

*For a Person troubled in Mind or Spirit.*

**GRACIOUS** God, my Maker and Preserver, who beholdest with compassion and mercy, the weakness and frailties of all thy sinful creatures, look down upon me, I beseech thee, and deliver me, if it be thy blessed will, from the distress of mind under which I at present labour. Strengthen my judgment, and inform mine understanding, that I may rightly discern my duty; and grant that I may act, on all occasions, and in every circumstance of life, in the manner most acceptable to thee. Pardon my secret sins and infirmities, and preserve me from all wilful neglects and offences. If thou seest it consistent with thy glory, and with the everlasting welfare of my soul, fill me with that fervency of affection towards thee, and with that measure of spiritual comfort and assurance, that may preserve my mind in a frame of cheerfulness and composure. But if trouble and bitterness of spirit be more expedient for me, continue to me this and all other afflictions as thou seest most conducive to my future happiness; and grant that I may bear them with patience and resignation. Let thy Holy Spirit direct and support me under every trial and visitation, and enable me so to walk in thy faith and fear, that I may at last be admitted into thy heavenly kingdom, where all trials and afflictions shall be for ever done away; through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, my blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*For the Assistance and Protection of God.*

**ETERNAL** God, the Almighty guardian and friend of the righteous, I most humbly beseech thee to protect mine innocence, and sustain my virtue in the midst of the temptations of this life. Give me wisdom to choose the thing that is right, and steadfastly to adhere to it all the days of my life. Teach me to see and consider thee in all thy works; and from the dispensations of thy providence to learn what is good, and what thou requirest of me. Preserve in me a constant remembrance of thine all-seeing eye, of mine own good resolutions, and of the account which I must one day give unto thee, the Judge of all. Keep me from all false judgments concerning the ends of life, and the way to happiness. Secure me from the influence of vain customs and evil examples; and in the midst of the corruptions of the world, give me that firmness of spirit, and that independence of character, which will enable me to be singularly and eminently good; an ornament to my station, and a blessing to society; that so, by continually improving in all amiable and virtuous dispositions, and steadily persevering in a course of exemplary goodness, I may be prepared to meet my latter end, with a serene and peaceful mind, and to enter upon the future state with an humble confidence in thy mercy, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*For Charity and Brotherly Love.*

**MOST** gracious God, who hast made of one blood, and redeemed by one ransom, all the na-

tions of the earth, fill my heart, I beseech thee, with brotherly love and charity to all mankind. May I, in every circumstance of life, do unto others as I should wish them to do unto me. May that love ever rule in my heart, which is the fulfilling of the law. As far as I have ability may I do good, and as far as I have opportunity may I live peaceably with all men. May I rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. May I remember that no man liveth unto himself, but have ever present to my mind the words of the Lord Jesus, it is more blessed to give than to receive. As his disciple, may I put on bowels of mercy, kindness, compassion, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forbearance, patience, and forgiveness. May I love even mine enemies; do good to them that hate me; pray for them that curse and despitefully use me; and forgive every offence committed against me, as I hope that thou wilt forgive those of a more aggravated nature, which I have committed against thee. May I keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; by reverently submitting to the authorized ministrations of thy Church; and may the God of love and peace be ever with me, and fill me with all joy and peace in believing, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

*For Personal Virtues.*

**L**ORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of every good gift, pour down upon me the abundance of thy mercy, and enable me, by thy grace, to purify myself from all

filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, and to perfect holiness in thy fear. May I keep my heart with all diligence, since out of it proceed the issues of life and of death. May I take heed to my ways, that I offend not with my tongue. May I order the whole of my conversation as becometh the gospel of thy Son, and walk worthy of the high vocation wherewith I am called. Suffer me not to be conformed to this world, but may I be transformed by the renewal of my mind. May I never think more highly of myself than I ought; but may I think soberly, righteously, and godly, and be clothed with all humility. Let not anger rest in my bosom, and let not the sun go down upon my wrath. May I learn of Christ to be meek and lowly in heart, and may the same mind be in me that shone so eminent in him. May I set mine affections on things above, and not on things on the earth; that so, when Christ, who is my life, shall appear, I also may appear with him in glory everlasting. May I run with patience the race that is set before me, well-knowing that I shall reap, if I faint not; and following the steps of my heavenly Master, may I work the work of him that sent me while it is day, assured that the night of death is fast approaching, in which no man can work. Finally O God, let thy rod and staff conduct me through this life, and support me through the valley of the shadow of death; and when all that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and shall come forth, then may I awake in his likeness, and hear that blessed sentence pronounced upon me, Come, thou blessed of the Father, inherit the kingdom prepared

for thee from the foundation of the world. These prayers I humbly present unto thee, in the name, and as the disciple of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*For Charity and Beneficence.*

**ALMIGHTY** God, the fountain of all goodness, whose bounty extends to all thy creatures, and whose mercy is infinite and everlasting; who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; grant, I beseech thee, that the contemplation of the displays of thy beneficence, and the remembrance of the innumerable blessings which thy charity hath bestowed upon me; may transform me into thine image, and incline me to become like thee, kind and beneficent, merciful and charitable. Dispose me to conform to the gracious purposes of thy providence, by promoting, as far as I am able, the temporal, and the spiritual, and eternal happiness of my fellow men. Let not any degree of affluence or distinction banish from my breast the gentle spirit of humanity, or lead me to forget that I am man, and that all, both rich and poor, are brethren, belonging to one great family, of which thou art the common Father. Incline me as far as I have opportunity, to relieve the necessitous, to comfort the afflicted, to instruct the ignorant, to encourage and assist the honest and industrious, and to do good to all. May I so faithfully discharge the duties of my domestic and social relations, that I may prove a blessing to my family, my neighbourhood, and my country. Animated by the divine spirit of Christian charity, may I make continual advan-

ces in my resemblance to thine image; till at length I may be prepared to dwell for ever with thee, the God of charity and of love. And grant, that at the last day, when I shall be called to render an account, a strict account of all my works, I may by thy mercy have no reason to fear that dreadful sentence which shall then be pronounced against the uncharitable, but be found amongst the number of those who shall be admitted into life eternal; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Love to mine Enemies.*

**O** Lord Jesus Christ, who hast expressly enjoined all thy followers to love their enemies, to bless those that curse them, to do good to them that hate them, and to pray for those who despitefully use and persecute them; help me, I beseech thee, with unfeigned sincerity, to pray for all such enemies, not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing, that I may prove myself to be the servant of him who maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and who sendeth his rain both on the just and on the unjust. O Lord, if there be any who have imagined devices against me wrongfully; if they have dealt treacherously with me, done me violence, or in any way injured my person, I entreat that thou wilt not lay these sins to their charge, or enter into judgment with them on account of their offences; but rather open their eyes to see the error of their ways, and turn their hearts so effectually, by the resist-

less power of thy grace, that they may repent before thee, and henceforth be constrained to live in unity and godly love. Or, if they should continue in blindness and bitterness, suffer me not at any time to avenge myself, but, on the contrary, teach me not to give way unto wrath. Bestow upon me the amiable temper of forgiveness, and the Christian grace of charity, which I stand so much in need of, and bring down every rebellious thought and imagination to the tenour of thy gospel. May I, by the assistance of thy heavenly wisdom, learn that a love of mine enemies is consistent with the greatest magnanimity, and the truest fortitude. May I follow the bright example of my Lord and Master, when he prayed to thee for his murderers, in the very hour of the sharpness of death, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. Finally, may every thing that is good and heavenly, every thing that is kind and gentle, be planted in mine heart, and bring forth the most abundant fruits of good works, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*Against Revenge.*

O Lord, who art the very God of peace, and whose spirit is the spirit of concord; grant, I beseech thee, that the love of peace may be strong in my heart, and prevail against every desire of revenge and contention. Let me ever regard what thou commandest more than what my corrupt nature desireth; what mine own offences are against thee, than what the trespasses of others are against myself. For who am I,

most gracious God, that I should be so harsh towards men, when I have found in thee towards mine own failings such an unspeakable readiness to forgive? or how can I approach thy gracious presence, with a hope of mercy to mine own soul, when I find such an implacable disposition in me towards my brother? Oh then, I beseech thee, abate that swelling spirit; repress those motions and inclinations, which tend to revenge; and stay me from encroaching upon thine office, to whom vengeance alone belongeth. Give me a calm, and a gentle spirit; let the same mind be in me which was in Christ Jesus, who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, but prayed for his persecutors, and laid down even his life for his revengeful enemies. Teach me to beware of rendering evil for evil; make me rather seek how to overcome evil with goodness; knowing that though the world may think it baseness or simplicity in me to be thus easy to forgive, and patient to endure, yet it shall be a pledge to my soul, that my sins are pardoned with thee, and that I am made like unto the image of Christ. And never let me forget how odious all my prayers and devotions must be in thy sight, while my heart is burning with revenge against my neighbour? that so, even in love to myself, and in desire of mine own good, I may put on the bowels of mercy, choosing rather to be a loser here amongst men, than to make my prayers loathsome unto thee, Hear then, O Lord, my petition, and hearken unto the request of my lips, for his sake, who gave himself to be the propitiation for my sins, even Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who hath expressly

taught us to forgive those that trespass against us, if we ever hope for forgiveness of those trespasses, which we have committed against thee. *Amen.*

*Against immoderate Anger.*

**ALMIGHTY** God, of infinite mercy, and unbounded kindness, who art slow to anger, patient, and long-suffering; endue me, I beseech thee, with the heavenly virtues of patience and resignation. Teach me that unruly passions are the effect of pride and haughtiness, and the marks of a weak and sinful mind. Enable me by thy grace to put off all anger, malice, strife and envying, and to put on bowels of mercy, kindness, forbearance, and forgiveness. Dispose me to turn mine anger only against mine own unruly lusts and passions, that peace and sedateness of mind may be the blissful temper of my soul on earth; and that these, through the merits of Christ, may at last advance me to those eternal regions, where all is harmony and all is joy. *Amen.*

*For Compassion to all Men.*

**O** Thou Searcher of hearts, before whom all things are naked and open, when I retire solemnly to examine myself what manner of person I have been in my behaviour and temper towards my fellow-creatures, alas! how humbling are my reflections; how does my heart condemn me; and how much more, therefore, must thou, who knowest all things. Take away then, O

God, every root of bitterness from my heart; quench that unhallowed fire within, which inflames my tongue with bitterness; and make me kind, tender-hearted, pitiful and compassionate. Weaken and destroy that stubborn root of pride, which, upon every provocation, brings forth wrath and anger, bitterness and evil-speaking. Give me grace to speak the truth from my heart, to mortify that love of the world which would excite me to unlawful ends, that I may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with my God. In cheerful obedience to thy commands, and in imitation of the example of thy Son, may I rejoice in showing kindness, and in doing good to all. If rich, may it be my joy to make my wealth contribute to the temporal and eternal happiness of my fellow men: if wise in the things of God, to instruct the ignorant; and if I have neither silver nor gold to bestow, may I in fervent prayer recommend them to thy fatherly protection. Apply the example of the meek and lowly Jesus to my mind, with such power as may cover me with confusion whenever my looks, my speech, or my deportment are not governed by compassion. Create in me, through thy grace, the same disposition towards all men as was in Christ Jesus. From beholding the cross of Christ, and the Saviour of sinners praying even for his murderers, may I learn to forgive mine enemies, to bless them that curse, and to pray for them that despitefully use and persecute me. Finally, let me be clothed with all humility, and in lowliness of mind esteem every one better than myself. Thus may I stand complete in thy will, that all around may be-

hold the genuine fruits of true faith in thy dear Son, by my constant practice of whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. Grant me, O God, all that I now request, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my guide, my pattern, and my Redeemer. *Amen.*

*For meekness and Quietness of Spirit.*

**BLESSED** Lord God, thou most compassionate lover of mankind, look down with pity upon me, a weak and sinful creature, who am encompassed about with many and with great infirmities. My nature is corrupt, my passions strong and violent, and my mind prone to peevishness and to anger. But, O Lord, I lament and bewail this wretched condition of my nature; and humbly beseech thee to give me a meek and quiet spirit, a patient and forgiving temper, and an humble and christian disposition, that my mind may be at all times calm and easy, my carriage kind and obliging, and the conduct and deportment of my life such as becometh the servant of the meek and lowly Jesus. Convince me truly of the folly of anger and of passion; how contrary it is to the spirit of thy holy religion; what an enemy it is to my present happiness; and how much it unfits me for the discharge of those duties which I owe to thee, my neighbour, and myself. Let the example of my Saviour inspire me with a charitable and forgiving temper; let me consider with what meekness and patience he endured the contradiction of sinners, and the insults and reproaches of wicked and unreasonable men; that like him I may be meek and lowly in heart, and

find that rest unto my soul, which he has promised to those that will be taught of him. Let the influence of thy Holy Spirit calm the passions, compose the storms and disorders of my soul; and extirpate from my breast all pride and vanity, all malice, hatred, and ill-will. Finally, O Lord, remove from me the spirit of this world, and fill me with that spirit of love and charity, which suffereth long, and is kind; which beareth all things, and is not easily provoked; that so, being full of that peace of God, which passeth all understanding, I may pass through this transitory scene with comfort and with joy, and hereafter be admitted to those peaceful regions of everlasting bliss, where thou, O blessed Jesus, who art the Prince of Peace, livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*For Sobriety and Temperance.*

**GRACIOUS** God, who hast strictly commanded us ever to be sober and to watch; vouchsafe to direct my paths in the right way to all sobriety and temperance, both spiritual and corporal. Suffer me not to abuse thy good creatures, or to turn thy grace into wantonness. Let me not be overcome with surfeiting and drunkenness, but avoid all superfluity, by the constant practice of temperance and moderation. Grant me a settled mind, and an humble conceit of mine own self; bless me that I may be wise to all temperance; and grant that I may live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Inure me by self-denial to bring my body into subjection, and

to punish all those excesses which I have been guilty of in the abuse of thy creatures. Grant me the true circumcision of the Spirit, that my heart and all my members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, I may in all things obey thy blessed will, and daily proceed in all virtue and godliness of life. Enable me, by the influence of thy Holy Spirit, to practise such temperance in all mine enjoyments, as may fit me for those duties to which thou shalt call me, and by thy blessing procure me freedom of thought and quietude of mind, that I may faithfully serve thee in this life with all godliness and sobriety. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me; enable me to overcome all intemperance; and grant me such rectitude of thought, and such constancy of action, as may at last bring me to everlasting happiness. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*For Sincerity.*

**ALMIGHTY** God, who fillest the whole earth with thy presence; before whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; and who wilt one day bring every thing into judgment, whether it be good or evil; I acknowledge and bewail before thee that my heart is deceitful above all things. But do thou, O God, who not only requirest the outward act of duty, but the inward disposition of the mind, teach me in all my religious actions, to regard thine authority; to obey thy laws, because thou hast enjoined them; and to make the sense of my duty the prevailing motive of my piety, and not

the praise of men, or regard to temporal advantage. Enable me to walk uprightly, and without guile in thy sight; to search and try mine inward thoughts; and whatever sin lies undiscovered in my soul, help me to find it out, and deliver me from its deceitful snares. Let my charity to the poor never serve to cover mine intemperance, or my sobriety exempt me from feeding the hungry and clothing the naked; but grant that I may obey from my heart all thy blessed will, and be a doer of thy word, and not a hearer only; that so my praise may be not of man, but of thee my God. Teach me, in all my dealings and intercourse with others, the exercise of true sincerity and singleness of heart, that I may always rejoice in the testimony of a good conscience, and enjoy that peace of God which passeth all understanding. Let my tongue be the true interpreter of my mind; mine expressions the lively image of my thoughts; and mine outward actions agreeable to mine intentions; that so, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed at thy dreadful tribunal, I may not be confounded with the workers of iniquity, but may be received into the arms of thy mercy as a sincere disciple; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*For Humility.*

**ETERNAL** Lord God, in whose sight the whole race of man is equal, and with whom there is no difference but that which is made by virtue; and who of thy tender mercy towards us hast sent thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to take

upon him our flesh, and to be born in the lowest state of poverty and indigence, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that I may never be proud of any of the pomps and vanities of this world, or the splendour of riches, nor ever ashamed or dejected at a condition which my Saviour himself both accepted and honoured. Teach me, that all human pride is founded on meanness of spirit, supported by ignorance, and filled with unhappiness; but that this noble virtue is the highest wisdom, the beginning and end of all knowledge, the continual source of all happiness, the best security of all holy affections, and the foundation and support of every thing that is good. In every condition of life, may I always remember, that my greatest honour will consist in lowliness of mind; that this virtue will ennoble the most abject, and add true dignity to the highest condition; and may I always imitate the humility of my Lord and Master, that I may be made partaker of his glorious kingdom in heaven, where, after all his humiliation from the manger even to the cross, he now sitteth crowned with supreme glory at the right hand of God, to intercede for the humble, and to help their infirmities. Give me then this heavenly grace, I most humbly beseech thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath taught me the perfection of it both in his doctrine and by his example. *Amen.*

*For Uprightness.*

**MOST** gracious God, who hast thought proper to rank me amongst thy servants, and to set me

an appointed task, on which I am to bestow mine utmost attention; grant, I pray thee, that I may not murmur at it as an uneasy burden, but may I contentedly perform it, even like the glorious sun, who, having his tabernacle set in the heavens, rejoiceth like a giant to run his course. And seeing, O Lord, that thou hast not placed me in this station for mine own private good, but for the benefit of all, give me such an upright and honest heart, that I may determine with myself never to receive that gain which ariseth from the loss of others. Let me ever remember that golden rule of doing unto others what I would they should do unto me. Let me never forget that the wages of unrighteousness are sin, and that thou wilt draw even out of the belly of the oppressor the substance which he hath devoured; and let me rather choose a little with thy blessing, than great revenues with thy curse. And if it shall be thy good pleasure to increase my portion by honest industry, keep me, I beseech thee, from setting my heart upon it. Let not my riches be my strong hold; but grant that as my lot is enlarged, I may become more and more afraid of myself, lest the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, should choke in me the seeds of grace, and steal away my mind from the contemplation of better things. Make it ever my constant care to follow my calling with that uprightness, that I may not abridge myself of convenient opportunities for heavenly and spiritual purposes. Make me to consider thine all-beholding presence, that all things are naked in thy sight, and that thou wilt surely bring to judgment every secret thing; that so,

knowing thee to be a witness of all mine actions, I may take care to walk as in thy sight, and approve myself to thee by an even and an upright behaviour. Unlock the treasures of thy right mercies, and afford me this and all other convenient and needful graces, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*For Holiness.*

**L**ORD God Almighty, heavenly Father, who spakest in times past unto mankind by thy servants the prophets, but hast most fully manifested thy will and goodness to us in these latter days by thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ; look down, I pray thee, with an eye of favour upon me thy servant, and sanctify my desire to fulfil all righteousness, that by true repentance and faith unfeigned being purified from all evil, I may be enabled to walk before thee in virtue and holiness of life. And for this end, assist and bless me in the study of thy holy word, that I may receive thine instructions with meekness and readiness, and may labour also to bring others to the knowledge of thy truth. Give me power and strength to withstand the various temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, in the midst of which I am placed for my trial and improvement, that I may gain the victory over them; and especially let the glorious prospect of life and immortality, opened unto me by thy gospel, make me count all the riches, the pleasures, and the greatness of this world as nothing, when they would shake mine integrity, or divert me from obedience to thy commands; that so by go-

ing on to add to my faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity, I may continually improve in the divine image, and in a meekness and fitness for the future glories and felicities of thy heavenly and eternal kingdom, which of thy great goodness, thou hast been graciously pleased to promise to all thy faithful followers, by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For Obedience.*

**E**TERNAL God, who art my hope and strength, and upon whose aid and assistance I depend; look down, I beseech thee, with compassion on a poor, feeble creature, whose work is great, and whose strength is but weakness. What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou so regardest him? And although it is a mighty work to cleanse this polluted nature, to root out evil affections, to plant it with heavenly dispositions, and to make it meet for the inheritance of the saints in light; yet blessed be thy name, since thou hast promised to go along with and to assist me; to strengthen me by thy grace, and to quicken me with thy spirit. To thee, O Lord, I look for a new heart, and a right spirit. Show me to myself under the most specious disguises, and help me to mortify sin in every member. Let me be a partaker of the divine nature of thy gospel; let the work of holiness be carried on in my soul till I am crucified both in body and in spirit. Let me not be contented with striving against sin; but enable me to grow in grace, till I am rescued

from its bondage; and then, when I am arrived at the state of everlasting triumph, I shall lay all my victories at thy feet; and with psalms in my hand, and hallelujahs on my lips, celebrate thy praise to all eternity. Keep me then, gracious God, steadfast in obedience to thy will, till thou shalt take me finally to enjoy thee, through Jesus Christ, my Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

*Against all Impurity.*

**GRACIOUS** God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and who in the sacrifice of thy beloved Son hast shown thy hatred of sin, and thy love of holiness, create me anew in Christ Jesus, and enable me to hunger and thirst after righteousness. And since all things are naked and open in thy sight; and since thou cannot be deceived by any specious pretences to piety, when the heart is not right towards thee, grant that my heart may ever be found in thy statutes. Let the knowledge of thy grace teach me to deny all ungodliness and fleshly lusts, and to perfect holiness in thy fear. Mortify and destroy in me every rebellious motion, every vicious inclination, that exalts itself against the holy precepts of thy gospel, that gives Satan advantage over me, and that hinders my blessed Saviour from reigning in my heart. Let not sin any longer have dominion over me, that I should obey it in its lusts; but help me, Lord, to keep under my body, and to bring it into subjection. Let thy heavenly Spirit guide and govern me. Gird me with might for this spiritual conflict, and enable me to go on conquering and to conquer. Make

me ever jealous of my heart, and watchful over my ways. May I put on the Lord Jesus, not in the name and profession only, but in deed and in truth. May I be clothed with his purity, self-denial, meekness, patience, kindness; his submission to his heavenly Father, and his love to man. Thus may I show forth thy praise, who hath called me out of darkness into thy marvellous light, and translated me out of the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of thy Son. Thus may I be training up for that state where holiness shall be perfected; where I shall behold thy face in righteousness, and be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness; and at last appear among the redeemed of the Lord, who have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, who died to put away sin, to bring in righteousness, and to purify us unto himself as a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Grant this, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*For Modesty and Chastity.*

**MOST** great and glorious God, thou who art a being of infinite holiness and unspotted purity, and who hast declared thy hatred and abhorrence of all immodesty and uncleanness, be pleased to purge and cleanse my soul from all filthiness of the mind and the body, and grant that I may be a holy temple, fit for the abode of thy most gracious Spirit. To this end, do thou enable me to mortify and subdue all fleshly lusts which war against the soul, wound the con-

science, grieve the Spirit, and render the mind unfit for the performance of holy duties. Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Put thy fear into my breast, and cause in my soul a steadfast resolution against, and a detestation of all uncleanness. Let me ever remember that thou art every where present, and that all things, however secret they may be kept from men, are naked and open to thine eyes, with whom we have to do. And that I may effectually obtain the graces of modesty and chastity, make me, O God, careful and diligent in the use of those means that are necessary to their attainment. Let me be diligent and industrious in the station wherein thy providence has placed me, considering that idleness is the occasion of all impurity. Teach me to keep a strict guard over my senses, to refrain from all evil and corrupt communications; and grant that my speech be such as may become the gospel of Christ, and may minister to the edification of those with whom I converse. Teach me to be sober in mine attire, moderate in my diet, temperate in the use of all things, prudent in the choice of my company, and disposed to practise the duties of mortification and self-denial. Make me mindful of the dignity and holiness of my profession, and to remember that if any one defile the temple of God, him will God destroy. Give me a firm faith in thy power for the subduing of all impurity. Let no discouragements keep me from presenting frequent and fervent petitions to thee for this excellent and necessary gift, in the name of our great Mediator Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost,

be all honour and glory, thanksgiving and praise, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*For Mortification and Self-Retirement.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast sent me into this world as a state of trial and probation, that I might be a candidate for eternity; teach me frequently to retire from the occasions and temptations to sin, to mortify mine affections for this world, the dangerous enemy to my salvation, that my flesh may be subdued to the spirit, and my mind left free to approach thee with ardour, and with fervency of affection. Inure me, by self-denial, to bring my body into subjection, and to punish all those excesses which I have been guilty of in the abuse of thy creatures. Let my retirement from the world make me perceive its vanity and emptiness, and teach me to relish the pleasure of spiritual enjoyments. Let me spend those solitary hours in the improvement of christian knowledge, and do thou open mine eyes that I may see the wondrous things of thy law. Make me heartily to bewail my sins, and do thou work in me that godly sorrow not to be repented of. Grant that I may sincerely examine the state of mine own mind; and do thou search and try my ways, and lead me into the path of everlasting life. And perceiving how bitter a thing it is to depart from the living God, grant that I may no longer continue estranged from the Fountain of all joy and happiness; but that, by confessing and forsaking my sins, I may be entirely converted unto thee, and that they may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall

come from the presence of the Lord; through Jesus Christ, my Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

*For Diligence.*

**ALMIGHTY** God, who hast commanded man to labour, and to provide for his subsistence by his own diligence and industry; grant that I may fulfil thy command: and by the exercise of care, of diligence, and of perseverance, may be enabled to provide for myself, and for those committed to my charge. Enable me, by the improvement of those talents with which thou hast intrusted me, and by patient continuance in well-doing, to make my calling and election sure; that so, labouring in thy work here, I may rest from my labours hereafter, in that state which thou hast been pleased to promise to all thy faithful servants; and be welcomed to the glories of thy heavenly kingdom, with these gracious expressions of acceptance, well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter therefore into the joy of thy Lord. Grant this, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*For Contentment.*

**ETERNAL** God, the first and the greatest of all beings, our creator, our benefactor, and our friend, to whom we are indebted for all the blessings of the present life, and for the hope of that which is to come; I bow down before thee under a deep sense of my continual dependence upon

thy providence, and of mine unspeakable obligations to thy goodness. Encouraged by the past experience of thy mercy, may I repose the confidence of my soul upon thy protection; and in whatever station thou shalt be pleased to place me, therewith to be content, from a full persuasion that it is allotted unto me by perfect goodness, and unerring wisdom. If thou shalt see fit to fix me in circumstances of plenty and of prosperity, give me a grateful sense of thy distinguishing goodness; teach me that moderation in my desires which will give me the true enjoyment of life, and that temperate use of thy mercies, which will procure me the continual feast of a good conscience, and the enjoyment of the supporting persuasion, that thou art mine approving judge, and mine almighty friend and protector. And if it shall be thy pleasure to appoint my lot amid scenes of adversity and affliction, teach me still to adore thy wisdom, to acknowledge that the ways of thy dispensation are right; and with humble resignation to exclaim at all times, thy will be done. Let not any of the disappointments or adverse occurrences of life render me dejected and desponding, morose and fretful, or make me at any time so discomposed and depressed by the calamities which befall me, as to be insensible of the blessings which I still possess, inattentive to the duties of my station, or incapable of enjoying the supports of religion. Throughout every changing scene of life, may I rejoice in thy government, and pay thee that tribute of grateful homage which is due to the greatest and best of Beings, uniting with all creatures in heaven and on earth to ascribe blessing and honour, praise

and thanksgiving unto thee and the Lamb, for ever and for ever. *Amen.*

*For Justice.*

**L**ORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of every good thing, and who hast commanded us to do justice to all mankind; grant me the assistance of thy Holy Spirit to cleanse my heart and hands from all injustice and deceit; and to make me, in every transaction of life, so to do unto others as I would they should do unto me. Inspire me with the firm resolution of no longer heaping up riches unjustly, but of preferring that which is honestly obtained to great revenues without right: that so, by keeping innocency, and taking heed to the thing that is lawful and just, I may enjoy a conscience void of offence in this world, and peace and happiness in that which is to come. Grant this, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*For Unity.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast built thy church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; grant, I beseech thee, that all christians may be so joined together by their doctrine, in unity of spirit, that they may be made an holy temple, acceptable unto thee; may be united in the bonds of christian charity, and fulfil thy blessed Son's commandment of loving one another, even as thou hast loved us. Take from us all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder

us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body, one spirit, and one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, we may henceforth be all united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, in the mystical body of thy Son, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate, who is our only Saviour, and the very Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

*For Good-will to all Mankind.*

**O** God, thou great and universal parent, who hast made of one blood, and redeemed by one ransom, all the nations of the earth; impart to me some portion of that infinite love which thou bearest to them all: and however different other nations may be from us, or however distant, let me, from the blessed doctrine and example of Christ, learn to love them all, and esteem them as brethren. And grant, I beseech thee, through thy grace, that this most divine love may never be erased from my mind; that I may never forget that solemn and awful scene at the last, the dreadful day, the day of universal judgment: when all the dead, both small and great, of every kindred, and people, and tongue, from the east and from the west, and from all the face of the earth, shall stand assembled before the throne of thy glory; when all difference of nation and of language shall be done away, and no distinction then remain, but that which vice and sin, virtue and holiness, faith and piety shall make, for