The order for the visitation of the sick.

When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of ye Parish, who cometh into the sick person’s house, shall say,

Peace be to this house, and to all that dwell in it.

When he cometh into the sick man’s presence, he shall say, kneeling down,

Remember not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers. Spare us, good Lord, for thine own name’s sake; and for thy servant David’s sake, remember mercy upon us. 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. 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. Amen.

Minister.

O Lord save thy servant. Answer.

which putteth his trust in thee. Minister.

Send him help from thy holy place. Answer.

And evermore mighty defend him. Minister.

Let the enemy have no advantage of him. Answer.

Let the wicked approach to hurt him. Minister.

Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower. Answer.
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Answer.
From the face of his enemy.
Minister.
O Lord hear our prayers.
Answer.
And let our cry come unto thee.
Minister.

O Lord look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy, give him comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend him from the danger of the enemy, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear most merciful God and Saviour, extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant, which is grievous with sickness: bless him, O Lord, as thou didst bless Peter, the first-born of thy church, and the captain of thy host. So wilt thou restore to this sick person his former health, if it be thy will; or else give him grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, he may dwell with thee in the everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Then shall the Minister exhort the sick person after this form, or other like.

Deare beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and seeth all things pertaining, as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness is, know you certainly there is God's visitation. And so what comes of your sickness be sent unto you, whether it be to try your patience for the example of others; and that your faith may be found in the day of the Lord, laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the emulation of glory and endless felicity, or else it be sent unto you, to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father: know you certainly that
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If you truly repent you of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy; for his dear Son Jesus Christ his holy and tender unto him humble thanks for his Fatherly visitation, submitting your self wholly unto his will, so shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

If the person visited be very sick, then the curate may end his exhortation in this place: or else proceed.

Take therefore in good use the chastisement of the Lord. For whom the Lord loveth, he chastiseth; yea, as S. Paul saith, he scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastisement, he offereth himself unto you as unto his own children. What son is he that the Father chastiseth not? If ye be not under correction, whereof all true children are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not children. Therefore seeing that when our carnal fathers do correct us, we reverently obey them: shall we not much rather be obedient to our spiritual Father, and to life? And they for a few days do chastise us after their own pleasure; but he both chastise us for our profit, to the intent he may make us partakers of his holiness. These words (good brother) are God's words, and written in holy scripture for our comfort and instruction, that we should patiently and with thanksgiving bear our heavinesses and correction, whensoever by any manner of adversity it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses: for he himself went not to joy, but first he suffered pain, he entered not into his glory, before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is, to suffer here with Christ, and our doors to enter into eternal life is, gladly to die with Christ, that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life. Now therefore taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I exhort you in the Name of God, to remember the profession which you made unto God in your baptism. And so as much as after this life there is an account.
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By account to be given unto the righteous Judge, of whom all must be judged without respect of persons: I require you to examine your self and your State both toward God and man, so that accusing and condemning your self for your own faults, you may find mercy at our heavenly Fathers hand for Christs sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgement. Therefore I shall here rehearse the articles of our faith, that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian man should or no.

Here the Minister shall rehearse the articles of the faith, saying thus,

**Does thou believe in God the Father Almighty, &c.**

And is in Baptism, he repenteth truly of his sins, &c.

Then shall the Minister examine whether he be in charity with all the world, exhorting him to forgive from the bottom of his heart all persons that have offended him, and when he hath done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the utmost of his power. And if he have not before disposed his goods, let him then make his will, and also declare his debts, what he oweth, and what is owing unto him, forgiving charging of his conscience, and quietness of his executors. Burton of the sin of sundry kinds, that they set an order for their temporal goods and lands, when they be in health.

These words before rehearsed, may bee said before the Minister begin his prayer, as he shall finde cause.

The Minister may not forget nor omit to move the sick person, as are of ability and that those amends of the publick revenue, be done in the poor.

Here shall the sick person make a special Confession, if he be troubled with any weighty matter. After which Confession, the Priest shall absolve him, if he humbly desire it, after that sort.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast left power to thy Church to absolve all sinners which truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive the sins of these offences: and by his authority committed to me, I absolve thee from all thy times, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.
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And then the Priest shall say the collect following,

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, which according to the multitude of thy mercies dost so put away the sins of those which truly repent, that thou rememberst them no more, open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desiristh pardon and forgiveness. Receive in him (most loving Father) whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by his own carnal will and frailness, preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church, consider his contrition, accept his tears, abate his pain, as shall be best for thee most expedient for him. And so abundantly as he putteth his full trust solely in thy mercy, impute not unto him his former sins, but take him unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, Amen, so Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say this psalm,

Hear, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: but bid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness, incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may alway resort: thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly: out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For thou, O Lord, art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope even from my youth.

Though the sea have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb, my praise shall alway be of thee.

I am become as it were a monster unto many: but my sure trust is in thee.

Delight my mouth be filled with thy praise: that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Call me not away in the time of age: for take me not when my strength faileth me.

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For mine enemies speak against me, and they that lay waste for my soul, take their counsel together, saying: God hath forsaken him, persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

So far from me, O God: my God, haste thee to help me.

Let them be confounded and perish, that are against my soul: let them be covered with shame and dishonour, that seek to do me evil.

As for me, I will patiently abide alway: and will praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

Thou (O God) hast taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Forake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray headed: until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet to come.

Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee?

What great troubles and adversities hast thou subdued me: and yet hast thou turn and refreshed me: yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

Thou hast brought me to great honour: and comforted me on every side.

Therefore will I praise thee and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of musick: unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou holy Dre of Israel.

My lips shall be filled when I sing unto thee: and so will my soul when thou hast delivered.

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me ill.

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

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

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Adding this.

**Saviour of the world, have mercy upon us, and** precious blood that redeemed us. Help us, we beseech thee, O God, Lord.

Then shall the minister say.

The Almighty Lord, which is a most strong tower, to all them that put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, earth, and under the earth do bow and obey, be holy and evermore thy defence, and make thee know and feel, and there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom thou maest receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Orasmuch as all mortal men be subject to many sudden perils, diecals and sicknees, and ever uncertain what time they shall depart out of this life, therefore to the intent they may bee always in a readiness to die whenever it shall please Almighty God to call them, the Curates shall diligently from time to time (but specially in the plaine times) exhort their Parishes to the offering (in the Church) of the holy Communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, which if they do, they shall have no cause in their sudden visitation to repent them, or lack of the same. But if the sick person be not able to come to the Church, and yet is desirous to receive the Communion in his house, then he must give knowledge of it, either early in the morning, to the Curate, signifying also how many be appointed to communicate with him; and having a convenient place in the sick mans house, where the Curate may reverently minister, and good number receive the Communion with the sick person, with all things necessary for the same, he shall there minister the holy Communion, beginning with ye Collect, Epistle, a Gospel here following.

The collect.

**Almighty everliving God, maker of mankind,** which dost receive those whom thou dost love, and chargest every one whom thou dost receive: We beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thine hand, and to grant
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A Prayer for a Sick Child.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belongeth the Issue of life and death, Look down from Heaven upon thy sick, upon his Sins of Mercy, upon this Child, now lying upon his Bed of Sickness. Visit him, O Lord, with thy Salvation; deliver him, in thy good pleasure, from his bodily pain; and save his Soul for thy Mercy’s sake. That if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong his days hence, may he live to thee, and be an instrument of thy Glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation; or else, receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the Souls of them, that sleep in our Lord Jesus Christ, enjoy perpetual rest, and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Mercies sake, in thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, &c. Amen.

A Prayer for a Sick Person, where there appears small Hope of Recovery.

O Father of Mercies, &c. Comfort our only help in time of need; Yea, this unto thee, for succor in behalf of this Thy Servant, now lying under thy Hand, in great weakness of Body; Look graciously upon him, O Lord, give me more outward Man to strengthen him, &c. be near, so much more continually with thy grace; & thy Spirit in the inner Man, give him an unsegregated Remembrance for all his Errors of his Life past; & especially those in thy Son Jesus: that his Sins may be done away by thy Mercy, & his Passion sealed in Heaven, before he go hence, & be no more seen. Here Know, O Lord, that there is no Word impossible with thee; that, if thou wert, thou couldst not even yet raise him up, & grant him a longer continuance among us. Yet, for so much as in all appearance yet time of his dissolution, through so far, prepare him, & be near, against his Hour of Death, & after his departure hence in Peace, thy Face, his Soul may be received into those everlasting Kingdoms, through thy Mercies, & Meditations of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord, & Saviour. Amen.

A Commendatory Prayer for a Sick Person, at the point of departure.

O Almighty God, who dost live & Spirit of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons: We humbly commend Thy Soul of this Thy Servant, our dear Brother, to thy Hand, into thy Hand, of a faithful Creature, most merciful Saviour; our most humble reprehending thee, that it may be precious in thy Sight. With it we pray thee, in thy Blood of thy immaculate Lamb, thy dear Blood, to take away Thy Sins of Thy World; that whatsoever disappointment it may have contracted in midst of this miserable & wretched World, through flesh, or the will of Satan, being purged, science away, it may be presented pure, & without spot before thee. And teach us, who knowest, in this, & other like daily Spectacles of Mortality, to see, henceforth, as uncertain, our own condition, as, & so to number our days, that we may serious apply our hearts to that Holy, & Heavenly Will, in which we live here, and may in thy End bring us to life everlasting, through thy Mercies of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

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A prayer for persons, troubled in mind,
or in Conscience.

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, & the God of all Comforts,
We beseech thee, look down in pity & compassion upon this thy afflicted Servant. Then, write bitter things against him, to make him to protest his former iniquities. Thy worth, blest hand upon him, & his soul is full of trouble. But, an mercifull God, who hast written thy Holy Word, for our Learning, that we, through patience & comfort of thy Holy Scriptures might have Hope; give him a right Understanding of himself, & of thy threats & promises, that he may neither cast away his confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere else, but in thee. Give him strength against all his Temptations, & heal all his distempers. Break not ye bruised Reed, nor quench ye smoking Flax. Shew not up thy tender Mercies in displeasure, but make him to hear of joy & gladness, that his bones, with them that are broken, may rejoice. Deliver him from fear of ye Enemy, & lift up ye light of thy Countenance upon him. Give him peace, through ye merit, & mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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grant that he may take his sickness patiently, and recover his bodily health, 

The epistle.

v. for, despise not the exhortation of the Lord, neither faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth, him he correcteth; yea, and he scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Verily, I say unto you, he that receiveth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into damnation; but is passed from death unto life.

At the time of the distribution of the holy sacrament, the priest shall first receive the communion himself, and after minister unto them that be appointed to communicate with the sick.

But if a man either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the curate, or for lack of company to receive with him, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the sacrament of Christ's body and blood: then the curate shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the cross for him, and shed his blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefore, he doth eat and drink the body and blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.

When the sick person is visiteth, and receiveth the holy communion all at one time, then the priest for more expedition, shall cut off the form of the visitation at the palm, In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, and go straight to the communion.

In the time of plague, sweat, or such other like contagious times of sickness, or diseases, when none of the parish or neighbours can be gotten to communicate with the sick in their houses, for fear of the infection, upon special request of the diseased, the minister may singly communicate with him.