



## ¶ Certaine godly prayers to be vsed for sundry purposes

¶ *A generall Confession to be sayd  
every morning.*



Almightie God, our heauenly Father, I confesse and acknowledge, that I am a miserable and a wretched sinner, and haue manifold wayes most grieuously transgressed thy most godly Commandements, through wicked thoughts, vngodly lusts, sinfull words and deedes, committed in my whole life. In sinne am I bozne and conceived, and there is no goodnes in

me, in as much as if thou shouldest enter into thy narrow iudgement with me, iudging mee according vnto the same, I were neuer able to suffer & abide it, but must needes perish and be damned for euer : so little helpe, comfort, or succour is there either in me, or in any other creature. Onely this is my comfort (O heauenly Father), that thou didst not spare thy onely deare beloued sonne, but didst giue him vp vnto the most bitter, and most vile and slanderous death of the Crosse for me, that he might so pay the ransome for my sinnes, satisfie thy iudgement, still and pacifie thy wrath, reconcile mee againe vnto thee, and purchase me thy grace and fauour, and euerlasting life. Wherefore, through the merite of his most bitter death and passion, and through his innocent Bloodshedding, I beseech the, O heauenly Father, that thou wilt vouchsafe to bee gracious and mercifull vnto me, to forgiue and pardon mee al my sinnes,

to lighten my heart with thy holy spirit, to renew, confirme, and strengthen mee with a right and a perfect faith, and to inflame me in loue toward thee and my neighbour, that I may hencefoorth with a willing and a glad heart, walke as becometh me in thy most godly commandements, and so glozifie and praise thee euerlastingly; and also that I may with a free conscience and quiet heart, in all manner of temptations, afflictions, or necessities, and euen in the very pangs of death, cry boldly and merrily vnto thee, and say, I beleue in God the Father Almighty, maker of heauen and earth, and in Iesus Christ, &c. **¶** But, O Lord God heauenly father, to comfort my selfe in affliction and temptation with these Articles of the Christian Faith, it is not in my power, for Faith is thy gift: and forasmuch as thou wilt bee prayed vnto, and called vpon for it, I come vnto thee, to pray and beseech thee, both for that, and for all my other necessities, euen as thy deare beloued sonne our sauour Iesus Christ himselfe hath taught vs. And from the very bottome of my heart I cry, and say, Our Father, which art in heauen. hallowed be thy Name, &c.

¶ A Prayer to be said in the Morning.



**O** Mercifull Lord God, heauenly Father, I render most high laudes, praise, and thanks vnto thee, that thou hast preferred me both this night, and all the time and dayes of my life hitherto, vnder thy protection, and hast suffered mee to liue vnto this present houre. And I beseech thee heartily, that thou wilt vouchsafe to receiue me this day, and the residue of my whole life, from hencefoorth into thy tuition, ruling & gouerning me with thy holy spirit, that all maner of darknesse, of misbeliefe, infidelitie, and of carnal lusts and affections may be vtterly chased and driuen out of my heart, and that I may bee iustified and saued both body and soule through a right and a perfect faith, and so walke in the light of thy most godly trueth, to thy glozy and praise, and to the profit and furtherance of my neighbour, through Iesus Christ our Lord and sauour. Amen.

¶ Another prayer for the Morning



Almightie and most gracious God, we heartily thanke thee for the sweet sleepe and comfortable rest which thou hast giuen vs this night : and forasmuch as thou hast commanded by thy holy word, that no man should be idle, but all occupied in godly and vertuous exercises, euery man according to his calling : we most humbly beseech thee, that thine eyes may attend vpon vs, dayly defend vs, cherish, comfort, and gouerne vs and all our counsailes, studies, and labours, in such wise, that wee may spend and bestow this day according to thy most holy will, without the hurting of our neighbours, and that wee may diligently and warily eschew and auoid all things that should displeas thee, let thee alwayes befoze our eyes, liue in thy feare, working that which may bee found acceptable befoze thy diuine Majestie, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer for the Euening



Most mighty Lord our Father, and God everlasting, full of pity and compassion, we acknowledge and confesse, that we be not worthy to lift vp our eyes to heauen, much lesse to present our selues befoze thy Majestie, with confidence that thou wilt heare our prayers, and grant our requests, if we consider our own deseruing : For our consciences doe accuse vs, and our sins witness against vs, and we know that thou art an vpright Iudge, which doest not justifie the sinners and wicked men, but punishest the faults of such as transgresse thy Commandements. Yet most mercifull Father, sith it hath pleased thee to command vs to call vpon thee in all our troubles and aduersities, promising euen then to helpe vs, when we feele our selues (as it were) swallowed vp by death and desperation : wee vtterly renounce all wordly confidence, & flee to thy soueragine bounty, as our onely stay and refuge, beseeching thee not to call to remembrance our manifold sins and wickednesse, whereby we continually prouoke thy

wrath and indignation against vs, neither our negligence & unkindnesse, which haue neither worthily esteemed, nor in our liues sufficiently expressed the sweet comfort of thy Gospel revealed vnto vs, but rather accept the obedience and death of thy son Iesus Christ, who by offering by his body in sacrifice once for all, hath made sufficient recompence for all our sinnes. Haue mercie therefore vpon vs, O Lord, and forgive vs our offences. Teach vs by thy holy spirit, that we may rightly weigh them, and earnestly repent for the same : and so much the rather, O Lord, because that the reprobate, and such as thou hast forsaken, cannot praise thee, nor call vpon thy name : but the repenting heart, the sorrowfull minde, the conscience oppressed, hungering and thirsting for thy grace, shall euer set forth thy praise and glorie. And albeit wee be but worms and dust, yet thou art our Creatour, and wee be the worke of thine hands : yea, thou art our Father, and we thy chidren : thou art our shepherd, and wee thy flocke : thou art our Redeemer, and we thy people whom thou hast bought : thou art our God, and wee thine inheritance. Correct vs not therefore in thy anger, O Lord, neither according to our deserts punish vs, but mercifully chastise vs with a fatherly affection, that all the world may know that at what time soeuer a sinner doeth repent him of his sinne from the bottome of his heart, thou wilt put away his wickednesse out of thy remembrance, as thou hast promised by thine holy Prophet.

Finally, forasmuch as it has pleased thee to make the night for man to rest in, as thou hast ordained him the day to trauaile in : Grant, O deare Father, that we may so take our bodily rest, that our soules may continually watch for ye time that our Lord Iesus Christ shall appeare for our deliuerance out of this mortall life, and in the meane season, that we, not overcome by any fantasies, dreames, or other temptations, may fully set our mindes vpon thee, loue thee, feare thee, and rest in thee : Furthermoze, that our sleepe be not excessiue, or ouermuch, after the insatiable desires of our flesh : but onely sufficient to content out weake nature, that wee may bee the better disposed to liue in godly conuersation, to the glory of thy holy name, and profit of our brethren. Amen.

¶ A most necessary prayer.



Lord Jesus Christ which art the true Sunne of the world, euermore arising, and neuer going downe, which by thy most wholesome appearing and sight, doest bring forth, preserve, nourish, and refresh all things, as well that are in heauen, as also that are on earth, we beseech thee mercifully and fauourably to shine into our hearts, that the night and darknesse of sinnes, and the mists of errours on euery side driuen away, thou brightly shining within our harts, we may all our life space go without any stumbling or offence, and may decently and seemely walke, (as in the day time,) being pure and cleane from the workes of darknesse, and abounding in all good workes which God hath prepared for vs to walke in: which with the Father and with the holy Ghost liuest and reigest for euer and euer. Amen.

¶ The prayer of Manaffeth King of the Iewes.



Lord Almighty, God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed, which hast made heauen and earth with all their ornament, which hast bound the sea by the word of thy Commandement, which hast shut vp the deepe and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious Name, whom all doe feare, and tremble before thy power: for the Maiestie of thy glorie cannot bee borne, and thine angry threatening toward sinners is importable, but thy mercifull promise is unmeasureable and vnsearchable. For thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion, long suffering, and most mercifull and repentest for mans miseries. Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness hath promised\* repentance and forgiveness to them that sin against thee, and for thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance vnto sinners, that they may bee saued. Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the just, hast not

\* Thou hast promised that repentance shall be the way for them to return to thee.

\* He speaketh this in comparison of himself and those holy Fathers which haue their commemorations in the Scriptures, so that in respect of himself, he calleth their sinnes nothing but attributeth vnto them righteousnesse.

appointed repentance to the iust, as to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, which haue not\* sinned against thee, but thou hast appointed repentance vnto me that am a sinner. For I haue sinned aboue the number of the sand of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied: my transgressions are exceeding many: and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of the heauens for the multitude of mine vnrightheousnesse. I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift vp mine head, neither haue I any release: For I haue prouoked thy wrath, and done euill befoze thee. I did not thy will, neither kept I thy Commandements. I haue set vp abominations, and haue multiplied offences. Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. I haue sinned, O Lord, I haue sinned, and I acknowledge my transgressions: but I humbly beseech thee, forgive me: O Lord forgive me, & destroy me not with my transgressions. Be not angry with mee for euer, by reseruing euill for mee, neither condemine me vnto the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, euen the God of them that repent: and in mee thou wilt shew all thy goodnesse: for thou wilt saue me that I am vnworthy, according to thy great mercy: therefore I will praise thee for euer all the dayes of my life. For all the powers of the heauens praise thee, and thine is the glory for euer and euer. Amen.

¶ A Prayer containing the duty of euery true Christian



Most mightie GOD, mercifull and louing Father, I wretched sinner come vnto thee in the name of thy dearely beloued sonne Iesus Christ my onely sauour and Redeemer: and I most humbly beseech thee for his sake to bee mercifull vnto mee, and to cast all my sinnes out of thy sight and remembrance through the merits of his bloody death and Passion. Powre vpon me (O Lord) the holy spirit of wisdome and grace: gouerne and leade me by thy holy word, that it may be a lanterne vnto my feet, and a light vnto my steps. shew thy mercy vpon me, and so lighten my naturall blindness and

darknesse of my heart through thy grace, that I may daily be renewed by the same spirit and grace : By the which (O Lord) purge the grossnesse of my hearing and understanding, that I may profitably read, heare, and understand the word and heavenly will, beleue, and practise the same in my life and conuersation, and euermore hold fast that blessed hope of euerlasting life.

Fortifie and kill all vice in mee, that my life may expresse my faith in thee : mercifully heare the humble suit of thy seruant, and grant me thy peace all my dayes : Graciously pardon my infirmities, and defend mee in all dangers of body, goods and name : but most chiefly my soule against all assaults, temptations, accusations, subtil baits, and sleights of that old enemy of mankind, satan that roaring Lion, euer seeking whom he may deuoure.

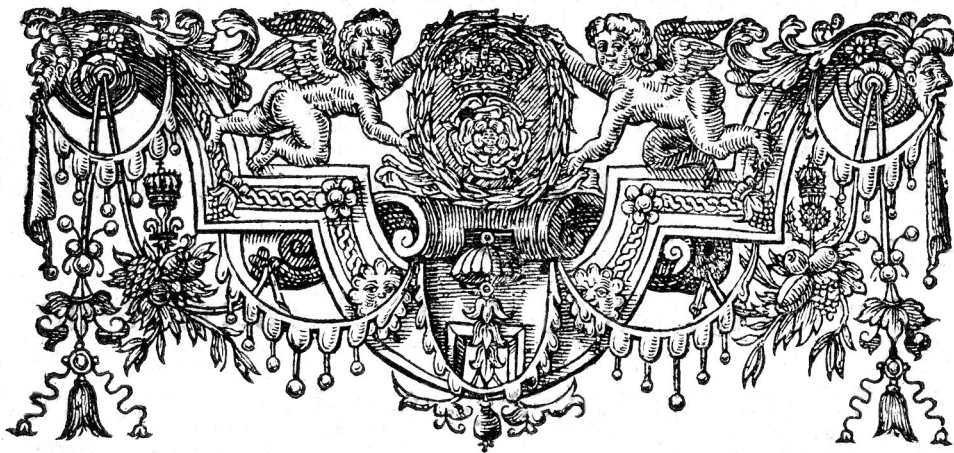
And here (O Lord) I prostrate with most humble mind, craue of thy diuine Majestie, to bee mercifull vnto the vniuersall Church of thy sonne Christ : and specially according to my bounden dutie, beseech thee for his sake to blesse, saue, and defend the principall member thereof, thy seruant our most deare and soueraigne Lord King Charles, increase in his Royall heart true faith, godly zeale, and loue of the same : And grant him victorie ouer all his enemies, a long, prosperous, and honourable life vpon earth, a blessed end, and life euerlasting.

Moreouer, O Lord, grant vnto his Majesties most honourable Counsaillers, and euery other member of this Church of England, that they and wee in our seuerall callings, may truly and godly serue thee : Plant in our hearts true feare and honour of thy Name, obedience to our Prince, and loue to our neighbours : Increase in vs true Faith and Religion : Replenish our minds with goodnesse, and of thy great mercie keepe vs in the same, till the end of our liues : Giue vnto vs a godly zeale in prayer, true humilitie in prosperity, perfect patience in aduersity, and continuall joy in the holy Ghost.

And lastly, I commend vnto thy Fatherly protection, all that thou hast giuen me, as wife, children, and seruants : Ayd me, O Lord, that I may gouerne, nourish, and bring them vp in thy feare and seruice. And forasmuch as in this world I must alwayes be at war and strife, not with one sort of enemies, but

with an infinite number, not onely with one flesh and blood, but  
with the deuill which is the pzince of darknesse, and with which  
wicked men executozs of his most damnable will : Grant me  
therefoze thy grace, that being armed with thy defence, I may  
stand in the battell with an inuincible constancy against all  
cozruption which I am compassed with on euery side, vntill such  
time as I hauing ended the combate, which during this life, I  
must sustaine, in the end I may attaine to thy heauenly rest,  
which is prepared foꝛ me and all thine Elect,  
through Christ our Lord and  
onely sauour.  
Amen.

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