

# Fight the Good Fight

A BOOK OF  
DEVOTION AND INSTRUCTION FOR  
MEN AND WOMEN  
IN THE  
ARMED FORCES



*Be strong and of a good courage*

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*To the Men and Women in  
the Queen's Forces:*

This little book will be a good companion. It is small enough to be carried in your pocket along with all those other things that constantly remind you of home. There will be times when you will find something in it that just fits your particular need—in the same way that a glance at a photograph or a letter often helps. By using it you will come to value it.

It comes to you from your Church—a very old Church now—whose members, like you, have through the centuries been called to face every kind of difficulty, temptation, hardship and death. But in and through all these experiences they have found that by loyalty to their Church—her sacraments—her worship—her Book, they could meet every situation and come through it with decency and honour. This little book will remind you of these things.

We want it to remind you also that your Church cares, as God cares, and that every day you are remembered in our prayers.

As I write this note to you some are fighting in Korea, some are trying to prevent a war in Europe and some are training here at home. Wherever you are, we are proud of your readiness to serve.

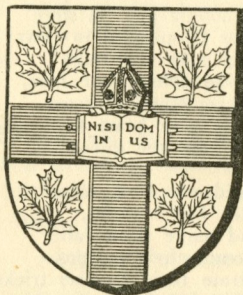
So wherever you are—

God Bless you and keep you.

WALTER EDMONTON,  
*Archbishop and Primate.*

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## GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

God save our gracious queen,  
Long live our noble queen;

God save the queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us;  
God save the queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour;  
Long may she reign!  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice  
God save the queen!

O Lord our God, arise!  
Scatter her enemies,  
And make them fall!  
Confound their politics,  
Frustrate their knavish tricks;  
On thee our hopes we fix;  
God save us all!

Our loved Dominion bless  
With peace and happiness  
From shore to shore;  
And let our Empire be  
Loyal, united, free,  
True to herself and thee  
For evermore.

## Prayers for Private Use

### FOR MORNINGS

*Praise.* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be  
to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

*Prayer.* For the blessings of the night I  
thank thee, O Father: Keep me this day strong,  
pure and brave, faithful to my duty and to thee;  
bless all my loved ones (my wife, mother, father,  
or children) wherever they may be; for Christ's  
sake. Amen.

### AT NOON

Blessed Saviour, who at this hour didst hang  
upon the cross stretching forth thy loving arms,  
grant that all mankind may look unto thee and  
be saved. Amen.

### FOR EVENINGS

O God, now that the night comes I commit  
myself and my loved ones into thy care: I will be  
trustful, whatever comes to me, that I am with  
thee. Forgive me my sins, the wrong which I  
have done and the duty which I have left undone.  
Guard our country and bless the cause for which  
we fight. Into thy hands I commit myself;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### ANOTHER EVENING PRAYER

Save us, O Lord, waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may be with Christ and in peace may take our rest.

May God our Father bless us and keep us all, this night and always. Amen.

### FOR GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee: Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FOR GOD'S MERCY

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

### FOR HEALING, IN SICKNESS AND SUFFERING

O Lord Jesus Christ, divine Healer, behold, visit and relieve me, thy servant; look upon me with the eyes of thy mercy, give me courage and

sure confidence in thee, defend me from the danger of the enemy, and keep me in perpetual peace and safety; for thy Name's sake. Amen.

### BEFORE GOING INTO ACTION

Loving Father, protect me in all danger. Watch over my loved ones and my comrades. Trusting in thee for forgiveness and for life, I commend myself into thy hands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Bless, O Lord, our Queen and country, and prosper the forces of our Empire, and in thy good time bring peace on earth. Bless, O Lord, thy holy Church, my family and my friends; have mercy upon all the sick and wounded, and receive the dying; for thy own Name's sake. Amen.

### FOR THE FORCES

O God our Father, we commend to thy keeping all the men and women serving our country by sea, land and air, that we may win for the whole world the fruits of our sacrifice and a just peace; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FOR OUR COMMONWEALTH

Be gracious, O Lord, to the peoples that trust in thee; and stretch forth the right hand of thy protection to guard the British Dominions, that our realm, being always devoted to thy glory, may ever be defended by thy power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, guide, we beseech thee, the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them the peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### FOR BLESSING TO ALL

Extend Thy blessing, O Jesus Christ, to thy people in all lands engaged in war. Teach all who call upon thee to love their enemies as thou didst command; And in thy love grant to all of us forgiveness and peace; for thy own Name's sake. Amen.

### THE GRACE

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.

## Bible Readings

### COURAGE

JOSHUA 1:1 AND 5 TO 9

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.



## AN UPRIGHT MAN

PSALMS 15

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and make much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not: though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast annointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## HELP FROM GOD

PSALMS 121

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.

## GOD'S CARE FOR US

ST. MATTHEW 6: 27-34

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

### THE GOOD SAMARITAN

ST. LUKE 10: 29-37

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

### THE PRODIGAL SON

ST. LUKE 15: 11-24

And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

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: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.

### IN GETHSEMANE

ST. MATTHEW 26: 36-46

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch with me.

And he went a little farther, and fell on his face and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners,

Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

### FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

I CORINTHIANS 13: 1-END

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor; and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

### THE ARMOUR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6: 10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

### THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5: 22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

### THE MIND OF CHRIST

PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,



Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### GOD OUR HELPER

HEBREWS 13:5 AND 6

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

So that we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

### THE VICTORY WHICH OVERCOMES THE WORLD

I JOHN 5:1-5

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

### CALLED TO BE CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

I THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

### COMFORT IN DEATH

#### I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

## Hymns

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- 1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
- 4 Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

#### 412 ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the Cross of Jesus  
Going on before.  
Christ, the royal Master,  
Leads again the foe,  
Forward into battle,  
See, His banners go.  
  
Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the Cross of Jesus  
Going on before.



2 At the sign of triumph  
 Satan's host doth flee;  
 On, then, Christian soldiers,  
 On to victory!  
 Hell's foundations quiver  
 At the shout of praise;  
 Brothers, lift your voices;  
 Loud your anthems raise.  
 Onward, Christian soldiers, etc.

3 Like a mighty army  
 Moves the Church of God.  
 Brothers, we are treading  
 Where the saints have trod.  
 We are not divided,  
 All one body we—  
 One in hope and doctrine,  
 One in charity.  
 Onward, Christian soldiers, etc.

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- 1 Father! as we kneel to worship  
 In Thy Holy Place,  
 We commend our Empire's purpose  
 To Thy Grace.
- 2 God, all loving! For our soldiers,  
 We before Thee plead,  
 And our airmen—keep beside them  
 In their need.
- 3 Jesus Saviour, Heavenly Pilot  
 Keep our sailors free  
 From the perils that beset them,  
 And near Thee.

4 Jesus, Thou the Great Physician,  
 Guardian over all,  
 Heal the wounded; give Thy life to  
 Those who fall.

5 King of Kings and Lord Eternal,  
 Help us and defend,  
 Grant us peace and haste the time when  
 War shall end. Amen.

3

- 1 New every morning is the love  
 Our wakening and uprising prove;  
 Through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
 Restored to life, and power, and thought.
- 2 New mercies, each returning day,  
 Hover around us while we pray;  
 New perils past, new sins forgiven,  
 New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

3 If on our daily course our mind  
 Bet set to hallow all we find,  
 New treasures still of countless price,  
 God will provide for sacrifice.

5 The trivial round, the common task,  
 Will furnish all we ought to ask,  
 Room to deny ourselves, a road  
 To bring us daily nearer God. Amen.

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- 1 He who would valiant be  
 'Gainst all disaster,  
 Let him in constancy  
 Follow the Master.

There's no discouragement  
 Shall make him once relent  
 His first avowed intent  
 To be a pilgrim.

2 Who so beset him round  
 With dismal stories,  
 Do but themselves confound—  
 His strength the more is.  
 No foes shall stay his might,  
 Though he with giants fight:  
 He will make good his right  
 To be a pilgrim.

3 Since, Lord, thou dost defend  
 Us with thy Spirit,  
 We know we at the end  
 Shall life inherit.  
 Then fancies flee away!  
 I'll fear not what men say,  
 I'll labour night and day  
 To be a pilgrim. Amen.

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1 God be in my head,  
 And in my understanding;  
 2 God be in mine eyes,  
 And in my looking;  
 3 God be in my mouth,  
 And in my speaking;  
 4 God be in my heart,  
 And in my thinking;  
 5 God be at mine end,  
 And at my departing. Amen.

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1 I bind unto myself today  
 The strong Name of the Trinity;  
 By invocation of the same,  
 The Three in One, and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for ever,  
 By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;  
 His baptism in Jordan river;  
 His death on Cross for my salvation;  
 His bursting from the spiced tomb;  
 His riding up the heavenly way;  
 His coming at the day of doom;  
 I bind unto myself today.

5 I bind unto myself today  
 The power of God to hold and lead,  
 His eye to watch, his might to stay,  
 His ear to hearken to my need.  
 The wisdom of my God to teach,  
 His hand to guide, his shield to ward;  
 The word of God to give me speech,  
 His heavenly host to be my guard.

6 Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me.  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,  
 The strong Name of the Trinity;  
 By invocation of the same,  
 The Three in One, and One in Three,



Of whom all nature hath creation;  
 Eternal Father, Spirit, Word;  
 Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
 Salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

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- 1 Rise up, O men of God!  
 Have done with lesser things;  
 Give heart and soul and mind and strength  
 To serve the King of kings.
- 2 Rise up, O men of God!  
 His Kingdom tarries long;  
 Bring in the day of brotherhood  
 And end the night of wrong.
- 3 Rise up, O men of God!  
 The Church for you doth wait:  
 Her strength unequal to her task;  
 Rise up, and make her great!
- 4 Lift high the Cross of Christ!  
 Tread where his feet have trod,  
 As brothers of the Son of Man,  
 Rise up, O men of God! Amen.

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- 1 Youth of the world, arise,  
 Courage and service bring,  
 Life, full and free, before you lies,  
 Make Christ your Saviour-King.
- 2 Youth of the world, arise,  
 High hope is yours today,  
 Life offers many an easy prize,  
 Christ points the harder way.

- 3 Youth of the world, arise,  
 'Adventure' is your cry,  
 Then see before your very eyes  
 The King who dared to die.
- 4 Youth of the world, arise  
 To sacrificial deeds,  
 'Come, follow me,' the Saviour cries,  
 Young lives like yours he needs.
- 5 Youth of the world, arise,  
 To bear his Cross and shame;  
 With him no true endeavour dies;  
 Go forth, proclaim his Name.
- 6 Youth of the world, arise,  
 Clear is the clarion call,  
 'I come, I come', true youth replies,  
 'To Christ I give my all.' Amen.

301 (*Old Book*)

- 1 Hark! the swelling breezes, rising from afar,  
 Bring the sounds of conflict from the holy war.  
 God is with our armies, He the word has given,  
 He is watching o'er you, messengers of heaven.
- 2 Go, Thou mighty Captain, conquering on Thy  
 way;  
 Night upon the mountains changes into day;  
 Idols bow before Thee, heathen temples fall;  
 Soon the world shall own Thee victor over all.
- 3 O Thou blessed Saviour, reigning now on high,  
 May Thy faithful soldiers find Thee ever nigh.  
 Bid their glorious mission speed from sea to sea,  
 Till the whole creation worship only Thee.  
 Amen.

407

- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing,  
If our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
All our weakness thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
Through the desert thou didst go.
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy:  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy. Amen.

522

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine:  
Now hear we while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine.
- 2 May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire:

- As thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire.
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my Guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From thee aside.
  - 4 When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll;  
Blest Saviour, then in love  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul. Amen.

438

- 1 Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire,  
That trembles in the breast.
- 2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
The falling of a tear,  
The upward glancing of an eye,  
When none but God is near.
- 3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
That infant lips can try,  
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
The Majesty on high.



- 4 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,  
The Christian's native air,  
His watchword at the gates of death:  
He enters heaven with prayer,
- 5 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,  
Returning from his ways;  
While angels in their songs rejoice,  
And cry, 'Behold, he prays'.
- 6 O thou by whom we come to God,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way,  
The path of prayer thyself hast trod:  
Lord, teach us how to pray. Amen.

441

- 1 Holy Father, hear me;  
Thou art my defender  
Be thou ever near me,  
Loving, true, and tender.
- 2 Jesus, blessèd Saviour,  
Lord of life and glory,  
Grant me now thy favour  
As I kneel before thee.
- 3 Comforter benignest,  
Who abiding in me  
All my need divinest,  
Move me, draw me, win me.
- 4 Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Come, and leave me never,  
Thine abode most lowly,  
Only thine for ever. Amen.

485

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure;  
Until my will is one with thine  
To do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Till I am wholly thine;  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity. Amen.

475

- 1 O Love, how deep! how broad! how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.
- 2 He sent no angel to our race  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame  
Himself, and to this lost world came.
- 3 For us he was baptized, and bore  
His holy fast, and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

- 4 For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
For us his daily works he wrought,  
By words, and signs, and actions, thus  
Still seeking not himself but us.
- 5 For us to wicked men betrayed,  
Scouged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
He bore the shameful Cross and death;  
For us at length gave up his breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again,  
For us he went on high to reign,  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 To him whose boundless love has won  
Salvation for us through his Son,  
To God the Father, glory be  
Both now and through eternity. Amen.

## 238

- 1 O God, unseen, yet ever near,  
Thy presence may we feel;  
And thus, inspired with holy fear,  
Before thine altar kneel.
- 2 Here may thy faithful people know  
The blessings of thy love;  
The streams that through the desert flow,  
The Manna from above.
- 3 We come, obedient to thy word,  
To feast on heavenly Food;  
Our meat, the Body of the Lord;  
Our drink, his precious Blood.

- 4 Thus may we all thy word obey,  
For we, O God, are thine;  
And go rejoicing on our way,  
Renewed with strength divine. Amen.

## 545

- 1 There is a green hill far away,  
Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.
- 2 We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.
- 3 He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heaven,  
Saved by his precious Blood.
- 4 There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin,  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in.
- 5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
And we must love him too,  
And trust in his redeeming Blood,  
And try his works to do. Amen.

## 43

Lord, keep us safe this night,  
Secure from all our fears;  
May angels guard us while we sleep,  
Till morning light appears. Amen.



## Our Church and Prayer Book

The Church to which you belong is called the Church of England in Canada; it has sister Churches in Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and other countries. They are all connected with the old Church in England, which is the national Church of the English people.

The Anglican Communion throughout the World is our branch of the one, holy, "catholic" Church of Christ and His apostles. The "catholic" Church is the *Universal* Christian Church for all nations. The Roman Church, the Greek, the Syrian are other branches. There are still other Communion, the Presbyterian Church, the United Church, the Baptists, the Friends, and there are the "younger" Churches—in Japan, China, India, Africa. All are part of the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the world.

Our Church was in Britain and in England from the beginning. For a long time the Bishop of Rome claimed authority over the Church in England but at the Reformation it asserted its ancient freedom. At this time the old Services were arranged in their English form in the "Prayer Book." In the Prayer Book we have the faith and practice which has come down to us from the time of the apostles.

*Be loyal to your own Church and respect the religion of all others whoever they may be.*

## From the Prayer Book

Here are some prayers from the Prayer Book. You may use them privately or, if a few want to get together when you have no Padre, you can quite easily use some of them for a little Service among yourselves.

### THE GLORIA

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.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

*This is the prayer given by Jesus, to be used by all His followers. It is a pattern for all Christian prayer.*

## THE APOSTLES' 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 again 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 Catholick  
Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness  
of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And  
the life everlasting. *Amen.*

*This Creed is a short summary of the Christian faith as contained in the Bible. It is the "marching orders" of Christian soldiers. It is called the Apostles' Creed, because it is a summary of the Gospel which the twelve apostles preached, when they were sent out into all countries. The Catholic Church is the universal Church to which all Christians belong. "Hell" means the place of departed spirits.*

## A GENERAL CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All say:* 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 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.*

## A GENERAL PRAYER FOR BLESSING AND THE GRACE OF GOD

We desire our Lord God, our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness: To send his grace unto us and to all people: That we may worship him, serve him, and obey him as we ought to do.

And we pray unto God that he will send us all things that are needful both for our souls and bodies: And that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins: And that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers both of soul and body: And that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from everlasting death.

And this we trust he will do of his mercy and goodness Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## A PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN AND ALL OUR RULERS

O Lord God Almighty, who rulest the nations of the earth, we humbly beseech thee with thy favour to behold our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, that in all things she may be led by thy guidance and protected by thy power. We pray thee also to bless Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Queen Mary, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Duke of Cornwall, and all the Royal family. Endue with wisdom the Governor-General of this Dominion, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces, the Legislators of the Empire, and all who are set in authority over us; 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A PRAYER FOR NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE IN TIME OF BATTLE

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 wouldst

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 wouldst 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.*

## A GENERAL PRAYER FOR OTHERS

*Before this prayer the leader may mention the names of any for whom prayers are desired.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health among all nations.

More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church; That it may be so 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; (especially those for whom our prayers are desired;) 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 his sake.  
*Amen.*

### A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Before this prayer, special blessings or gifts may be mentioned or thought of.*

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 shew 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.*

### THE GRACE

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.*



# To Be a Christian

## CHRISTIAN DUTY: LAW—RELIGION

THE Ten Commandments were given to the Israelites in the desert on Mount Sinai by Moses the man of God. They form part of the old Jewish religion to which Jesus and his twelve apostles belonged. We are not bound by the laws and ceremonies of the Jews (such as sabbaths, circumcisions, sacrifices, etc.); but the Ten Commandments have always been taught in the Christian Church, and are commended to us both by Jesus and his apostles. They are the beginning of the fear of the Lord. They are the laws of life for nations and for men.

I. I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*This teaches us that God is One, and that he is the Redeemer and Saviour of those who trust in him.*

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

*This teaches us not to adore the things we have made with our hands or conceived in our minds. Sometimes we make "gods" of our money or*

*power, or position. Leaders in some countries today have made this error: they put themselves and their systems in the place of God; and therefore God will overthrow their designs and punish them when their time comes. We, too, are often guilty of putting our own ambitions or interests before God, and his kingdom. God must come first.*

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

*This commandment teaches us not to swear or blaspheme. We should think and speak reverently of God and holy things.*

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

*These two commandments teach us to honour and worship God; to give six days of the week to honest labour, and the seventh to rest and worship. The Jews kept Saturday (the sabbath); Christians keep Sunday (the Lord's day).*

V. Honour thy father and thy mother.

*The worship due to God leads to the honour and respect due to parents, teachers, clergy, rulers, etc., who are like parents to the nation.*

VI. Thou shalt do no murder.

*This teaches us respect for human life. Taking life without just cause is against God's law.*

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*Adultery is the sin of taking another's wife—or husband. This commandment teaches us purity of thought and life.*

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet.

*N.B. The commandments are here printed in shortened form.*

### RELIGION IN THE HEART

There were many other commandments but, when Jesus was asked which was the great commandment, he said:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

This shows us that in the mind of Jesus, love is the fulfilling of the law: true religion is a matter of the heart and life. He teaches us the same thing in the short word picture of what a Christian should be in the "*Beatitudes*." They are from the Sermon on the Mount in St. Matthew 5:3-10.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Religion differs from law, which can only deal with people's acts. Religion begins in the heart, and deals with people's thoughts and desires. For example, when he talked about the commandments Jesus said that if a man hated his brother in his heart, he had already begun to be a murderer; if he looked upon a woman to lust after her, he had already committed adultery in his heart. To covet is to encourage the evil or lawless desire which is hidden in every human heart; this evil desire is of the Devil or Satan; and if we surrender to it, it can destroy us.

Do not make the mistake of thinking you are average or medium good, and therefore in no danger. This is one of the devil's favourite lies. There are two forces in your heart fighting for the



victory; and one of the two will get you. If you let the power of evil get the better of the battle, it will destroy the good that is in you, and ruin your soul.

At some time in every man's life he sees that there is a great decision to be made. He must renounce the devil; he must fight against evil; he must resist temptation. On the other hand he must serve God; keep his laws; do what is honest and true.

### THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Jesus came into the world to save our souls from the power of evil. In order to have power against evil and temptation, we must believe in him implicitly. We must believe that he is the power of God and the wisdom of God; that he can heal and bless and forgive; that he died on the cross to save and redeem all mankind; and that he rose again from the dead on the third day. We must confess this with our lips, and we must believe it in our heart.

If we believe it in our heart, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, God will freely forgive all our sins, and send into our heart his Holy Spirit to strengthen us in all goodness.

These good gifts of God are called grace; our turning to him is called conversion. In the time of Jesus and his apostles this act of conversion was connected with the sacrament of baptism.

### What to Believe

The truths necessary to a saving faith are drawn from the Bible. In shortest form these have been summed up for us in the Apostles' Creed (see Page 28). You should read the Bible; but you will find in it many things that puzzle you. Indeed no one man can understand the whole Bible. God does not ask us to do this. He asks us to trust in him; and we read the Bible as the inspired record of his dealings with men, first through the Children of Israel and then through Jesus Christ and the apostolic Church to which we belong.

You will be wise, therefore, to rely on the guidance of your Church. No one travels any distance in Christianity, if he travels alone.

### Acts of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, who made me and all the world.

I believe in God the Son, who died for me and all mankind.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who blesses and strengthens me and all believing Christians.

I believe in the Holy Trinity, three Persons in one God.

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and Mighty,  
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before  
Thee  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not  
see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth  
and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

### THE CHURCH

No one can be a Christian alone. Christianity is a brotherhood. The Holy Spirit is given to us through the brotherhood. Wherever a group or circle of Christians is gathered together and calls upon the name of the Lord, the power of the Spirit is there.

In the time of the apostles, the newly-converted Christian joined the Church by baptism:

1. He expressed his faith in Jesus.
2. He was baptized with water.
3. He received the Holy Spirit.

### Joining the Church

In the Church of England baptism of infants is the custom, and there is no further "joining the Church", as from that time we are considered to be members of it. But baptism is not regarded as complete until we are "confirmed" by the bishop after a course of prayer and instruction leading to a decision. If a person has not been baptized as an infant, he, of course, is baptized before confirmation.

### Christian Baptism

The first step in the Christian brotherhood is baptism in which we begin a new life. If you have not been baptized, this is the step to take. If no padre is available and the case is urgent, any Christian can baptize. Here is a simple form which you may use:

1. If time permits, read a portion of Scripture; for instance St. Matthew 28: 17. Jesus said to his disciples, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the



name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

2. Pray for the Holy Spirit. "Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we thank thee for the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee; Be present now, we beseech thee, and grant us thy Holy Spirit, that this person who is to be baptized in thy name may receive forgiveness of sins, and be born to new life in the faith of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."

### 3. The Questions.

*In the case of an infant these are answered by the Godfathers or sponsors.*

- i. Do you renounce the devil and all his works  
and all the temptations of the world and  
the flesh? I do.
- ii. Do you believe the Christian faith? I do.  
*Here you may recite the Apostles' Creed.*
- iii. Do you wish to be baptized in this faith?  
I do.
- iv. Will you, by the grace of God, obediently  
keep his holy will and commandments?  
I will.

In urgent cases, omit preliminaries, and go straight to the baptism itself.

## The Baptism

4. Though our Church believes in immersion, and practices it when desired, it considers it sufficient to pour (not sprinkle) water on the forehead. Do this three times, saying the person's name: JOHN (or whatever it is), I BAPTIZE THEE IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

5. Say the "Our Father." Add other prayers if you like.

6. Write a statement of the baptism, giving the date and place and full name of the person baptized, with date of birth, and full names of parents if possible. Sign it. It should have the signature of the two witnesses (or sponsors). It should be reported to the Chaplain to be registered in the Parish Church.

The baptized person should have two ambitions. One will be to learn more about Christian faith and practice; the other will be to be an active Church member. He is now a member of the "catholic" or universal Church; but he will want to become an active member of some particular congregation. When times are normal, he will do this.

## Confirmation

The Church of England teaches that baptism is completed by the "laying on of hands" by a bishop, following the custom narrated in Acts 8: 14-17. When the candidate is ready, he is presented to the bishop, and the Service follows this order:

1. The promises of baptism are renewed.
2. Prayer for the aid of God's Holy Spirit.
3. The bishop lays his hands in blessing on the head of the candidate, and prays that he may daily increase in God's Holy Spirit.

He should now strive to receive Holy Communion regularly.

## About the Holy Communion

Different churches have different rules about Holy Communion. These are necessarily relaxed under the conditions of active service.

Holy Communion was not meant only for the good and pious. Sometimes people say, I am not good enough to go to Holy Communion. No one is. God helps us to be good. That is why we go.

This Service is also called the Lord's Supper, or the Breaking of the Bread. The Greeks call it the Eucharist (Thanksgiving); the Romans call it the Mass.

Jesus was crucified on a Friday. He rose again on a Sunday. That is why we keep Sunday holy.

Jesus gave us this Service so that we might have closer fellowship with him and with one another.

On the Thursday night, when he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, he gathered his twelve disciples for a "Last Supper" in an upper room in Jerusalem. There they talked together for the last time.

At this meal he took bread, and broke it, and said THIS IS MY BODY. He took the cup of wine, and blessed it, and said, THIS IS MY BLOOD, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY . . . DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Jesus died and rose again. He came back to his disciples and was made known to some of them in the breaking of the bread.

Today thousands of ministers and priests and clergy, all over the world, repeat these holy mysteries. They break the bread; they bless the cup: they say the words he said. Millions of believers receive these divine gifts. They believe that Jesus is with them, crucified and risen from the dead.



Why not?

God is not a long way off. Jesus said, The kingdom of God has come near: The kingdom of God is among you. When we pray, God is with us; when we are converted, when we are baptized, when we read the Bible, when we meet for worship, whenever we do a good deed in his name, he is with us.

Jesus said, Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.

How much more is he with us in this most holy Sacrament! We are with him in the upper room on the Thursday night; we are standing by the cross on Good Friday; we are saluting the risen Lord on Easter Day.

### Jesus Gave Himself for Us

Jesus was crucified at a great Jewish festival called the Passover; it was a memorial of God's deliverance of the Jews from their slavery in Egypt. They still keep the festival. It teaches them to wait upon God, and trust in him, and he will deliver and preserve them. This is their faith, and it has preserved them to this day.

It was the custom of the Jews to offer sacrifices to God. They brought one of their best farm animals to the altar, and killed it there. The priest poured its blood upon the altar, and sometimes the whole animal was burned as a gift to

God. This was well-meant; but it was a simple and childlike idea. Their great prophets came to see that God did not want blood or burnt sacrifices; what God wants is our love and our faith and our devotion.

We offer God many things; our prayers, our worship, our money, our services. He is not satisfied until we give him ourselves. Even this is a poor gift; "We are not good enough". Nevertheless, such as we are, he wants us.

Jesus gave himself to God. He was perfect in the service of God in life and in death. That is why we call his death on the cross the one perfect sacrifice which out-weighed the sins of the world.

In the Communion, we kneel at the foot of the cross; we unite ourselves with Jesus by faith; we offer ourselves to God with him.

We all have to die. As St. Paul says, It is appointed to every man to die once, and after that the judgment.

Let us offer God our life and our death, and accept whatever he gives us of service and of suffering. We have great examples of men who have followed Christ and glorified God in their lives and in their deaths; apostles, martyrs, soldiers, heroes, kings, and saints of all kinds, known and unknown: forgotten on earth, but remembered in heaven.

## The Coming of Jesus

St. Paul said that as often as we break this bread and drink this cup, we show forth the Lord's death until he comes.

The apostles had a promise from Jesus that he would come again in great power and glory. They did not know when this would happen. Jesus said he did not know it himself. His words are full of mystery, and there is much argument about them; but they certainly mean this, that the days will come when all nations will acknowledge his kingdom, and he will be Lord of all.

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As we think about all this, we can see that it is by sacrifice, by Christ's way, that the world can be saved. This is the only way. Communism cannot do it. Nazism and Fascism cannot do it. Even democracy cannot do it; for a bad democracy is a bad thing. There is no hope except in Christianity.

No earthly leader is good enough to save the world. Jesus is the leader of the world which is to come. All over the world his faithful people believe in him, work for him, and wait upon him.

In the Communion he comes to those who believe; we receive him with joy, and pray that his kingdom may come in all the world.

## ATTENDANCE AT THE COMMUNION SERVICE

### Simple Directions

PREPARATION. Think about the Service beforehand. Remember:

1. You are coming into the presence of God, and of Jesus Christ, who died for your sins and rose again to bring you forgiveness.

2. You are going to receive him into your heart by faith.

WHAT IS REQUIRED of those who come to the Lord's Supper?

1. To examine themselves whether they truly repent of their sins, firmly intending to lead a new life.

2. To have a living and thankful faith in God and in Jesus Christ.

3. To be in charity with all men.

SPEND A LITTLE TIME thinking over these points: 1. Your sins and failures in leading the Christian life; 2. Your progress in prayer and worship and trust in God; 3. Your relations to those you meet every day. Be honest with yourself and with God in your self-examination. Do not go to Communion if you harbour a grudge against anyone. Forgive, and be forgiven.

IF ANYONE CANNOT QUIET HIS OWN CONSCIENCE, but requires further help, he should go



to his own Church chaplain so that he may receive the benefit of absolution and spiritual help.

BEFORE THE SERVICE, think over these points: during the Service follow the prayers and ceremonies with reverence and attention. Learn a few words of prayer so that you can pray mentally during the Service. Here is a beautiful hymn, which is really a prayer, which will help you.

More holiness give me, more strivings within;  
More patience in suffering, more sorrow for sin;  
More faith in my Saviour, more sense of his care;  
More joy in his service, more purpose in prayer.

More gratitude give me, more trust in the Lord;  
More zeal for his glory, more hope in his word;  
More tears for his sorrows, more pain at his grief;  
More meekness in trial, more praise for relief.

More purity give me, more strength to o'ercome;  
More freedom from earth-stains, more longings  
for home:

More meet for thy kingdom, O Lord would I be,  
More fruitful, more holy; more, Saviour, like thee.

THE OPENING. The service will begin with prayers of invocation, and two short passages of Scripture, including the Gospel. When the Gospel is announced, since it includes some of Christ's own words, the response is "Glory be to thee, O Lord," and after it is ended, "Thanks be to thee, O Lord."

THE OFFERING. In the Communion there is an act of offering or giving. If there is a collection, it is offered to God and placed on the table, which, under service conditions, is usually draped with a Union Jack. The padre then spreads a small white linen cloth and places on it the bread and wine, after offering them to God.

Along with these simple gifts of bread and wine.

1. We offer ourselves for his service in life and in death.

2. We remember that this is a world-wide offering, and pray for all Christians everywhere, and for the coming of God's kingdom on earth.

There may be a pause here when you can repeat mentally a prayer or hymn.

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS. You will be asked to join in a confession of sin. Think of your actual sins and failings as you do so.

THE CONSECRATION. Now, in the presence of God and his angels, we proceed with all humility to the prayer of consecration. Here we reach the high moment of stillness and reverence. Listen in devotion as the padre recites the words of Jesus himself: "This is my Body . . . This is my Blood."

While you are waiting to go up to Communion, you may think about these verses:

Jesus said, I am he that liveth, and was dead:  
And behold I am alive for evermore.

—Revelation 2: 18.

Hymn.

I am not worthy, Holy Lord,  
That Thou shouldst come to me;  
Speak but the word, one gracious word  
Can set the sinner free.

O come! in this most holy hour  
Feed me with Food divine;  
And fill with all Thy love and power  
This worthless heart of mine.

RECEIVING THE COMMUNION. In receiving Communion, hold out your hands, palm upwards, the right crossed on top of the left. Take the consecrated bread from the palm of your hand with your lips. Take the cup into your hands, holding it by the stem; drink a very little. Customs differ in different churches; but these are good ones to follow. Receive the holy elements with inward faith and thanksgiving.

Say,

Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore!  
O make me love thee more and more.

If there are many men receiving, there is time for private prayer. Pray in your own words for

what is nearest your heart. Or repeat mentally a prayer or hymn such as "And now, O Father, mindful of the love . . ." or "Bread of Heaven, on Thee we feed . . ."

THE CLOSING PRAYERS. There will be final prayers and a Blessing. These words are often used: "And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee." Again offer God your life and death with the offering of Jesus on the cross. Join with the congregation in singing or saying "Glory be to God on high," and then you will hear the Blessing pronounced, and God will bless you.



# The Service of Holy Communion

## Directions

1. Those parts printed in ordinary type are to be said by the priest only.

2. *The people are to join in those parts printed in Black Face Type.*

3. Where possible the worshippers follow the directions to stand or kneel or sit. In some military circumstances this may not be always possible. Each worshipper should, however, try to kneel at least for the Confession, Absolution, the Consecration, and the Blessing.

4. Hymns are optional, at the discretion of the minister.

[Stand]

## HYMN

[Kneel] THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## SUMMARY OF THE COMMANDMENTS

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

NOTE: Sometimes the full form of the Commandments will be used (see pages 69, 70).

## PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant, ELIZABETH, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and

that we and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[*Kneel*] **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

[*Sit*] **THE EPISTLE**

[*Stand*] **THE GOSPEL**

*After the announcement of the Gospel:*

*Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

*After the Gospel:*

*Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one sub-*

*stance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father, And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**THE SERMON, IF THERE BE ONE**

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**HYMN**

*during which the Alms will be collected and the Elements placed on the Holy Table.*



[*Kneel*] THE PRAYER FOR THE  
CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here on earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes and Governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates . . . that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer

thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present . . .; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity

. . . And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear . . .; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### THE INVITATION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

## [Kneel] 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.*

## [Kneel] THE ABSOLUTION

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that 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.*

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

## THE SURSUM CORDA

Priest: Lift up your hearts;

*Answer: We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Answer: It is meet and right so to do.*

## THE PREFACE

*It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.*

*(Proper Preface, if any, see pages 71, 72).*



Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

### THE SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.*

*Amen.*

### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### [Kneel] THE CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for

our redemption; who made there (by his own oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood:

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. *Amen.*

### HERE FOLLOWS

### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## [Kneel] THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.*

## PRAYER

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacri-

fice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

or

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*



## [Stand] THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Glory be to God on high, and in 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.*

## [Kneel] THE 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.*

## [Stand] HYMN

## PROPER PREFACES

*Upon Christmas Day, and seven days after.*

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

*Upon Easter Day, and seven days after.*

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world: who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

*Upon Ascension Day, and seven days after.*

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

*Upon Whitsunday, and six days after.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came

down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of tongues, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ.

*Upon the Feast of Trinity only.*

Who are one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality.

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*After each Commandment the people say:*

*Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

*After the Tenth:*

*Lord, have mercy upon us and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

1. God spake these words, and said; I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

2. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.

3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

4. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the



Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt do no murder.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

## Special Occasions

### WITH THE SICK AND WOUNDED

**I**F YOU are with a sick or seriously wounded friend you may pray with him as well as if a padre were with you. Here are some verses and prayers.

**SCRIPTURE.** For God said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: In his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare and carried them all the days of old. Isaiah 63: 8, 9.

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

*Psalms 23.*

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow, and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Together you may both say the *Creed* (see page 28) and the *Lord's Prayer*.

OTHER PRAYERS. Lord of all grace and blessing, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy, give him comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend him from the danger of the enemy, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

## MESSAGES AND REQUESTS

If the patient is seriously ill, he may have various requests and messages to confide to you. You should write them down.

## WITH THE DYING

If the patient seems to be dying, you must do all you can to ease his mind and lead him to trust in God. Short prayers like the Acts of Faith (Page 39) may be said in his name. This short confession of sins should also be said.

CONFESSION. O heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned greatly against thee in thought, and word, and deed, and have done that which is wrong in thy sight. We ask thee to forgive us our sins; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen*.

PRAYER FOR PARDON. Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

If your friend is troubled about forgiveness, read this note (below) to him or tell him of Christ dying for him.

THE WORLD TO COME. Christians have often tormented themselves unreasonably with



thoughts of the judgement to come. God is much more just, and also much more merciful than men. The promises of the Gospel are made freely to all through Jesus Christ; there are no conditions except that we should turn from our sins, forgive one another, and have faith in him. "Jesus is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

Two robbers were crucified with him, one on each side. One of them turned to him and said, "Jesus, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

*Psalms 130.*

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 thou, Lord, wilt 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 is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

*Repeat slowly.* I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in him is my trust.

*Commendation.* Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect: We humbly commend the soul of our dear brother into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour. Deliver him from all fear; lift up the light of thy countenance upon him and give him peace; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

St. Paul tells us that Christians should not mourn and lament over their dead like unbelievers who have no hope. We grieve because we have lost a friend for a time; but we lay him to rest in pride and confidence and faith.

"Make them to be numbered with thy saints:  
In glory everlasting."

If there is no padre, read the following prayers at the grave-side.

*Scripture.* I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. St. John 11:25.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead

which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours. Revelation 14: 13.

COMMITTAL. *Earth is to be cast on the body three times during the words marked by asterisks (\*)*.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear brother here departed: \*we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ\*; who shall change our corruptible body that it may be like his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

*At Sea. Substitute these words for those marked (\*)*. We therefore commit his body to the deep, looking for the resurrection of the body, (when the sea shall give up her dead,) and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers. The Apostles' Creed. The Our Father.

Give rest, O Lord, to thy servant with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting: Where thou, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

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