

WHIT-SUNDAY.

For the Influence of the Holy Spirit.

LORD of all power and might, who didst send down the Holy Ghost from Heaven in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, and didst produce in them the most glorious effects, by 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 glad tidings of the Gospel to be preached unto all the nations of the world; let this divine Comforter enter into my soul, and dwell there, that it may appear both by my life and conversation that thy grace doth rule in my heart, and influence my conduct. Fill my mind with holy thoughts and resolutions; renew a right spirit within me; and fix my wavering piety into a regular and constant course of virtue and holiness. And if at any time I have resisted thy blessed inspirations, and quenched those holy flames, which thou hast kindled in my breast, so purify my heart by thy heavenly grace, and mortify all those vices that are in me; so send thy grace to check mine unsteadiness, and to show me the dreadful state of impenitent sinners; so strike my regardless soul with terror and amazement, and set before mine eyes the beauteous prospect of a pious life, that I may know and love thee, the only God, and constantly do those things that are lawful and right, and pleasing and acceptable unto thee. Strengthen me, I beseech thee, with the influence of thy blessed Spirit, the

Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in me the manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; that so, walking by thy grace here, I may be fitted for thy glory hereafter. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Grace.

GRACIOUS God, who hast promised to give thy Holy Spirit to them that ask; vouchsafe unto me, I beseech thee, its all powerful influence to cleanse my polluted nature, to comfort me in all my troubles, to succour me in temptations, and to assist me in the discharge of my duty, that I may be enabled to walk in thy faith and fear all the days of my life. To thy gracious protection I commit my soul, O thou that art faithful, as well as good; watch over me therefore, that I be not beguiled by the deceitfulness of sin, by the contagion of mine own corrupt heart, or the malice of my spiritual enemies; but may so watch and pray that I enter not into temptation; and after having lived the life of grace here, may inherit thy glory hereafter in another and a better world, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

TRINITY SUNDAY.

The Trinity in Unity.

LORD God Almighty, who dwellest in a blaze of glory inaccessible to human sight, and whom

none by searching can find out unto perfection; who, by the visible descent of thy Son to redeem the world, and of thy Holy Spirit to sanctify thy people, hast wonderfully made thy Church's own experience facilitate our faith in the incomprehensible Trinity; grant me, I beseech thee, in heart and voice to profess this high and supernatural truth; and, rejecting all the fallacious suggestions of mine imperfect reason, humbly to adore this ineffable mystery, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity, till I come hereafter to thy blissful presence, and obtain the fruition of thy glorious Godhead. Enable me, by the powerful influence of thy Spirit to continue steadfast in the belief of this truth, and plentifully to bring forth fruits agreeable to the same; that so, by a true faith and a suitable practice, thy mercy may at last bring me to the attainment of everlasting salvation; that I may evermore dwell with thee, see thee as thou art, and adore the brightness of thy majesty; and join my heart and voice with those whom thou hast already admitted to that glorious sight, in hymns of joy and praise, saying with all the company of heaven, Glory be to the Father whose wisdom hath created us, to the Son whose love hath redeemed us, and to the Holy Spirit whose graces have sanctified us: glory be to the holy and undivided Trinity, whose works are inseparable, and whose dominion is without end. Grant this, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Blessings of a Redeemer.

ETERNAL God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, accept, I beseech thee, my most grateful

acknowledgments for thy great goodness in having sent thy Son into the world to redeem mankind, and for the unspeakable blessings of the gospel. I desire to be ever thankful, that thou, who at sundry times and in divers manners didst speak unto our fathers by thy servants the prophets, hast, in these latter days, spoken unto us by thy Son Jesus Christ; who, in the fulness of time appeared to bring life and immortality to light, and to bless mankind by turning them from their iniquities, and purifying unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. I bless thee that for this end he was born, and that for this cause he came into the world, that he might bear witness to the truth; and I sincerely believe that he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. I thank thee for the proofs which he gave that thou wast with him, even by the miracles which he wrought, by the prophecies which he uttered and fulfilled, by the purity of his doctrines, the perfection of his precepts, and the excellence of his example. I bless thee, that he has left me a pattern that I should follow his steps; that as he was delivered up for mine offences, and made perfect by sufferings and death, so he was raised again for my justification, and declared to be the Son of God with power by his resurrection from the dead. I magnify thee, that when he had shown himself alive after this by many infallible proofs, he was taken up into heaven, and set down on the right hand of God. And I adore thee, that thou hast appointed a day, in which thou wilt judge the world in righteousness by him, and render unto every man according to his works. May then these glorious truths which

are ever presented to me in the gospel, be deeply impressed upon my mind. May these powerful and persuasive motives produce their genuine effects, by freeing my mind from all evil passions, and by engaging me to live soberly, righteously, and godly. May I, by a patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, honour, and immortality; that so, when Christ, who is my life, shall appear, I may also appear with him in glory, and receive the end of my faith and hope, even an everlasting salvation. Grant this, O God, for the merits, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

On the Study of Religion.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, without whose help all labour is ineffectual, and without whose light all search is fruitless and vain, invigorate my studies and direct mine inquiries, that I may, by due diligence and right discernment, establish myself and others in the profession of thy holy faith. Take not, O Lord, thy Holy Spirit from me; let not evil thoughts have dominion in my mind; let me not linger in ignorance, but enlighten and support me, that the course which I am now beginning may proceed according to thy laws, and end in the enjoyment of thy favour. Enable me to fix my heart upon the reward which thou hast promised in thy Gospel to them that serve thee. Grant me, according to the riches of thy glory, to be strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith; that, being rooted and grounded in love, I may be able to

comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of the Christian mystery; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that I may be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto thee, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto thee be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

For Assistance in the Study of the Scriptures.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose gracious providence the gospel was first preached to thy people Israel, and from them widely spread through the different nations of the world, that it might be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to give the knowledge of salvation to all the kingdoms of the earth; assist me continually with thy wisdom in the study of these holy Scriptures. Direct me with thy grace in following the precepts of my blessed Master Jesus Christ, and his holy disciples, and of all those who have been, at any time, and in any manner, thy great and holy instruments in teaching virtue to mankind; that from these instructions I may learn the highest degrees of piety, of charity, and of love. Grant by the assistance of thy grace that I may pass my life from childhood to old age in such a constant study of them, as may not be unfruitful in good works; and that I may at last, like the pious Simeon of old, depart in peace, and welcome death with his serenity and joy, in sure and certain hope of the

resurrection to eternal life, and of the enjoyment of all those blessings which are promised to thy faithful followers in the blessed gospel of thy Son. Grant this, I beseech thee, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Against inquisitive and perplexing Thoughts.

ALMIGHTY God, my Maker and Protector, who hast graciously sent me into this world to work out my salvation; enable me, by the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, to root out all such unquiet and perplexing thoughts as may mislead or hinder me in the practice of those duties which thou hast required. When I behold the works of thy hands, and consider the course of thy providence, give me grace always to remember that thy thoughts are not my thoughts, nor thy ways my ways. And while it shall please thee to continue me in this world, where much is to be done, and so little to be known, teach me by the holy Spirit to withdraw my mind from all unprofitable and dangerous inquiries, from difficulties vainly curious, and from doubts impossible to be solved. Let me rejoice in that light which thou hast imparted; let me serve thee with active zeal, and humble confidence; and wait with patient expectation for the time, in which the soul that thou receivest shall be satisfied with all knowledge, and welcomed to those mansions of eternal glory, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor hath it even entered into the heart of man to conceive. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Grace to Suffer as a good Christian.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, who, in thy wise providence, hast thought fit to call thy faithful servants to bear their cross, and to suffer for thy sake, who didst endure for them the agonies of a most ignominious death; bring me not, I beseech thee, to this trial, till thou hast fitted and prepared me for it; and lay no more upon me than thou wilt enable me manfully to endure. Let me not rashly expose myself to danger without thy call, nor suffer for mine own folly, or for any wilful or affected error. Give me grace to live according to the rules of thy most holy faith, that I may have courage and comfort in all my sufferings. Preserve me steadfast in the belief of thy heavenly truths, and undaunted in their profession. Give me patience to bear my cross, and meekness to endure with my persecutors; mercy to forgive their wrongs, and charity to pray to thee for their forgiveness. Enable me to trust in thy goodness for support and deliverance, and to fix my faith upon those heavenly joys, with which the sufferings of this life are not worthy to be compared; that so, being made partaker of thy sufferings here, I may rejoice with exceeding joy when thy glory shall be revealed hereafter. To whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

For Zeal.

GRACIOUS God, who art the first and chiefest good, engage all the powers and faculties of my

soul to love and delight in thy name, and to place all my trust, affiance and confidence in thee. Teach me so to proportion my zeal to the value of things, that I may love thee, the Lord my God, with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength; and, above all, to seek the kingdom of heaven, and the glories thereof. Grant that I may apply my most serious thoughts to work out my salvation with fear and trembling. Enlighten mine understanding, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law; rectify my will, that I may follow the plain rules of good, and eschew the ways of evil; and in all mine actions fix my heart entirely upon thy glory. Let my devout prayers be offered in that retirement where thine all-seeing eye can only enter. Make me to consider that the praise of men is but as smoke which vanisheth away, and that thy gracious favour is better than life, and endureth for ever. Teach me heartily to strive that I may enter in at the straight gate, to fight the good fight of faith, and to destroy the whole body of sin. Let my zeal have a respect unto all thy commandments, that it may never degenerate into hypocrisy and faction; but that I may always pursue it by just and proper means, and may never think to promote thy honour, and the safety of thy church by ways offensive to thee, and which thou hast strictly forbidden. Let not the specious pretence of zeal for thy service betray me into any unreasonable heats, much less to such actions as thou hast prohibited; let not any difference in religion destroy in me that charity, which is the peculiar mark of thy disciples; but teach me to compassionate those that

are in error, and to pity those prejudices which have so unhappily misled them. Grant that the uncertainty of all things here below may call off my mind from the objects of secular happiness; that so, by applying myself entirely to devotion and charity, justice and sobriety, I may be prepared in the temper and disposition of my mind for that happiness which thou hast promised to all thy faithful servants, through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Performance of God's Will on Earth, as it is in Heaven.

BLESSED Lord, whose throne is encircled with myriads of glorious spirits that veil their faces as unable to behold the brightness of thy majesty, and who delight in their attendance upon those ministries whereunto thou hast appointed them; I, thine unworthy creature, prostrate myself with all humility before thy footstool, humbly beseeching thee to give me grace to do thy will on earth with the same diligence and industry, with the same zeal and cheerfulness, as thy blessed angels perform it in heaven; that so, by imitating their exemplary obedience, constant devotion, profound humility, unspotted purity, and extensive charity, I may engage thy protection in all my necessities; and may particularly enjoy the advantage of thine assistance in my last hour, that dismal conflict with death and the powers of darkness; and being by them conducted to the mansions of glory, I may be advanced to a more intimate and happy society

with them in the life to come, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

For Wisdom from Above.

O Almighty God, the Father and Lord of the whole creation, who hath disposed all things and all events so that they may best glorify thy wisdom, serve the ends of thy justice, and magnify thy mercy; give me, I most humbly beseech thee, true wisdom from above, that I may justly adore thy name, and admire thy ways and footsteps, which are in the great deep, and past finding out. Teach me to submit to thy providence in all things; to be content in all the changes and chances of this life; to be temperate in prosperity, and to read my duty in the lines of thy mercy; to be meek, patient, and resigned in adversity, and to look through the cloud, that I may wait for the consolation of the Lord, and the day of his redemption. Let the influence of thy Holy Spirit dwell with me for ever, and make my soul just and charitable, replete with honesty, abundant in religion, resolute in holy purposes, and inflexible to evil. Teach me to regulate my whole conduct by the tenor of thy Gospel; to be humble and obedient, peaceable and pious; to pay the debt of gratitude which I owe for all thy mercies and loving-kindness, and to dispense, according to my power, a portion of that good which thou hast bestowed upon me to my fellow-creatures; that so, by performing my duty here with an unwearied diligence, and an undisturbed resolution, by hav-

ing no fondness for the vanities and pursuits of this world, by laying up my hopes in heaven, and by being strengthened with the Spirit in the inner man, I may make the sacrifice of my heart and the devotion of my soul to the service of heaven, acceptable in thy sight, who art the almighty Ruler of the universe, and the Giver of true wisdom; through the merits and mediation of thy Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Against Superstition.

MOST gracious God, who art the Author and Giver of all true wisdom, preserve me, I beseech thee, from the blindness of error, and from the darkness of superstition. Let me learn that this is true religion, to love thee, the only God, with all my heart, with all my mind, and with all my strength; to do as much good as I am able to my fellow creatures; to keep myself pure and unspotted from the world; to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with my God. Increase in me true religion, and defend me from all the mischiefs of a depraved superstition, and of an ignorant and misguided zeal. Suffer me not to be tossed about with various winds of doctrine, or to be imposed upon by the false reasonings of cunning and subtle men; but grant that, trusting to the Holy Scriptures, as the certain rule and guide of my faith, I may rejoice in the light which they afford, and constantly believe in the truths which they reveal. Let no false interpretations corrupt the purity of my faith, or pretences to greater illumination ever weaken my steadfastness. Let the watchful eye of thy providence

be my guard and defence; that constantly adhering to the doctrines which my Saviour taught, and firmly believing those mysteries which he hath made known to men, I may be preserved from all heresies; from those fatal and evil consequences which attend them in this world, and from those punishments which are prepared for them in the next; and may so walk in the light of thy truth here, that I may hereafter attain to the light of everlasting life, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Patience, founded on a firm Belief of a Future State.

LORD God Almighty, the Father of every mercy, I, thine unworthy servant, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness to the children of men; and, above all, for the hope which thou hast given them of eternal life and glory in that world which is to come. Establish me in this firm belief; increase in me daily these hopes of immortality; and fix this most certain truth so deeply in my mind, that nothing in this life may be able to erase it. Give me the wisdom to learn that even here a life of virtue has infinitely more pleasure than a life of wickedness and vice. But as thou sometimes callest thy servants to labours, to dangers, and to other trials, inspire me always with patience and resolution in all my troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress me. Let me boldly follow the doctrine and example of the Captain of my salvation, Jesus Christ, who suffered more than ever I can be called upon to endure. Let

me, like him, amid all the changes and chances of this mortal life, and even in death itself, fix my hopes on that state, where only true joys are to be found. Let the thoughts of these eternal rewards, which are prepared for such patient continuance in well-doing, so animate mine endeavours, that I may put on the whole armour of righteousness; and through dangers and labours, through adversity and death, manfully follow the footsteps of my heavenly Master, which lead to life and glory eternal, in another and a better world. Grant this, O God, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Against Hardness of Heart.

BLESSED God, who alone knowest, and who alone canst supply the wants of thy creatures; thou, who art my strong rock to whom I may in Christ Jesus boldly resort, hear the voice of my petition, and be not deaf to my prayer. Preserve me by thy mighty power from all hardness of heart, and impart to me a tender and a feeling spirit. When I hear of the power of thy wrath, let it strike me with awe; when thy great mercies and the fulness of thy grace are mentioned, make me to hunger after them; and when I commit any sin against thee, let my conscience smite me, and let it be a cause of sorrow and of grief. When thy word is preached, make it unto me a word of power, that I may receive it with all meekness and reverence. Let me never shut mine ears against the word of holy advice, nor harden my heart when I am reproved; but rather let me desire to be admonished, well-

knowing that if the righteous smite me friendly, it will prove my greatest good. Make me ever to resist the beginning of sin, remembering how suddenly a hardened heart will creep upon me, if evil be wilfully encouraged. Cause me to make much of thy grace, and labour to increase it, lest I be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Remove far from me the spirit of neglect, and grant that I may stand upon a continual guard for the prevention of this sin; make me to grow more and more in the feeling and bewailing of mine own corruptions, and in the desire and true apprehension of thy heavenly mercies for the sake of Jesus Christ, whose blood is the purger of the conscience, and the softner of the heart. *Amen.*

For Hope.

MOST gracious God, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea; in whom our fathers trusted, and were delivered; in whom they placed their confidence, and were not confounded: O thou, who wast also *my* hope when I hanged yet upon my mother's breast, and to whose care I have been left ever since I was born; be thou still my hope and my portion in the land of the living. To this hope set before me I have fled for refuge; O let me lay hold upon, and always find it an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil. In all temptations give me strength to resist; in all troubles patience to bear, and constancy to persevere in my faith and hope; that the hope of mer-

cy may keep me from the horror of despair, and faith in thy word from the sin of presumption. Confirm my mind more and more by thy goodness, by the endearment of thy titles, by thy types and figures, by thy word and by thy works; that so, having thus attained to a sure trust and perfect reliance on thee, I may not at last be disappointed of my Hope. Grant this, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Happiness of Heaven.

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of every good thing, I thank thee for thine infinite mercy in having prepared for thy faithful servants a blessed and glorious state of immortality; and for having shadowed it out to them in thy gospel by such striking representations as the weakness and blindness of their present nature admit. Grant, O Lord, that these glorious descriptions of heaven may inflame my desires, and quicken mine endeavours to make myself a partaker of it. Grant that I may still be pressing forward towards the high mark of my calling, ever remembering that there is no way thither but through the road of this life; through the pleasant paths and gradual ascents of true piety and virtue. Give me then, I beseech thee, the spirit of industry to enter resolutely on these paths, which are marked with the footsteps of my blessed Saviour; with the footsteps of a multitude of good and pious men, of saints, of martyrs, and of confessors; of those who have been thy sincere and faithful servants, and the true glory of their country. Grant, O Lord, that

I may follow them in this life, and not be divided from them in the world which is to come; but may be admitted to join the company of angels and archangels, and the spirits of just men made perfect, and participate with them in the joys and happiness of heaven; through the merits and mediation of thy Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Against Sorrow without Hope.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, without whom all purposes are frustrate, and all efforts vain, impart to me the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that I may not sorrow as one without hope, but may return to the duties of my station with an humble confidence and a firm reliance on thy gracious protection. Grant that I may so govern my thoughts and actions, that neither business may withdraw my mind from thee, nor idleness lay me open to vain imaginations; that neither praise may fill me with pride, nor censure with discontent; but that, in all the changes and chances of this mortal life, I may fix my heart upon the reward which thou hast promised to them that serve thee; and that whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, wherein there is virtue, and wherein there is praise, I may think upon and do them; and finally obtain mercy and everlasting happiness in that world which is to come. Grant this, O Lord for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

In Time of Temptation.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the rock of ages, and the help of all that put their trust in thy name, I flee unto thee for succour against the face of mine enemy, who has now lifted up his hand against me, that I may not be vanquished in this time of trial and temptation. To this end, O Lord, make me to consider seriously the folly and the danger of sin; that all its pleasures are short and momentary, but its punishment endless and intolerable: that no satisfaction can compare with the joys of a good conscience, or any trouble with that of a wounded spirit. Convince me powerfully, O God, how terrible a thing it is to fall under thy displeasure; that what I am now tempted to is hateful in thy sight, in direct contradiction to thy will, and a breach of my baptismal engagement; and that how pleasant soever it may now appear, yet a time must come, when this and all other allurements of the world will appear vain and contemptible; a time, when all the workers of iniquity shall perish; when they shall call upon the mountains and rocks to fall on them, and to hide them from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; and when a crown, of righteousness shall be given to them who have fought the good fight, and kept the faith. Let me be fully persuaded of the truth of these things that I may turn away mine ears from the deceitful tempter, and resolve to have, no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Let me resist the first motions of sin in my mind; avoid the company and conversation of those that

would seduce me to evil; and betake myself to the support of reason and religion, and to the dictates of thy Holy Spirit. And let the mighty power of thy grace animate my courage, and strengthen my faith, that nothing may stop me in my Christian warfare; but that, fighting manfully under Christ's banner against the world the flesh, and the devil, I may at last triumph over every temptation, and reign with Christ in his heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Strength against Dangers.

MOST gracious God, the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation, I present unto thee mine unfeigned thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to deliver me from the great perils and imminent dangers to which I have been exposed. And since thou knowest me to be placed in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of my nature I cannot always stand upright; grant me such strength and protection, as may support me in all dangers, and carry me through all temptations. Give me, O Lord, such a due sense of thy kind and gracious dealings, and such a constant remembrance of thy goodness as may dispose me to a grateful and cheerful obedience to thy laws; that through thy help, I may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Against the Temptations of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil.

ALL merciful and gracious God, the fortress of the faithful, and a sure rock of defence for the distressed; who knowest that we are placed in the midst of so many and great dangers, that without thy help we cannot avoid our ruin; I beseech thee to keep my soul and body from all temptations, and suffer not my senses to range and wander in the foolish vanities and dangerous pleasures of this world. Take from me that which is deformed by the corruption of my nature, and continue that which thy grace hath wrought in me; that so, being arrayed in the whole armour of God, I may be enabled to withstand all the assaults of the enemy. Let me not be drawn away by sensuality, and the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, but give me power to subdue them; that by the exercise of sobriety, moderation, and temperance, I may bring them to a good effect, and walk as becometh the redeemed of the Lord. Sequester me from the darkness and deceitfulness of this world, that I may not follow a multitude in the commission of sin; but being changed by the renewal of my mind, I may walk soberly, righteously, and godly, looking for the blessed appearance of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let not knowledge puff me up, prosperity mislead, poverty dismay, or sickness incline me to impatience, induce me to distrust in thy providence, or force me to seek unlawful means to obtain thy blessings. Arm me, O Lord, with thy spirit, encourage me by thy presence, and let me feel

the effectual working of thy power, which is ever made perfect through weakness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, mine only Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

For the continued Favour and Protection of God.

O Lord God, the Father of all mercies, the Fountain of comfort and blessing, of life and peace, of plenty and of pardon; who fillest the heaven with thy glory, and the earth with thy goodness; I give thee most earnest and most hearty thanks, for that thou hast refreshed me with thy comforts, and enlarged me with thy blessings; hast made my flesh and my bones to rejoice; hast given me the blessings of nature and of grace; the support of every minute, and the comforts of every day; that thou hast opened my bosom, and at this time called forth more particularly the grateful feelings of my heart. What am I, O Lord, and what is the life and the capacities of thy servant, that thou shouldst do these things unto me? that the great God of heaven and of earth should send down an angel of blessing to avert the impending evil, and to crown my prayers and my wishes with success? Praised be the Lord daily, even that Holy One who helpeth me, and who thus poureth his benefits upon me. He is my God, of whom cometh my salvation. God is the Lord by whom I have escaped death. He has brought me to great honour, and comforted me on every side. Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy great mercy. I will rejoice, therefore, in giving praise for thy loving-kindness towards me. I will give

thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his name. I will tell the people what great things he hath done, and praise him among the multitude. Blessed then be the Lord God, even the Lord God of Hosts, which only doeth wondrous and gracious things; and blessed be the name of his majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. *Amen, Amen.*

For Temporal Blessings.

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all them that seek thy kingdom and its righteousness, such things as are necessary for their bodily sustenance; send us, I beseech thee, such seasonable weather as may preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, and that in due time we may abundantly enjoy them. I acknowledge, O Lord, that it is from thy gift that the rain doth fall, the earth is fruitful, beasts increase, and fishes do multiply; and though for our sins we have worthily deserved scarcity and dearth, and have justly exposed ourselves to be punished with great sickness and mortality, and to be delivered into the hands of our enemies; yet for the sake of thy blessed Son, and upon our own repentance, send us cheapness and plenty, healthful seasons, unity, peace and concord; deliver us from lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle, murder, and from sudden death. Increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that we, receiving thy bountiful liberality, may use the same to thy glory, the relief of those that

are needy, and to our own comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For all God's Mercies.

LORD God Almighty, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst vouchsafe to create me out of nothing in thine own image and likeness; to send thine only begotten Son to redeem me with his precious blood; to associate me by baptism to thy children of adoption; and to feed and nourish me with the most blessed Sacrament of the body and blood of thy Son; to thee I render my hearty and unfeigned thanks for having waited from mine infancy even until now, that through thy great patience I might come to the amendment of my life. I praise thee, I glorify thee, for having so often delivered me from tribulations, calamities, and miseries; and especially from having kept me under the continual shadow of thy wings. I praise and glorify thy name for having bestowed on me so many common blessings, wherein I have had an equal share with others; and so many particular ones, which others have wanted, and which I have in no way deserved. I beseech thee of thine unspeakable goodness so to perfect these thy gifts, as to expel from my heart whatever is displeasing to thee; to deliver me from all those troubles, which may retard mine obedience; to dispose all my thoughts, words, and actions according to thy will; to preserve me in all conditions both of adversity and prosperity; and to bring me at the last to the happy joys of thy sight, who liveth and reigneth with

thy Son and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For Trust in God.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, I, thine unworthy servant, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness towards me, I bless thee for my creation, preservation, and redemption; for the knowledge of thy Son Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. In the days of childhood and of youth; in the midst of weakness, of blindness, and of danger, thou hast protected me: amidst the afflictions of mind, of body, and of estate, thou hast supported me: and amidst vanity, deceit, and wickedness, thou hast spared me. Grant then, O merciful Father, that I may have a lively sense of these thy mercies. Create in me a contrite heart, that I may worthily lament my sins, and acknowledge my wickedness; and obtain remission and forgiveness through the satisfaction of Jesus Christ. Enable me by thy grace to redeem the time which I have spent in sloth, in vanity, and in wickedness; to make use of every gift to the honour and glory of thy name; to lead a new life in thy faith, fear, and love; and finally to obtain everlasting life. Grant this, Almighty God, for the merits, and through the mediation of thy blessed Son; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

For Acceptance.

ALMIGHTY God, in whose hands are the wills and affections of sinful men, kindle, I beseech thee, in my mind holy emotions, and repress all evil and corrupt affections. Enable me to love thy commandments, and to desire thy promises; let me, by thy protection and influence, so pass through things temporal, as finally not to lose the things that are eternal; and among the hopes and fears, the pleasures and sorrows, the dangers and deliverances, and all the changes and chances of this mortal life, let my heart be surely fixed, by the help of thy Holy Spirit, on the everlasting fruition of thy presence, where only true joys are to be found. Grant, O Lord, these my humble petitions; forgive whatever I have done contrary to thy laws; and give me such a sense of my wickedness, as may produce true contrition and effectual repentance; that so, when I shall be called into another state, I may be received among the number of those sinners, to whom sorrow and reformation have obtained pardon, for the sake and through the merits of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Against Melancholy and Dejection of Spirit.

BLESSED Lord, who wast made man, and who in our nature tookest upon thyself our infirmities; who wast once exceeding sorrowful even unto death, and who in anguish of spirit criedst out to thy Father, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me! who wast made like unto thy brethren, and cannot therefore but be touched

with a sense and feeling of their infirmities; look down from heaven with an eye of pity upon me, who am grievously oppressed, and sore let and hindered in the course of my Christian duties, by unaccountable sadness and dejection of spirit, which I am not able either to prevent or to resist. Thou knowest, Lord, how exceedingly my soul is troubled and cast down; how much it is disquieted within me; and how uneasy my distemper makes me both to myself and to those around. Hear then my complaint, and take away this plague from me. Remove it, I beseech thee, whether it be fixed in the body or the soul of thine afflicted servant; speak but the word, and I shall then be made whole. But if this affliction be sent me as a punishment for my sins past, or to restrain me from sins to come; to teach me humility, or to exercise my patience and trust in thee; not my will, but thine be done. I am content to bear it; but, O God, support me under it with the assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Yet if I am fit for so great a mercy, O let this torment of soul depart from me; that being restored to an easy, cheerful, and active frame of mind, I may serve thee with more delight and vigour in all the duties of my heavenly calling, and enjoy all the other blessings and comforts of life, which thou art pleased to continue to me. O Lord, hear this prayer, which in anguish of spirit I make unto thee. O grant it for thine own merits, who wast a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and who now livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end, to intercede for us sinners, and to help our numerous infirmities. *Amen.*