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CHURCH IN THE HOUSEHOLD;

A MANUAL OF

Family Devotions

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THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER,

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Presace.

A VAST and insuperable distance separates the countless existing manuals of prayer from the Common Prayer Book of the Church of England.

The chief fault of the generality of ordinary compositions or complications seems to be their monotony. There is little division of subject-matter, and no break in the unvarying strain of wordy supplication to arrest the wandering thoughts of the worshipper.

A depth of devotional feeling and practical holiness, a fulness of Christian charity and moderation, combined with a terseness and simplicity of style, and a perfection of musical rhythm, characterize

the Church's Liturgy, and render it indeed unapproachable.

George Herbert is not the only Christian who on his death-bed preferred to all other prayers, the prayers of his mother, the Church of England; and her Prayer Book contains such an inexhaustible fund of devotion, that there are no occasions in life, upon which we cannot thence derive the best of words to express our sense of need or of thanksgiving.

In the present selection the Prayers of the Church are arranged under different heads, and as far as possible in a connected train of thought, in accordance with the subjects appropriate to each day.

Sunday, is devoted to prayer in reference to its special services.

Monday, as commencing the week of work, to Baptism and Confirmation.

Tuesday, to prayer for Christian love, as the foundation of all practice of Baptismal vows.

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Wednesday, as connected with our Lord's betrayal on that day by

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Thursday, to the Holy Communion; and as a consequence to aspi. rations for heavenly rest, whither Christ on that day preceded His servants.

Friday, to confession of sin, and meditations on our Saviour's

Saturday, as the close of the week, and the day of our Lord's burial, to thoughts of death, and prayers for a resurrection to

The prayers are preserved in their original form, with the ex-

ception of a few necessary verbal alterations and omissions.

To meet the requirements of those families who are accustomed to add Scripture reading to their prayers, an Index of Psalms, and short Lessons, is added,—the arrangement of which will be found to coincide with that of the rest of the work.

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SUNDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

Subject—The Services of the Day.

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

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they whose

Confession.

For Absolution.

For Christ's Church.

For the spirit of Prayer.

For the profitable reading of Holy Scripture.

Fortheministers of God's

consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, Who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to

prepare Thy way before Thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

OALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Which art in heaven, Halllowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER.

For unity in the Church.

EVENING PRAYER.

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For Absolu-

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and

serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A LMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessities, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God

EVENING PRAYER.

For ablessing on the prayers of the Church.

For a blessing on the ministry of God's Word,

For Christian love and unity.

EVENING PRAYER.

For God's protection.

and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

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MONDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

Subjeqt.—Baptism.

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O GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our

Confession.

For Absolu-

For steadfast ness in our Baptismal vows.

For renewal of the Holy Spirit.

For a continuance in holiness. humble petitions, and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

A LMIGHTY, everliving God, Whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of His most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to His disciples that they should go, teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseach Thee, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that we who have been baptized, may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A LMIGHTY God, Who hast given us Thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to re-

generate us with Thy Holy Spirit, to receive us for Thine own children by adoption, and to incorporate us with Thy holy Church. And humbly we beseech Thee to grant that we having been dead unto sin and living unto righteousness, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that as we have been made partakers of the death of Thy Son, we may also be partakers of His resurrection; so that, finally, with the residue of Thy holy Church, we may be inheritors of Thine everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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EVENING PRAYER.

MONDAY.

Subject.—Confirmation.

Confession.

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

For Absolution.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy

grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us Thy servants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto us forgiveness of our sins; Strengthen us we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for ever.

Amen.

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, Who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto Thy Divine majesty; let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over us; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of

EVENING PRAYER:

For the confirming power of the Holy Spirit.

For the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

For God's directing and sanctifying grace.

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For God's protection.

Thy commandments; that, through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by Thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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TUESDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

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A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we de-

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For Absolu-

MORNING PRAYER.

For Love to God.

For Love towards our neighbour

Prayer for all men.

sire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee before all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity, are nothing worth; Send Thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee: Grant this for Thine only Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who, by Thy holy Apostle, hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers which we offer unto Thy divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church, with the spirit of truth, unity, and

concord; And grant, that all they that do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially Thy servant, Victoria, our Queen; that under her we may be Godly and quietly governed; and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue. grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments; and to all Thy people, give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to us, Thy servants, here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. And we also bless Thy holy Name, for all Thy servants departed this life, in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom: Grant

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EVENING PRAYER. from the bonds of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed; Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

For Love to God.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For fellowship with the Saints. Othine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son, Christ, our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for all men.

OGOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves

Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

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

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

For God's protection.

WEDNESDAY.

Subject.—Repentance.

Confession.

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

For Absolu-

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are peni-

tent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*.

The Betrayal.

MORNING

PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas, didst choose Thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that Thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

For Mercy.

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; Receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord; spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners: but so turn Thine anger

For amendment of life. from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mer. cifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy name turn from us all those evils we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LORD, have mercy upon us,

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kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER. EVENING PRAYER.

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For Absolution.

O MOST merciful God, who according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent that

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Thou rememberest them no more; open Thine eye of mercy upon us, Thy servants, who most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness. Renew in us, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by our own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue us in the unity of the Church; consider our contrition, and accept our tears; and forasmuch as we put our full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto us our former sins, but strengthen us with Thy blessed Spirit; and when Thou art pleased to take us hence, take us unto Thy favour, through the merits of Thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TURN Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to Thy servants, who turn to Thee in weeping and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For Mercy.

EVENING PRAYER.

For God's protection.

Othe sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we, Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

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THURSDAY.

MORNING PRAYER,

Subject.—The Noly Communion.

Confession.

A LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is in-Have mercy upon us, Have mercy tolerable. upon us most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past, And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess

For Absolution.

their sins unto Thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

For Grace to receive worthily the Holy Communion. A LMIGHTY God, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of Godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For the same.

WE do not presume to come to Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, always so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Thanksgiving for God's blessings in the Holy Communion.

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who duly receive Thy

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holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of Thy everlasting Kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of Thy dear Son. most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

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Confession.

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

For Absolution. GRANT, we be seech Thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and

serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

GOD, the King of Glory, Who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ, with great triumph into thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us into the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Thy people that they may love the things which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

The Ascension

For Grace to follow our ascended Lord.

For peace on earth and rest in heaven.

EVENING .PRAYER.

For God's protection.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good councils, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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FRIDAY.

MORNING PRAYER.

Subject.—Confession & Supplication.

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

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

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GOD the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

BY the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

DY Thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

IN all time of our tribulation; in all time of wealth; in the hour of death, and in the

day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

WE sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, 0 Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal

in the right way,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

THAT it may please Thee to give us an heart to love and dread Thee, and dilligently to live after Thy commandments,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

MHAT it may please Thee to succour, help, I and comfort, all that are in danger, necess-

ity, and tribulation,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. THAT it may please Thee to preserve all that I travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children; and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

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

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. QON of God, we beseech Thee to hear us, O Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

Grant us Thy peace.

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FRIDAY.

EVENING PRAYER.

Subject.—The Crucifixion.

LMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. W_{Θ} have offended against Thy holy laws. have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Thou them, O God, which confess their faults; Restore Thou them that are penitent; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen. ARANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserved to be punished, by the comfort

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EVENING PRAYER. of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the benefits of the Crucifixion. A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For salvation through Christ Jesus crucified.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

For the same.

THE Almighty Lord, Who is a strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence; and make us know and feel that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, we may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A LMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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SATURDAY.

Subject.—Death.

Confession.

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

For Absolution.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and

bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen,

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

In the midst of life we are in death; Of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, Who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour from any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.

A LMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we humbly

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For Life in Death.

For the same.

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Rest and Peace.

beseech Thee that it may please Thee of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and glorious Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

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Subject.—The Resurrection.

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

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either

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- O Lord, send us help from Thy holy place, And evermore defend us.
- O Lord, hear our prayer,

 And let our cry come unto Thee.

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THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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FOR -

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

O ALMIGHTY God, Who in Thy wrath didst send a plague upon Thine own people in the wilderness, have pity upon us miserable sinners, who are now visited with great sickness and mortality; that like as Thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying angel to cease from punishment, so it may now please Thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Oto Whom alone belong the issues of life and death; Look down from Heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy upon Thy servant now lying in this house upon the bed of sickness: Visit him, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver him in Thy good appointed time from his bodily pain, and save his soul for Thy mercies sake. Grant this, O Lord, through Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Who

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For a sick member of the family.

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In time of dearth and famine.

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liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. Amen.

O God, heavenly Father, Whose gift it is, that the rain doth fall and the earth is fruitful; Behold, we beseech Thee, the afflictions of Thy people; and grant that the scarcity and dearth which we do now most justly suffer for our iniquity, may through Thy goodness be mercifully turned into cheapness and plenty; for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

OALMIGHTY God, King of all Kings, and Governor of all things; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies; and grant that we being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils to glorify Thee, Who art the only giver of all victory; through the merits of Thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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LMIGHTY 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, particularly to us who desire now to offer up our praises and thanksgivings for Thy late mercies vouchsafed to us [*.....]. bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

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