SELECTIONS FROM THE

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER,

IN USE IN THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

PART I.

Containing the Order for Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, The Litany, and Occasional Collects.

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MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER.

The Minister shall begin the Morning or Evening Prayer, by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab. ii. 20.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. i. 11.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Psal. xix. 14.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Ezek. xlvii. 27.

I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Psal. li. 3.

Hide thy face from my sins; and blot out all my iniquities. Psal. li. 9.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psal. li. 17.

Rend your heart and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentineth him of the evil. Joel ii. 13.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. Deut. ix. 9, 10.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.—Jer. x. 23. Psal. vi. 1.

Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. St. Matt. iii. 2.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him; Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. St. Luke, xv. 18, 19.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord; for in thine sight shall no man living be justified. Psal. cxliii. 2.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John i. 8, 9.

Then the Minister shall say,

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore, I pray and beseech you as many as are here present, to accompany me, with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

A general Confession, to be said by the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

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 those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus 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.

The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins; to be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardonneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore, let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit; that those things which please him which we do at present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The People shall answer here, and at the end of every Prayer, Amen.

Or this.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who, of his great mercy, hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto him; have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord’s Prayer; the People still kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then likewise he shall say.

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,

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

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

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord’s name be praised.

Then shall be said or sung the following Anthem at Morning Prayer; except on those days for which other Anthems are appointed; and except also, when it is used in the course of the Psalms, on the nineteenth day of the month.

Venite, exultemus Domino.

O Come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down; and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

Then shall follow a Portion of the Psalms, as they are appointed, or one of the Selections of Psalms set forth by this Church: and at the end of every Psalm, and likewise at the end of the Venite, Benedicite, Jubilate, Benedictus, Conule Domino, Bonum est confiteri; Deus misereatur, Beneficium anima mea—MAY be said or sung the Gloria Patri; and at the end of the whole Portion, or Selection of Psalms for the day, SHALL be said or sung the Gloria Patri, or else the Gloria in Excelsis, as followeth:

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then shall be read the first Lesson, according to the Table or Calendar; after which shall be said or sung the following Hymn, at Morning Prayer.

Note, That before every Lesson, the Minister shall say, Here beginneth such a Chapter, or Verse of such a Chapter, of such a Book: And after every Lesson, Here endeth the first or the second Lesson.

To Deum laudamus.

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father, everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee, Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and Earth are full of the majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
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The holy Church throughout all the world, doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine adorable, true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;  
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
And we worship thy name ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.  

† Or this Canticle.

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him forever.  
O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Dews and Frostes, bless ye the Lord;  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

† Then shall be read in like manner, the second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament, according to the Table or Calender; and after that the following Psalm.

Jubilate Deo. Psalm cx.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God, it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

[In the Evening, after the first Lesson, shall be said or sung the following Psalm, except when it is read in the ordinary course of the Psalms, on the nineteenth day of the month.]

Contate Domino. Psal. cxviii.

O Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation, his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp; sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise and all that therein is, the round world and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Then shall be said the Apostles’ Creed, by the Minister and the People standing: And any Churches may omit the words, He descended into Hell, or may, instead of them, use the words, He went into the place of departed spirits, which are considered as words of the same meaning in the Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The communion of Saints; the for-
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... the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the Evening, shall be said the Collect for the day, and, after that, the Collects and Prayers following.

¶ A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

¶ A Collect for Aid against Perils.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose Almighty power we have been preserved this day; by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the President of the Confederate States, and all in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the Universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant, The President of the Confederate States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will and walk in thy way: Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The following Prayers are to be omitted here, when the Litany is read.

¶ A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon our Bishops and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing; Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator Jesus Christ. Amen.
A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.

O GOD the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy Fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions: And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives: by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

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.

Here endeth the order of the Morning and Evening Prayer.

THE LITANY,

Or General Supplication, to be used after Morning Service, on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

O God, the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou ven-
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lion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting and Temptation;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates; giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace and concord;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy Commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth, all such as have erred and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up those who fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity or tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land or by water, all women in the perils of child-birth, all sick persons, and young children, and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy Holy Word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

† The Minister may, at his discretion, omit all that follows, to the Prayer, "We humbly beseech thee, O Father," &c.

†O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

†Then shall the Minister, and the People with him, say the Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil Amen.
Min. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.
Ans. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

¶ Let us pray.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whatsoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to naught; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy name’s sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Ans. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.
Graciously look upon our afflictions.
With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.
Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.
Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.
O Son of David, have mercy upon us.
Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.
Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.
Min. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;
Ans. As we do put our trust in thee.

¶ Benedictions.

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ Depart with this Blessing.

THE peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.
PRAYERS.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS,
UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

To be used before the two final Prayers of Morning and Evening Service.

PRAYERS

¶ A Prayer for Congress. To be used during their Session.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the People of these Confederate States in general, so especially for their [Senate and] Representatives in Congress assembled; That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy Glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These, and all other necessary for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶ For Rain.

O God, heavenly Father, who by thy son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For Fair Weather.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to restrain those immoderate rains, wherewith, for our sins, thou hast afflicted us. And we pray thee to send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may, in due time, yield her increase for our use and benefit. And give us grace, that we may learn by thy punishments to amend our lives, and for thy clemency to give thee thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

¶ In Time of Dearth and Famine.

O God, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth bring forth her increase; Behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people; increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we now most justly suffer for our sins, may, through thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty, for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom; with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

¶ In Time of War and Tumults.

O Almighty God, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For those who are to be admitted into Holy Orders, to be used in the Weeks preceding the stated times of Ordination.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons, to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And, to those who shall be ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Or this.

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church; give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In Time of great Sickness and Mortality.

O Almighty God, the Lord of life and death of sickness and health; regard our supplications we humbly beseech thee; and, as thou hast thought fit to visit us for our sins with gre
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For a Sick Person.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; preserve him from the temptations of the enemy; give him patience under his affliction; and, in thy good time, restore him to health, and enable him to lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory: Or else give him grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, he may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Sick Child.

ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon the sick child for whom our prayers are desired. Deliver him, O Lord, in thy good appointed time, from his bodily pain, and visit him with thy salvation; that if it should be thy good pleasure to prolong his days here on earth, he may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation. Or else receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For a Person, or Persons going to Sea.

O Eternal God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; we commend to thy Almighty protection, thy servant, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard him, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which he may be exposed. Conduct him in safety to the haven where he would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Person under Affliction.

O Merciful God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servant, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble, and to bring distress upon him. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness: lift up thy countenance upon him, and give him peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Malefactors, after Condemnation.

O MOST gracious and merciful God, we earnestly beseech thee to have pity and compassion upon those persons recommended to our prayers, who now die under the sentence of the law, and are appointed to die. Visit them, O Lord, with thy mercy and salvation; convince them of the miserable condition they are in, by their sins and wickedness; and let thy powerful grace produce in them such godly sorrow, and sincere repentance, as thou wilt be pleased to accept. Give them a strong and lively faith in thy Son our blessed Saviour, and make it effectual to the salvation of their souls. O Lord, in judgment remember mercy; and whatever sufferings they are to endure in this world, yet deliver them, O God, from the bitter pains of eternal death. Pardon their sins, and save their souls, for the sake and merits of thy dear Son, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

A Prayer to be used at the meetings of Convention.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, by thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world; we beseech thee to be present with the council of thy Church here assembled in thy name and presence. Save them from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern us in our present work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the comfortable gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into one fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life; through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.
THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ The Thanksgiving of Women after Childbirth; to be said when any Woman, being present in Church, shall have desired to return Thanks to Almighty God for her safe deliverance.

O ALMIGHTY God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of Childbirth, this woman, thy servant, who desirest now to offer her praises and thanksgivings unto thee. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that she, through thy help, 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.

¶ For Rain.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man: we give thee humble thanks that it hath pleased thee, in our great necessity, to send us at the last a joyful rain upon thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry, to the great comfort of us thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy name, through thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For Fair Weather.

O Lord God, who hast justly humbled us by thy late visitation of us with inconsiderate rain and waters, and in thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather: we praise and glorify thy holy name for this thy mercy, and will always declare thy loving kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For Plenty.

O Most merciful Father, who of thine gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty: we give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

¶ For Peace and Deliverance from our Enemies.

O Almighty God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies: we yield thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from these great and apparent dangers wherein we were encompassed. We acknowledge it thy goodness that we were not delivered over as a prey unto them; beseeching thee still to continue such thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For restoring Public Peace at Home.

O Eternal God, our heavenly Father, who alone maketh men to be of one mind in a house, and stilllest the outrage of a violent and unruly people; we bless thy holy name, that it hath pleased thee to appease the seditions tumults which have been lately raised up amongst us; most humbly beseeching thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these thy mercies towards us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

¶ For Deliverance from great Sickness and Mortality.

O Lord God, who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions, by thy late heavy and dreadful visitation; and now, in the midst of judgment remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death; we offer unto thy fatherly goodness ourselves, our souls and bodies which thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, always praising and magnifying thy mercies in the midst of thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ For a Recovery from Sickness.

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; we bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from his bodily sickness this thy servant, who now desireth to return thanks unto thee, in the presence of all thy people. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May his heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may he devote the residue of his days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

¶ For a safe Return from Sea.

MOST gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works: we praise thy holy name, that thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety, through the perils of the great deep, this thy servant, who now desir's to return his thanks unto thee, in thy holy Church: May he be duly sensible of thy merciful providence towards him, and ever express his thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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§ Prayer for the Sick.

O Most merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon this thy servant, who most earnestly desirest pardon and forgiveness. Renew in him, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by his own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider his contrition, accept his tears, assuage his pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for him. And forasmuch as he putteth his full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto him his former sins, but strengthen him, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give him unfeigned repentance for all the errors of his life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus, that his sins may be done away by thy mercy, and his pardon sealed in Heaven, before he go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with thee; and that, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise him up, and grant him a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of his dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare him, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after his departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, his soul may be received into thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

§ A Prayer for Persons troubled in Mind or Conscience.

O Blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, We beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against him, and makest him to possess his former iniquities Thy wrath lieth hard upon him; and his soul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy word for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give him a right understanding of himself, and of thy threats and promises; that he may neither cast away his confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee: Give him strength against all his temptations and heal all his distempers. Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but makethim to hear of joy and gladness, that the bone which thou hast broken may rejoice. Delive rhim from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon him, and give him peace through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ A Prayer that may be said by the Minister in behalf of all present.

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness an uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery; in holiness and righteousness. The days of our lives: The when we shall have served thee in our generation; we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable hope; in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. A
which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

§ A Prayer which may be said in case of sudden surprise and immediate danger.

O MOST gracious Father, we fly unto thee for thy mercy in behalf of this thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of thine hand. If it be thy will, preserve his life, that there may be place for repentance: But if thou hast otherwise appointed, let thy mercy supply to him the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of his lamp. Stir up in him such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to thee, as may in a short time do the work of many days: That among the praises which thy Saints and holy Angels shall sing to the honour of thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to thy unspreakable glory, that thou hast redeemed the soul of this thy servant from eternal death, and made him partner of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ A Thanksgiving for the beginning of a recovery.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; we bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our brother to some degree of his former health. Blessed be thy name, that thou didst not forsake him in his sickness; but didst visit him with comforts from above; didst support him in patience and submission to thy will; and, at last, didst send him reasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards him; and prosper the means which shall be made use of for his cure: That being restored to health of body, vigor of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, he may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless thy holy name for all thy goodness towards him; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, To whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

§ Collect.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ The Prayer to be said before a Fight against any Enemy.

O MOST powerful and glorious Lord God, the Lord of hosts, that rulest and commandest all things; thou sittest in the throne judging right, and therefore we make our address to thy Divine Majesty in this our necessity, that thou wouldest take the cause into thine own hand, and judge between us and our enemies. Stir up thy strength. O Lord, and come and help us; for thou givest not always the battle to the strong, but canst save by many or by few. O let not our sins now cry against us for vengeance; but hear us thy poor servants begging mercy, and imploring thy help, and that thou wouldest be a defence unto us against the face of the enemy. Make it appear that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ Short Prayers for single Persons, who cannot meet to join in Prayer with others, by reason of the Fight or Storm.

§ General Prayers.

LORD be merciful to us sinners, and save us for thy mercies sake.

Thou art the great God, who hast made and rulest all things: O deliver us for thy name's sake.

Thou art the great God to be feared above all: O save us, that we may praise thee.

§ Special Prayers with respect to the Enemy.

THOU, O Lord, art just and powerful: O defend our cause against the face of the enemy.

O God thou art a strong tower of defence to all who fly unto thee: O save us from the violence of the enemy.

O Lord of Hosts, fight for us, that we may glorify thee.

O suffer us not to sink under the weight of our sins, or the violence of the enemy.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy name's sake.

§ The Confession.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings, the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

§ A Psalm or Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving after Victory.

IF the Lord had not been on our side, now may we say; if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;
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They had swallowed us up quick, when they were so wrathfully displeased at us. Yea, the waters had drowned us, and the stream had gone over our soul; the deep waters of the proud had gone over our soul. But praised be the Lord, who hath not given us over as a prey unto them. The Lord hath wrought a mighty salvation for us.

We got not this by our own sword, neither was it our own arm that saved us; but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hast a favour unto us. The Lord hath appeared for us; the Lord hath covered our heads, and made us to stand in the day of battle. The Lord hath appeared for us; the Lord hath overthrown our enemies, and dashed in pieces those that rose up against us. Therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but to thy name be given the glory. The Lord hath done great things for us; the Lord hath done great things for us, for which we rejoice. Our help standeth in the name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth for ever more. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

† A Prayer for our Enemies.

O GOD, we beseech Thee, forgive and pardon our enemies, and give us that measure of thy grace, that for their hatred we may love them; for their cursing we may bless them; for their injury we may do them good; and for their persecution we may pray for them. They have laid a net for our steps, and they have digged a pit before us; Lord, we desire not that they themselves should fall into the midst of these, but we beseech Thee keep us out of them, and deliver, establish, bless and prosper us for Thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, we desire to consecrate ourselves and our country, now and forever, imploring Thee to be our God, and to make us Thy people. Amen.

† A Prayer of Washington.

[From McGuire's Religious Opinions and Character of Washington.]

ALMIGHTY Father, if it is Thy holy will that we shall obtain a place and name among the nations of the earth, grant that we may be enabled to show our gratitude for Thy goodness, by our endeavours to fear and obey Thee. Bless us with wisdom in our councils, success in battle, and let our victories be tempered with humanity. Endow, also, our enemies with enlightened minds, that they may become sensible of their injustice, and willing to restore our liberty and peace. Grant the petition of Thy servants, for the sake of Him whom Thou hast called Thy beloved Son: nevertheless, not our will but Thine be done. Amen.

A SELECTION OF PSALMS. (VI.)

From Psalm 32. Beati, quorum.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile. I will acknowledge my sin unto thee; and mine unrighteousness have I not hid. I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin. For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; but in the great water floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; and I will guide thee with mine eye. Great plagues remain for the ungodly; but whose puttheth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful all ye that are true of heart.

Psalm, 130. De profundis.

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
If then, Lord, will be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.
Psalm 121. Levasi oculos meos.
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.
PSALM 79. L. M.
From the Psalms of David.
1 With one consent let all the earth
   To God their cheerful voices raise;
   Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
   And sing before him songs of praise.
2 Convinced that he is God alone,
   From whom both we and all proceed;
   We whom he chooses for his own,
   The flock that he vouchsafes to feed.
4 O enter then his temple gate,
   Thence to his courts devoutly press;
   And still your grateful hymns repeat,
   And still his Name with praises bless.
4 For he's the Lord, supremely good,
   His mercy is for ever sure,
   His truth, which always firmly stood
   To endless ages shall endure.
PSALM 82. S. M.
From the ciii. Psalm of David.
1 O BLESS the Lord, my soul,
   His grace to thee proclaim;
   And all that is within me, join,
   To bless his holy Name.
2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
   His mercies bear in mind;
   Forget not all his benefits,
   Who is to thee so kind.
3 He pardons all thy sins,
   Prolongs thy feeble breath;
   He healeth thine infirmities,
   And ransoms thee from death.
4 He feeds thee with his love,
   Upholds thee with his truth;
   And, like the eagle's, he renews
   The vigor of thy youth.
5 Then bless the Lord, my soul,
   His grace, his love proclaim;
   Let all that is within me, join
   To bless his holy Name.

HYMN 75. C. M.
1 Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
   With all thy quick'ning powers;
   Kindle a flame of sacred love
   In these cold hearts of ours.
2 See how we grovel here below,
   Fond of these earthly toys:
   Our souls, how heavily they go,
   To reach eternal joys.
3 In vain we tune our lifeless songs,
   In vain we strive to rise;
   Hosannas languish on our tongues,
   And our devotion dies.
4 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,
   With all thy quick'ning powers;
   Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,
   And that shall kindle ours.

HYMN 88. S. M.
Ephesians vi. 10—13.
SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong, in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son.
2 Strong in the Lord of hosts.
   And in his mighty power,
   Who is the strength of Jesus trusts,
   Is more than conqueror.
3 Stand then in his great might,
   With all his strength endued;
   And take to arm you for the fight,
   The panoply of God.
4 That having all things done,
   And all your conflicts past,
   Ye may behold your victory won,
   And stand complete at last.