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A FORM OF  
PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING  
TO ALMIGHTY GOD,

*For the fruits of the earth, and all the other blessings of his merciful Providence; to be used yearly on the first Thursday in November, or on such other day as shall be appointed by the Civil Authority.*



*¶ The service shall be as usual, except where it is hereby otherwise appointed.*

*¶ Among the Sentences at the beginning of Morning Prayer shall be the following.*

HONOUR the LORD with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty; and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. *Prov. iii. 9, 10.*

The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. *Prov. iii. 19, 20.*

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deut. xxxiii. 27.*

Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon the land of corn and of wine, also his heaven shall drop down dew. *Deut. xxxiii. 28.*

Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! *Deut. xxxiii. 29.*

*¶ Instead of O come let us sing, etc., the following shall be said or sung.*

OPRAISE ye the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The LORD doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp to our God.

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men ;

He giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens who call upon him.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates : and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders : and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

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

¶ *Then shall be said or sung one of the Selections, or some other portion of the Psalms, at the discretion of the Minister.*

¶ *The First Lesson shall be Deut. 8, and the Second Lesson shall be 1 Thess. 5, v. 12 to v. 24.*

¶ *After the General Thanksgiving, shall be said this which followeth.*

**M**OST gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew ; We yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies ; such as may appear in our

lives, by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*



*The Collect to be used instead of that for the day.*

**O** MOST merciful Father, who hast blessed the labours of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; We give thee humble and hearty thanks for this thy bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-kindness to us; that our land may still yield her increase, to thy glory and. our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Epistle. St. James i. 16.*

**D**O not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be

blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

*The Gospel.* St. Matt. v. 43.

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

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FORMS OF  
PRAYER TO BE USED IN FAMILIES.



MORNING PRAYER.

*¶ The Master or Mistress having called together as many of the Family as can conveniently be present, let one of them, or any other whom they shall think proper, say as follows, all kneeling.*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we

forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; We, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises, for thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To thy watchful providence we owe it, [\*that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling; but that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day.] For these thy mercies we bless and magnify thy glorious Name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, the Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Acknowledgment of God's mercy and preservation, especially through the night past.*

*\*When disturbances of any kind befall a family, instead of this, say, that notwithstanding our dangers, we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day.*

**A**ND, since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Dedication of soul and body to God's service, with a resolution to be growing daily in goodness*

**B**UT, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; We humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to

*Prayer for grace to enable us to perform that resolution.*

give us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by him whom thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**I**N particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways, [\*and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations.] Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*For grace to guide and keep us the following day, and for God's blessing on the business of the same.*

*\* On Sunday morning, instead of this, say, and let thy Holy Spirit accompany us to the place of thy public worship, making us serious and attentive, and raising our minds from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next; that we may fervently join in the prayers and praises of thy Church, and listen to our duty with honest hearts, in order to practise it.*

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



## EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *The family, being together, a little before bed time, let the Master or Mistress, or any other whom they shall think proper, say as follows, all kneeling.*

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

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws.\* But, gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

*Confession of sins, with a prayer for contrition and pardon.*

*\* Here let him who reads make a short pause, that every one may secretly confess the sins and failings of that day.*



AND last, through our own frailty, or *Prayer for*  
 the temptations which encompass *grace to reform*  
 us, we be drawn again into sin, vouch- *and grow better.*  
 safe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance  
 of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in  
 the temper and disposition of our souls; that no  
 unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate  
 desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from  
 envy, hatred, and malice: that we may never suf-  
 fer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may  
 always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-  
 will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee,  
 and towards men: That so we may be preserved  
 pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord  
 and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AND accept, O Lord, our intercessions *The Inter-*  
 for all mankind. Let the light of *cession.*  
 thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as  
 many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be  
 gracious unto thy Church; and grant that every  
 member of the same, in his vocation and ministry,  
 may seive thee faithfully. Bless all in authority  
 over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen  
 their hands, that they may punish wickedness and  
 vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue.  
 Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual,  
 upon all our relations, friends, and neighbours.  
 Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all  
 those who have done or wish us evil, and give them  
 repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all  
 who are in any trouble; and do thou, the God of  
 pity, administer to them according to their several  
 necessities; for his sake who went about doing  
 good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

TO our prayers, O Lord, we join our *The Thanks-*  
 unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies; *giving.*

for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food, and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy mercy in sending thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives, and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day; beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to us, and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to his laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**I**N particular, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die; so that, living and dying, we may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son Jesus Christ, in whose Name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

*Prayer for  
God's protec-  
tion through the  
night following.*

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

*¶ On Sundays and on other days, when it may be convenient, it will be proper to begin with a Chapter, or part of a Chapter, from the New Testament.*