness  
Bows down to wood and stone.

Shall we, whose souls are lighted  
With wisdom from on high;  
Shall we to men benighted  
The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation, oh, salvation,  
The joyful sound proclaim,  
Till each remotest nation  
Has learnt Messiah's Name.

Waft waft, ye winds, his story,  
And you, ye waters, roll,  
Till like a sea of glory,  
It spreads from pole to pole:  
Till o'er our ransom'd nature,  
The Lamb for sinners slain,  
Redeemer, King, Creator,  
In bliss returns to reign.

### 124 C. M.

HEAR what the voice from heaven declares  
To those in Christ who die:  
Releas'd from all their earthly cares,  
They'll reign with him on high.

Then why lament departed friends,  
Or shake at death's alarms?  
Death's but the servant Jesus sends  
To call us to his arms.

If sin be pardon'd, we're secure,  
Death hath no sting beside;  
The law gave sin its strength and power;  
But Christ, our ransom, died.

The graves of all his saints he bless'd,  
When in the grave he lay;  
And, rising thence, their hopes he raised  
To everlasting day.

**126 C. M.**

HOW short the race our friend has run,  
Cut down in all his bloom:  
The course but yesterday begun  
Now finish'd in the tomb.

Thou joyous youth, hence learn how soon  
Thy years may end their flight:  
Long, long before life's brilliant noon  
May come death's gloomy night.

To serve thy God no longer wait,  
To-day his voice regard;  
To-morrow mercy's pen gate  
May be forever barr'd.

And thus the Lord reveals his grace,  
Thy youthful love to gain:  
The soul that early seeks my face,  
Shall never seek in vain.

**129 III. 1.**

HASTEN, sinner, to be wise;  
Stay not for the morrow's sun;  
Wisdom, if you still despise,  
Harder is it to be won.

Hasten, mercy to implore;  
Stay not for the morrow's sun;  
Lest thy season should be o'er,  
Ere this evening's stage be run.

Hasten, sinner, to return;  
Stay not for the morrow's sun;  
Lest thy lamp should cease to burn,  
Ere salvation's work is done.

Hasten, sinner, to be blest;  
Stay not for the morrow's sun;  
Lest perdition thee arrest.  
Ere the morrow is begun.

### **131 S. M.**

THE Spirit in our hearts  
Is whispering, sinner, Come;  
The Bride, the Church of Christ, proclaims  
To all his children, Come.

Let him that heareth say  
To all about him, Come;  
Let him that thirsts for righteousness  
To Christ, the fountain, come.

Yes, whosoever will,  
Oh! let him freely come,  
And freely drink the stream of life;  
'Tis Jesus bids him come.

Lo, Jesus, who invites,  
Declares, I quickly come,  
Lord! even so; I wait thy hour;  
Jesus, my Saviour, come.

### 133 C. M.

APPROACH, my soul, the mercy-seat,  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before his feet,  
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea  
With this I venture nigh;  
Thou callest burden'd souls to thee,  
And such, O Lord, am I.

Bow'd down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely press'd,  
By war without, and fear within,  
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding-place;  
That, shelter'd near thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face.  
And tell him, "Thou hast died."

Oh! wondrous love, to bleed and die,  
To bear the cross and shame,  
That guilty sinners, such as I,  
Might plead thy gracious Name,

### 137 L. M.

OH! that my load of sin were gone,  
Oh! that I could at last submit  
At Jesus' feet to lay it down,  
To lay my soul at Jesus' feet!

Rest for my soul I long to find;  
Saviour of all, if mine thou art,  
Give me thy meek and lowly mind,  
And stamp thine image on my heart.

Break off the yoke of inbred sin,  
And fully set my spirit free;  
I cannot rest, till pure within,  
Till I am wholly lost in thee.

Fain would I learn of thee, my God;  
Thy light and easy burden prove,  
The cross, all stain'd with hallow'd blood,  
The labor of thy dying love.

I would, but thou must give the power,  
My heart from every sin release;  
Bring near, bring near the joyful hour,  
And fill me with thy perfect peace.

### 139 III. 2.

ROCK of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee,  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy side, a healing flood,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath, and make me pure.

Should my tears for ever flow,  
Should my zeal no languor know,  
This for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and thou alone;  
In my hand no price I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me.  
Let me hide myself in thee.

**143 III. 1.**

JESUS, Saviour of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the waves of trouble roll,  
While the tempest still is high!  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee  
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stay'd,  
All my hope from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenceless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

RISE, my soul, and stretch thy wings  
Thy better portion trace;  
Rise from transitory things,  
Towards heaven, thy destined place:  
Sun, and moon, and stars decay,  
Time shall soon this earth remove;  
Rise, my soul, and haste away  
To seats prepared above.

Cease, my soul, O cease to mourn,  
Press onward to the prize;  
Soon thy Saviour will return,  
To take thee to the skies:  
There is everlasting peace,  
Rest, enduring rest in heaven;  
There, will sorrow ever cease,  
And crowns of joy be given.

**147 C. M.**

WHEN I can read my title clear  
To mansions in the skies,  
I'll bid farewell to every fear,  
And wipe my weeping eyes.

Should earth against my soul engage,  
And fiery darts be hurl'd,  
Then I can smile at Satan's rage,  
And face a frowning world.

Let cares like a wild deluge come,  
Let storms of sorrow fall;  
So I but safely reach my home,  
My God, my heaven, my all:

There, anchor'd safe, my weary soul  
Shall find eternal rest;  
Nor storms shall beat, nor billows roll  
Across my peaceful breast.

### 150 III. 3.

LORD, with glowing heart I'd praise thee  
For the bliss thy love bestows;  
For the pard'ning grace that saves me,  
And the peace that from it flows;  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;  
This dull soul to rapture raise:  
Thou must light the flame or never  
Can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,  
Wretched wanderer, far astray;  
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee  
From the paths of death away;  
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,  
Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,  
And, the light of hope revealing,  
Bade the blood stained cross appear.

Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling  
Vainly would my lips express:  
Low before thy footstool kneeling,  
Deign thy suppliant's prayer to bless:  
Let thy grace, my soul's chief treasure,  
Love's pure flame within me raise;  
And, since words can never measure,  
Let my life show forth thy praise.

### 154 L. M.

BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne,  
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;  
Know that the Lord is God alone;  
He can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign power, without our aid,  
Made us of clay, and formed us men;  
And when like wand'ring sheep we strayed  
He brought us to his fold again.

We are his people, we his care,  
Our souls, and all our mortal frame;  
What lasting honours shall we rear,  
Almighty Maker, to thy Name?

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,  
High as the heaven our voices raise;  
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is thy command,  
Vast as eternity thy love;  
Firm as a rock thy truth must stand,  
When rolling years shall cease to move.

### **156 C. M.**

FATHER, whate'er of earthly bliss  
Thy sovereign will denies,  
Accepted at thy throne, let this,  
My humble prayer, arise:

Give me a calm and thankful heart,  
From every murmur free;  
The blessings of thy grace impart,  
And make me live to thee:

Let the sweet hope that thou art mine  
My life and death attend;  
Thy presence through my journey shine,  
And crown my journey's end.

**163 L. M.**

SAVIOUR, when night involves the skies,  
My soul, adoring, turns to thee;  
Thee, self-abased in mortal guise,  
And wrapt in shades of death for me.

On thee my waking raptures dwell,  
When crimson gleams the east adorn,  
Thee, victor of the grave and hell,  
Thee, source of life's eternal morn.

When noon her throne in light arrays,  
To thee my soul triumphant springs;  
Thee, throned in glory's endless blaze.  
Thee, Lord of lords, and King of kings.

O'er earth, when shades of evening steal,  
To death and thee my thoughts I give;  
To death, whose power I must soon feel,  
To thee, with whom I trust to live,

**167 III. 1.**

NOW the shades of night are gone;  
Now the morning light is come;  
Lord, may we be thine to day:  
Drive the shades of sin away.

Fill our souls with heavenly light,  
Banish doubt and clear our sight;  
In thy service, Lord, to-day,  
May we labor, watch, and pray.

Keep our haughty passions bound;  
Save us from our foes around;  
Going out and coming in,  
Keep us safe from every sin.

When our work of life is past,  
O receive us then at last;  
Night and sin will be no more,  
When we reach the heavenly shore.

#### **173 IV. 2.**

INSPIRER and hearer of prayer,  
Thou shepherd and guardian of thine,  
My all to thy covenant care.  
I, sleeping or waking, resign.

If thou art my shield and my sun,  
The night is no darkness to me;  
And, fast, as my minutes roll on,  
They bring me but nearer to thee.

A sovereign protector I have,  
Unseen, yet forever at hand  
Unchangeably faithful to save,  
Almighty to rule and command.

His smiles and his comforts abound,  
His grace, as the dew, shall descend;  
And walls of salvation surround  
The soul he delights to defend.

**177 III. 3.**

GUIDE me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land,  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Open now the crystal fountains  
Whence the living waters flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar,  
Lead me all my journey through.

Feed me with the heavenly manna  
In this barren wilderness;  
Be my sword, and shield, and banner;  
Be the Lord my righteousness.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.

**179 S. M.**

A CHARGE to keep I have,  
A god to glorify;  
A never-dying soul to save  
And fit it for the sky:

From youth to hoary age,  
My calling to fulfil:  
O may it all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,  
As in thy sight to live,  
And, oh! thy servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,  
And on thyself rely;  
Assured if I my trust betray,  
I shall forever die.

### **180 C. M.**

A WAKE, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around  
Hold thee in full survey;  
Forget the steps already trod,  
And onward urge thy way.

'Tis God's all-animating voice  
That calls thee from on high,  
'Tis his own hand presents the prize  
To thine uplifted eye.

Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

**184 C. M.**

WHILE thee I seek, protecting Power,  
Be my vain wishes stilled:  
And may this consecrated hour  
With better hopes be filled.

Thy love the power of thought bestowed,  
To thee my thoughts would soar:  
Thy mercy o'er my life has flowed,  
That mercy I adore.

In each event of life, how clear  
Thy ruling hand I see;  
Each blessing to my soul more dear,  
Because conferred by thee.

In every joy that crowns my days,  
In every pain I bear,  
My heart shall find delight in praise,  
Or seek relief in prayer.

When gladness wings my favored hour,  
Thy love my thoughts shall fill;  
Resigned, when storms of sorrow lower,  
My soul shall meet thy will.

My lifted eye, without a tear,  
The gathering storm shall see!  
My steadfast heart shall know no fear,  
That heart will rest on thee.

**186 L. M.**

AS, when the weary traveller gains  
The height of some commanding hill.  
His heart revives, if o'er the plains  
He sees his home, though distant still;

So, when the Christian pilgrim views  
By faith his mansion in the skies,  
The sight his fainting strength renews,  
And wings his speed to reach the prize.

The hope of heaven his spirit cheers;  
No more he grieves for sorrows past;  
Nor any future conflict fears,  
So he may safe arrive at last,

O Lord, on thee our hopes we stay,  
To lead us on to thine abode;  
Assured thy love will far o'er pay  
The hardest labours of the road.

**188 C. M.**

FEW are thy days and full of woe,  
O man of woman born:  
Thy doom is written: "Dust thou art,  
To dust thou shalt return."

Behold the emblem of thy state  
In flowers that bloom and die;  
Or in the shadow's fleeting form  
That mocks the gazer's eye.

Determined are the days that fly  
Successive o'er thy head;  
The number'd hour is on the wing,  
That lays thee with the dead.

Great God, afflict not in thy wrath,  
The short allotted span  
That bounds the few and weary days  
Of pilgrimage to man.

**209 C. M.**

THOU art the Way, to thee alone  
From sin and death we flee;  
And he who would the Father seek,  
Must seek him. Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth thy word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
Thou only canst inform the mind  
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life, the rending tomb  
Proclaims thy conquering arm.  
And those who put their trust in thee  
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Grant us that way to know.  
That truth to keep, that life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow,

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.**

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth, peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless 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; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.