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# The Family Altar

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**God setteth the solitary in families.**

**And Abraham pitched his tent—and there builded  
he an altar unto the Lord.**

**We have an altar.**

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

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## Family Worship

The daily worship of the household is of early origin. The Hebrew patriarchs builded their altars where they pitched their tents, and there called on the name of the Lord. The disciples of Jesus in earliest Christian times had "the church in the home." It has a natural foundation and reason, in the unity of the family, the close and tender relations of the household, and the sanctity and love of the Christian home; suggesting and inviting the family acknowledgment of mercies and petitions for Divine presence and blessing. Upon the family altar, continued through the ages, has rested the blessing of God.

It honors God, the giver of all our good, the source of all our happiness. It makes the home a sanctuary for God's dwelling. It binds the household together in a more hallowed love. It pleads the grace of Covenant promise. It instructs and unites all hearts in the truth and grace of Christ. It builds a wall of defense against the error and evil of the world around us. It bears witness for God, our Saviour, to the stranger within our gates. It devotes the day to the highest service and sweetens all the hours. It plants in every heart sacred memories to be profitable and happy in all the following years. It brings down from Heaven that blessing of God which maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.

The book we now send out into many homes has been prepared by direction of the General Assembly of our Church "with suggestions for short forms of prayers for family worship," and is designed to be helpful in the altar building and the altar worship, that the fires of piety and love may be lighted and fed on an altar in every home. The forms here given may be used as they are, or be enlarged and enriched until such help is no longer needed. A few occasional prayers are added to be used at appropriate times in the home. The prayers are for each day of the week for four weeks, when the family can return to the first again. If family worship can be held but once in the day, let the series be used for either morning or evening, as may be found most convenient.

**Let the book be laid by the plate of the father or mother at the morning and evening meals. Quietly and reverently let one read the Scripture sentences, or the portion named in the Daily Home Bible Readings, or other chapter from the Word of God. The hymn named will in some homes be sung, and in others be read by one of the circle. It will add to the profit and beauty of the service. And then kneeling, let the family be led in prayer. Often the widowed mother, sometimes the older sister, or the son where the father is away, will conduct the worship when the home and the day are consecrated by the Word of God and by prayer. If there be a servant, or other dependent one, even in a temporary way, let places be provided for them. The worship will be brief, quiet, reverent, and there will abide in the home and follow all that go out, the riches of God's abounding grace.**

**In the haste and strain of our daily lives, we may find it difficult to so order our own time, and to keep the family together; but it is a thousand times worth the restraint in our haste, and the firm and patient holding all together for the few minutes to be spent at the altar. All the day will be better and happier, and all the household will be safer when commended to God's guidance and care. Nothing will be lost in time when all our time belongs to God, and great riches will be gained for eternity.**

*James P. Smith, Chairman.*

## The Lord's Day Morning.

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy 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 sabbath day, and hallowed it.—Exodus XX.

And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that he stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.—Mark XVI.

Hymn 59. To be read or sung—

*Safely through another week  
God has brought us on our way—*

Almighty and most merciful God, our Father in Heaven. This is the day the Lord hath made, we would rejoice and be glad in it. We rejoice that Thou hast ordained the Sabbath to be a day of rest and blessing; with memories of a risen Saviour, and hopes of a Sabbath which shall have no end. This day, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, we would enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise. May Thy word do us good as it

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doth the upright in heart. May Thy Spirit, in the home and in the sanctuary, helping our infirmities, teach us to pray, instruct us in Thy truth and enlighten our minds in the knowledge of Christ. For all Thy mercies to our household and to our kindred we give Thee thanks. For Thy word, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path we thank Thee, and especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, our Redeemer and our Lord. In Him we have the forgiveness of sin, the renewing of our hearts by Thy Spirit, access unto our Heavenly Father, and the life everlasting.

We confess before Thee that in many ways we have sinned and come short of Thy glory. We have strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, and are not worthy to be called Thy children. We bless Thy holy name for the blood that cleanseth from all sin, and the salvation of God in Christ which is unto the uttermost and everlasting. Grant unto us a true and saving faith in Christ, with repentance of all sin, obedience to Thy will, patience in Thy dealings with us, the faithful discharge of all our duty, the charity that never faileth, and hearts filled and comforted with the love of God. Bless Thy word as it is this day read and preached in our land and in every land, in every language among men. And to Thy name shall be the honor and the glory forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen!

## The Lord's Day Evening.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High, to show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. For Thou Lord hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the work of Thy hands.—Ps. XCII.

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

—Matt. XI.

Hymn 52.

*Softly fades the twilight ray  
Of the holy Sabbath day—*

O Lord, our God and Father, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access unto Thee. For the privileges and blessings of this Thy Day, we give Thee thanks. We thank Thee for the rest given to them that toil in field and factory, in office and in home, for the rest hallowed by love in the family circle, and for the better rest given to them that worship Thee in spirit and in truth. For Thy truth which we have read and heard, for the ordinances of Christian worship and for the means of grace, for the fellowship of Thy saints, for the promise and gift of Thy loving Spirit, and for the



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gospel of Thy grace this day proclaimed throughout the world we give Thee thanks. Let the power and grace of the Spirit of God be added to the message of Thy salvation wherever it has gone this day; in the chambers of sickness, in the wards of the hospital, in the refuges and in the prisons, among the ignorant and the sinful, in all destitute places in our land and in the dark lands of heathendom among the nations that forget God. O send forth Thy light and truth throughout all the world, and hasten the time promised when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Let Thy compassion rest upon those who are in any trouble, upon the poor and the suffering, upon the sad and the lonely, upon the stranger and the wanderer, upon all the weary and heavy laden, that they may find rest in Thee. The day is Thine, O Lord, and the night also is Thine. Darkness and light are both alike to Thee. Defend us this night from all evil, give us refreshing sleep, and if we are spared to the coming of another day, may we love Thee more and serve Thee better, and all the days appointed to us be acceptable to Thee; and this we ask in Jesus' Name—Amen!

## Monday Morning.

**Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.—Psalm I.**

**Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Matt. VI.**

**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. XV.**

Hymn 37.

*Come, my soul, thou must be waking;  
Now is breaking  
O'er the earth another day—*

Almighty and ever gracious God, giver of every good and perfect gift! Thou hast again opened to us the gates of the morning. We pray Thee open to us the way to Thy throne of grace, and open our hearts to Thy light and love. Thou art the great Keeper of Israel, who doth neither slumber nor sleep, and when we have forgotten Thee, Thou hast not forgotten us. Thou hast permitted no evil to come nigh our dwelling. As we enter upon the work of another day and of another week, we come to commit ourselves to Thy loving care and Thy wise guidance. Grant

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unto us the grace that is sufficient and the strength that is made perfect in our weakness. Help us in all that we have to do. Sustain us under every care, and lead us in right paths for Thy name's sake. Let Thy Word dwell in us richly, and Thy Spirit cleanse our hearts; renew our wills and sanctify us wholly in body and soul and life, that we may be found living not unto ourselves, but unto Him that loved us and gave Himself for us. Let Thy favour be this day upon every member of this household, on any that are away from home, and on all who are dear to us. Wherever they may be, we know that Thou art not far from every one of us. Let something of the sanctity and peace of the First Day of the week abide on this day, and every day to the end. In the evening bring us together again in our home, in safety and comfort, with a good conscience before God and man. And we will give Thee praise forever in Christ's name—Amen!

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Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.—Psalm LV.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?—Matt. VI.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God: Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.—Coloss. I.

Hymn 40.

Saviour breathe an evening blessing,  
Ere repose our spirits seal—

O Lord, our God and our Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth, framer of our bodies and Father of our spirits! Thou art the refuge and defense of all weary souls. From the labour and duties of the day we come back to the rest and safety of Thine overshadowing wings. Accept we beseech Thee the offering of this day's service, cleansing it from all that is evil in Thy sight. Pardon all that has been amiss in us, in our

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thoughts and in our lives, by the blood of Christ which cleanseth us from all sin, and renew us by Thy Spirit unto life eternal. Let our daily lives be more and more guided and directed by Thy will, and we be more and more assured that all the paths in which Thou leadest us are mercy and truth. May there be in us no anxious thought for our life, what we shall eat or what we shall drink, nor yet for the body what we shall put on, knowing that the life is more than meat and the body than raiment. Whatever burden of care for ourselves and for others rests upon us, grant us grace to cast it upon Thee, assured that Thou wilt sustain us, and never suffer the righteous to be moved. And now, O Lord, before we retire to our rest for the night, we would commend ourselves and all that we love to Thy favor and protection. Grant us faith to know that the Almighty God is our refuge and underneath are Thine everlasting arms. Rested and restored by sleep, may we rise with strength and gladness to serve Thee in all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen!

## Tuesday Morning.

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.—Ps. CXIX.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:—Phil. II.

Hymn 418.

*Father, I know that all my life  
Is portioned out for me—*

O God, our heavenly Father, giver of life and light and love; all our springs are in Thee! For Thy watchful care over us through the night we give Thee thanks. We rejoice in the assurance of Thine abiding favor, in the supply of our bodily wants, in the sanctity and peace of our Christian home, in the counsels of Thy Word which maketh wise the simple and is able to make us wise unto salvation, and in the promise of Thy grace which is sufficient for us. Vouchsafe unto us the light of Thy countenance and so uphold and guide us, that in heart and in life we may keep Thy law continually. We do rejoice in the gift of Thy son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer and our Lord, and praise Thee for His great love toward us. For

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His compassion and grace to the children of men we thank Thee; who though One with the Father and equal in power and glory, made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; who humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Though He was rich yet for our sake He became poor; and though He knew no sin, yet He was made sin for us. By His humiliation and poverty, by His mediation and sacrifice, He hath brought Thy salvation nigh and given us the portion and inheritance of the children of God. Let that mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus that we, conformed to His image, may walk in His steps and be counted heirs of God, and joint heirs in the inheritance that fadeth not away. Graciously help us all the day that we may gladly do Thy will and fulfil the duties and patiently bear the burdens assigned to us. We ask in the Redeemer's name—Amen!

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Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners: The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down; the Lord loveth the righteous: The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.—Ps. CXLVI.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.—2 John V.

Hymn 41.

*Now the day is over,  
Night is drawing nigh—*

O Lord, our God and our Father, it is always good to draw nigh unto Thee. Thou art not a God afar off. Thine eye is ever upon us and Thine ear is open to our cry. Thou art daily loading us with benefits, and crowning our days with Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy. Thy kindness is loving-kindness, and Thy mercy is tender-mercy. Let Thy goodness ever lead us to repentance, and to humble confession of our unworthiness and our many infirmities. Let the blood of Jesus Christ Thy Son avail to take away our sin, and Thy Spirit cleanse our hearts from all unrighteousness. Be pleased to accept the service of this day, and make it to accomplish



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something for the good of the world, for the progress of Thy Kingdom, and for the honor of Thy name. We are taught that if we ask anything according to Thy will Thou hearest us, and knowing this we know that we have the petition we desired of Thee. Submitting to Thy will it is never in vain that we come unto Thee. May Thy blessing come richly upon every one of us, and upon all who are dear to us, the care and the gifts of Thy Providence, and the richer and enduring gifts of Thy grace. We ask for our daily bread, for daily guidance and support, for daily light and defense, but especially we ask for the bread of life of which if a man eat he shall never hunger, and that renewing and sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit, by whom we are born again and created anew in Thine image. Let Thy favor rest upon the absent, upon the sick, upon the troubled ones, and deal with them all lovingly as a Father with His children. Everywhere send forth Thy light and Thy truth, and let Thy Kingdom come, and to Thy name shall be the praise forever—Amen!

## Wednesday Morning.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.—Psalm CXIX.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you: That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—Matt. V.

Hymn 73.

*O that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still—*

O Lord, our God and our father's God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Thy goodness and mercy Thou has brought us through the darkness and peril of another night, and opened our eyes to the light of another day. As Thou hast renewed the life and strength of our bodies, be pleased to renew our spiritual life, that this day we may be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. As we again enter upon the labour and duties to which we are called, grant unto each one of us that we may be guided by Thine eye, and sustained by Thine grace. Give

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to us the wisdom that is profitable to direct, that all our work may be established and the day be acceptable to Thee. By Thy Spirit work in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure, and let the good hand of our God be upon us, to our own success and to the honour of His name. So teach us the way of Thy statutes, O Lord, that we shall keep it unto the end. Make us in spirit, in character, and in life to be indeed the children of our Father which is in Heaven, and like Him loving our enemies, blessing them that curse us, and praying for them which persecute us; to the great end, that by Thy grace we at last may be wholly renewed and sanctified, and in the world that is without sin be perfect, even as our Father which is in Heaven is perfect. These things we ask through Thy Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, our Lord—Amen!

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Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.—Psalm CXXIII.

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may win Christ. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.—Philippians III.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.—II Thess. II.

Hymn 45.

*All praise to Thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light—*

Almighty and ever Gracious God, how excellent is Thy name in all the Earth; how excellent is Thy loving kindness, therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings. Man goeth forth to his work and to his labour until the evening; and in the evening returns to his rest and the care of the Heavenly Father. Accept we beseech Thee the work of our hands, cleansing it from all that is evil. Pardon all that which was wrong this day, and forgive wherein we have failed or omitted that which it was our duty to do. From our various

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ways, we gather once more in our home, and laying down our burdens at Thy feet, we seek Thy presence and Thy favour, forgiving and cleansing, sheltering and comforting. Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that He have mercy upon us. Whatever of gain or of loss shall come to us, we accept it as the dealing of Thy providence, and we know that Thou art just and true in all Thy ways. Grant unto us that whatever we gain or lose, we may win Christ and be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. Then shall we be rich unto God and rich unto eternity. Heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, strengthen the weak, restore the wandering; and everywhere send forth Thy light and Thy truth, we ask for Jesus sake; and Thine shall be the praise and the honour, the power and the glory forever—Amen!

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**Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy. Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily. Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.—Psalm LXXXVI.**

**But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.—I Tim. VI.**

### Hymn 34.

*Lord in the morning Thou shalt hear,  
My voice ascending high—*

O Thou God of all peace and giver of life, and light and love. At the beginning of another day we would present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service. Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Spirit in the inner man, that all this day we may walk in Thy paths and do Thy holy will. Be with us in all our outgoing and incoming that we may turn neither to the right hand nor to the left. and we may not fall into any snare. Grant us by Thy grace the godliness with contentment which is great gain. Save us from that love of money which is a root of all kinds of evil, by which men err from the faith and pierce themselves through with many sorrows. Teach us

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having food and raiment to be therewith content, and save us from that covetousness which is idolatry. To Thy care and keeping we commend each member of our family and all who are dear to us. Thou art not far from every one of us. Bind us together in the household of faith and gather us all at last into our Father's house to go no more out forever. Regard with Thy compassion the poor and the sick, the ignorant and the sinful. Comfort those who mourn, strengthen the weak and fearful, remember and bless Thy Word and magnify it above all Thy Name, and so hasten the coming of Thy Kingdom in all the world. We humbly pray in the name of Christ Thy Son—Amen!

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I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.—Ps. CXVI.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.—I John III.

Hymn 461.

*Approach my soul the mercy seat,  
Where Jesus answers prayer—*

O Lord, our God and our Father; it is always good to draw near unto Thee. Thou art the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Thou openest Thine hand and suppliest the want of every living creature. From the labour of the day, and all our going to and fro, we come back to each other, to our home and to Thee. We are assured of Thy Fatherly care and of Thy saving love; for gracious is the Lord and righteous; yea our God is merciful. Especially we thank Thee for Thy great love in sending Thy well-beloved Son to be the Saviour of the world. And He who spared Him not, but delivered him for us all, how shall He not also with him freely give us all things. We praise and adore Thee for that manner of love bestowed upon us that we should



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be called the sons of God. And we thank Thee for the glorious vision, that though it doth not yet appear what we shall be, yet when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Be pleased to keep us unspotted from the world; cleanse our hearts from all the stain and pollution of sin, and so sanctify us in body and in spirit that we shall be made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. This night we commend ourselves and our kindred, our friends and neighbors to Thy protection and Thy love. And to Thy great name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, shall be the praise forever—Amen!

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O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.—Psalm XC.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.—2 Cor. VII.

Hymn 404.

*O could I find from day to day  
A nearness to my God—*

Almighty and ever gracious God, wise and holy and merciful; Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and the evening to rejoice, and fillest all our days with Thy goodness. Thou hast kept our eyes from tears, our feet from falling and our souls from death. This day give unto us that favor of God which is life and that loving kindness which is better than life. Help us graciously each one in the duties of the day, strengthen us in our weakness, give us wisdom in our perplexities, comfort our hearts with Thy love, and may all be done acceptably to Thee, and to the honor and glory of Thy great name. Remember with Thy favor our friends and dear ones wherever they are, Thou art not far from everyone of them. Make them to be Thy children, Thy sons

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and Thy daughters in an everlasting covenant. Let Thy blessing be upon Thy Church, and all its many folds throughout the world; upon all christian ministers and missionaries of the Cross, and upon all christian men and women, who by tongue or by pen, in the many languages of men, do seek to spread abroad the knowledge of Thy truth. So hasten the coming of the Kingdom of Grace, and the gathering of the nations unto Christ, who is the one Saviour of the world. Watch over us all this day, and in the evening gather us again in our home and under the wings of Thy love; we ask in Jesus' name—Amen!

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He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.—Ps. XCI.

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Thess. V.

Hymn 465.

*My God, is any hour so sweet,  
From blush of morn to evening star—*

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth,  
Thou art the fountain of all mercy and blessing.  
After the toils and duties of the day we return  
to Thee to give Thee thanks for all the benefits  
with which Thou art daily loading us. How excellent  
is Thy loving kindness, O Lord, therefore the children  
of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.  
Amid the changes and perils of life we would dwell  
in the secret place of the most High. Thou art our  
refuge and our fortress, our God, in Him will we trust.  
Accept we beseech Thee the service we have endeavored  
to render Thee, forgiving for Christ's sake all that  
wherein we have failed, adding Thy strength to our  
weakness and Thy grace to all our infirmity.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew with-

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in us right spirits. Grant us we pray, that for Thy Fatherly love we may rejoice evermore, and for all our wants we may pray and praise Thee without ceasing. Gather all of our household and all that are dear unto us into the safe keeping of Thy Covenant and grace, fulfilling the promises of Thy love which are exceeding great and precious. Write each name in the Lamb's book of life, and write Thy name on the table of each heart. In the hours of darkness and slumber, let no evil come nigh our dwelling, and so rest and restore us that on each coming day we may serve thee faithfully and love thee freely. We ask all in the name of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer—Amen!

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**My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.—Prov. III.**

**Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.—Ephes. III.**

Hymn 467.

*Come, my soul, thy suit prepare,  
Jesus loves to answer prayer—*

O Lord, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, in that name which is above every name that is named, in this world and in that which is to come, we come to the throne of grace. Look upon us in Thy fatherly compassion, and all the day lead our feet in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake. Show us what Thou wouldst have us to be and to do, and work in us according to the good pleasure of Thy will, and to the praise of the glory of Thy grace, freely bestowed upon us in the beloved. So write Thy law in us that it may not be forgotten, and our hearts may keep Thy commandments. So shall we find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Let our home be a little sanctuary where Thy name is written, and where Thou art ever present to hear and answer the cry of our need, to strengthen our hearts, to defend us from sin and the assaults of the evil one, and to give the benediction of Thy peace. Open our eyes to the won-

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drous things in Thy Word, and replenish us with the life and love of Thy Spirit. There is a life within, a new and divine life; for that life we pray through Him that came to give life and to give it more abundantly. And there is a life beyond life, unto which we hope to come through Thy mercy in Christ Jesus. We humbly pray in our Redeemer's name—Amen!

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I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.—Psalm CXLV.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.—2 Tim. IV.

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*They who seek the throne of grace  
Find that throne in every place—*

O Almighty and Merciful God, our Father and our God! At the close of the day, and the close of the week, we come again to Thy footstool to acknowledge Thee, and to remember all Thy goodness and mercy to us. We would bless Thy name for ever and ever; every day would we bless Thee, and extol Thee, our God, O King! May it be in our household, that one generation shall praise Thy works to another and shall declare Thy mighty acts. For every blessing of this week we give Thee humble and hearty thanks. Pardon our sins against Thy law and against Thy love, and blot them all out from the book of Thy remembrance. Accept the service we have desired to render unto Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us, and so add Thy power and love that some good may be done unto the world, and Thy name be honored more and more. As we gather again in our home we pray Thee to



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gather us all to Thy saving and covenant love, and give to each heart the peace of God that passeth all understanding. Through all our days, help us to fight the good fight and to keep the faith until we have finished our course. Give us the bright hope that there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to each one of us at that day. Prepare us for any duties we have on the coming Lord's Day, and greatly bless us in any privileges given to us. As we lie down to sleep, as Thy children we pray the Lord our souls to keep. In the name of Christ, our Lord, Amen!

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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.—Ps. CXXII.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.—Ephes. II.

Hymn 63.

*Welcome sweet day of rest,  
That saw the Lord arise—*

This day, O Lord, we remember that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and that on the seventh day He rested from all the work which He had made, and blessed the seventh day and hallowed it. We remember that on the first day Christ rose from the dead according to His promise; and hath forever made this to be the Sabbath of our God, the day of sacred rest, of fellowship and praise. With the uncounted multitude of Thy redeemed in heaven and Thy people on earth we would this day worship Thee, and seek Thy face and Thy love. Draw nigh to us O God, as we draw nigh to Thee, and fill the hours of the Sabbath with the sense of Thy presence, wise and holy and merciful. May we all be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and seeking after Thee, find Thee a present help for

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every need, and rejoice in the light of Thy countenance. Graciously help our infirmities, that we may worship and serve Thee with pure hearts fervently. Let Thy word do us good as it doth the upright in heart, and let Thy Spirit quicken us within that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him! We pray for Thy people everywhere, that in every land they may this day rejoice in Thee and grow in the image of Thy dear Son. Magnify Thy word above all Thy name, and so give power to the gospel of Thy grace that in all the world it may have free course and be glorified. So may Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in Jesus' name—Amen!

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For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.—Isaiah LV.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.—Rev. VII.

### Hymn 325.

*How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word—*

O Lord, our God and Father, giver of all peace and comfort, we adore and worship Thee. We thank Thee for the gift of another day of Rest, with its sacred memories and its precious hopes, and all its privileges and means of grace. Sanctify them to our good, that Thy word may dwell richly in our hearts and bring forth fruit in our lives to the glory of Thy name. Let Thy truth, read and proclaimed this day, not return unto Thee void, but accomplish the great mission of salvation on which it is sent. Remember with Thy favour all Christian Ministers, all Mission-

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aries of the Cross, in this and in every land, and all Christian men and women who have this day made faithful endeavor to teach Thy word and to win souls to the saving knowledge of Christ. Be pleased to cheer their hearts with Thy love in all their weariness and care. In every time of peril protect them, in every hour of fear give them the sense of Thy sure defense, in every night of wakeful concern, say to them, I will never leave nor forsake thee. Grant that they may see the work of the Lord prosper in their hands, and Thy Church grow in numbers, in the gifts of Thy spirit and in zeal and faithful effort for the extension of Thy Kingdom in all the earth. This night have compassion upon the sick and the troubled, the ignorant and all them that are out of the way. Restrain all that is evil and graciously help that which is good. Let Thy blessing rest upon us, and all who are dear to our hearts, and upon friends and neighbors, upon the Church with which we are connected, and upon all the Churches of Christ. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, this night and evermore—Amen!

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Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.—Psalm XXVII.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.—Prov. III.

Hymn 33.

*Awake my soul and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run—*

O Almighty God, giver of life and light, Thou hast brought us in safety and peace again to behold the light of the morning. For Thy protecting care and for refreshing sleep we render Thee our humble and hearty thanks. Make all our paths this day to be light, that we may be in no darkness at all. Teach us to work while it is called to-day, before the night cometh wherein no man can work. Continue to us the gifts of Thy kind providence and the richer blessings of Thy grace, and with all Thy gifts and blessings, give us grace to use them ever in Thy service, to Thy honour and praise. This day and all the days of the week, at home and abroad, whatever our hands find

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to do, may we do it with our might and with an eye single to Thy glory. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake. Let Thy word taught and proclaimed on the Lord's Day be the seed of a great harvest, in the grace and effort of all Thy people, and in bringing many into life eternal. May all that bear the name of Christ be found living worthily of that name, and so let their light shine before men that they may see their good works, and glorify their Father which is in heaven. Strengthen the weak, restore those who wander, raise up the fallen, warm and cheer the hearts of those who are sad and lonely, and comfort the sorrowful. We ask in Jesus' name—  
Amen!

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**Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.—Ps. CIII.**

**Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.—Ephes. VI.**

### Hymn 36.

*My God, how endless is Thy love;  
Thy gifts are every evening new—*

O Lord of heaven and earth, framer of our bodies and father of our spirits, unto Thee we return at the close of another day. At Thy feet we lay down the service of this day, praying that it may be cleansed from all that is evil in Thy sight, and that it may be accepted through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Lord. With our souls and all that is within us we would bless Thy holy name and forget not all Thy benefits. We would humbly pray that by Thy grace we may keep all Thy commandments, and in all our relations to each other we may do that which is right in Thy sight. So may our home be blessed with peace, and the abiding sense of Thy favour which is life and Thy loving-kindness which is better than



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life. Look with compassion upon all of our household, wherever they may be, defending them from all harm, supporting them in the cares and sorrows of life, leading them in paths of mercy and truth, and bringing them all at last with us to the eternal rest in Thy heavenly home. Deal in Thy tender mercy with any in our community who are sick, or bereaved, or burdened with care, or troubled in any way, and let these trials be so sanctified to them that they may find that it was good for them that they were afflicted. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth in this and in every land, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom in all the earth, we ask in our Redeemer's name—Amen!

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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.—Ps. XLVI.

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.—Ephes. IV.

Hymn 346.

*He leadeth me! O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught—*

Almighty and ever-blessed God; Thou art a Spirit, and they that worship Thee must worship Thee in Spirit and in truth. Grant unto us as we kneel before Thee the Spirit of Grace and Supplication, that, helping our infirmities and teaching us to pray, we may truly seek Thee and graciously find Thee, present to hear and to bless exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think. This day be to us our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; then shall we not fear though the earth be removed. We ask that out of Thy Fatherly love we may have that which is needful, giving neither poverty nor riches, feeding us with the food that is convenient for us. Give us the wisdom that is first pure and then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full

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of mercy and good fruit, without partiality and without hypocrisy. All this day and every other day may we walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, bearing without reproach the name of Christ our Lord, and living not unto ourselves, but unto Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Merciful Father in Heaven, above all other blessings let it be that each one of our household, and all who by ties of kindred are tenderly bound to us, may know and trust the Divine Redeemer, for there is none other name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved. Bring us unto the one household of faith, and at last into the Father's house on high, and to Thy name shall be the honour and the glory forever—  
Amen!

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I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.—Ps. LXXXVI.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Ephes. IV.

Hymn 390.

*Father, whate'er of earthly bliss  
Thy sovereign will denies—*

O Lord, our God, we would praise Thee with all our hearts, and glorify Thy name forever. For Thou art a God, full of compassion and gracious, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and truth. Around our family altar we gather once more to thank Thee for the blessings of the day, for the safety of the way in which Thou hast led us, and for the sanctity and peace of a Christian home. Let Thy mercies come unto us O Lord, even Thy salvation, according to Thy Word. At Thy feet we lay our burdens down, asking the pardon of all sin through the blood of Christ, the cleansing of our hearts by the grace of Thy

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Spirit, and the acceptance of the evening sacrifice of praise and worship, in the name that is above every name. Be pleased to feed the hunger of our souls with the Bread of Life, satisfy the thirst of our hearts with the Water of Life, strengthen our wills, and warm our hearts with Thy Love, and so work in us by Thy Spirit of Thy good pleasure, that serving Thee without fear we may ever walk in the light of Thy countenance. O Lord, our God, darkness and light are both alike to Thee. Cover us this night with the over-shadowing wings of Thy Fatherly care. Regard with Thy favour our neighbours and friends and servants; the poor and the sick, the lonely and the wandering ones. Let Thy Word have free course and be glorified, until the day when the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the water covers the great deep. We ask all blessing in Jesus' name—Amen!

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**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.—Ps. CXIX.**

**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.—Phil. II.**

Hymn 518.

*When all Thy mercies, O my God,  
My rising soul surveys—*

O Thou that dwellest on High, whom no man hath seen nor can see, we believe that thine eye is upon us and that thine ear is open unto our cry. Thou hast heard our prayer and kept us in safety through another night. Thou art making the outgoings of the morning and the evening to rejoice and filling all our days with Thy goodness. We come to Thy footstool, our Father in Heaven, to consecrate the new day to Thee and to Thy service. We would acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and Thou wilt direct our steps. All this day guide us in right paths, and so uphold us in the way that we may not fall into any snare, nor stray from Thy counsel. Let Thy word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, and

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graciously incline our hearts to perform Thy statutes always, even unto the end. Help us, our Father, in all the duties of the day, sustain our hearts under our burdens, strengthen us when we are weak, and comfort us when we are sad, deliver us from evil and with every temptation make a way of escape. Be with us in all our outgoings and incomings, and when the day is done and we gather again at home, may we come back to thank Thee for all Thy mercies. Be pleased to accept our morning worship, for Christ's sake.—  
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O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!—Ps. CXIX.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.—Coloss. III.

Hymn 504.

*Children of the heavenly king,  
As ye journey sweetly sing—*

O Lord, our God and our Father, once more we come to the throne of Grace and pray Thee to regard us with Thy favour for the sake of Thy dear Son our Lord and Saviour. Let our home be more and more a House of Prayer, a sanctuary where Thy name is written, and where Thou art ever present to hear the petitions we bring unto Thee. Incline each one to seek Thee in the closet where the Father seeth in secret, and help us a united household to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Let Thy fear so dwell in our hearts that we may never depart from Thee, and in each evening hour may we return to say, "I have refrained my feet from every evil way. I have



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not departed from Thy judgments." We know that Thy commandments are not grievous, and in cheerful obedience we do always find that Thy words are sweet to the taste. Remember with Thy compassion all for whom we should pray, our kindred and our friends. Thou art not far from every one of them. Deal mercifully with the sick and the sorrowful, the poor and the weary, the wanderer and the homeless. O send forth Thy light and Thy truth into every home and every heart, and let Thy word be magnified in every land. O Thou great Keeper of Israel, who doth neither slumber nor sleep, watch over us through the darkness and peril of the night, and suffer no evil to come nigh our dwelling. In each coming day may we be found strong in the Lord and in the power of His might; we ask in Jesus' name—Amen!

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I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.—Ps. CXXI.

And a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.—Luke X.

Hymn 472.

*A charge to keep I have  
A God to glorify—*

O Lord God Almighty, our help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. Therefore we lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help. We beseech Thee that with the light of the new morning Thy blessing may be renewed to us, and may evermore rest upon us. Graciously help us to begin this day with firm resolutions, to watch against temptations, and to perform the duties of our several stations with faithfulness and diligence. Let it not be that we shall be cumbered about much serving, but sitting at Jesus' feet we may choose that good part, which shall not be taken away from us. With each one of us may the day be spent doing Thy will, and in the light of Thy countenance.

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Watch over us as we go in and out, defending our lives from all evil and our hearts from all sin. Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouths, and keep the door of our lips, that nothing we shall do or say shall this day be a cause of regret to ourselves, or of offence or harm to others. Regard with Thy favour Thy people, and fulfil the promise of Thy love, that they may grow in knowledge, in the image of Christ their Saviour, and in the fruits of Thy spirit, their sanctifier and comforter. Give strength to the weak, and comfort to the sorrowful and light to them that are in darkness. O send forth Thy light and Thy truth and bring the nations into Thy Kingdom; we humbly pray in the name of Christ our Redeemer, and to Thy name shall be the praise forever—Amen!

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**Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.—Ps. CXXI.**

**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans VIII.**

**Hymn 492.**

*I need Thee every hour,  
Most gracious Lord—*

Most Merciful God, our Father in Heaven, Thou art infinitely worthy to receive the homage of our hearts, and the praises of our lips, and all the obedience of our lives. This day Thou hast kept our eyes from tears, our feet from falling and our souls from death. For all Thy mercies we give Thee humble and hearty thanks. We rejoice most of all in the unspeakable gift of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the great love wherewith He hath loved us, for the purchases and victories of His sacrifice on the cross, and for the promise of His abiding grace unto the end. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy Spirit to renew our souls unto life eternal, to form in us again the image of God our Maker

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and our Father, and to make us meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. O Lord, the day is Thine, and the night is also Thine. Cover us all with the overshadowing wing of Thy Fatherly love and Thy Covenant-keeping care. Remember with us our absent ones, our kindred and our friends, those who are engaged especially in Thy service, and those who labour in the heat and burden of the day, and all who are weary and heavy laden, that they may find rest in Thee. We ask in Jesus' name—Amen!

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The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.—Ps. XXIV.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son .If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.—John XIV.

### Hymn 324.

*Jesus, Thy boundless love to me,  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare—*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Author and Preserver of our lives, we would acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and Thou wilt direct our steps. For Thy watchful care over us through the night we give Thee thanks. Thou hast brought us in safety and peace to the new morning, and continued to us so many tokens of Thy favor. This day we would serve Thee in body and in spirit, and walk all day in the light of Thy countenance. Give us grace to do Thy will cheerfully, to bear with patience the burdens that fall to our lot, and to trust Thee to fulfil every promise of Thy wonderful love. Upon those that bide in the home, and those that go out to the duties of the day, and those that are absent, let

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that blessing come which maketh rich and He addeth no sorrow with it. Guide our steps in paths of safety and peace, that we may not err from the way of life. And in the evening bring us together again under the wings of Thy covenant love and Thy providential care. O Lord, grant unto us that with hearts cleansed and renewed we may live more and more unto Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. And to Thy name shall be the praise forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord—Amen!

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**Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.—Psalm CXII.**

**Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.—Ephes. V.**

Hymn 233.

*O happy is the man who hears  
Instruction's warning voice—*

O Lord God our heavenly Father, by whose gracious protection we have been led through another day, unto Thee we come in the evening hour. We thank Thee for the grace of this day, and for the goodness and mercy which have followed us all our days. Accept the service of this day we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, cleansing it from all that is unworthy and evil in Thy sight. We have not served Thee according to the measure of our knowledge and ability, but in many things we have erred from Thy way and come short of Thy good pleasure in us. Give us a true and sincere repentance and blot out all our transgressions. Hide Thy face from our iniquities, and renew right spirits within us. So bring us through Christ into fellowship with Thee, that we shall be indeed followers of God, as dear



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children. So fill our hearts with Thy spirit that we may always walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath given Himself for us. We are bound together in tender ties of family relationship, and of love. Be pleased to sanctify our love one for another that we may all be bound in the one household of faith, may know and rejoice that we have one Father in Heaven, and at last be brought into the one home on high, to go no more out forever. We ask for Christ's sake—  
Amen!

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The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.—Prov. XVI.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.—Ephes. VI.

Hymn 403.

*O for a heart to praise my God,  
A heart from sin set free—*

O Lord, our God and our Father, Thou art the Almighty God, which fainteth not neither art weary. Thou art never wearied of hearing and giving, and blessing the children of men. Before we go about the duties given to us this day, we come to acknowledge Thee and all Thy claims upon us; and to remember all Thy goodness and mercy toward us and all the children of men. Our Father in heaven maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. We do rejoice in Thy love to us through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, and that Thou hast given us in Him all things that pertain to life and godliness. This day we would commit our ways unto the Lord, and our thoughts shall be established. Putting on the whole armour of God, we would be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. So may we resist all evil

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and in all the conflict against the powers of evil, we shall be conquerors and more than conquerors through Christ the great Captain of our salvation. Let this be a well spent day by Thy help, that we may give a good account to Thee in the great day of days, we ask for Jesus' sake—Amen!

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O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.—Ps. CXXXIX.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Phil. IV.

Hymn 337.

*Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly—*

O Lord our Heavenly Father, at the close of another week, in the evening of another day, we come back to Thee and to the Throne of Thy grace. Thou alone preservest our life by night and by day, and sustainest us when we lie down and when we rise up. Thankful for the goodness and mercy that have followed, defended and blessed us all the days of this week and of our lives we desire to rest this night under Thy gracious protection. Keep our bodies from sickness and accident, our minds from error and our souls from sin. Bless we beseech Thee our sleep unto us, that resting with confidence in Thy sheltering love, we may be prepared to serve Thee with body and with spirit on the coming Day of Sacred Rest. Let a great blessing rest upon Thy servants and upon Thy word as it shall be read and taught and preached in all the world.

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Remember with Thy grace all who are dear to us. Thou art not far from every one of them. Let Thy compassions rest upon the sick and the sorrowful, and all who suffer or are in any trouble, and everywhere magnify Thy word above all Thy name. And unto Thee shall be the praise and the glory forever—Amen!

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I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.—Ps. CXXXVIII.

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.—1 Peter II.

Hymn 64.

*O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light—*

O Almighty God, Maker and Governor of all things, God and giver of life and love. After Thy wise and holy ordinance one day in seven has been set apart and sanctified for Thy service. Give us grace we beseech Thee, to spend this day to the honour of Thy holy name, and to the good of our own souls. From the cares and thoughts of this world we would rise by Thy help to the enjoyment of Thy truth and Thy love, and to the hopes and promises of the better life to come. As Thou hast consecrated this day unto Thy service and to our spiritual good, give us all grace to observe it, in our home or in Thy house, that it shall be the beginning of a happy week, and strengthen us to go forward in the life of faith and duty unto the end in the house of God not made with hands, eternal on high. This day

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anoint anew with Thy Spirit's grace all Thy servants who in every land declare the counsel of God, and proclaim the Gospel of Thy love. Cheer and encourage their hearts, and make them brave to declare Thy whole counsel and tell of the unsearchable riches of Thy love in Christ Thy Son. Let Thy house be filled with the sense of Thy gracious presence, and Thy word do good unto all that wait before Thee, as it doth the upright in heart. Everywhere in this world of sin and sorrow send Thy light and Thy truth, and hasten the coming of Thy Kingdom in every land. We ask through riches of grace in Christ our Redeemer—Amen!

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me 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 they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.—Ps. XXIII.

And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.—Rev. VII.

### Hymn 130.

*O could I speak the matchless worth,  
O could I sound the glories forth—*

O Lord, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou art our God and our father's God. Thou hast given us another Day of Rest, with the promise of Thy presence, and the love and grace of Thy Spirit. For the opportunities and privileges of the Sabbath Day we give Thee thanks. For the message of Thy truth and grace, for the invitation of Thy love, and for the help of the Spirit of grace and supplication we rejoice before Thee, and pray that they may bring forth fruit in character and conduct through all the days of the week. Let Thy goodness and mercy



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follow us all the days of our lives, and then we will dwell in the House of the Lord forever. With a multitude of the people of the living God we have sought Thy footstool this day, and with the innumerable company of Thy saints in heaven we will cast our crowns at Thy feet. We would wash our robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb, and then in a better world we shall stand before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple. Let Thy power and grace be upon Thy word wherever it was preached this day, and be pleased in thy mercy to gather the nations into Thy Kingdom, and thine shall be the glory through Jesus Christ, Our Lord —Amen!

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Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.—Psalm XXXVII.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—Phil. IV.

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*Am I a soldier of the cross,  
A follower of the Lamb—*

O God of all peace and comfort, by the needful rest of the past night, Thou hast brought us, refreshed in body and mind for the service of another day. Most heartily we thank Thee for this and all Thy mercies. Especially for the gift of the Lord's Day and the privileges and blessings which it brought to us, we give Thee thanks, for Thy word and the ordinances of worship, and the promise and gift of Thy Spirit, and all the blessings of grace so freely offered. On the entrance of this day and week of labour, we would come before Thee and present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service. We acknowledge and confess before Thee that we have sinned in many ways, and are not worthy to come into Thy holy presence. But there is One whose blood cleanseth us from all

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sin, and in His name we pray that we may be accepted and brought home unto Thee without spot or blemish. Create in us clean hearts, O Lord, and renew within us right spirits. All this day lead us in safe paths, and strengthen us for all duty, that we may not fail to do Thy will. And so we would commit our way unto the Lord, believing that He will bring it to pass, and bring forth our righteousness as the light, and our judgment as the noon-day. We ask in our Redeemer's name—Amen!

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Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.—Ps. CXXVII.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?—Luke XII.

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*More love to Thee, O Christ  
More love to Thee—*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose providence and keeping according to Thy promise has brought us safe to the end of this day; we humbly thank Thee for all the mercies of the same. May it please Thee to continue to us Thy gracious protection through the night. Grant us now the blessing of restful sleep under the overshadowing wings of Thy covenant love and promise. Defend us from all danger and bring us again to the light of another day, refreshed in body and mind, and renewed in heart by Thy

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Holy Spirit, that so we may to-morrow and each succeeding day of our lives serve and please Thee in the growth of grace and in the knowledge and image of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Pardon all that Thou hast seen amiss in us, and in our lives, and let the blood of Christ avail to cleanse us from all sin. Accept we beseech Thee the service of this day, and let all that we have done be unto the glory of Thy name. Remember with Thy favour every member of this household, and all who are dear to us, wherever they may be. Deal mercifully with all who are sick, or in any trouble, and comfort them by Thy work and Thy grace. Everywhere send Thy light and Thy truth throughout the world, and hasten the coming of Thy Kingdom, we ask in the name of Christ our Redeemer and our Lord—Amen!

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Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.—Psalm V.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matt. VI.

Hymn 90.

*Our God, our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come—*

O Lord, our God and our King, in the morning we will direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up. Thou art the great keeper of Israel, which doth neither slumber nor sleep, and when we have forgotten Thee in our slumber Thou hast not forgotten us. With the new day, we come to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and Thou wilt direct our steps. Grant that in all our outgoings and incomings this day we may be led in safe paths, that we may not turn to the right hand or to the left, and may not sin against Thee in thought or in deed. By Thy grace, may we all seek first the Kingdom of God and Thy righteousness, and all the things of earthly good shall be added unto us by Thy Fatherly care and gracious providence. Look with Thy favour upon all our efforts in the discharge of our daily duties. Purify and elevate

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the motives of our hearts, and may we be found living not unto ourselves, but unto Him who loved us and gave himself for us. Bless us in our daily tasks of duty, which we would offer unto Thee, to the world and to each other. Bless us in our bodies and in our souls, in the things temporal and the things eternal, in basket and in store, and above all with the choicest spiritual blessing. And when the day is ended bring us back to Thy Throne of grace, with thankful hearts to find rest in Thee. We ask for Christ's sake—Amen!

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The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.—Ps. CXLV.

And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!—Matt. VIII.

Hymn 421.

*Lord, it belongs not to my care,  
Whether I die or live—*

O Lord our God, the Father everlasting, Thou art a God whom no man hath seen, nor can see, but we know that Thine eye is upon us and Thine ear is always open unto our cry. We praise Thee for the blessings we have this day received from Thy bounty, for Thy protection from all harm, for Thy sure defense from evil, and for anything Thou hast given us to do whereby we may serve Thee, may do good unto the world and glorify Thy name. Grant that our love to Thee whom we cannot see may be made manifest in our Christian charity, our helpfulness and forbearance towards our brethren and all our fellowmen whom we do see. Grant especially to this household that we may live together in gentleness, forbearing one another and dwelling in patience and confidence



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together with the grace of Christian love. Mercifully blot out our transgressions from the book of Thy remembrance. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold us with a free and willing spirit. Unto Thy care we commend all the members of our household, and all the circle of our kindred, our neighbors and our friends. Have compassion upon the ignorant and all them that are out of the way. Let Thy name be hallowed, Thy will be done, and Thy Kingdom come in all the world; and to Thy name shall be the praise forever—Amen.

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They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever. For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts. Ps. CXXV.

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.—Mark XIII.

Hymn 212.

*Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide,  
Ever near the Christian's side—*

O Lord, the Father of Mercies, and God of all comfort, whom have we in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that we desire beside Thee! We have laid down and slept and awaked for Thou hast sustained us. Thou only hast kept us in safety and peace through the darkness and peril of the night. How excellent is Thy loving kindness O Lord, therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings. This day we would be as they who trust in the Lord, and find in their happy experience that the Lord is round about his people, from henceforth even forever. They who are Thy children through faith in Christ Thy Son, are the constant objects of Thy fatherly care. They are often wearied and perplexed in the way, and Thou

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art never wearied of hearing and helping and blessing the children of men. We beseech Thee to preserve us, our bodies from sickness and violence, and our souls from sin. So may we be the more able to serve Thee in all the duties of the day, and be patient and steadfast under all the burdens laid upon our hearts. O Lord increase our faith and strengthen the purpose of our hearts, that we may not depart from Thy ways. Remember in tender mercy the friends who are dear to us, and keep us all in the hollow of Thy hands, accepted in the beloved; we ask through Christ our Saviour —Amen!

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I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust.—Ps. XL.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.—Gal. V.

Hymn 430

*Thy way not mine, O Lord,  
However dark it be—*

O God, our Maker and our Benefactor, our Heavenly Father and our Redeemer. After the duties and cares of the day we come back to Thee, and would lay our service and our burdens down at Thy feet. We would cast our care upon Thee, for Thou, O Lord, carest for us. In so many things in heart and in life we do sin and come short of Thy will and of Thy glory. Let the blood of Christ Thy Son, cleanse us from all sin. Be merciful unto us, O Lord, for our souls take refuge in Thee. In the shadow of Thy wings would we take refuge until all calamities are overpast. May we each one know how blessed is that one and everyone that maketh the Lord his trust. So dwell in us by Thy spirit that we may bear the fruits of the Spirit to our own happiness, to the good of the world in which we live, and to the glory of Thy great name. Be pleased to pour out Thy Spirit upon Thy church, in every part and in

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every land, that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Multiply the number of those who publish the tidings of peace, and gather the nations unto Thy Kingdom. Especially do we pray that all dear to our hearts may be brought to the saving knowledge of Christ, and be heirs with Christ of thine everlasting Kingdom. And to Thy name shall be the praise forever—Amen!

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**Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.—Hosea VI.**

**Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Gal. VI.**

Hymn 579.

*Lord, I hear of showers of blessings  
Thou art scattering full and free—*

O God, Thou art light and in Thee is no darkness at all. Thou art love and hast so loved the world as to give Thine only begotten Son. Thou art a Spirit, and they that worship Thee must worship in Spirit and truth; and the Father seeketh such to worship Him. Give to us O Lord, the Spirit of grace and supplication that we may come with confidence to Thy throne of grace. As we rise up this morning to the work and service given to us let Thy grace be sufficient for us, and Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Graciously lead us all the day through, strengthen our hearts that we may have courage to go forward, strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Defend us from evil of every kind, and the sin which doth so easily beset us. Grant us grace each one to bear his own burdens, as those who must one day stand and give account to Thee.

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And so may we also fulfil the law of Christ, and in Christian charity bear one another's burdens. Be gracious unto the poor and the sick, the widow and the orphan, the homeless and the wanderer. Send Thy light and Thy love to those, that are in the darkness of sin, and hasten the coming of Thy Kingdom, and we will give Thee praise forever in Jesus' name—Amen!

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**Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.—Ps. CXXXIV.**

**And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.—Matt. XXVIII.**

### Hymn 15.

*Father, again in Jesus' name we meet,  
And bow in penitence beneath Thy feet—*

O Lord, our God and merciful Father, by Thy providence and care we are preserved and comforted and blessed. For all the mercies of this day both temporal and spiritual we give Thee thanks; for our food and raiment, for health and strength, for all the comforts and enjoyments Thou hast given to us, and for all opportunities to get good to ourselves and to do good to others we thank Thee. We rejoice in Thy great love to us through Jesus Christ Thy Son, in the great salvation which is by Thy grace unto all that put their trust in Thee, in the fullness and fitness of the revelation of divine love which is made to us in Thy word, and for the life and light and love brought into our hearts by Thy gracious Spirit. In Thy compassion pardon all that has been wrong this day in heart and in life, open fault and secret sin, and by Thy Spirit cleanse our hearts from all evil. Search us O God, and try our hearts,



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and see if there be any evil way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Continue to us O Lord Thy defense through the hours of night. Darkness and light are both alike to Thee. Renewed in strength and revived in spirit may we be ready for the duties of another day. Gather with us those who are dear to us into the household of God, and send Thy light and Thy love throughout the world, we ask for Christ's sake—Amen!

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O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.—Ps. XCVIII.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.—Matt. X.

Hymn 384.

*My God, the spring of all my joys,  
The life of my delight—*

Almighty and ever gracious God, Framers of our bodies and Father of our spirits, we do not see Thee and we do not hear Thee, but Thine eye is ever upon us and Thine ear is ever open unto our cry. This morning we come to acknowledge Thee, and to remember the goodness and mercy which have followed us all the days of our lives. Thou hast taught us if we draw nigh to Thee, Thou wilt draw nigh to us. Graciously fulfil Thy word unto us, grant us the sense of Thy presence and the assurance of Thy love. We would put our hands in Thy great hand and pray Thee to uphold and guide and defend us all the day long. May we not sin against Thee in thought or in word or in deed, but in all things walk as the

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children of light, and do the will of God. Show us how to confess our Lord and Saviour before men, and confessing Him to take up our cross and follow Him. So shall we walk worthy of our high calling, and so shall we find the life that is unto God and everlasting. We beseech Thee to keep us through faith unto salvation, and after all the days of our earthly life and service may we be gathered an unbroken family in the many mansions of our Father's house, we ask for Jesus' sake—Amen!

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That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace: That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets: Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.—Ps. CXLIV.

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.—1 Cor. IX.

### Hymn 42.

*Abide with me—fast falls the even tide,  
The darkness thickens, Lord with me abide—*

O most gracious God, our Heavenly Father, Holy and Reverend is Thy name. After the labors and cares of the day we return unto Thee, assured of Thy love, and of Thy readiness to hear and answer the prayer of Thy children. For Thy goodness and mercy to us, through all our days, we give Thee thanks; and for the blessings of this day, for Thy protection and guidance, and for the light of Thy word and of Thy Spirit we thank Thee. Especially we thank Thee for a Christian home, for the love that binds our hearts together, and for the promise of Thy presence and grace, making our home a little sanctuary where Thy name is written, and Thy word is law

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to every one, and Thine ear is always open to our prayer.

Forgive all that Thou hast seen amiss in us, in heart or in conduct, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the blood of Christ which cleanseth us from all sin. Let Thy favor be upon all whom we love, and all for whom we should pray. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth throughout all the world, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom, we ask for Christ's sake—  
Amen!

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Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!—Ps. CXIX.

But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.—Matt. IX.

Hymn 408.

*Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee—*

Almighty God, our Father in Heaven, in safety and peace, Thou hast brought us to the light of a new day. Thou hast suffered no evil to come nigh our dwelling, and given us rest under the wings of Thy love. Let Thy blessing abide upon us, and in our outgoing and incoming this day. Let Thine eye be ever upon us for our good. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Graciously uphold us in Thy way, and keep us from sin. Give us a steadfast purpose to serve Thee, that whatever our hands find to do we may do it with our might and to the glory of Thy name. May all our days be consecrated unto Thee, and be spent in Thy love and care. Make us, and all who are near and dear to us, to be numbered among those, who, seeking Thee with

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the whole heart, do no iniquity, but keep Thy precepts diligently. Bind us together in Thy Covenant grace, and to us fulfil Thy promises which are exceeding great and precious. And to Thy name shall be the praise and the glory, forever, through Christ our Lord—Amen!

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**O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.—Ps. CXVII.**

**And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place and there prayed.—Mark I.**

Hymn 698.

*When I can read my title clear  
To mansions in the skies—*

O most gracious God, our Father in Heaven, who hast ordained that men dwell together in families, and hath bound us together with the ties of tenderest affection; look with compassion upon us as at the close of another day and another week we gather again at our family altar. For the mercies Thou hast given we give Thee thanks; for the health and strength continued to us; for our daily bread and daily light and guidance; for defense from danger, and all the comforts and peace of our home, we praise Thee. This night we would lie down in peace and sleep, for Thou Lord only makest us to dwell in safety. Pardon all that in which we have sinned against Thee, and all in which we have failed of doing Thy will. Purge us with the sprinkled blood of Christ, and we shall be clean. Wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. O Lord, make us ready for the



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duties and privileges of the Lord's Day. The preparation of the heart, and the answer of the tongue is with Thee, O Lord. Let Thy grace be upon the assemblies that worship Thee in every land, and let Thy truth be the power and wisdom of God unto the salvation of many souls. And to Thy name shall be the praise forever—Amen!

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And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there.—Ps. LXXXVII.

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee.—Luke XXIV.

### Hymn 22.

*Pleasant are Thy courts above,  
In the land of life and love—*

O Lord, our God, Thou hast commanded us in Thy holy law to remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy; the Day hath memories of Thy rest from the work of Creation, and of a Saviour risen from the dead, according to Thy promise; and it hath precious hopes of a Sabbath which shall have no end. Thou hast ordained one day in seven to be a Day of Rest and grace and fellowship, and of hopes and visions of the joys and glories of an Eternal Sabbath. May we indeed be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. And as we rest from the work of our hands we would rest our thoughts in Thy truth, and our hearts in Thy love. Suffer us not to be burdened with care, and occupied with earthly things. Draw us and

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we will run after Thee; quicken us and we will call upon Thy name. Bless to us Thy word this day that it may do us good as it doth the upright in heart; and by it may we grow in the knowledge and the image of Jesus Christ Thy Son. Send us help from the Sanctuary, O Lord, and strengthen us out of Zion. Draw us and bind us together with all whom we love in the one family and household of God. And all at last shall be gathered into the City of God, the heavenly Zion. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all this day and evermore—Amen!

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Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. Luke XXIV.

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?—Hebrews II.

### Hymn 46.

*Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,  
It is not night if Thou be near—*

O Lord, the Father Everlasting, great and marvellous are Thy works; Lord God Almighty, just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints. For another Lord's Day we give Thee thanks; for all its rest to toiling hands; for the happiness of many united homes; for the fellowship and ordinances of worship in many sanctuaries, and for the blessings of Thy gracious presence, and the helpful spirit of Thy grace. We rejoice in the messages of Thy truth, and the biddings of Thy love; for the opportunities of getting good to

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ourselves, and of doing good to others. Let Thy power and grace be added unto Thy truth wherever it has been taught among men, and let Thy Spirit be poured out among the nations as the earlier and the latter rain; then shall truth spring out of the earth, and righteousness look down from heaven. Grant that we may give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard. Blessed Lord, we humbly pray; Abide with us for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent, and as Thou didst at Emmaus, open the Scripture to us, and reveal Thyself to us in love. And Thine shall be the praise forever—Amen!

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A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all. A prudent man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life. Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.—Prov. XXII.

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.—1 Thess. III.

Hymn 420.

*O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
Thy people still are fed—*

Almighty and Most Merciful God, our Father in Heaven, by Thy kind Providence we are brought to see the light of another day. Thou hast defended us from the perils of the night and given us refreshing rest to fit us for the duties and labors of life. This morning we come to Thy throne of grace to acknowledge Thee and all Thy goodness, and to remember that all our days belong unto Thee. Let the peace and blessing of the First Day abide upon this, and upon all the days of the week upon which we have entered. We would sanctify all of our days unto Thee, and humbly pray Thee to watch over us and defend us from evil, guiding our steps in the way of life. By Thy Spirit quicken us with a new and Divine

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life, we pray through Him who came to give life and to give it more abundantly. Let Thy favor rest upon each member of our household, and upon all for whom we should pray; upon friends and neighbors; upon our fellow members in the Church of Christ; upon the sick and the destitute; upon the sad and the lonely, that all may find Thee their present help and refuge. Send Thy light and Thy love throughout the world in its sin and sorrow. We humbly pray for Christ's sake—Amen!

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**Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.—Isalah LV.**

Hymn 414.

*O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heav'nly frame—*

O Lord, our God and our Father, for all the blessings of the day, we gather about our Family Altar to give Thee thanks. Again Thou hast kept our eyes from tears, our feet from falling and our souls from death. We rejoice in the sanctity and peace of a Christian home; in the love that binds our hearts and lives together; in the gifts of the kind providence, and in the richer blessings of Thy grace. We thank Thee for Thy word which is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. We thank Thee for the Gospel of Salvation, and all the truth as it is in Jesus; for the proclamation of Thy peace unto a world at enmity with God its maker and benefactor; and all the invitations of Thy love, and that Thou art still calling, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." O that all may hear



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and heed Thy bidding, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near." Surely Thy thoughts are not our thoughts, O Lord; neither are Thy ways our ways. Be pleased to pardon our sins and our shortcomings, and cleanse our hearts from all that is evil and unclean in Thy sight. Accept the service of the day, and when our days on earth are done, make us to be numbered with Thy saints in glory. For Christ's sake—Amen!

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The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.—Ps. CIII.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth.—1 Cor. XIII.

Hymn 340.

*Jesus, Saviour, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea—*

O Lord, our God and our Father, Thou art the light of our life, the joy of our strength, the rest of our souls. In Thee Thy children find all wisdom and grace and blessedness. We rejoice in the Christian's faith that the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. This day watch over each one of our household, in all our outgoings and incomings, strengthen our hearts for all the duty assigned us, guide our steps in paths that are right and safe and let the service we render be acceptable unto Thee, be worthy

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of our high calling as the followers of the Lord Jesus, and be to Thy glory. Grant unto us that Thy love may be so shed abroad in our hearts that we may show to all our fellowmen the charity that never faileth. Have compassion upon the ignorant and all them that are out of the way. Minister unto the poor and the sick, the young that they may be kept from error and evil, and the old that they may find rest in Thee. We ask in the name of Christ our Lord and Saviour—  
Amen!

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O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.—Ps. XCVI.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.—Romans VIII.

Hymn 404.

*O could I find from day to day,  
A nearness to my God—*

Almighty and Ever blessed God. We have come again to the shades of the evening. Darkness and light are both alike to Thee, and the darkness hideth not from Thee, but the night shineth as the day. After the labours of the day we come back to hide ourselves and rest under the shadow of Thy wings. We thank Thee for all the blessings of this day and for the goodness and mercy which have followed us all the days of our lives. Especially we thank Thee for Thy great love in the gift of Thy Son and the Redemption which is in Christ and His precious blood; for the atonement of the Cross, for the intercession at Thy throne which He liveth to make, for the

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wonderful gift of Thy Spirit, our advocate and comforter, and for the Providence which maketh all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Graciously pardon all our sins and renew our souls unto life eternal. Make Thy dwelling place in our hearts and in our home, and make it true to us and to all who are dear to us that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. And all our days shall be Thine, even that Heavenly Day which shall never end. In Jesus' name—Amen!

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Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed hereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.—Psalm CXIX.

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.—Hebrews III.

Hymn 333.

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land—*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Teach us Thy statutes, that hiding Thy word in our hearts, we may not wander from Thy commandments. Every morning we would come to thank and praise the Lord. For Thy protecting care through the night and the blessings of the new day we give Thee thanks, O God, our Father, Maker and Benefactor and Friend. Again we seek Thy face, and putting our hand in Thy great hand we pray Thee to guide, defend and uphold us all the day. At peace with Thee and with the world, may we take up the duties and burdens of the day, and so walk and work that all may be acceptable to Thee. Trusting Thy love to us, O God, and the promise of Thy grace we would go forward with courage and bear our burdens with patience. Sanctify

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to us the losses and afflictions of Thy dealing with us, and make us to know that all our cares and sorrows shall work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. This day lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. And thine shall be the praise forever—Amen!

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Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go in to them, and I will praise the Lord: This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.—Psalm CXVIII.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.—Hebrews I.

Hymn 341.

*There is a safe and secret place,  
Beneath the wings divine—*

O God, the Father Everlasting; the day is thine, O Lord, and the night also is thine. We return in the evening to the comfort and peace of our home, and to our rest in Thee. We remember that One who is the same, yesterday, to-day and forever, is still crying unto the world, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest!" In humble faith we would come and be at rest. Open to us the gates of righteousness, the gates that lead into Thy presence, that asking and seeking and knocking we may enter in and receive the blessing of which we have need. Let Thy favour be upon us everyone, in the pardon of our sins, in the renewing of our wills, in the cleansing of our hearts, in a



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willing and cheerful obedience to Thy law, and in the image wrought in us of Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour. Grant that all of us and all that are dear to us may be brought to the saving knowledge of Thy truth, and all come at last into the Father's House, to go no more out forever. We ask in the name of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us—Amen!

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God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.—  
Psalm LXVII.

Hymn 594.

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does His successive journeys run—*

O Lord, our God and Father, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! How excellent is Thy loving kindness, O Lord, therefore, the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings. Through the darkness and peril of the night Thou hast brought us in safety and peace to the light of the new morning. Thou art daily loading us with benefits, and making goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives. Especially we thank Thee for Thy mercy to us in Christ Jesus Thy Son, and all the unsearchable riches that are in Him, our Redeemer and our Lord. We beseech Thee increase our faith and give us hungerings and thirstings that shall be satisfied in Him who is both the Bread of Life and the Water of Life to all human souls. Let Thy blessing be upon our home and our family life, that we may be kept from all discord

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and unhappiness, and all be found in the household of faith. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth in all the world, and let Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, for Jesus' sake—Amen!

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**The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.—Psalm XX.**

**He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.—John I.**

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*O eyes that are weary, and hearts that are sore,  
Look off unto Jesus, and sorrow no more—*

Almighty God, which fainteth not, neither art weary, and who art ever ready to give strength unto the faint; we are often wearied and faint in the way, and Thou art never wearied of hearing and giving and blessing the children of men. For all the mercies of this day we thank Thee, for defense from danger, for health and strength, and for whatever we have had to do that we may serve Thee and our fellow-men. Forgive for Christ's sake all that has been evil in Thy sight. Search us, O God, and try our thoughts and see if there be any evil way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. As we are again gathered in the evening of another day, grant that we may every one be gathered into the family of God, and be

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the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Then in a better home shall we be gathered together unto Christ, and go no more out forever. Remember to-night all those who are dear to us, and defend them from harm and every evil thing. Deal kindly with the sick and the troubled, and let all the weary and heavy laden find rest in Thee. We ask in Christ's name—Amen!

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O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.—Psalm VIII.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.—Matt. V.

Hymn 342.

*The Lord my Shepherd is,  
I shall be well supplied—*

O Lord, the Father of mercies and God of all grace, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth, who hast set Thy glory above the heavens! For Thy watchful care over us through the night we give Thee thanks; and for the light of the new day, for our daily bread, and for the promise of Thy grace which is sufficient for us and the strength made perfect in our weakness. This day lead us in paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake, and to every one of us this day and all our days to the end of life, let the paths of the Lord be mercy and truth. We would acknowledge

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Thee in all our ways, and Thou wilt direct our steps. Vouchsafe unto us that by Thy grace we may discharge the duties given to us, bearing our burdens patiently, and bringing to Thy feet the love of our hearts and the obedience of our lives. We pray Thee lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Graciously help us to let our light shine before men, that they seeing our good works may glorify our Father which is in Heaven. We pray Thee to restrain the evil among men, and help all that which is good. Hasten the time promised when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of Thy name—Amen!

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**Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. —Matt. V.**

Hymn 345.

*Gently, Lord, O gently lead us  
Through this lonely vale of tears—*

Most holy, and Most Merciful God, our Father in heaven, accept our thanks for the goodness Thou hast shown us through another day. For the blessings of this day, the health and strength continued unto us, the senses of our bodies and the faculties of mind and soul; the sanctity and comfort of our home; the love that binds our hearts together, and the grace of Thy Spirit whereby we are united to Christ and made Thy sons and Thy daughters, we give Thee most grateful praise. We have sinned against Thy law and against Thy love, and are not worthy to come into Thy presence. But with Thee there is forgiveness, and with Thee there is a plenteous redemption. Grant unto us an abundant pardon; cleanse our hearts from all iniquity, and redeem us unto Thyself with the precious blood of Christ. Before the day is done let the sins of the day vanish with the day, and be no more remembered



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against us. So shall we lie down in peace and sleep, for Thou Lord only makest us to dwell in safety. Grant unto us refreshing rest, that when the morning comes we may be well and strong to render Thee more faithful service. Bind us all together in that covenant ordered in all things and sure. Deal kindly with the sick and the sorrowful, those who are in any trouble, and so sanctify the afflictions of life that all may be brought unto Thee, and to the land where there is no sickness and God shall wipe all tears from our eyes. We humbly pray in Christ, our Lord,—  
Amen!

## Saturday Morning.

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.—Ps. XV.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.—Ephesians VI.

Hymn 379.

*Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee—*

O Lord, in the morning will we pray unto Thee, and will look up. Lead us, O Lord, in Thy righteousness, and make Thy way straight before our face. We gather at our Family Altar to thank Thee for Thy care over us through the night; Thou great Keeper of Israel, which doth neither slumber nor sleep. For the light of the new morning, for the health and strength renewed unto us; for the peace and comfort of our home; for our daily bread, and for the promise of Thy presence and guidance all the day, we bless Thy Holy Name. Graciously help us in the duties of the day, and defend us from evil of every kind, and so uphold and lead us that this may be a well-spent day, acceptable unto Thee. We would walk in our integrity and trust also in the Lord. Let Thy Spirit dwell in our hearts, cleansing us

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from all sin, and bringing in the light and life, the love and the image of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and our Lord. Let Thy loving kindness and Thy tender mercy abide upon us and upon our absent kindred and friends, that all may be Thy children and Thy friends. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth through our land, and through every land. And let Thy Kingdom come in all the earth. We ask in the name of Christ our Saviour—Amen!

## Saturday Evening.

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance.—1 Thessalonians I.

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there.—Revelation XXII.

Hymn 697.

*Jerusalem, my happy home,  
Name ever dear to me—*

O Lord, God, our Heavenly Father, we would bless Thy name at all times; Thy praise shall continually be in our mouths. Thou hast brought us in safety and peace to the close of another day, and of another week. Thou art filling all our days with Thy goodness. How precious also are Thy thoughts unto us; O God, How great is the sum of them! They are more in number than the sands of the sea. Be pleased to pardon all the evil of thought and of conduct of our past days; blot out all our transgressions, and wash our garments white in the blood of Christ. Grant us, we beseech Thee, for all the duties and privileges of the coming Sabbath Day, that prepara-

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tion of the heart and answer of the tongue which Thou only canst give. In the home or in Thy house, in the quiet of retirement, or in the ordinances of public worship, send us help from Thy sanctuary, and strengthen us out of Zion. May the day be to us, and to a great company in all the world, a day of rest and gladness. Let the gospel come in all the world, in power and in the Holy Ghost and in much assurance. And bring us, we humbly pray Thee, unto the Sabbath rest which remaineth for the people of God, and to the land where there is no night and we shall see Thy face forever. And Thine shall be the praise and the glory forever—Amen!

## At the Table.

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Let Thy blessing rest, O Lord, upon the food which is Thy gift, and upon all the household, we ask for Christ's sake—Amen!

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For our daily bread we give Thee thanks; Bless this food to our use, and us to Thy service, for Christ's sake—Amen!

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Bless to our use and comfort the table Thou hast spread for us, and feed our souls with the Bread of Life, of which if a man eat he shall never hunger; for Christ's sake—Amen!

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Let Thy blessing rest upon our table, and upon all gathered about it, and fill our hearts with grateful love; we ask, in Jesus' name—Amen!

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Bless to us the food Thou hast given; and whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we would do all to Thy glory, for Christ's sake—Amen!

# Occasional Prayers

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## THE 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.—*Edward Reynolds, of the Westminster Assembly.*

## OUR COUNTRY

Lord God Almighty, defend our land, we beseech Thee, from the secret power and the open shame of great national sins. From all dishonesty and civic corruption; from all vainglory and selfish luxury; from all cruelty and the spirit of violence; from covetousness which is idolatry; from impurity which defiles the temple of the Holy Spirit; and from intemperance, which is the mother of many crimes and sorrows; good Lord, deliver and save us, and our children, and our children's children, in the land which Thou hast blessed with the light of pure religion; through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and King. Amen.—*Henry Van Dyke.*

## FOR ALL MEN

We pray to Thee, O God of all souls, for all sorts and conditions of men. Hear us for the little children, that they may answer the love of Jesus with their love and trust; for the young and the strong, that they may consecrate their strength to the strong Son of God, and count it life's greatest honour to take His yoke upon them, and learn of Him: for the careworn and the burdened, that they may learn the secret of Thy perfect peace;

for the aged and the dying, that they may take hold upon the life eternal. And hear us for ourselves, according to our several needs, that we all may have some secret guiding, some personal touch with Thyself, some grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ, that each of us in our different ways may serve Thee truly, and that all our lives may unite to show forth Thy praise. Amen.

### THE NEW YEAR

O Lord, Maker and Ruler of heaven and earth; thou hast made the sun to rule the day, the moon and the stars Thou hast ordained. The coming of another day has brought to us the beginning of a New Year. Our thoughts go backward, and we remember all Thy goodness and mercy; and our thoughts go forward into the year to come which is veiled from our eyes. We would put our hands into Thy great hand, and commit ourselves wholly unto Thee. Prepare us in Thy grace for all that awaits us, sending no burden greater than we can bear, and no temptation we shall not be able to escape. Let Thy hand uphold us, and Thy presence go with us; and growing in grace and in meetness for Thy kingdom, may the year bring us ever nearer unto Thee. We ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### FOR THE CHILDREN

Almighty and most gracious God, great Shepherd of the sheep, who doth gather the lambs with Thine arms and carry them in Thy bosom; and who hast bidden Thy Church, not only Feed My Sheep, but Feed My Lambs. We pray Thee for the children of our family circle, of our church and of the country, that they may be Thy children, by Thine adopting love, by their own faith in Jesus Christ, by the renewing grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Defend them from the temptations and evils of the world and of the Evil One, instruct them in the truth as it is in Jesus, and so write Thy fear in their hearts, that they may never depart from Thee. Out of the greatness of Thy mercy, we pray Thee, persuade and enable them to embrace Jesus Christ, so freely offered unto them in the Gospel; give them good lives of honor and usefulness, of love, obedience and service, and bring them all to the Father's House on high; for Jesus' sake. Amen.



## ON COMMUNION DAY

Blessed Lord Jesus, who loving Thy disciples didst love them unto the end; and under the shadow of the cross didst institute the Supper of The Lord, and ordain it to be to the end a Memorial of Thy love and sacrifice. Grant that with sincere preparation of heart, in a true repentance of all sin, and a simple trust in Thee, with unfeigned love of the brethren and desire to grow in Thine image; we may this day come to the Table of Thy love, may find Thee present to cheer and rejoice our hearts, and be made strong for days to come. May Thy love be shed abroad in our hearts, and all be richly blessed in our Communion with Thee. We ask through Christ our Redeemed and our Lord. Amen!

## FOR THE SICK

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 is ended, he may dwell with Thee in live everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## UNDER AFFLICTION

O merciful God and heavenly Father, who has 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 servants. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit to visit us with trouble and to bring distress upon us. Remember us, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Thy fatherly correction to us; endure our souls with patience under our afflictions, and with resignation to Thy blessed will; comfort us with a sense of Thy goodness; lift up Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

O Lord, the Light of the world, the Desire of all nations, the one Saviour and the only hope of all mankind; Send forth Thy light and Thy truth, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom. Multiply the number of those that publish the tidings of peace, defend and sustain the missionaries of the Cross, enlighten and bless all that confess Thy name, and bring speedily the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM

O, Lord, we would find our live in Thee. Thou art never far away and always near those who seek Thee, and nearest when our need is greatest. Discover to us our need. Reveal to us Thyself as life's supreme and constant need, and help us to seek Thee with the whole heart.

We bring our home and all its precious interests to Thee, claiming Thy protection and praying for divine guidance. Give to each of us strength for the day's task. May work be sweetened by the thought that Thou dost care, lifted by the motive that it is for Thee. Sanctified by the desire to do Thy will, and beautified and glorified with Thy smile of approval.

May we be unafraid because Thou dost watch, unworried because Thou dost guide, and confident because Thou hast promised.

Teach us the secret of happiness as it comes to those who possess Thy peace; and may no happiness satisfy us that is unshared. Thus let our home be a house of joy, with a door that opens outward for those who go forth to serve, and inward for those who seek refuge and rest. And some day bring us all to our Father's house, for Jesus' sake. Amen.—*Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.*

## THIRSTING FOR GOD.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God.—*Psalm 42:2.*

Our Father in heaven, all of our springs are in Thee, and from Thee must come to our souls the water of everlasting life. Prevent us, we pray Thee, from trying to satisfy our soul-thirst with earthly things; and help us to realize that without Thee, and without the water of life which Thou alone canst give, there is no true and permanent satisfaction for us. Open thou our eyes that we may see our deep need of God.

We are sinners before Thee, O God, and humbly beg to be the recipients of Thy sin-forgiving love in such measure that we may enjoy the assurance of acceptance with Thee, and may be able to know that we are the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Help us to be loyal to Him who has called us to His kingdom and glory; and may we so demean ourselves in our association with our fellowmen as to win them also to the Saviour.

May we live every day in the consciousness that our Father in heaven careth for us, and that, when we have finished the work which He has planned for us to do here on earth, He has a place for us in His holy heaven.

This we ask for Jesus sake. Amen.—*Russell Cecil, D. D., Richmond, Va.*

### PRAISE AND SUPPLICATION

Our Heavenly Father, we bring to Thee our fresh tribute of praise and thanksgiving for the fresh gifts of Thy generous hand. During the watches of the night, Thou wert our defence. Our lives and health were precious in Thy sight. We come to consecrate more fully our preserved powers to Thy service. Accept us, we humbly entreat Thee, and so guide, restrain and inspire us that our lives may promote Thy glory. May the love of Christ constrain us to be more fruitful of all good works, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Remember graciously all those to whom our hearts are tenderly attached by the ties of love and kinship. May Thy Spirit rule in their hearts and guide in their lives; so that the ties which now bind may not be sundered by death, but may be made eternal.

Let Thy benediction rest upon our country. Bless our President and those associated with him in the administration of government. Put Thy fear in the hearts of all who are in authority over us, that they may rule in righteousness, and that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

We thank Thee, O God, for the great things which, in love and mercy, Thou has done for our sinning and suffering world, and for the yet greater things Thou has promised. Hasten, we beseech Thee, the fulfillment of these promises, and bring in the glad day when Jesus shall reign over all hearts.

These and all other needed blessings, with the forgiveness of our sins, we ask in the name of our Divine Saviour. Amen.—*Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D., Columbia, S. C.*

## WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

Our Heavenly Father we thank Thee that Thou hast taught us so to address Thee, and so to think of Thee. We thank Thee that, full of imperfection as we know ourselves to be, Thou hast still said that even now we are Thy sons: and that while it doth not yet appear what we shall be, when Jesus, Thy Son, our Saviour shall appear we shall be like Him. Help us, we pray Thee, to hold fast this great and precious truth. Graciously send forth into our hearts in ever increasing measure the spirit of Thy Son.

May a filial confidence in Thy fatherly love, care, wisdom and power inspire us with zest for life's homeliest duties; give us patience and courage for its discipline; enable us to face with calm, clear minds its perplexing problems, and take from life's disappointments and sorrows their power to blight and to embitter.

At home and in all of our contact with our fellows in the various walks and relations of life may we have a filial jealousy for the honor of Thy name as committed to our keeping. Enable us not only so to live as to bring no dishonor upon Thy holy name, but so to let our light shine before men that others seeing our good works will glorify Thee by turning to Thee in repentance and faith, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, and so themselves be received into the adoption of sons.

Accept our grateful thanks for the daily mercies that come to us from Thy fatherly hand; for Thy fatherly patience with our spiritual sluggishness and manifold shortcomings; for the assurance that nothing shall be able to separate us from Thy love which is in Christ Jesus, Thy Son, our Lord. Accomplish in us Thy gracious purpose to completely conform us to His likeness. And for His name's sake hear and accept us in these our petitions. Amen.—*Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D. D., Columbia, S. C.*

## FOR ABSENT MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

O God, Thou art everywhere present. Thine eye keeps watch over all places. We commend to Thy loving thought and care our absent loved ones, praying that Thou wilt keep them from evil, and bless them in the experiences through which they are passing. Preserve them from accident, from moral harm, from sickness, from sin. Bring them back to us in due season, enriched for better life and greater usefulness. We ask in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.*

# A Church Service

## For Use in the Absence of a Minister

### HYMN 511—PSALMS AND HYMNS

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.	Oh to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O, take and seal it, Seal it from Thy courts above.
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Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed with precious blood.

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who are 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.

### PSALM 122.

1. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
2. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.
4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
5. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

9. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

### PSALM 67.

1. God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

2. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

3. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

4. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

6. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

7. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

### HYMN 331—PSALMS AND HYMNS.

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters 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;  
Oh! receive my soul at last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
More than all in Thee I find:  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the  
blind,  
Just and holy is Thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

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 stayed,  
All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenceless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing!

Plenteous grace with Thee is  
found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
Rise to all eternity!

### TAKE OFFERING FOR THE DAY.

READ APPROPRIATE SERMON OR SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS, AS  
BELOW: John I:1-14.

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. The same was in the beginning with God.

3. All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God; even to them that believe on his name;
13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14. And the World was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

SING HYMN 196—PSALMS AND HYMNS.

All hail the power of Jesus' name!	Oh! that with yonder sacred
Let angels prostrate fall;	throng
Bring forth the royal diadem,	We at His feet may fall;
And crown Him Lord of all.	We'll join the everlasting song,
	And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
 Ye ransomed from the fall;  
 Hail Him, who saves you by His  
 grace,  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

**Hymn 733.**

Sinners, whose love can ne'er	Praise God, from whom all
forget	blessings flow;
The wormwood and the gall,	Praise Him, all creatures here be-
Go, spread your trophies at His	low;
feet,	Praise Him above, ye heavenly
And crown Him Lord of all.	host:
Let every kindred, every tribe,	Praise Father, Son, and Holy
On this terrestrial ball,	Ghost.
To Him all majesty ascribe	
And crown Him Lord of all.	<i>Bishop Thomas Ken (1693)</i>

BENEDICTION—2 COR. 13:14: "The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

# A Funeral Service

"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!"

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

(HYMN, TO BE READ OR SUNG)

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me, O, 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 stayed  
All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
More than all in Thee, I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
Vile, and full of sin, I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

SCRIPTURE READING—I COR. 15:20-28, 50-58:

20. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

21. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24. 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.

25. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27. 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.

28. 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.



50. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

52. 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.

53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54. 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.

55. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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#### Rev. 7:9-17:

9. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.

12. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me. What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14. And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

#### PRAYER

Almighty and Ever Gracious God; whose days are without end and whose mercies cannot be numbered. We acknowledge Thee, and Thy right to give and to withhold as seemeth good in Thy sight. Thou doest Thy will in the armies of heaven, and

among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay Thy hand, or say unto Thee, What doest Thou? For all Thy goodness and mercy we give Thee thanks; and especially for the unspeakable gift of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, and all the biddings and promises of Thy grace. Deal mercifully with those who are afflicted in Thy providence. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted; Fulfill Thy word to those who are grieved, and sanctify to all the lessons of this hour. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy that we may rejoice and be glad all our days! Grant that out of the pains and sorrows of this present life, we may be gathered with all the redeemed unto Life Eternal in the Father's Home to go no more out forever—we ask in the name of Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen!

### HYMN

<p>Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep, A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes.</p>	<p>Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest, Whose waking is supremely blest; No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour That manifests the Saviour's power.</p>
<p>Asleep in Jesus! O how sweet To be for such a slumber meet; With holy confidence to sing That death hast lost its venomed sting.</p>	<p>Asleep in Jesus! far from thee Thy kindred and their graves may be; But thine is still a blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep.</p>

### AT THE GRAVE.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our (brother) we therefore commit (his) body to the ground, awaiting the hour when all who are in their graves shall hear the voice of God and shall come forth to stand before Thy bar. And if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even to them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him!

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen!