

acknowledge my grievous and manifold transgressions; save me in the multitude of thy mercies; so shall my mouth be filled with thy praise, and I will sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Lord save me. Jesus, Master, have mercy on me! Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me!

Help me, O God of my salvation, for the glory of thy name: O deliver me, and be merciful to my sins, for thy name's sake.

Let thy Holy Spirit fit me for the duties of thy worship and service.

Impart to me thy grace; that I may add to my faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity: That so, not forgetting that I have been purged from my old sins, I may be fruitful in good works, and give all diligence to make my calling and election sure, through Jesus Christ.

¶ Add an Act of Intercession, as on Sunday.

*Our Father, &c.*

## A LITANY.

*Or humble Supplication for those Virtues and Graces which respect our Duty to Almighty God, our Neighbours, or Ourselves*

¶ To be added to the daily Prayers on Festivals and Fasts, and on other Days of extraordinary Devotion.

[Altered from *The pious Country Parishioner instructed.*]

O God, the Father of heaven;

*Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind;

*Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.*

O God the Holy Ghost, the sanctifier, comforter, and perfecter of the faithful;

*Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.*

O God, who hast made me; who preservest me every moment of my life; who hast redeemed me by the blood of thy Son, and sanctified me by the grace of thy Holy Spirit; who hast afforded me all the necessary means and helps to salvation, and hast prepared a glorious inheritance for me in the kingdom of heaven;

*Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.*

From infidelity, and distrust of thy mercy, O God; from murmuring at thy dealings with me; from being impatient under thy afflicting hand, and disobedient to thy just commands;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From indulging evil thoughts and desires; from bad company and discourse; from taking

thy sacred name in vain; from misspending the Lord's day; from coldness, wanderings, and indevotion in my prayers;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From putting off my repentance from day to day; and from resisting the good motions of thy Holy Spirit;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From despairing of thy mercy, or presuming groundlessly on thy goodness, going on in a course of sin, or fearing man more than thee, O God; from want of zeal in thy service, and cowardice in not standing up for thee against evil doers;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From neglect of reading the holy scriptures, in order to learn my duty; from being careless and remiss to practice what I hear or read; from absenting myself from the Lord's table, or coming without a due preparation of soul, or neglecting to keep the promises and vows which I made at thy altar;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From dishonouring my parents; from being refractory and disobedient to the lawful commands of our governors in Church and State; from forsaking the orders of the ministry, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, which Christ and his apostles ordained in his Church; and from thus being guilty of the sin of schism; from being unfaithful in what is committed to my trust; from drawing men into intemperance or other vices, which may bring upon them diseases or death;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From fraud and oppression; from theft, treachery, or lying; from railing and slander; from doing hurt in any kind to my neighbour;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From malice and revenge; from ill wishes and curses; from bearing false witness, and from coveting my neighbour's goods;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From ingratitude to those who have done me good; from uncharitableness to the poor; from drawing others into sin by my example or persuasion; from flattering them in their faults, and not reproving them for their faults, when I have opportunity, or authority so to do;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From being puffed up with a high conceit of myself on account of the goods either of nature or grace; from being lifted up with pride, or vain conceits of my own holiness; or being intemperately fond of the vain applause of the world; or committing sin to avoid reproach from evil men;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From anger and revenge; from an immoderate desire of riches or sensual pleasures; from discontent in my present condition, and envying the prosperity of others;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From misspending my precious time in rioting and drunkenness, in sensual pleasure or idleness; from lasciviousness, lust, and fornication; from unchaste songs and filthy discourse, and from idle and lewd companions;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

From a neglect of resisting temptations; from not amending my life according to God's holy

word; from not being careful often to examine the state of my soul; from not growing in grace, and pressing forward towards the prize of our high calling;

*Good Lord, deliver me.*

I, a miserable sinner, do beseech thee to hear me, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to give me a hearty repentance for all the errors of my life past; to work in me a sincere resolution to amend my life for the time to come; to have compassion on the infirmities of my frail nature; and in all dangers, trials, and temptations, to strengthen and relieve me;

*I beseech thee to hear me, good Lord.*

That I may avoid the sins I have committed heretofore, and perform the duties I have neglected; that I may keep my vows and resolutions of amendment; or, if I unhappily fall into sin, that I may immediately recover, and through thy grace finally beat down satan under my feet;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give me such a lively faith in Christ Jesus; such a belief of thy word; and such a trust in thy mercy, as may produce in me a constant obedience to thy holy will and commands;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That I may remember and reflect upon my Saviour's sufferings, with the highest thankfulness and love; and that I may in some measure be fit to meet him at his holy table, who, by his precious death upon the cross, did make a full satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

Grant, that, as this blessed feast was designed

to increase love and charity among Christians, I may, according to my ability, relieve the poor and distressed, forgive my enemies, render good for evil, and endeavour as much as in me lies, to promote the temporal and eternal welfare of all men.

*I beseech thee to hear me, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all *Jews, Turks, Infidels*, and *Heretics*; to take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and enlighten the eyes of all that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to fetch all wandering souls home to thy flock, that there may be joy both in heaven and upon earth.

*I beseech thee to hear me, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows; and to have pity on all that are afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; giving them wisdom to make a spiritual advantage of what thy hand hath laid upon them.

*I beseech thee to hear me, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give me true humility, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit; an indifference to the world, a love of heaven, and heavenly things;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That I may be endued with a spirit of temperance and sobriety; that I may use thy good creatures to those ends for which they were designed; that I may hunger and thirst after righteousness; and account it meat and drink to do thy will, O God;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That I may carefully abstain from all appear-

ance of evil; have grace to own my Saviour Christ and his religion, in the midst of a sinful generation; and by a sober, righteous, and godly life, to adorn my Christian profession;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That I may strive manfully against the flesh, the world, and the devil; and preserve my soul and body in holiness; and have a love of thy honour and glory, above all the riches, honours, and pleasures of the world;

*I beseech thee to hear me, good Lord.*

That, under all the afflictions of this life, which thou sendest, either as a punishment for my sins, or for the trial of my faith, whether they be poverty, sickness, reproach, or slander, I may patiently submit to thy divine will;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That my heart may not be inclined to any evil thing, but that I may resist every wicked inclination, when it first arises, and not consent unto it; and that my soul and body may be pure and clean, and a fit habitation for thy Holy Spirit;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That no profane swearing nor cursing; no obscene words that may corrupt the mind; no angry or injurious expressions, may proceed out of my mouth;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That all my actions may tend to thy honour and glory; that I may perform the duties of divine worship with devotion and fervour; that I may with diligence perform my honest labour, do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before thee;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repent-

ance, before we are overtaken by thy judgments; that we may turn to thee with our whole hearts, with all lowliness and meekness; and do thou, of thy gracious goodness, so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come;

*I beseech thee to hear me, good Lord.*

That I may with honesty and diligence perform the duties of that station in which thy Providence hath placed me, and ever follow the good motions of thy Holy Spirit; resisting the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, laying aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets me;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

That I may diligently and faithfully instruct all those whom thy Providence has committed to my care; [*name children and servants*] that I may use my best endeavours, the Lord being my helper, to save the souls of those for whom Christ died; that by thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus, I with them, and they with me, may be numbered among thy saints in glory everlasting;

*Grant, O good Lord.*

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

*Grant me thy peace.*

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

*Have mercy upon me.*

O Lord, send me help from thy holy place,  
*And evermore mightily defend me.*

O Lord, save thy servant;

*Who putteth his trust in thee.*

**WHERE**, and to whom can I flee for succour and pardon, but to thee, O Lord, who art merciful, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness, keeping mercy for thousands, and pardoning iniquity and sin; vouchsafe, therefore, O gracious God, for thy name's sake, for thy dear Son's sake, whom thou hast set forth as a propitiation for the sins of the whole world, to look upon me with an eye of pity and compassion. O gracious Lord, forgive me for thy mercies' sake.

Accept, in thy abundant compassion, my unfeigned sorrow for all my sins past; and grant that I may never so presume on thy favour, as to despise the riches of thy goodness; but that thy forbearance and long-suffering may lead me to repentance and newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Blessed Spirit of Grace, repair my weaknesses, subdue my evil inclinations, confirm my repentance, enliven my gratitude, dwell in my heart by faith, enlarge my hopes, increase my charity: accept my humble and sincere, though imperfect and unworthy service. O God, let me continue thine for ever, and daily increase in all holy graces more and more, until I come to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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*A Prayer for Christmas Day.\**

O Holy and ever blessed Jesus, who being the eternal Son of God, and most high in the glory

\* The Companion for the Festivals and Fasts contains suitable instructions and devotions for holy days.

of the Father, didst vouchsafe to take our nature upon thee, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; O thou, who didst come into the world to heal the broken hearted, to help the miserable, and to save that which was lost; to deliver us from the eternal miseries of hell, and make us partakers of the inheritance with the saints in light; give me grace, with all admiration, reverence, and thankfulness, ever to receive and ponder this great mystery of Godliness in my heart. O welcome news, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners! Quick-en me, Lord, that I also may duly express that thankfulness and delight which my soul ought to feel on this most affecting occasion; that I may comply with the gracious designs of thy mercy to do me good. Keep me, O God, at all times, more especially during this season, from abusing the good things with which thy bounty has furnished me for the refreshment of my body. O blessed Jesus, work in my heart such a lively sense of the many and great blessings which this season brings to my remembrance, that adoring and believing in thee, as my only Lord and Saviour, imitating thy holy example, obeying thy holy commands, I may be saved through thy merits, and at last reign with thee, who art God, blessed for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Good Friday.*

I Come before thee, O Lord, in the lowest prostration of soul and body, with a heart full of grief and sorrow for those sins of mine, which crucified

the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame.

We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. But my consolation is, that my Saviour shed his precious blood for me, that I might not suffer the pains of eternal death, but be advanced to honour, glory, and immortality with him.

Henceforth I desire not to live but unto Christ, who died for me. Assist me, O blessed Spirit, to purify myself, and to tread in the steps of this humble, meek, and patient Sufferer. Keep me in such a lively sense of my Saviour's agony and bloody sweat, that I may bitterly hate sin, the cause of his torments; and teach me the value of my immortal soul, for which he became *obedient unto death, even the death of the cross*. Confirm my courage in the Christian warfare, that as a good soldier I may fight manfully under the banner of my crucified Saviour, that nothing either in life or death may ever separate me from the love of my glorious Redeemer, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God blessed for ever. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Easter.*

**W**ELCOME, blessed day, wherein my Saviour rose from the dead, and triumphed over the powers of darkness, and conquered hell and the grave. He is risen, and hath shown that he is able to save himself, and to save to the uttermost all that come unto God through him. By his death he hath destroyed death; and by his rising to life again, hath restored man to everlasting

life. Sing then, O my soul, unto the Lord a psalm of joy; sing with a cheerful voice and thankful heart. Now may every penitent sinner *be of good comfort*. Tell abroad this soul-reviving truth, *The Lord of life is risen again*. O blessed Redeemer, make me to rise from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that I may spend the remainder of my days to secure that everlasting happiness which thou hast purchased for me. Thy resurrection speaks comfort to me under all, even my bitterest sorrows. Though I mourn, and am afflicted here, yet the tears I shed for my sins shall be turned into joy; *and that joy no one shall take from me*: though my body be crumbled into dust, yet shall I live, and with these very eyes see my Redeemer, and enjoy him whom my soul has loved, and be united to my glorious Head for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Whitsunday.*

**A**LL glory be to thee, O Lord, who didst send down at this time the Holy Ghost from heaven, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the apostles, and didst produce in them glorious effects, turning their ignorance into learning, their fear into courage, their weakness into strength, and their sorrow into joy; and, notwithstanding all the devices of Satan, hast caused the gospel to be preached unto all nations. Had I the tongue of men and angels; had I that miraculous gift which descended upon the apostles, and made them declare thy wonderful works in every language, still my praises would be infinitely less than thy infinite perfections require.

O heavenly, divine Comforter, enter into my soul, and dwell there; that it may appear by my conversation and course of life, that thy grace doth rule in my heart, and abide with me. O adorable Spirit, who cleanseth the thoughts of the heart, forgive me (I humbly entreat thee) if at any time I have resisted thy blessed inspirations, and quenched the holy flames thou hast ever kindled in my breast; and so purify my heart with thy celestial grace, and mortify and kill all vices in me, that I may be fit to receive and entertain thee as my guide and comforter. Then shall I know, and love thee, and constantly do the things that are right; and so walking by the influences of thy grace here, I shall be fitted for thy glory hereafter.

*Morning Prayer for a very young Child.*

**ALMIGHTY** God, the Maker of every thing in heaven and earth; the darkness goes away, and the day-light comes at thy command; thou art good, and thou doest good continually.

I thank thee, that thou hast taken such care of me this night; and that I am alive and well this morning.

Save me, O Lord, from evil all this day long, and let me love and serve thee for ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c.*

*Evening Prayer for a very young Child.*

**O** Lord God, who knowest all things, thou seest me by night, as well as by day.

I pray thee, for Christ's sake, forgive me whatever I have done amiss this day, and keep me safe all this night while I am asleep.

Bless my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all my relations and friends. I desire to lie down under thy care, and to abide for ever under thy blessing; for thou art a God of all power, and everlasting mercy. Keep me ever thy good and faithful servant, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Our Father, &c.*

*Morning Prayer for a young Person.*

**EARLY** in the morning will I cry unto thee; Lord, hear my prayer.

Glory be to thee, Lord God Almighty; glory be to thee, for renewing thy mercies to me every morning; glory be to thee for refreshing me this night with sleep, and for preserving me from the perils of darkness.

Lord, forgive whatsoever thou hast seen amiss in me. O Father of mercies, wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

And let thy Holy Spirit so direct, and accompany, and follow me this day, that I may believe in thee, and love thee, and keep thy commandments, and continue in thy fear all the day long.

Lord, make me chaste and temperate, humble and teachable, diligent in my studies, obedient to my superiors, and charitable to all men.

Lord, deliver me from sloth and idleness; from youthful lusts, and ill company; from all dangers, bodily and spiritual; and give me grace

to remember thee, my Creator, in the days of my youth.

Bless, and defend, and save all orders of men amongst us, ecclesiastical or civil: Lord, give them all grace in their several stations, to be instrumental to thy glory, and the public good.

Together with them, I commend to thy divine Providence (*my father and mother, my brethren and sisters*) all my friends and relations, all my tutors and fellow-scholars: O Lord, vouchsafe us all those graces and blessings which thou knowest to be most suitable for us.

Unto thee, O my God, whose child and servant I was made in baptism, do I dedicate this day, and my whole life: O do thou so bless and prosper me in my studies and calling, that I may every day grow more fit for thy service.

Hear me, O Lord, and pardon my failings, for the merits of thy Son Jesus, in whose holy words, I sum up all my wants.

*Our Father, &c.*

*Directions for a young Person in the Evening.*

CONSIDER how many that have gone to bed well over night, have been found dead the next morning; and therefore it highly concerns you to take care to make your peace with God before you go to sleep.

I advise you therefore towards night, to call yourself to an account how you have spent the day.

Examine your thoughts, and discourses, and actions, and recreations, and devotions, and see what has been amiss in any of them.

Consider what idleness or unchastity, what lying and stubbornness, you have been guilty of; or whether you have had a quarrel with any person; and if you have, be sure to be ready to make friends with him before you say your prayers.

Again, consider what particular blessing or deliverance, God has vouchsafed you the day past, that you may give thanks for it, and then say as follows.

*Evening Prayer for a young Person.*

LET my prayer, O Lord, be set forth in thy sight as incense, and the lifting up my hands be as an evening sacrifice.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, I, a miserable sinner, must acknowledge that I have offended thee this day, in thought, word, and deed; particularly by—[*here mention any particular sin you have been guilty of:*] Lord, for thy Son Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour's sake, forgive me: cleanse me from my wickedness, and strengthen my weakness, that I may overcome all the temptations which daily surround me, and continue constant in my obedience.

Accept of my humblest praise and thanksgiving, O Lord, for all the goodness thou hast this day showed me; for all the helps of preventing or restraining grace thou hast vouchsafed me; for whatever I have done this day, which is in any measure acceptable to thee; for whatever progress I have made in my study; for thy preservation of me from all the miseries and dangers to which frail mortality is every moment



exposed; particularly—[*here name any particular blessing or deliverance God hath sent you.*]

Praise the Lord, O my soul, who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness.

O heavenly Father, to thy almighty protection I recommend myself and all my relations. O thou that never slumberest, nor sleepest, watch over us, to preserve us from sin and danger.

Lord, let it be thy good pleasure to refresh me this night with such seasonable rest, that I may rise the next morning more fit for thy service. O pardon my failings, and hear my prayers, for the sake of my blessed Saviour, in whose holy words I sum up all my wants.

*Our Father, &c.*

*Ejaculations at going to Bed.*

**L**ORD, as I now go to my bed, I must one day go to my grave; O make me wise to consider my latter end.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety. *Psalms* iv. 8.

*Directions to young Persons, relative to the Lord's Day.*

¶ A Good Christian, that takes care to spend every day well, will take more than ordinary care to sanctify the Lord's Day, it being the proper employment of that day to attend God's worship, and to provide for our souls; and therefore it is fit you should add some petitions to your morning and evening prayers, relating to the solemn duties of the day, such as these are which follow

*Before Church Time.*

**O** MY God, I humbly beseech thee to prepare my soul to worship thee this day acceptably, with reverence and godly fear: fill me with that fear which works by love; purify my heart from all vain and worldly, or sinful thoughts; fix my affections on things above, all the day long; and, O Lord, give me grace to receive thy word, which I shall hear this day, into an honest and good heart, and to bring forth fruit with patience.

Hear me, O God, for the sake of Jesus my Saviour. *Amen, Amen.*

¶ When you come into the Church, or Chapel, not only on the Lord's day, but on any other day, use this short preparatory prayer at your first kneeling down.

*In the Church.*

**O** Lord, I humbly beg thy Holy Spirit to help my infirmities at this time, and to dispose my heart to devotion, that my prayers and praises may be acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ my Saviour. *Amen.*

*After Church Time.*

**G**LORY be to thee, O Lord God Almighty; glory be to thee, who hast permitted me to appear before thee this day, and to tread thy courts.

Lord, pardon all my failings in thy service, the wanderings, and coldness, and indevotion of