The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory

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The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory is the third volume of The Grey Book, one of the several proposed revisions of the English Book of Common Prayer, none of which was adopted by Parliament. Therefore, the two volumes containing the regular offices are no longer printed, having no official sanction. But this collection of special services is gaining in popularity, both in England and America. It was endorsed by William Temple, now Archbishop of York, and seems to be the least colored by partisan churchmanship. Several of our own bishops have recommended its use, not only at special services, but also as supplementary to Morning and Evening Prayer; and it has been widely quoted in recent books of devotion.

We believe, with the original compilers, that only through a widespread use of new and modern materials for public worship will church people learn to express the fullness of life in their adoration of God. We believe that through these brief services the tide of the common life runs strong and exultant, and we trust that the adaptations and rearrangements of the English edition may help to give the book the general use it so well deserves.

The principal changes have been the addition of the “Litany for Our Country,” from “The Way of Light,” by Howard Chandler Robbins, used with the permission of Edwin S. Gorham, and of the “Litany for Peace,” the omission of material in the American Book of Common Prayer, and slight changes in the arrangement, numbering, and phraseology of the services.

The revisers are deeply indebted to the English publishers and compilers for the privilege of introducing to American congregations, in this new form, a book which has already so generally commended itself to all who know and use it.
I

ACTS OF ADORATION

1.

V. God is spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
R. Glory be to God on high.

V. God is light. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and truly our fellowship in the Spirit is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.
R. Glory be to God on high.

V. God is power. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.
R. Glory be to God on high.

V. God is love. Everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God; and we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love.
R. Glory be to God on high.

2.

V. All praise and glory and thanksgiving, more than we can utter, be unto thee, O God; worthy art thou, O God, to receive the glory and the honor and power, for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they are and were created.
R. Blessing and honor and glory for ever and ever.

V. Blessed be thou, O God, who hast given us the light of the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
R. Blessing and honor and glory for ever and ever.

V. Blessed be thou, O God, who hast made known to us that it is thy will to gather in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth.
R. Blessing and honor and glory for ever and ever.

V. Blessed be thou, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in him hast blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places, and in him hast chosen us that we should be holy and without blame, before thee in love.
R. Blessing and honor and glory for ever and ever.
V. Blessed be thou, the Father of glory, the Father from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth is named, who for the great love wherewith thou lovest us, hast quickened us together with Christ, that thou mayest show forth the exceeding richness of thy grace.
R. Blessing and honor and glory for ever and ever.
V. Now unto him that sitteth on the throne, unto him who maketh all things new, unto him who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, unto him who hath delivered us from the powers of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love, unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,
R. Be blessing and honor and glory for ever and ever.

3.

V. Glory to thee, O Christ, our ascended and ever present Lord, through whom we have access to the Father.
R. Glory to thee who lovest us and hast loosed us from our sins.
V. Glory to thee who hast reconciled us all in one body unto God through thy cross, so that we are no more strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints in the household of God.
R. Glory to thee who hast led captivity captive, and hast given gifts for the perfecting of thy saints.
V. Glory to thee who dost redeem unto God with thy blood men of every title and tongue and people and nation.
R. Glory to thee who art with us always, even unto the end of the world.
V. Glory to thee who art in our midst when we are gathered together in thy name.
R. Glory to thee who didst institute a perpetual remembrance of thy precious death and dost unite us therein with thy very self.
V. Glory to thee who hast gone before to prepare a place for us in thy Father's home.
R. Glory to thee, the author and finisher of our faith, that God in all things may be glorified. Amen.
Acts of Recollection and

V. Jesus said: Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother and my sister.

It is the will of God:
That we should rule our spirits, bear with each other's infirmities, and as much as lieth in us live peaceably with all men.
That we should live chiefly to minister to others' needs and not to seek only our own pleasure and gain.
That we should do what we can to take away the sin and sorrow of the world and to overcome evil with good.
That we should not be anxious for the morrow, nor for our life what we shall eat or what we shall drink, nor for the body what we shall put on.

R. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do thy will.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. A RECOLLECTION OF JESUS

V. Let us remember Jesus:
Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us.
Who was content to be subject to his parents, the child of a poor man's home.
Who lived for nearly thirty years the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble tasks.
Whom the common people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.

R. May this mind be in us that was in Jesus Christ.

V. Let us remember Jesus:
Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and the disordered, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself.
Who refused to force men's allegiance.

6. A LITANY FOR THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

V. Jesus, unveiling the glory of the Eternal in the workshop of the carpenter;

R. Renew thy spirit in us.
V. Jesus, who didst love the common folk, 
Jesus, ever feeding the multitude with the bread of 
life that came down from heaven, 
Jesus, rejoicing with them that did rejoice, and weeping 
with them that wept, 
R. Renew thy spirit in us.

V. Jesus, who for our sakes didst become poor, 
Jesus, rejoicing in the Father's will, 
Jesus, rejoicing in the lilies and the birds and the 
companionship of men, 
R. Renew thy spirit in us.

V. Jesus, loving the simple and the childlike, and using 
the weak things to confound the strong, 
Jesus, persecuted by the priests, mocked by the scholars, 
slain by the politicians, 
Jesus, who lovedst thine own unto the end, 
R. Renew thy spirit in us.

V. Jesus, agonizing for the lost, 
Jesus, calling men to forsake all, that, having thee, they 
might possess all things, 
Jesus, by thy terrible love on Calvary, 
Jesus, by thy victorious love at Easter, 
R. Renew thy spirit in us.

V. Jesus, who didst inspire love's heroism in all great 
saints and lovers, 
Jesus, who hast promised men a peace and joy that no 
one can take from us, 
Jesus, who hast revealed thy great power in those 
whom the world has held of no account, 
R. Renew thy spirit in us.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer; 
R. And let our cry come unto thee. Amen.

7. THE ORDERING OF OUR PERSONAL LIFE

V. Be ye not shaped to the pattern of this world, but be ye 
transformed for the service of the world by the renew-
ing of your minds, so that ye may prove what is the good 
and beautiful and perfect will of God. 
Let us examine our life in the light of these qualities of

character which according to the teaching of Jesus make 
for the kingdom of God.

Jesus said: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is 
the kingdom of heaven.

We humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wouldst 
give us the true spirit of detachment in our lives, that we 
may not become enslaved by our possessions, or ent-
tangled in any interests which cannot be consecrated to 
thee.

That it may please thee to deliver us from pride and 
self-complacency, and make us ever willing to confess 
that we cannot walk in our own strength or by ourselves 
live good and useful lives.

That it may please thee to keep us always awake to the 
vast possibilities of Christian saintship and Christian 
endeavor, lest we should ever feel that we had already 
attained.

Blessed are the poor in spirit.
R. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

V. Jesus said: Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall 
be comforted.

Give us, O Lord, sorrow for our sins, and for the sins 
of the world, that through our sorrow there may be joy 
in the presence of the angels of God.

Give us, O Lord, the spirit of thy Son, that being well 
and glad and strong, we may never lack sympathy for 
those who suffer and are sad.

Give us, O Lord, the power when we suffer pain to look 
into thy face, and learn from thee how to bear it pa-
tiently for thy sake.

Blessed are they that mourn,
R. For they shall be comforted.

V. Jesus said: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit 
the earth.

Teach us, good Lord, to think less of our own impor-
tance; help us to overcome our desire to push ourselves 
forward at the expense of others; and grant that we 
may never congratulate ourselves on our achievements, 
as though they were ours only, and not thine.
Make us, O Lord, willing to learn to be thy servants through whom thou mayest achieve thy perfect will, and so fill us with the spirit of service that we shall not only wait to be called, but also watch for chances to help others.

Give us, O Lord, such a realization of our sonship to thee, that we may look upon all this wonderful world, its beauty and its treasures, as thy gift, and so recognize always that all we have must be used in accordance with thy will.

Blessed are the meek,
R. For they shall inherit the earth.

V. Jesus said: Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Give to each one of us, O Lord, a reverence for the truth, a desire both to think and to speak truly, and save us from ever being afraid of the truth, for it is part of the revelation of thyself, and part of thy perfect righteousness.

Give to us all the appreciation of loveliness and beauty, and teach us a great reverence for it.

Increase in us, O Lord, the desire to see justice established among men and to hasten that day when love shall rule in our social and industrial life, and none shall enrich himself at others' expense, or live indifferent to others' needs and claims.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness,
R. For they shall be filled.

V. Jesus said: blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Help us, good Lord, to see the good in others and not the evil only; and always to strive to understand before we hastily condemn.

Save us, good Lord, from the spirit of resentment; make us quick to forgive, as men who know how greatly we stand in need of others' forgiveness and of thine. Help us, good Lord, to remember how often men do wrong through want of thought rather than lack of love and how cunningly are woven the snares that trip men's feet;

Self-Examination

It is suggested that a service of preparation for the Holy Communion may be made up of one of the Acts of Adoration followed by one of the psalms and lessons
Service 7  Acts of Recollection

listed below, and concluding with one of the Acts of Self-Examination and the Communion prayers on pages 72-73.

PSALMS

15, 19, 23-27, 32, 34, 42, 43, 46, 48, 51 (omit v. 19), 65, 66, 84, 100, 103, 111, 121, 122, 130, 133, 134, 139 (omit vs. 19-22), 145, 146.

LESSONS


III

SHORT SERVICES FOR THE CHURCH YEAR

ADVENT

8. THANKSGIVING FOR THE KINGDOM

V. There were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.

O God, who hast made all things by thy power, thou king and ruler of the world, glorious in beauty and truth and love,

R. Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

V. O God, who hast shown us the glory of thy kingdom in the royal love of Jesus Christ,

R. Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

V. O God, who art ever working in the world by thy mighty and creative Spirit, to manifest thy kingdom among men,

R. Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

V. O God more wonderful in thy perfection than all that we can ever desire or know,

R. Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

V. Let us give thanks to God, for all the depth and wonder and glory of the divine Life, and for the progressive and increasing manifestation of his kingdom through the history of the world.

For the perfection which thou art,
For the glory and wonder which is thine,
For the manifestations of thy kingdom in all thy revelations of thyself,

R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. For the vitality and joy of thy Spirit of Life in the creation; for all young and swift and happy things,

R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
V. For the creation after long years of man, whom thou hast made in thine own image that thou mightest reign within his heart,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
V. For the defeat of darkness by the light; for truth destroying superstition; and for growing knowledge of thy ways, redeeming men from tyranny and fear,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
V. For the onward march of thy kingdom of right and justice; for the increase of chivalry and freedom; for the growing reign of law and ordered life, putting cruelty and wrong to flight,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
V. For the perfect manifestation of thy kingdom by the incarnation of thy Son; and its coming into the world in power through his life and death and resurrection,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
V. For the knowledge given us by him, that thy kingdom is at hand; and for the fellowship of the catholic Church, through which thou wilt establish it on earth,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
V. For the presence of the kingdom in literature and art, in truth, in courage and sincerity, in loyalty, in fellowship and kindness,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
V. That thou hast called us, with all our dullness and limitations, to be the inheritors of the wonder and glory and joy of thy kingdom,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. And I saw a new heaven, and a new earth; and I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and he that sitteth upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.
R. Even so come, Lord Jesus, to reign in the hearts of men. Amen.

9. THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF GOD'S SPIRIT

V. O Lord, who hast set before us the great hope that thy kingdom shall come on earth, and hast taught us to pray for its coming, make us ever ready to thank thee for the signs of its dawning, and to pray and work for that perfect day when thy will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. For the work of thy Spirit within and beyond the bounds of thy visible Church,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.
V. For the work of thy Spirit in the history of the world, through peaceful advance, and through pain and tumult,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.
V. For the work of thy Spirit in the history of our own country, through its heroes and leaders, in statecraft, law, and industry,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.
V. For the work of thy Spirit in science and commerce, in literature and art,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.
V. For the work of thy Spirit in the slow triumph of truth over error,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.
V. For the work of thy Spirit in the growing desire for true brotherhood, between men of every class and nation,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.
V. For the work of thy Spirit in the spread of education, and in the development of a fuller life for individuals, with healthier surroundings and better conditions,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.
Service 10

Short Services for

V. For the work of thy Spirit in the deepening sense of human worth in all nations and classes, and in the growing reverence for womanhood and childhood,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.

V. For the work of thy Spirit in the Church, which will not cease until it joins all nations and kindreds and tongues and peoples into one great family, to thy praise and glory,
R. We thank thee, O Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS

10. LITANY OF THE INCARNATION

10 A

(We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. Seeing it is God that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ. II Cor. 4: 5-6.

God being rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, quickened us together with Christ—it is by grace that ye are saved—and raised us up with him and made us sit in the heavenly places in Jesus Christ, that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2: 4-7.)

V. O God, more wonderful in thy perfection than all that we can ever desire or know,
R. We praise thee, and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. O God, who hast sent light into darkness showing forth to man thy very self in the life of Jesus Christ,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. O God, who by thy pure and mighty Spirit dost lift up all men into the heavenly places, that we may live the life which is divine,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. O God, Creator, Redeemer, Teacher, source of life and truth and love and power, in whom we live and move and have our being,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

V. Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us.
R. He that hath seen him hath seen the Father.

V. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;
R. And we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father.

O THOU, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. For the manifestation in our flesh of what thou wouldst have man become; and for the bringing in of a better hope,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For the fire cast on earth in the new revelation of thyself, to burn up violence and pride,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For the regeneration of human life and the birth of joy and liberty, through the mission of thy Church,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For all who show forth the spirit of Christ outside the circle of organized religion,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

10 B

O JESUS CHRIST, the Lord of all good life, who hast called us to build the city of God, do thou enrich and purify our lives and deepen in us our discipleship. Help us daily to know more of thee, and through us, by the power of thy Spirit, show forth thyself to other men.
Make us humble, brave, and loving; make us ready for adventure. We do not ask that thou wilt keep us safe, but that thou wilt keep us loyal; who for us didst face death unafraid, and dost live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

V. From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from prejudice and sentimentalism; from being contented with the mean and ugly,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From the cowardice that dare not face new truth, the laziness contented with half-truths, and the arrogance that thinks it knows all truths,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From all kinds of artificiality in life and worship and ministering; from all that is hollow, unreal, and insincere,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From trivial ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking coarseness and vulgarity for humor,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From being dull and pompous; from being rude and offensive and ill-mannered,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From the blasphemy of cynicism about our brethren made in the image of God; from all false pride, intolerance, and contempt,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From all uncleanness and unwholesomeness; from selfishness, slackness, and self-indulgence,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From the false piety which cannot laugh; from being self-centered in our pity; from being narrowly ecclesiastical; and from loving systems more than we love thee,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From the disloyalty of being satisfied with things as they are, in the Church and in the world; and from failing to share thy indignation,
R. O Christ, deliver us.
V. From everything in our lives and methods which may hide the true light of thee, who art the light of the world,
R. O Christ, deliver us.

WE BESEECH thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. We pray, O Lord, that thou wilt so reveal thyself in us, that through us men may be drawn to the love of thee,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt give us the gifts of Galilee, the gifts of gaiety and freedom and simplicity, to make our tired world grow young again,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt pour thy spirit more and more into the life of men; giving us clean laughter and good sportsmanship, kindness, generosity, and gentleness, honor, courtesy, and self-control,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt reveal thyself in fellowship; that a world, which rests on competition, may learn from thee the nature of the Father, and by the power of thy Spirit live in love according to his will,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt inspire science, art, and letters to be the expression of God through human skill,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt consecrate the discontent of the young and the rebellious; and strengthen the prophets that they may be forerunners of thy kingdom,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt give such power to thy Church that she may have life, and life more abundantly, with courage to
go forward daringly, trusting in thy leadership, and unfettered by the past,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt give courage, vision, and true wisdom to our leaders, that they may guide the Church aright, to face the issues of a new world-order,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt so change human nature by thy Spirit in the hearts of men, that old things may pass away and there may be a new creation,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That all mankind may come to the knowledge of thee, and may grow to that perfection which is thy Father's will for all his children,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That thou wilt hasten the time which thou hast promised, when all shall be in subjection under thee, and thy kingdom be established in power, and thou be all in all,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the completeness of the personality of Christ. Amen.

EPHESUS

11. THANKSGIVING AND LITANY FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH

V. Blessed be the Lord God for his tender mercy, whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,
R. To give light unto them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
V. Jesus said: They shall come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.
R. Thanks be to thee, O Christ, for thy holy gospel.

V. Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.
R. Thanks be to thee, O Christ, for thy holy gospel.
V. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I commanded you.
R. Thanks be to thee, O Christ, for thy holy gospel.
V. Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.
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V. Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.
R. Thanks be to thee, O Christ, for thy holy gospel.
V. Thanks be to thee, most glorious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the revelation of thyself in this our world, and for thy commission to thy Church to proclaim the gospel of Christ to every creature.
R. Thanks be to thee, O God.
V. For the early disciples who were sent forth by Christ, to proclaim the coming of the kingdom,
R. We praise thee, O God.
V. For the apostles of the nations, who in obedience to his word, carried the gospel through the world,
R. We praise thee, O God.
V. For all the faithful, who, in ages of darkness, kept their lamps burning and watched for the coming of the Lord,
R. We praise thee, O God.
V. For all who at any time have recalled the Church to her great task of evangelizing the world,
R. We praise thee, O God.
V. For those who have gone to the ends of the world with the joyful news, and have sought out the dark places of the earth to bring light to them that dwell in the shadow of death,
R. We praise thee, O God.
V. For thy missionary servants who have joined the noble army of martyrs; and for all converts to the faith who have sealed their testimony with their blood,
_R. We praise thee, O God._

V. For the innumerable company who now praise thy name out of every kindred and nation and tongue,
_R. We praise thee, O God._ Alleluia. Amen.

V. We acknowledge, O Lord, that we have proved unworthy of thy mercies, and confess how little we have done to hand on, in freedom and fullness, the faith which was brought to us through many perils and purchased with such pain. And the Church's long neglect of this, her bounden duty,
_R. O Lord, forgive._

V. Our past unfaithfulness,
_R. O Lord, forgive._

V. Our neglected opportunities,
_R. O Lord, forgive._

V. Our deafness to thy calls,
_R. O Lord, forgive._

V. Our small sacrifice for so great a cause,
_R. O Lord, forgive._

V. Our forgetfulness of those who have gone forth relying on our prayers,
_R. O Lord, forgive._

V. Our unchristian example at home revealed to the world in our racial prejudices, our narrow nationalism, our wars, and our slums,
_R. O Lord, forgive._

V. We do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord, that thou wouldst stir up the hearts of thy faithful people to greater obedience, and unite thy Church to face the world’s great need, and that thou wouldst send forth laborers into thy harvest,
_R. Hear us, we beseech thee._

V. That those who have gone forth may be supported by thy presence, guided by thy counsel, and filled with thy power,
_R. Hear us, we beseech thee._

FINALLY, O Lord, we pray that thou wouldst give to all professing Christians, living in foreign lands, a sense of their responsibility, that they may adorn the doctrine of our Saviour, and by their good example commend the faith to others; and that thou wouldst hasten the time when the gospel shall have been preached to all nations, and the whole world shall be filled with the knowledge of thy love. Amen.

O GOD of all the nations of the earth, help us to remember the multitudes who have been created in thine image, yet know not the fullness of thy truth; and, according to the love of thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that, by the prayers and labors of thy Church, they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief and brought to worship thee; through him, whom thou hast sent to be our salvation, the resurrection and the life of all the faithful, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENT

12. THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST AND OF MEN

12 A

V. O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst send thy Son to reveal thy love to us and to show us the way of life, a gracious gift to the ungrateful race of men, make us truly and sincerely thankful for this and for all thy other benefits; and for thy long-suffering with the sins and sorrows of men from the beginning even until now,
_R. We thank thee, O Lord._

V. For the sufferings of Christ in the flesh, and his intercession for mankind in glory,
_R. We thank thee, O Lord._

V. For the redemption of the world through the shame of the cross and the pain of the passion,
_R. We thank thee, O Lord._
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V. For all who have filled up the sufferings of Christ in their own bodies for love of him and of their fellowmen,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.

V. For martyrs and confessors; for all who have chosen poverty or solitude for thy sake; for all men of prayer; and for all saints in common life,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.

V. For all suffering dared and endured for noble ends; and for all pain bravely borne, and turned to patience of character, and purity of life,
R. We thank thee, O Lord.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who for our sakes didst undergo want and shame and pain, we confess most humbly that we have refused to share the burden of thy cross; that we have denied thee rather than face mockery, and have sought comfort and security. Forgive our sin, help us to amend and give us courage to endure. Amen.

V. From all misunderstanding of thy purpose in pain; from complaint of thy indifference to our sorrow,
R. Deliver us, good Lord.

V. From refusing to share the sufferings of the world; from forgetting the pain and sorrow of others,
R. Deliver us, good Lord.

V. From seeking comfort and pleasure; from avoiding burdens and neglecting duties,
R. Deliver us, good Lord.

V. From the selfishness which brings needless sorrow to others,
R. Deliver us, good Lord.

V. Almighty Father, who art afflicted in the afflictions of thy people and art full of compassion and tender mercy, hear us as we pray for those who suffer,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

V. For those who bear the pains of childbirth or sickness; for the aged and the dying,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

V. For all who are handicapped in the race of life through no fault of their own; for the defective and the delicate; and all who are permanently injured,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

V. For those whose livelihood is insecure; the overworked, the hungry, and the destitute; for those who have been downtrodden, ruined, and driven to despair,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

V. For little children, whose surroundings hide from them thy love and beauty; for all the fatherless and motherless,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

V. For those who have to bear their burdens alone, and for all who have lost those whom they love,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

V. For those who are in doubt and anguish of soul, for those who are over-sensitive and afraid,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

V. For those whose suffering is unrelieved by the knowledge of thy love,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

V. For those who suffer through their own wrongdoing,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

SET FREE, O Lord, the souls of thy servants from all restlessness and anxiety; give us that peace and power which flow from thee; and keep us in all perplexities and distresses, in all griefs and grievances, from any fear or faithlessness; that so, upheld by thy strength and stayed on the rock of thy faithfulness, through storm and stress we may abide in thee. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast shown us in the life and teaching of thy Son the true way of blessedness, thou hast also showed us in his suffering and death that the path of love may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Give us grace to learn these hard lessons. May we take up our cross and follow Christ, in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such fellowship
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with him in his sorrow, that we may know the secret of
his strength and peace, and see, even in our darkest hour
of trial and anguish, the shining of the eternal light.

Amen.

WORTHY is he who was slain to receive power and
riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory
and blessing, for ever and ever. Amen.

EASTER

13. AN OFFERING OF ADORATION AND PRAISE
    TO THE RISEN AND ASCENDED CHRIST

13 A

V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. He laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am
    the first and the last; I am he that liveth and was dead;
    and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the
    keys of hell and death.
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

V. I saw in the midst of the throne a Lamb as it had been
    slain.
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

V. Lo, I am with you all the days;
R. Even unto the end of the world.

V. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power
    and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and
    glory and blessing.
R. Blessing and honor, and glory and power, be unto thee,
    for ever and ever.

13 B

V. Christ, whom men saw on the mountain-top transfigured
    with the splendor of God; Christ, whom they saw at thy
    ascension girt about with the light of heaven, thy pierced
    hands stretched out in longing over the world; open
    our eyes to see thee as thou art; help us so to know thee,
    that we may love thee; so to love thee, that we may grow
    more like thee; so to follow thee, that through us others
    may know thee and find in thee their hope, their life,
    their joy.
R. Blessing and honor, and glory and power, be unto thee,
    for ever and ever.

V. Not of this world is thy kingdom, yet may thy kingdom
    come on earth; here, while we live and work in the pass·
    ing years, in the knowledge of thee is eternal life. Thou
    hast prepared a place for us that through thee we may
    be always in God's presence; transform us then by thy
    spirit so that we may rise above our selfishness and grow
    up daily into thy likeness. So, because our hearts are in
    heaven, may we the better serve thee on earth, in homely
    love and duty day by day.
R. Blessing and honor, and glory and power, be unto thee,
    for ever and ever.

V. Christ, holy and strong, holy and immortal; God from
    God, Light from Light; born of woman, crucified, risen;
    in whom are fulfilled all human possibilities, and all the
    treasures of God revealed; receive the adoration of thy
    people. Above our failure and bewilderment, our sin,
    our ignorance, and our anxieties, we lift up our hearts
to thy perfection; we love and reverence and worship
thee. Thou hast won eternal redemption for us, and
thou art ever present with thy people; manifest thyself
to the world which waits for thee; and show us, O Lord,
the way that we should walk in, for we lift up our
hearts unto thee.
R. Blessing and honor, and glory and power, be unto thee,
    for ever and ever.

V. Love's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; his domin·
    ion endureth throughout all ages. Come then, O lover
of our race, and reign among us, in love and joy and
peace; extend thy empire over human hearts; let the
burning vision of thy beauty shine out clear before the
eyes of the world; hasten the consummation of thy
kingdom in which love shall be the only king; that the
love wherewith the Father hath loved thee may be in us,
and we be made one in thee.
R. Blessing and honor, and glory and power, be unto thee,
    for ever and ever.
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13 C

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14. Litany of the Church

Whit-Sunday

R. Help us, good Lord.

A. The Church of Christ, the Church Triumphant and Victorious;
   the Church here on earth, the poor Church militant;
   the Church triumphant, the Church in heaven;
   the Church here on earth, begotten, increased, comforted, safe.

V. O. God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;
   from whom the Church is named; from whom the Church is established;
   from whom the Church is gathered; from whom the Church is gathered.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O. Holy Trinity, eternal love;
   the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of power;
   the God of love, the God of mercy, the God of truth;
   the God of peace, the God of comfort, the God of strength.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace;
   the God of light, the God of truth, the God of love;
   the God of wisdom, the God of knowledge, the God of grace.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Son, to be head over the Church;
   to be head over the Church militant, the Church victorious;
   to be head over the Church here on earth, the Church triumphant;
   to be head over the Church in heaven, the Church victorious.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O. God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;
   from whom the Church is named; from whom the Church is established;
   from whom the Church is gathered; from whom the Church is gathered.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace;
   the God of light, the God of truth, the God of love;
   the God of wisdom, the God of knowledge, the God of grace.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Son, to be head over the Church;
   to be head over the Church militant, the Church victorious;
   to be head over the Church here on earth, the Church triumphant;
   to be head over the Church in heaven, the Church victorious.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O. God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;
   from whom the Church is named; from whom the Church is established;
   from whom the Church is gathered; from whom the Church is gathered.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace;
   the God of light, the God of truth, the God of love;
   the God of wisdom, the God of knowledge, the God of grace.

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V. O. God the Son, to be head over the Church;
   to be head over the Church militant, the Church victorious;
   to be head over the Church here on earth, the Church triumphant;
   to be head over the Church in heaven, the Church victorious.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O. God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;
   from whom the Church is named; from whom the Church is established;
   from whom the Church is gathered; from whom the Church is gathered.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace;
   the God of light, the God of truth, the God of love;
   the God of wisdom, the God of knowledge, the God of grace.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Son, to be head over the Church;
   to be head over the Church militant, the Church victorious;
   to be head over the Church here on earth, the Church triumphant;
   to be head over the Church in heaven, the Church victorious.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O. God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;
   from whom the Church is named; from whom the Church is established;
   from whom the Church is gathered; from whom the Church is gathered.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace;
   the God of light, the God of truth, the God of love;
   the God of wisdom, the God of knowledge, the God of grace.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Son, to be head over the Church;
   to be head over the Church militant, the Church victorious;
   to be head over the Church here on earth, the Church triumphant;
   to be head over the Church in heaven, the Church victorious.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O. God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;
   from whom the Church is named; from whom the Church is established;
   from whom the Church is gathered; from whom the Church is gathered.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace;
   the God of light, the God of truth, the God of love;
   the God of wisdom, the God of knowledge, the God of grace.

R. Help us, good Lord.

V. O. God the Son, to be head over the Church;
   to be head over the Church militant, the Church victorious;
   to be head over the Church here on earth, the Church triumphant;
   to be head over the Church in heaven, the Church victorious.

R. Have mercy upon us.
V. That it may please thee to strengthen and enlarge thy holy Church in every land, and to unite all those who profess and call themselves Christians, in faith and hope and charity.

R. We beseech thee, good Lord.

V. That thy Church may strive not for its own safety, but for the world’s salvation, seeking only thy kingdom and thy righteousness,

R. We beseech thee, good Lord.

V. That thy Church may proclaim the gospel throughout the whole earth and make disciples of all nations,

R. We beseech thee, good Lord.

V. That thou wilt grant to all bishops and ministers of thy word and sacraments, the spirit of wisdom, power, and love, and call many more to the work of thy ministry,

R. We beseech thee, good Lord.

V. That thou wilt give to all thy people grace to understand and to believe thy word, and to show forth their faith in their lives,

R. We beseech thee, good Lord.

V. That we may reverently and rightly use thy sacraments and be strengthened in body and soul by thy heavenly grace,

R. We beseech thee, good Lord.

V. That regardless of the praise or contempt of the world, thy Church may worship and adore thee in spirit and in truth,

R. We beseech thee, good Lord.

V. And as we pray for the Church universal, so let us pray for God’s blessing on the Church in this place:

Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Amen.

V. Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged. Amen.

V. Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. Amen.

V. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. Amen.

V. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired. Amen.

V. 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 and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

Here may be added the following ascription of praise.

14 B

V. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing; and for thy Church, the pillar and ground of the truth, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail,

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the light of the everlasting gospel, sent to every nation and kindred, and tongue and people, shining so long amongst ourselves,

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. Blessed be thy glorious name that thy word hath sounded forth, not only in Jerusalem and Antioch, in Athens and in Rome, but that in every place the faith of Christ is spread abroad.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.
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V. For thy good soldiers in every age, striving lawfully, enduring unto the end,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the wisdom of doctors, the zeal of evangelists, the boldness of prophets,
R. We bless and praise thy glorious name.

V. For the love of pastors; for the praise of children; for the ministry of women; for the purity of the young; for the fervor of the aged; for all the signs of thy presence; and for all the marks of thy cross,
R. We bless and praise thy glorious name.

V. For thy gracious word of promise, that they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty,
R. Just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints.

V. Who shall not reverence thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name, for thou only art holy;
R. For all nations shall come and worship before thee, for thy judgments are made manifest.

V. After this I beheld, and lo a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds, and peoples and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands;
R. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

† See also A and B of the following 30

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15. A LITANY OF FELLOWSHIP

15 A

V. Father be with us.
Christ be with us.
Holy Spirit be with us.
R. Be with us, Holy Trinity, One God.

V. In that we have forgotten the new commandment which was given us, that we should love one another,
R. Forgive and convert us.

V. In that we have shared in the failures of our Church, have been weak in her weakness, and have added to her stains,
R. Forgive and convert us.

V. In that we have failed to be true to the teaching of Christ, have distorted the proportion of the faith, have disabled the work of our Master, divided his body, and delayed his coming,
R. Forgive and convert us.

V. In that we have been of little faith, paralyzed by our want of hope, and futile for our great lack of charity,
R. Forgive and convert us.

15 B

V. Again, yet again, in peace let us pray unto God,
R. Lord be with us.

V. For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray unto God,
R. Lord be with us.

V. For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of them all, let us pray unto God,
R. Lord be with us.

V. For our own Church as for the Church universal, that she may be shaped to the standard of that perfect fellowship, eternal in the heavens,
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.
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V. That our Church may become alive again with the fire of her first charity, fearless of danger and reckless unto death, in the splendor of that Life which is the light of the world,
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That she may be worthy of her new-found liberty, persistent in reform, active in benevolence, trusting the people, and ever faithful to the Jerusalem which is above and is free and the mother of us all,
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That our American people, so adventurous and so strong, may rise up to claim their heritage and make the Church their own,
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That our young men and women may have sight of her, pure and fair as a bride adorned, coming down from God out of heaven,
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That our eyes may kindle to her beauty, when she looks forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and mighty as an army with banners,
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That her old men may dream dreams, and her young men see visions; that her sons and her daughters may prophesy, bearing eager witness of her beauty to the world,
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That all her members, putting self aside, disinterested and pure in heart, may seek the truth, and see God, and rejoice in his truth;
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That her ministers may be good and wise, strong and very courageous, competent in their work, and faithful in their witness;
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That her bishops, full of insight and imagination, may venture in great things, not exercising dominion, but as true leaders of the people;
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That her councils and conventions may be keen to go forward, filled with the wisdom of the Spirit, to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem;
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That all the people of the city of God may take up their citizenship, and be fellow-workers in the democracy of Christ;
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That her scholars may have disciples, her prophets hearers, her saints imitators, and all her pioneers many multitudes to follow in their steps;
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. That we may forsake that love of party which keeps us from loving one another; and so, coming in friendship together, we and all our brothers in Christ may find the overpowering love of God, which shall knit us together in one united Church;
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. And, finally, that the Church, with love recovered in her midst, may teach all men to love one another, and all nations to dwell together in helpfulness and friendship, reconciled and redeemed,
R. Dear Lord, we pray thee.

V. Father be with us all.
Christ be with us all.
Holy Spirit be with us all.

All. Be with us, Holy God, now and for evermore.

15 C

V. Let us pray for the Church in the new age:
By this may all men know that we are his disciples,
R. That we have love one to another.

GOD, our Shepherd, give to the Church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of her brightness and the renewal of her unity; that the eternal message of thy Son, undefiled by the traditions of men, may be hailed as the good news of the new age; through him who maketh all things new, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
V. Let us pray for the nation in the new age:
Thou shalt wipe away all tears from their eyes,
R. For the former things are passed away.

GOD, our Ruler, give to every nation the dawning spirit of human brotherhood, a new respect for man and for woman, new loyalty in service, compunction and charity, new happiness in work and justice in reward; that our homes may be restored in thee, our cities rebuilt, and all the world may reflect the radiance of that new Jerusalem whose river is the water of life, and whose light is the Lamb that was slain and now liveth for evermore. Amen.

V. Let us pray for the world in the new age:
Unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
R. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

GOD, our Father, give to the nations of the world a new heart of comradeship; the old man of ignorance and cruelty being done away, and the new man put on, renewed in knowledge, to strengthen and to serve the brethren; that every people may bring its tribute of excellence to the common treasury, without fear, and without the lust of domination; and that all the world may go forward in the new and living way which he hath consecrated for us; who now liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Spirit of truth, one God, world without end. Amen.

V. Holy God, holy, mighty, holy, immortal,
R. Hail, thou joyous light.

V. Let us join in the tumult of praise which at all times ascends unto God.
R. We praise thee, O God.

V. For the wonder of thy beauty manifest in the world, thy wisdom inspiring the works of men, thy saving love for us,
R. We give thanks to thee.
V. O Jesus Christ, the conqueror of death, author and per­fecter of our faith, who didst endure the cross despising the shame, and hast taken thy seat at the right hand of God,
R. We worship thee and give thee thanks for ever.
V. O Holy Spirit of loyalty and courage, through whom the saints were strong to endure unto the end,
R. We worship thee and give thee thanks for ever.
V. We believe in the communion of saints; we believe in the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

† Here may be read Rev. 7: 9-17.
V. Let us give thanks unto God for all his saints. Blessed are the poor in spirit,
R. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
V. For all who in simplicity and poverty, being of no account as men count greatness, have loved and served their fellows for thy sake, and by their beggary have made others rich,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

(Silence)

V. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness,
R. For they shall be filled.
V. For all those who have longed for thy salvation and lived in ordinary daily life as seeking first thy kingdom, and thy righteousness,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

(Silence)

V. Blessed are the merciful,
R. For they shall obtain mercy.
V. For all people who have been lovers of their brethren and sought to help them and show them kindness, being merciful to others, as thou, O Father in heaven, art merciful,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

(Silence)

V. Blessed are the pure of heart,
R. For they shall see God.
V. For all to whom thou hast vouchsafed a vision of thy purity and truth, so that they brought thee into the lives of others,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

(Silence)

V. Blessed are the peacemakers,
R. For they shall be called the children of God.
V. For all who through our Lord have sought to exercise the ministry of reconciliation, and lived in loyalty to the Prince of Peace,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.

(Silence)

V. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
R. For great is their reward in heaven.
V. For all who have suffered for the kingdom's sake and, as disciples of the Son of Man, have loved him unto the death,
R. We praise and bless thy glorious name, O Lord.
(Silence)
V. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake,
R. Rejoice and be exceeding glad.
V. O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord,
R. Praise him and magnify him for ever.
V. O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord,
R. Praise him and magnify him for ever.

† Here may be read Rev. 19: 11-14.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

17. LITANY OF COMMEMORATION
V. Almighty and everlasting God, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead, light of lights, fountain of wisdom and goodness, who livest in all pure and humble and gracious souls; for all who have witnessed a good confession for thy glory and the welfare of the world; patriarchs, prophets, and apostles; the wise of every land and nation, and all teachers of mankind,
R. We praise thee, O God, and bless thy name.
V. For the martyrs of our holy faith; the faithful witnesses to Christ of whom the world was not worthy; and for all who have resisted falsehood and wrong unto suffering or death,
R. We praise thee, O God, and bless thy name.
V. For all who have labored and suffered for freedom, good government, just laws, and the sanctity of the home; and for all who have given their lives for their country,
R. We praise thee, O God, and bless thy name.
V. For all who have sought to bless men by their service and life, and to lighten the dark places of the earth,
R. We praise thee, O God, and bless thy name.
V. For those who have been tender and true and brave in all times and places; and for all who have been one with thee in the communion of Christ's Spirit and in the strength of his love,
R. We praise thee, O God, and bless thy name.
V. For the dear friends and kindred ministering in the spiritual world; whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever,
R. We praise thee, O God, and bless thy name.
V. For all who have labored and suffered for freedom, good government, Just laws, and the sanctity of the home,
R. We praise thee, O God, and bless thy name.
V. And that we may hold them in continual remembrance, that the sanctity of their wisdom and goodness may rest upon our earthly days, and that we may prepare ourselves to follow them in their upward way,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.
V. That we may ever think of them as with thee, and be sure that where they are, there we may be also,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.
V. That we may have a hope beyond this world for all thy children, even for wanderers who must be sought and brought home; that we may be comforted and sustained by the promise of a time when none shall be a stranger and an exile from thy kingdom and household,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.
V. In the communion of the Holy Spirit, with the faithful and the saintly in heaven, with the redeemed in all ages, with our beloved who dwell in thy presence and
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peace, we, who still fight and suffer on earth, unite in ascribing.
R. Thanksgiving, glory, honor, and power unto thee, O Lord our God.

All. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

IV

LITANIES OF INTERCESSION

18. LITANY OF THE DIVINE WILL

V. Jesus said: Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother and sister and mother.
O God, who hast created us all and called us to take our part in thy tremendous purpose,
R. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

V. O God, who hast shown us thy eternal will in the life of Christ our Lord,
R. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

V. O God, who art ever working in men's hearts by the operation of thy Spirit, to make us fellow-workers with thy will,
R. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

V. O God, who wilteth that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of thy truth,
R. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. From all reliance on ourselves, from trying to limit the range of thy purposes, from doubts of thy mightiness in operation,
R. Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

V. From all unwillingness to learn thy will, from clinging to our own plans and desires, from all want of faith in self-committal to thy guidance,
R. Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

V. From cowardice in following thy leading, from ever suffering our own ambitions to cloud the vision of thy will for us, from trying to serve thee and escape the cost,
R. Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.
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V. From weakness when we are faced with big decisions, from over-confidence in making them, from acting without trying to learn thy will,
R. Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

V. From shirking the responsibility of our place in the divine order, from fearing new truth and new ways of thought and life,
R. Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

V. From seeking to set forward human progress, whether in the Church or in the world, by doing our own will instead of loyally asking to know thine,
R. Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

‖ The Minister shall use all or some of these biddings at his discretion.

V. Let us pray for the accomplishment of God's will and purpose as we know it in our Lord.
He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of his will. Eph. 1: 8-9.
No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1: 18.
All things have been delivered unto me by the Father, and no man knoweth the Father but the Son and he to whomsoever the Son wills to reveal him. Matt. 11: 27.
If any man do his will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God. John 7: 17.

(Silence.)

V. Let us pray that society may be so ordered, that every soul may come to the fullness of the perfection for which God made it.
It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. Matt. 18: 14.

(Silence.)

V. Let us pray for the betterment of international relationships, disarmament, the World Court, and the League of Nations.

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Ye have heard it said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies. Matt. 5: 43-4.

(Silence.)

V. Let us pray for greater mutual respect and trust in our dealings one with another, and for greater love of beauty and active purity in all the associations of daily life.
All ye are brethren, for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Matt. 23: 8-9.
Ye have heard it said, Thou shalt not kill, and whosoever killeth shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, Whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. Matt. 5: 21-2.

(Silence.)

V. Let us pray for greater reverence for children, and for the revival of the sanctity of home life.
Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10: 14.

(Silence.)

V. Let us pray for the increasing application of science, and for the study of the body and mind; for the restoration of health and wholesomeness and gladness in the lives of men and women.
If thou art willing, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will, be thou clean. Matt. 8: 2-3.

(Silence.)

V. Let us pray for the growth of the spirit of reconciliation and fellowship, that the will of God for man may be realized in the affairs of this world (especially with regard to . . .).
This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. John 15: 12.

(Silence.)

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V. Let us pray for increased power and vision to the Church, that through us the will of God may be fulfilled.
All power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. Matt. 28: 18-19.
(Silence.)

V. Let us pray for the reunion of the Church, that the spirit of our Lord may be manifest to the world.
I pray that they may all be one, even as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. John 17: 21.
(Silence.)

V. Finally, let us pray for loyalty to do the will of God following our Lord. Remember the test of loyalty to him.
Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of God, but he that doeth the will of my Father. I came not to do mine own will but the will of him that sent me. My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work.
O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Thy kingdom come.
R. Thy will be done.

19. LITANY OF DAILY BREAD

19 A

(Jesus said: Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find. What man is there of you who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will he give him a stone, or if he shall ask for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then with all your human imperfections know how to give good things unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore, whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye also unto them. Matt. 7: 7-12.
Jesus said also: Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat and what ye shall drink, and for your body what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than its food? —the body than its clothes? Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first God's kingdom and his justice and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6: 25-33.)

V. Let us thank God for all the provision which he has made for the needs both of our bodies and souls.
For all the sustenance which thou hast provided for our bodies, minds, and spirits, to fit us for communion with thyself,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For the knowledge that we are all thy children, and that thou dealest with us as our Father, being ever more ready to give than to ask,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For knowledge of the ordered course of nature, delivering us from fear and superstition,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For trusting us with the knowledge of thy laws to subdue the earth and replenish it for thee,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For our physical nature, with its strength and gladness; and for the inexhaustible wealth of life,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. That thou hast sent thy Son, born of a woman, to make our human flesh the instrument of thy glorious and holy will,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. That thy Son labored for his daily bread, knowing hunger and poverty and weakness,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

Intercession

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V. For the resourcefulness and generosity of thy providence for each of us,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For giving us the privilege of service and supplying us with the means to fulfill thy purposes,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. For the spiritual food which thou hast provided for us in the life of Jesus Christ,
R. We thank thee, O Father.

V. Let us ask forgiveness for all the ways in which we have abused God’s gifts, forgetting that they are entrusted to us to be used for him and for our fellow men.

O GOD the Father, from whom all fatherhood in earth and in heaven is named, graciously behold thy family. Thou art kind to the ungrateful and makest thy sun to arise on the just and the unjust. But we have misused thy gifts, and marred thy work and robbed one another of our daily bread. We pray for true repentance and pardon. Help us to feel our share in the world’s guilt, and to glorify thee in our stewardship so that thou wilt give us the true riches; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Our greed and selfishness,
Our luxury and sloth,
Our wastefulness of thy generosity,
R. O Lord forgive.

V. Our disobedience to thy laws,
Our indifference to the needs of others,
Our spoiling of our brother’s and sister’s souls,
R. O Lord forgive.

V. Our starving of their bodies,
Our enslaving them to Mammon,
Our toleration of injustice,
R. O Lord forgive.

V. Our acquiescence in disease,
Our ruthless competition,
Our distrust of love,
R. O Lord forgive.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offenses that by thy great goodness we may all be delivered from the bonds of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. And now, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee that thou who hast taught us to pray for our daily bread, wilt enable us to win and use it according to thy will.
If one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it. If one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof. I Cor. 12: 26-27.
And that thou wilt give men skill and enterprise in husbanding the resources of the earth, that all thy children may have meat enough,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.

V. That we may not try to live by bread alone, but measure all our wealth and all our labor by the standard of our Lord,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.

V. That the condition of men’s daily toil may not starve the souls whom thou hast made for thyself,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.

V. That those who labor in production may not be deprived of their share of thy gifts,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.

V. That the conscience of mankind may be so aroused, that we shall no more eat the bread of oppression, but work together in comradeship and justice,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.

V. That thou wilt give us all a deeper sense of our membership of one another, so that the bonds of our economic life may be the expression of our fellowship in Christ,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.
V. That those who have great wealth may be guided to use it rightly to thy glory and to the welfare of their fellow men,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.
V. That we may all be led to a fuller recognition of our stewardship to thee for the use of our money and our time,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.
V. That thou wilt help all who are not engaged in manual labor that, as they live by others' toil, so by their work others may live better,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.
V. That thou, O Lord, wilt fill us with the desire to alleviate the humiliation and anxiety of those who cannot find employment,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.
V. That thou wilt guide the deliberations of the government and local authorities, and lead men in this land so to co-operate for the common good, that all may have work, to provide their daily bread in freedom, hope, and self-respect,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.
V. For all who carry heavy burdens, that Christ may refresh them,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.
V. For all whose poverty deprives them of the fullness of life,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.
V. For the rich for whom the way is hard, that they may find that simplicity which opens the kingdom of heaven,
R. We beseech thee to hear us.

O LORD CHRIST, who didst say to thine apostles when they would send away the hungry multitude, They need not depart, give ye them to eat; enable us so to use thy Father's gifts as to relieve the necessities of our brethren, and chiefly help us in our daily work so to reflect the glory of thy spirit that they may come to thee, the Bread of Life, and see their soul's desire and be satisfied; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

O THOU whose meat was to do the Father's will, grant us to order and use the things of this world as partakers of the life of the world to come, even that life eternal which thou hast brought from heaven upon earth; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

O CHRIST, thou lover of men's lives, who wast the friend of simple people, and didst live and teach in the homes of working men, reveal thyself in power to the toiling multitudes around us, who need thee; give them the spirit of hope, charity, freedom, simplicity, and gladness, that in thee they may find the life that is life indeed, O thou who only canst, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

20. LITANY OF LABOR

*The Litany can be shortened by the omission of Parts D or B, or of both.*

20 A

V. Lord have mercy upon us.
R. Christ have mercy upon us.
V. Lord have mercy upon us.
O God the Father of all,
R. Have mercy upon us.
V. O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
R. Have mercy upon us.
V. O God the Holy Spirit, dwelling in men,
R. Have mercy upon us.
V. O Holy Trinity, one God,
R. Have mercy upon us.

20 B

V. Jesus, born in poverty, born to bring peace among men, workman at Nazareth,
R. Help us to follow thee.
Litanies of Jesus

V. Jesus, in whom the proud were scattered and the mighty put down, giving good things to the hungry, exalting them of low degree,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, in whom all the nations of the earth are one, in whom is neither bond nor free, brother of all,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, preaching good tidings to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, setting at liberty them that are bound,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, friend of the poor, feeder of the hungry, healer of the sick,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, denouncing the oppressor, instructing the simple, going about to do good,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, teacher of patience, pattern of gentleness, prophet of the kingdom of heaven,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, forgiving them that love much, drawing all men unto thee, calling them that labor and are heavy laden,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, who camest not to be ministered unto, but to minister, who hadst not where to lay thy head, loved by the common people,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, betrayed for the sake of money, taken by the chief priests, condemned by the rulers,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, crucified for us,
R. Help us to follow thee.

V. Jesus, who hast called us to the fellowship of thy kingdom, in whom is no respect of persons, who wilt know us by our fruits,
R. Help us to follow thee.

Intercession

V. Thou Voice of Justice, who dost say to us, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me,
R. Help us to follow thee.

R. Good Lord, deliver us.

V. From the love of money,
From dishonesty in business,
From forgetfulness of our duty,
From anger and malice against opponents,
R. Good Lord, deliver us.

V. From contempt for others,
R. Good Lord, deliver us.

V. From offense against thy little ones,
From oppression of the poor,
From the acceptance of worldly standards,
From hardness, narrowness, and distrust,
From want of faith in the accomplishment of thy will,
R. Good Lord, deliver us.

V. From all pride,
From all lust,
From all anger,
From all envy,
From all sloth,
R. Good Lord, deliver us.

V. By thy taking of our flesh,
By thy humble birth,
By thy hard life,
By thy bitter death,
By thy glorious resurrection and ascension,
R. Dear Lord, deliver us.

V. Be merciful unto us.
R. Hear us, Lord Jesus.

V. By thy recovering of sight to the blind,
R. Remove from us all prejudice.

V. By thy teaching on the Mount,
R. Teach us to hunger and thirst after righteousness.
Litanies of

V. By thy miracle at Cana,
R. Increase among us the joy of life.
V. By thy parables about riches,
R. Help us to distribute.
V. By thy words to the Pharisees,
R. Give us courage to rebuke the wrong in high places.
V. By thy washing the disciples' feet,
R. Teach us to serve others.
V. By thy prayer on the cross,
R. Teach us to love our enemies.
V. By thy cross and passion,
R. Help us to suffer for the truth's sake.
V. By thy presence in the Church,
R. Keep us faithful to thy law of love.
V. By the prayer thou hast given us,
R. Help us to live more nearly as we pray.
V. By thy life and teaching,
R. Make us to love God before all things.
V. By thy life and teaching,
R. Make us to love our neighbor as ourself.

20 E

V. We beseech thee, O Lord, mighty and ever wise, that thou wilt guide, protect, and inspire all those who learn and labor truly to get their own living.
For men who face peril,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For women who suffer pain,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For those who till the earth,
For those who tend machinery,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For those who strive on the deep waters,
For those who venture in far countries,
R. We beseech thee.

Intercession

V. For those who work in offices and warehouses,
   For those who labor at furnaces and in factories,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For those who toil in mines,
   For those who buy and sell,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For those who keep house,
   For those who train children,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For all who live by strength of arm,
   For all who live by cunning of hand,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For all who control, direct, or employ,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For all who enrich the common life through art, and
   science, and learning,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For all who guide the common thought, as writers or as
   teachers,
R. We beseech thee.
V. For all who may serve the common good as pastors,
   physicians, soldiers, lawyers, merchants, and for all
   social workers, leaders, and statesmen,
R. We beseech thee.
V. And for all those who are poor, and broken, and oppresed:
   For all whose labor is without hope,
   For all whose labor is without honor,
   For all whose labor is without interest,
   For those who have too little leisure,
   For those who are underpaid,
   For those who oppress their employees through love of
   money,
   For all women workers,
   For those who work in dangerous trades,
   For those who cannot find work,
   For those who will not work,
   For those who have no home,
For prisoners and outcasts,
For the victims of lust,
For all who are sick or hungry,
For all who are intemperate, luxurious, and cruel,
R. Dear Lord, we pray to thee.

21. LITANY FOR PEACE

21 A

V. O God, the Father of all,
R. Have mercy upon us.
V. O Christ, the Prince of Peace,
R. Have mercy upon us.
V. O Holy Spirit, enlightener of men,
R. Have mercy upon us.
V. Eternal God of Love,
R. Receive our prayer.

21 B

V. Remember, O Lord, the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues; deliver us from every evil which obstructs thy saving purpose; and fulfill thy promises of old to establish thy kingdom of peace.
From the curse of war and all that begets it,
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From believing and speaking lies against other nations,
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From narrow loyalties and selfish isolation,
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From fear and distrust of other nations, from all false pride, vainglory, and self-conceit,
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From the lust of the mighty for riches, that drives peaceful peoples to slaughter,
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From putting our trust in the weapons of war, and from want of faith in the power of justice and goodwill,
R. O Lord, deliver us.

21 C

V. From every thought, word, and deed which divides the human family and separates us from the perfect realization of thy love,
R. O Lord, deliver us.

ETERNAL FATHER, who showest thy people the way in which they should go, turn our feet from the city of destruction toward the city of God, and redirect our desires and labors in accordance with thy will, that we may achieve the new world for which thy Son was content to die, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

V. That nations may vie with each other in the service of man and not in seeking dominion,
R. Father, we pray thee.
V. That science may be the constant handmaid of life and never the henchman of death,
R. Father, we pray thee.
V. That the treasure now spent on the engines of war may be used for the arts of peace,
R. Father, we pray thee.
V. That thy people may rejoice to endure labor and want and death to win, not a war, but thy kingdom,
R. Father, we pray thee.
V. That we may love not only our country but also the whole family of nations,
R. Father, we pray thee.
V. That ancient enmities may pass away and that thou wilt make all things new,
R. Father, we pray thee.

O CHRIST, at whose word the wind and waves were still, rebuke, we pray thee, the violence of men, and usher in the day of brotherhood, that we may truly serve thee; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and worketh for us unceasingly, now and forever. Amen.
Litanies of

V. Lord of life, master of men, pattern of gentleness,
R. Hear us, Lord Jesus.

V. By the prophets’ dream of old,
R. Grant us victory over war.

V. By the angels’ song of peace,
R. Raise up leaders of good will.

V. By thy gospel’s words of love,
R. Help us to love our enemies.

V. By thy sacrificial death,
R. Teach the nations self-denial.

V. By the kingdom thou hast promised,
R. Help us to love our enemies.

V. By the kingdom thou hast promised,
R. Make the nations one.

V. God of the future years, we pray for all thy family upon earth and for every agency of world co-operation that it may grow in usefulness and power;
For thy universal Church,
R. We beseech thee.

V. For the League of Nations,
R. We beseech thee.

V. For the Court of International Justice,
R. We beseech thee.

V. For international federations of labor, industry, and commerce,
R. We beseech thee.

V. For the departments of state, for all ambassadors, ministers, diplomats, and statesmen,
R. We beseech thee.

V. For the prophets and pioneers who have seen the promised land afar off and dedicated their lives to its service,
R. We beseech thee.

V. For the common folk in every land who live in peace and quietness,
R. We beseech thee.

Intercession

ETERNAL FATHER, unto thee we commit ourselves;
use even us with our ignorance and frailty to accomplish
thy holy will; and hasten the day when all shall dwell
together in mutual helpfulness and love; for thine is
the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.

22. LITANY FOR OUR COUNTRY

V. O God the Father, who governest the nations upon earth,
R. Be merciful unto us.

V. O Christ, the light of nations and the glory of thy people,
R. Be merciful unto us.

V. O Holy Spirit of unity and concord,
R. Be merciful unto us.

V. O Triune God of grace,
R. Receive our prayer.

V. Remember not, Lord, the offenses of thy people, our manifold transgressions and our mighty sins; deal not
with us after our sins, neither reward us according to
our wickedness.
R. Spare us, Father of mercies.

V. From blindness of heart, from love of ease, from contentment with the second best, from failure to do
the good that was in the heart of our fathers and for which
they prepared the way,
R. Save thy people, Lord.

V. From presumptuous sins, from pride of possession, from vainglorious boastings, from national hypocrisies,
R. Save thy people, Lord.

V. From the covetousness which is idolatry, from hard bargaining and ruthless competition, and from all the service of mammon and the worship of wealth,
R. Save thy people, Lord.
V. From class warfare and class hatred, from racial antagonisms, from the spirit of party, from the seeking of sectional advantage and forgetfulness of the general good,
R. Save thy people, Lord.
V. From neglect of the unemployed and of the aged, from indifference to strangers and immigrants and outcasts, from cruelty to prisoners, and from all other unbrotherliness,
R. Save thy people, Lord.
V. From failure to take account of the needs of other nations, from living unto ourselves alone, and from putting our trust in our own strength when our trust should be in thee,
R. Save thy people, Lord.
V. From noisy restlessness, from unbelief and profaneness, from forsaking thee, the fountain of living waters, and hewing ourselves out broken cisterns that can hold no water,
R. Save thy people, Lord.
V. Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling-place;
R. And when thou hearest, forgive.
V. That we may hallow thy name, that we may seek first thy kingdom and thy righteousness; and that, as thou givest us to know thy will, so we may do it,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind; and that we may look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others, in honor preferring one another,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
V. That we may be mindful of the poor and the oppressed among us; that we may bring up the children of the nation in thy faith and fear; that we may welcome those who in good faith have come from other lands to seek our fellowship, and receive them in thy name,
R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Let us pray
ALMIGHTY GOD, who turnest the heart of the fathers to their children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; receive, we pray thee, our unfeigned thanks for the good land which thou hast given us. Forgive us our transgressions; cleanse us from all things that defile our national life, and grant that this people, which thou hast abundantly blessed, may keep thy commandments, walk in thy ways, and fear thee. Be gracious to our times, that by thy bounty both national quietness and Christian devotion may be duly maintained. 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.
23. A GENERAL INTERCESSION

V. Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness and grace, we pray for the welfare of our country and for all who are joined to us by the ties of common life; That the President of the United States may be enriched with thy grace; and that all those in authority may have a pure motive and a right judgment in all things,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That a wise and humble spirit may prevail in our national councils; and that we may be delivered from unscrupulous ambitions, selfish rivalries, and mistaken policies,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That those who teach the young may have the childlike heart, and find in Christ the renewal of their life and the inspiration of their work,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That parents may train their children in right ways; and that children may learn to face and overcome the evil that is in the world, and grow up a generation to love and praise thee,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That soldiers and sailors may be defended amid the dangers and temptations of their service; and that the nations may live together in peace and charity,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That men of wealth and ease may not miss the true end of life; that prosperity may not make us selfish; and that poverty may not make us bitter,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That social life and industry may be so ordered that one man's good may not be another man's hurt, and that all may have a just share of wealth, security, and freedom,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That physicians, surgeons, and nurses, and all who are engaged in works of mercy, may be sustained by thee, and guided by thy counsel,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. For all who are worn by illness; all who are wronged and oppressed; the weary and heavy laden; the aged and the dying; that they may be strengthened by thy love and fatherly pity,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That in charity thy Church may flourish, and in truth live and do thy work,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That thy Church may be zealous in laboring for the removal of oppression and injustice, and that it may take its full share in all efforts for the healing of the sick, the clothing of the naked, and the feeding of the hungry,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That the pastors of thy Church may be men of honest mind and simple heart, and set forth thy truth both by their word and life,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That men and women may eagerly respond to every call to sacrifice and service, so that the burden of sin may be lifted off all human hearts and the ends of the earth see thy salvation,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

V. That thy merciful blessing may be extended to all our friends, and to all our enemies; to all who pray for us and to all who have desired that we should pray for them,

R. We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

Let us pray.

O THOU who art the God of the generations of men, we thank thee for all who have walked humbly with thee, and especially for those near to us and dear, in whose lives we have seen the vision of thy beauty. May we know that in the body, or out of the body, they are with thee. Make us glad in their living, comfort and teach us through their dying. Unite us still, God of our souls, in one household of faith and love, one family in heaven and upon earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
GRANT unto us, Almighty God, thy peace that passeth understanding, that we, amid the sorrows of life, may rest in thee, knowing that all things are in thee, under thy care, governed by thy will, guarded by thy love, so that with a quiet heart we may face the clouds and the darkness, ever rejoicing to know that darkness and light are both alike to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V

ACTS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

24. A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

V. O Father of all, who art wisdom and beauty and goodness, whose spirit ever strives in the souls of men, we thank thee that thou hast made us heirs of all the ages of thy creative effort, and called us to share some part of thy burden of redemption.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the vision of thyself in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; for thy divine compassion which carest for us despite our weaknesses, cowardice, and self-love; and for thy leadership until this hour,

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the radiance, mystery, and surprise of this dear world; for thy wisdom and beauty revealed in it; and for the love of friends which sweetens and enriches it,

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the leaven of thy ideals of liberty and justice and brotherhood, which have worked so mightily and still work so hopefully among the peoples of the earth,

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. Because through suffering and weakness, thou hast taught us patience, and given us the sense of dependence upon thee; because in health and strength thou hast given us to share thy joy in being active; and because in sorrow thou hast revealed to us the glory of others’ kindness,

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the discipline of life, for the endurance which is learnt through drudgery; for the work which is its own reward; and for the difficulties which are the material of victory, thy victory in us,

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.
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V. Because through the turmoil of life, we find thy peace; because for the adventure of life, we need thy strength; and because in the supreme adventure of death, we have thy blessed hope,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the laughter of children; for mirth and wit; for the jest of gallant souls that makes us ashamed to be afraid; and for the cheerfulness of suffering folk, which shames us out of self-concern,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For thy Church on earth, for the comfort and encouragement of the blessed company of faithful people; and above all for the sense of thy companionship with us in loneliness and fellowship, in sacrament and prayer,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.

25. CONCERNING THE CHILDREN

V. Let us give thanks for Christ's revelation to us of God's love for children, and of their infinite value in his sight.

V. For his tender compassion towards them; for his burning indignation against those who do them wrong; for his deep and overflowing love, drawing them towards himself; for his message of their nearness to the Father of all,
R. Blessed be God.

V. For the beauty of children and their joy in beautiful things; for their mirth and laughter; and for the joy and light they bring into the world,
R. Blessed be God.

V. For their enthusiasms, their abounding energy, and their love of the heroic and adventurous; for their candid generous trust in those around them; and for their quick response to calls of love and service,
R. Blessed be God.

V. For the childhood of Jesus our Lord; for his birth and helpless babyhood; for his mother's gentle care and nurture; and for all unknown souls who nursed and tended him,
R. Blessed be God.

V. For his joyful, eager, natural, obedient boyhood, uplifting human childhood into the Godhead; for the grace and love of God, by which we know he took to himself the form of a child, and gave to us the joy of knowing the Father,
R. Blessed be God.

V. And as we give thanks for the infinite value of children, so let us pray for fathers and mothers, and for all of us through whom children receive their first thoughts of God.
That we may have a deepened sense of the fatherhood of God, and may so practice his presence, that the children may be won for Jesus,
R. Hear us, our Father.

V. That we may have the love of parents and the wisdom of teachers; that our lives may be ruled by simplicity, gladness, and sympathy; and that we may guide by the constraining influence of love, rather than by the restraint of fear,
R. Hear us, our Father.

V. That with patience we may foster in children a love of goodness, truth, and beauty; and that we may lead the splendid energy of youth to find its outlet and satisfaction in fellowship and service,
R. Hear us, our Father.

V. That by the inspiration of thy loving Spirit we may direct the thoughts of our children through curiosity to wonder, through fairies to angels, through the imagination of the delights of playtime to the worship of the joys of the Eternal,
R. Hear us, our Father.

V. That by the same Spirit we may inspire the children to think of Christ as ever near; to know his standard as our standard, his cause as our cause, himself as our captain and hero and king,
R. Hear us, our Father.
V. Let us in silence remember before God all children born with some defect of body or hindered by their environment, all orphaned, homeless, or unwanted children, all children of loveless homes.

(Silence.)

O HEAVENLY FATHER, make our hearts burn within us for the children who go neglected or unloved; let thy Spirit breathe into us a living renewal, that with wise statesmanship, and readiness to combine with others, we may turn to good account every law for their welfare; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence.)

MAY the grace of courage, gaiety, and the quiet mind, with all such blessedness as belongs to the children of the Father in heaven, be ours; to the praise of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who ever liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

26. AN ACT OF PRAISE

V. Let us praise God:
For the day, for the glory and warmth of the sun, for the stir of life, and for honest toil that wins food and rest.
R. God be praised for the day.

V. For the earth, the sustainer of life; for the hills, the plains, and the dales; and for the beauty of meadows and fields, of flowers and of trees.
R. God be praised for the earth.

V. For the sky, for the shifting clouds, and for the glory of sunrise and sunset.
R. God be praised for the sky.

V. For the sea, that yields and receives again the water without which life would die, and is wonderful in its stillness and more wonderful in its storm.
R. God be praised for the sea.

V. Let us praise God:
For our food, and the pleasures he has given us in it, lest we should neglect the needs of life; may he help us to shun all waste and to rejoice in sharing with others.
R. God be praised for our food.

V. For the shelter from wind and weather, which hallowed by love becomes our home; may he strengthen our will that no one shall go hungry or ill-housed or ill-clad.
R. God be praised for our home.

V. Let us praise God:
For our fathers and mothers, by whom he orders lives and comforts hearts, bringing strength to a house and sweetness to labor; may he hallow their work and direct their ways.
R. God be praised for good fathers and mothers.

V. For the gift of children; may he help us to train them to be reverent and truthful, that they may gladden our hearts and bring joy to the world.
R. God be praised for children.

V. For good friends to rejoice with us in our joys, to cheer us in trouble and to lighten our tasks; may he help us to repay them in fellowship and service.
R. God be praised for our friends.

V. Let us praise God:
For joy that heightens all our life and doubles our powers; may he help us to kindle it in the hearts of others by the gladness of our face.
R. God be praised for joy.

V. For mirth, that unites us with others and refreshes us for our work; may he help us to keep it kind and true.
R. God be praised for mirth.

V. For health, bringing wholesomeness of body and mind; may he help us to give our strength to his service.
R. God be praised for health.

V. Let us praise God for life.
R. All praise be to God. Amen.
27. AN EXPRESSION OF JOY AND HUMILITY

V. Let us praise God in gladness and humility for all great and simple joys; and for the weak things of the earth which have confounded the strong,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the gift of wonder and the joy of discovery; for the everlasting freshness of experience; for the newness of life each day as we grow older,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the fireside and the intimate talks of friendship; for the little traditions and customs of the home; for meals eaten together in fellowship; and for all the sanctities of family life,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For games and holidays in the open air; for bright eyes and lovely bodies; for books and pictures and all our small possessions,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For birds; for children and the joy of innocence; for the joy of work attempted and achieved; for the joy of harvest and the wedding feast,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the trees in spring and the fruit blossoms; for the smell of the country after rain; for the green grass and the flowers; for cloud and sun and hills and mountain streams,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For the joy which is born of sympathy and sorrow; for the joy of the lost soul finding love again; and for the joy of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For all pure comedy and laughter; and for the gift of humor and gaiety of heart,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

V. For all the Lord’s merry-men, who have consecrated mirth with the love of Christ,
R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.
VI

PRAYERS

These prayers are additional to those printed in the foregoing and are numbered for the purpose of enabling minister and people occasionally to offer these prayers all together.

FOR SPECIAL GIFTS AND GRACES

FOR LOVE OF GOD

1. O GOD, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with such love towards thee that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to thy will; and grant that thus loving thee, we may become daily more like unto thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those that love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. ETERNAL GOD, the light of the minds that know thee, the joy of the hearts that love thee, and the strength of the wills that serve thee; grant us so to know thee that we may truly love thee, so to love, that we may fully serve thee, to the honor and glory of thy holy name. Amen.

FOR FORGIVENESS

3. GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt, may by thy merciful pardon be absolved, that, being cleansed from all stain of sin, we may be clothed in thy righteousness, and worthily rejoice in the joy of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR GUIDANCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL

4. O GOD, who hast spoken to us by thy Spirit moving in the hearts of prophets and saints; grant us so to hear their scriptures, read, study, and meditate upon them, that we may be led into ever fuller truth, and be guided in the way of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR LOYALTY

5. TEACH us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6. O THOU who art heroic love, keep alive in our hearts that adventurous spirit, which makes men scorn the way of safety, so that thy will be done. For so only, O Lord, shall we be worthy of those courageous souls, who in every age have ventured all in obedience to thy call, and for whom the trumpets have sounded on the farther shore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7. O ETERNAL GOD, who in Jesus Christ thy Son hast shown us the revelation of thy character; help us in him to see thee as thou art, and to walk in the way which he has declared to us; who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Spirit now and ever. Amen.

8. BE thou, O Lord, we beseech thee, the saviour and sanctifier of thy people, that we who are strengthened by thy risen presence may in our daily life walk with thee, and in humble trust seek to follow, as thou callest us by name and dost lead us out, our Shepherd and our Lord. Amen.

9. O GOD, who workest in love unceasingly, and wouldst give to each man his appointed work; help us steadfastly and as in thy sight to fulfill the duties of our calling; so that when our Lord shall take account of us, we may be found faithful stewards and enter into his eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR DIVINE PROTECTION

10. PROTECT us, O Lord, in all the changes of this mortal life, that we, surely trusting thy never-failing fatherly love, may accept the issues of life in the glad service of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PURITY

11. O GOD, mercifully grant unto us that the fire of thy
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love may burn up in us all things that displease thee, and make us meet for thy heavenly kingdom; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FOR JOY

12. O GOD, who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ from the dead hast delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of thy love; grant, we beseech thee, that as by his death he has recalled us unto life, so by his presence ever abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through him who for our sakes died and rose again and is ever with us in power and great glory, even the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13. O GOD of hope, fill us, we beseech thee, with all joy and peace in believing, that we may ever abound in hope by the power of thy Holy Spirit, and show forth our thankfulness to thee in trustful and courageous lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

FOR FELLOWSHIP

14. O GOD, our heavenly Father, who dost bless the meek with a rich inheritance, make us less ready to speak ill of our neighbors and to find fault with one another, and less anxious to win the good opinion of men. Keep us, we pray thee, from bitterness and envy, and teach us to care only to do the thing that pleaseth thee, that thy loving Spirit may lead us into the land of righteousness and peace. Amen.

15. GOD our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, direct our ways; the Lord make us to increase and abound in love one towards another, and towards all men, to the end that he may establish our hearts unblameable in holiness before God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR USE ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS

AT HOLY COMMUNION

16. ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given to thy people the true Bread who cometh down from heaven, even thy Son Jesus Christ; grant that our souls may be so fed by him who giveth health unto the world, that we may abide in

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him and he in us, and thy Church be filled with the power of his deathless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

17. O CHRIST, the true Vine and the source of life, ever giving thyself that the world may live, who also hast taught us that those who would follow thee must will to lose their lives for thy sake; grant us so to receive within our souls the power of thine eternal sacrifice that in sharing thy cup we may share thy glory and at the last be made perfect in thy love; to the honor of thy holy name. Amen.

18. VISIT, O Lord, we pray thee, and cleanse our consciences, that thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, when he cometh, may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

19. INCLINE thy merciful ear, O Lord, to our prayers and enlighten our hearts by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may worthy approach these sacred mysteries and love thee with an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

20. GRANT, we beseech thee, O Christ, that as we all share in one life, being members of thy body, so we may all use thy gifts for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of thy body, till we attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of thee, unto a full-grown man, unto the measure of the stature of thy fullness, to whom be all praise and glory now and for evermore. Amen.

21. GRANT us, O Lord, the help of thy grace, that at this holy sacrament we may bring all our thoughts and desires into subjection to thy blessed will, and may offer our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice unto thee, in union with the perfect sacrifice of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

22. SANCTIFY, O Lord, both our coming in and our going forth; and grant that when we leave thy house we
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may not leave thy presence, but be thou ever near unto us and keep us near unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

23. BLESSED LORD, who for our sakes wast content to bear sorrow and want and death, grant unto us such a measure of thy Spirit that we may follow thee in all thy courage and self-denial, and help us by thy great love to succor the afflicted, to relieve the needy and destitute, to share the burdens of the heavy laden, and to see thee in all who are poor and desolate; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end, Amen.

24. O GOD, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy cross and passion, grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

25. GRANT, O Lord, that the ears which have heard the voice of thy songs may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen thy great love may also behold thy blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung thy praise may speak the truth; that the feet which have walked thy courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have partaken of thy living body may be restored in newness of life. Glory be to thee for thine unspeakable gift. Amen.

26. ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us to receive the body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, that, by means thereof we may be united more closely unto thee, grant that we may strive to promote unity and fellowship among all men; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

27. REMEMBER, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve, and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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AT EASTERTIDE

28. O GOD, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; grant that, as he was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life and seek those things which are above, where with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

AT ROGATIONTIDE

29. GIVE, O Lord, to all who till the ground the wisdom to understand thy laws, and to co-operate with thy wise ordering of the world. Give to men of science the power to discover the secrets of nature. Give to our statesmen the will to make just laws. Give to farmers and laborers the desire to work together in the spirit of justice and good will. And grant that the fruits of thy bountiful earth may not be hoarded by selfish men or squandered by foolish men, but that all who work may share abundantly in the harvest of thy soil, according to thy will, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT WHITSUNTIDE

30. O GOD, who in the exaltation of thy Son Jesus Christ dost sanctify thy universal Church; shed abroad in every race and nation the gift of his Spirit; that the work wrought by his power at the first preaching of the gospel may be extended throughout the whole world; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit now and ever. Amen.

IN TIME OF SCARCITY

31. O GOD, our heavenly Father, who by thy blessed Son hast taught us to ask our daily bread of thee; behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people, and send us a seasonable relief in this our necessity. Increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction, and grant that we, receiving with thankfulness thy gracious gifts, may use the same to thy glory, the relief of those that are needy, and our own comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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AT HARVEST

32. ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season, we yield thee humble and hearty thanks for these thy bounties, beseeching thee to give us grace rightly to use them to thy glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE DIOCESE OR PARISH DURING A VACANCY

33. ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good gifts, look graciously, we beseech thee, on thy Church, and so guide with thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a bishop for this diocese (or rector or vicar for this parish), that we may receive a faithful pastor who shall shepherd thy people according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A RETREAT OR QUIET DAY

34. O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst say to thy disciples, Come ye apart and rest awhile, grant us so to seek thee whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find thee and be found of thee; who with the Father in the unity of the Spirit livest and reignest, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DURING AN ELECTION

35. ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, guide and direct, we humbly beseech thee, the minds of all those who are called at this time to exercise the responsible duty of electing fit persons to serve in the government of this nation (or of this state or city or town). Grant that the effect and right issue of their choice may promote thy glory and the welfare of this people; and to all those who shall be elected, give, we pray thee, the spirit of wisdom, courage, sympathy, and true godliness. And this we ask for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

UNDER THREAT OF WAR

36. O GOD, who hast made of one blood all the nations of the earth, and hast set the bounds of their habitation that they might seek after thee and find thee; mercifully hear our supplications, and remove from us the menace of war. Guide the rulers with thy counsel and restrain the passions of the people, so that bloodshed may be averted and peace be preserved. And, by the pouring forth of thy Spirit upon all flesh, quicken the sense of our common brotherhood, bring the nations into a new bond of fellowship, and hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

37. O ALMIGHTY GOD, the refuge of all them that put their trust in thee, we turn to thee in this time of trouble; direct the course of this world, we humbly beseech thee, in accordance with thy holy will; take away whatsoever hinders the nations from unity and concord; prosper all counsels which make for the restoration of a rightful and abiding peace. And this we ask for thy mercy's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

38. LORD of boundless love, who in thine hour of agony didst pray for those who nailed thee to the Cross, help us also in all humility and all sincerity to pray for our enemies. Incline their soldiers and sailors and ours to mercy. Give fresh vision to their rulers and people, and grant that, having seen thy truth, they may have courage to uphold it; so that when this hour of conflict is passed, they and we may be reunited in the bonds of Christian love, and work together, as thy children, for the advancement of thy kingdom and to the glory of thy name. Amen.

AT NEW YEAR

39. ETERNAL FATHER, who makest all things new yet abidest for ever the same, grant us so to pass through this coming year with faithful hearts, that we may spend all our days in thy service, and in all things do thy loving will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT THE END OF A YEAR

40. MOST gracious God, who hast been merciful unto us not only in the year past but through all the years of our life; pardon our sins, fashion in us those virtues which are acceptable unto thee, and grant that in sincerity we may
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serve thee more faithfully in the year that is to come; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

BEFORE WORSHIP

41. O LORD Most High, let our prayers be set before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Unite us in faith with thy whole Church, in hope with thy saints in heaven, and in love with all who are praying at this hour; and grant by thy mercies, that we may present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service, and by thy grace be enabled to offer unto thee the sacrifice of a contrite heart, which thou, O God, wilt not despise. *Amen.*

42. O GOD of peace, our Father, we come to thee for refuge from the noise and hurry of the world, and the oppression of selfish thoughts and fears. Deliver us from the sins which hide thee from men and give us of thy peace. And, we pray thee, grant that the spirit which dwelt in thy Son without measure may so dwell in us that we may worship thee in humility and gladness, and go forth with hearts made cheerful and strong by the knowledge of thy love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AT MORNING PRAYER

43. O THOU who makest the stars and turnest the shadow of death into the morning, we render thee, our Lord and King, the tribute of our praise, for this new day, for the everlasting hopes that rise within the human heart, and for the gospel which has brought life and immortality to light. *Amen.*

44. O LORD, who hast brought us through the darkness of night to the light of morning, and who, by thy Holy Spirit, dost illumine the darkness of ignorance and sin; we beseech thee of thy loving-kindness to pour thy holy light into our souls that we may be ever devoted to thee, by whose wisdom we were created, by whose mercy we were redeemed, and by whose providence we are governed; to the honor and glory of thy great name. *Amen.*

AT EVENING PRAYER

45. BE present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may repose upon thine unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

46. LOOK down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, and illumine the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

47. O GOD, who never sleepest and art never weary, have mercy upon those who watch to-night: On those who command, that they may be strengthened with counsel; On the sick, that they may obtain sleep; On the faint-hearted, that they may have hope; On the light-hearted, lest they forget thee; On the dying, that they may find peace; On the sinful, that they may turn again; And save us, O good Lord. *Amen.*

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FOR THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM

48. O GOD, who hast set before us the great hope that thy kingdom shall be established upon earth! do rule our lives by thy Spirit that all our thoughts, desires, and acts being made obedient unto thee, thy power, thy glory, and the mightiness of thy kingdom may be made known unto men; grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

49. O GOD, who by thy Spirit in our hearts dost lead men to desire thy perfection, to seek for truth and to rejoice in beauty; illuminate and inspire, we beseech thee, all thinkers, writers, artists, and craftsmen; that, in whatsoever is true and pure and lovely, thy name may be hallowed and thy kingdom come on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

50. O GOD, the strength of them that labor and the rest of the weary; grant us when we are tired with our work to be recreated by thy Spirit; that being renewed for the
service of thy kingdom, we may serve thee gladly in freshness of body and mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE CHURCH

51. O GOD, the source of all good gifts, we thank thee for the rich heritage which is ours in thy holy catholic Church. Thou hast done much for us already and we believe that thou hast also much to give and teach us in our own time. Grant that thy Church may never settle down to mere contentment with the tradition of the past. Grant that it may be alive to all new movements of thy Spirit in the hearts and minds of men. May it stand always for the removal of injustice and the vindication of righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

52. ALMIGHTY GOD, whose Son Jesus Christ came to cast fire upon the earth; grant that by the prayers of thy faithful people a fire of burning zeal may be kindled and pass from heart to heart, that the light of thy Church may shine forth bright and clear; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

53. O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst pray for thy disciples that they might be one even as thou art one with the Father, draw us to thyself that, in common love and obedience to thee, we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that thou art Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH

54. O THOU who art the light of the world, the desire of all nations, and the shepherd of our souls; let thy light shine in the darkness, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God. By the lifting up of thy cross, gather the peoples to thine obedience, to whom alone belongeth the scepter and the crown; let thy sheep hear thy voice and be brought home to thy fold; so that there may be one flock, one shepherd; one holy kingdom of righteousness and peace; one God and Father of us all, above all and through all and in all. Amen.

55. EVERLASTING FATHER, the radiance of faithful souls, who didst bring the nations to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising; fill, we beseech thee, the world with thy glory and show thyself unto all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. Amen.

56. MERCIFUL GOD, who hast made all men for love, and willest that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of thy truth; have mercy upon those who know thee not; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy Son who was lifted up to draw all men unto him, that they may be numbered among thy faithful servants and be made one flock under one shepherd, even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR MISSIONARY WORKERS OVERSEAS

57. BESTOW, O Lord, thy heavenly grace upon all who are called to be fellow workers with thee, that by them Christ may be lifted up in every land and all men be drawn to him. In times of loneliness and weariness cheer them with thy presence; in disappointment give them patience; in the press of affairs keep their spirits fresh; in difficulties and dangers uphold and protect them; in success keep them humble of heart; in failure strengthen them to persevere. Make them to be joyful in spirit, radiant in life, steadfast in faith, zealous in service, and at all times deepen in them the sense of dependence upon thee and give them peace in thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

58. LORD of the nations, who hast broken down in Christ the wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, bond and free; unite the Christian people of different races in the bonds of a true brotherhood. Grant that all who go out to be witnesses for Christ in other lands may reflect his spirit of self-sacrifice and humble service, and that the young churches of those lands may grow up to a fuller stature by the glad acceptance of their help and fellowship; so that East and West, made one in Christ, may together labor for the bringing in of thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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FOR BISHOPS, CLERGY AND MINISTERS

59. O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thine apostles so richly with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, grant to all thy servants who minister and teach in thy holy name, the spirit of wisdom and love, that in all their words and deeds they may seek thy glory and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

60. ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed various orders in thy Church: give thy grace, we beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office or administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

61. O THOU true Light that lightest every man, coming into the world; do thou in thy mercy touch the heart and enlighten the understanding of all whom thou dost call to the service of thy Church; that they may cheerfully acknowledge and readily obey thy claim upon their lives, to the benefit of thy people and the glory of thy holy name; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

62. O ALMIGHTY GOD, who in thy mercy hast redeemed the world by the love of thy dear Son; call many, we beseech thee, to the ministry of thy Church, so that by their labors thy light may shine in the darkness, and the kingdom of thy Son be hastened by the perfecting of thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

63. ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to this parish (and place in which we live) all things needful for its spiritual welfare. Strengthen and

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confirm the faithful, visit and relieve the sick, turn and soften the wicked, arouse the careless, recover the fallen, restore the penitent. Remove all hindrances, we beseech thee, to the advancement of thy truth, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind in Jesus Christ, to the honor and glory of thy holy name. Amen.

64. VISIT, O Lord, this parish with thy mercy, and remove far from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy presence dwell in it to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

65. ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone givest wisdom and understanding; inspire, we pray thee, the minds of all to whom thou hast committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and classes may work together in true brotherhood, and thy Church may serve thee in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

66. O LORD our God, who dost will for all nations such good things as pass man's understanding; shape the desires and deeds of thy people in accordance with thy purpose for the world, that, seeking first thy kingdom and righteousness, we may be good citizens of this nation, and set forth the true welfare of mankind; through thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

67. ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, bless our country that it may be a blessing to the world; grant that our ideals and aspirations may be in accordance with thy will, and help us to see ourselves as others see us. Keep us from hypocrisy in feeling or action. Grant us sound government and just laws, good education and a clean press, simplicity and justice in our relations with one another, and, above all, a spirit of service which will abolish pride of place and inequality of opportunity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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68. TEACH us, O Lord, to see every question of foreign policy in the light of our creed; that we may check in ourselves and in others every temper which makes for war, all ungenerous judgments, all promptings of self-assurance, all presumptuous claims; and grant that being ever ready to recognize the needs and aspirations of other nations, we may, with patience, do whatsoever in us lies to remove suspicions and misunderstandings; and to honor all men in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

69. FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN INDUSTRY

O GOD, the Father of all mankind, we beseech thee to inspire us with such love, truth, and equity, that in all our dealings one with another we may show forth our brotherhood in thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

70. O GOD, who hast taught us that we are members one of another, remove, we beseech thee, from among us all distrust and bitterness in industrial disputes; and grant that, seeking what is just and equal, and caring for the needs of others, we may live and work together in unity and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For The Sick

71. ALMIGHTY FATHER, giver of life and strength, restore the joy of thy salvation, we beseech thee, to the sick and suffering (especially those for whom our prayers are desired); that by thy blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them, they may be restored to health of body and mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Hospital Prayer

72. ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst send thy Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Saviour and Healer of men; bless, we beseech thee, this hospital and its work; to those who serve, give wisdom and skill, tenderness and strength; to those who are ill, give patience and courage and the recovery of health; and grant that in every hour of trial we may know that thou art near, and put our whole trust in thy goodness and mercy, declared unto us in the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE

73. O THOU whose presence is everywhere and whose mercy never faileth, graciously regard all who are in trouble or danger and especially those known to ourselves, (whom we now name in our hearts before thee); guide the perplexed, defend the wronged, restore the lost, heal the sick, befriend the lonely, comfort the sorrowing, and receive the spirits of the dying; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

74. ALMIGHTY FATHER, who in thy Word hast taught us that no man lives or dies unto himself; grant us so to fulfill the law of Christ that in bearing one another's burdens we may share in thy work of redemption; through him who has borne our infirmities and now liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.

FOR MOURNERS

75. LORD JESUS, we beseech thee, by the loneliness of thy suffering on the cross, be nigh unto all them that are desolate and in pain or sorrow to-day; and let thy presence transform their loneliness into comfort, consolation, and holy fellowship with thee, Lord Jesus, thou pitiful Saviour. Amen.

76. COMFORT, O Lord, we pray thee, all who mourn for the loss of those near and dear to them; be with them in their sorrow; give them faith to look beyond the troubles of the present time, and to know that neither life nor death can separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR TRAVELERS AND THOSE ON HOLIDAY

77. O GOD, who ever bestowest thy mercy on them that love thee, and unto those that serve thee art always near; direct the way of thy servants that, thou being their protector and guide, they may finish their journey in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

78. GRANT, O Lord, that we may so enjoy our holiday at this season, that our bodies may be strengthened, our minds renewed, and our energies quickened for the perfect freedom of thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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FOR FRIENDS

79. O GOD, our heavenly Father, we commend unto thy loving care all who are joined to us by the ties of kindred, friendship, and love; keep them, we beseech thee, both outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls, and let thy merciful blessing ever rest upon them and us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

80. O THOU, who art present in every place and from whose love neither space nor distance can separate us, give us to know that those who are absent from each other are still present with thee; and grant that, though separated, we may realize our communion with one another in the fellowship of thy service, here and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE ABOUT TO BE MARRIED

81. LORD GOD, giver of life and love, let thy blessing rest upon those whom thou hast drawn together in love. Build thou for them their home. Give them wisdom for life, and discretion in the guidance of their affairs; and may thy fatherly hand ever be over them and thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMENDATIONS AND Benedictions

82. LOVE eternal,
Love that sufferest long and still art kind,
Love that seekest not thine own,
Love that believest in us,
Love that hopest in us,
Love that bearest with us,
Love that never failest,
Love that abidest and shall abide,
Love that art in all things and over all things,
God, immortal, invisible,
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier,
Thou reignest,
And in thee is our trust and hope,
Now and for evermore. Amen.

83. UNTO the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

84. UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit ourselves. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and for evermore. Amen.

85. MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us and upon all our work and worship done in his name. May he give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us, now and for evermore. Amen.

86. 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 us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

87. NOW the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered awhile, make us perfect, stablish, strengthen us. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

88. NOW unto him who 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 and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

89. NOW unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

90. NOW unto God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be ascribed, as is most justly due, all honor, power, might, majesty, and dominion henceforth and for evermore. Amen.