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"Hear Thou from the heavens, even from Thy dwelling-
place, our prayers, and our supplications."

"They lifted up their voice to God with one accord."



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This short Manual of Family Devotion is chiefly compiled from the Prayer-Book and Psalter; a few ancient Collects, and Prayers and Litanies from other sources, being added.

As it is intended that each member of the household should be supplied with a copy, in order that all may follow the prayers, and join in the responses, it has necessarily been brought into very small compass, but the Services will be lengthened and varied by the Collect for the day, and other Collects can be added at discretion. It may even be felt advisable by some to alternate the course, week by week, or morning and evening, by using prayers from other books of Family Devotion.

The aim of the Compiler is to promote union and earnestness in the daily prayer of the family, and to impart increased reality and warmth to worship, which, instead of being "the beauty of holiness," is too often, it is to be feared, especially with children and thoughtless persons, a wearisome and lifeless form. No one can have used our Church's Prayer-Book without knowing its blessed aid in keeping up recollection, and recalling wandering thoughts.

May God give His blessing to this humble endeavour to follow its teaching.

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Sunday Morning.

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

O LORD, most gracious Saviour, Who, as on this day, didst rise again from the dead, raise up our souls unto newness of life, granting us repentance from dead works, and transforming us in the likeness of Thy Resurrection. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD God, we humbly beseech Thee to direct our thoughts and prayers this day; purify our hearts from every evil and false imagination, and may no vain and worldly desires have their abode in us. Keep us from all wandering looks and ways, from an undevout mind, and careless prayers. May the Voice of Thy Love enter into our souls, that we may worship Thee with reverence and holy fear, with fervour and delight. O God, Thou seest us; help us to look up unto Thee; and send forth Thy Spirit of Light and Truth to lead us to Thy Holy Mountain; and make us joyful in Thy House of Prayer; for His sake, Who died for us and rose again, and now liveth and reigneth for ever and ever, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken, and do.

Answer. Defer not, for Thine own sake, O our God.

To the Lord our God, belong mercies and forgivenesses.

Answer. Though we have rebelled against Him.

O Lord, look Thou upon us, and be merciful unto us.

Answer. As Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy Name.

Let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our hearts, be alway acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our Redecmer.

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

Sunday Evening.

Let us pray.

MOST loving Father, our only Rest, and our never-failing Consolation, pour into our hearts Thy heavenly Love, and blessed Charity, that we may know and love Thee above all things, and may ever be drawn nearer and nearer unto Thee, and into closer fellowship with one another. Unite our wills to Thy most holy Will, that we may have no desire but to love and please Thee, and may be heartily and fully content with all Thou givest us. Be Thou our Strength, our Glory, the Joy of our hearts, and the Fulness of our hopes; at the hour of death, our merciful Saviour and Deliverer, and hereafter our exceeding great Reward. Thou art the Fountain of pure and lasting joys; vouchsafe to lead us by the paths of humility and holiness to Thy Eternal Peace, for the sake of our dearest Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

KEEP us in Thy Fold, O Thou Shepherd of Israel, and lead us forth continually by the green pastures, and the still waters, till, supported by Thy rod and staff, and fearing no evil, for Thou art with us, we pass through the dark valley of the shadow of death into Thy Courts of light and joy, there to dwell for ever with Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself, shall be with them, and be their God.

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Abide with us, O blessed Saviour.

Answer. And leave us not comfortless.

Let the brightness of Thy presence shine around us.

Answer. To lighten our darkness.

Until the shadows of fear and sin flee away.

Answer. And we rejoice in Thy light for ever.

O BLESSED Jesus, we rejoice that Thou hast ascended on high, and hast overcome sin, and death, and hell; and we beseech Thee still to remember us in this vale of tears, and make us ever to remember Thee, that we may be ready to meet Thee in the clouds, and be received up with Thee into glory; through Thy merits and mediation, to Whom be all honour and thanksgiving. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, our chief and only Good, we give Thee hearty thanks that, of Thy great mercy, Thou hast this day preserved us by Thy Power, and hast taught us by Thy Word with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, and hast given unto us the Bread of Life. Still be with us, O Lord, to pardon and to bless. Forgive us all our sins of ignorance and omission, all our wandering thoughts and vain desires. O, grant that we may so serve and worship Thee on earth, that hereafter we may be of that great multitude which no man can number, who shall stand before the Throne and the Lamb; and may have entrance into that City which has no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof. Grant this, O Lord, in Thy tender mercies, for Christ's sake. Amen.

MAY the very God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and may our whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday Morning.

(To be said by all together.)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Answer. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

O Lord, save Thy servants.

Answer. Who put their trust in Thee.

Send us help from Thy holy place.

Answer. And evermore mightily defend us.

Be unto us, O Lord, a strong tower.

Answer. From the face of the enemy.