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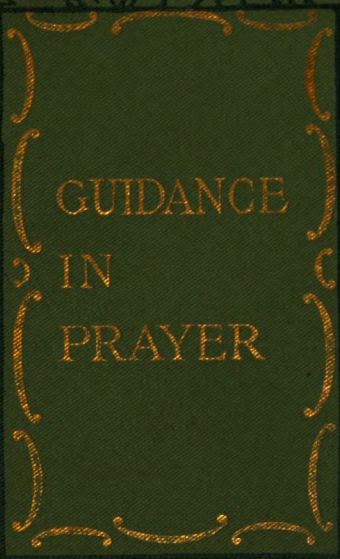
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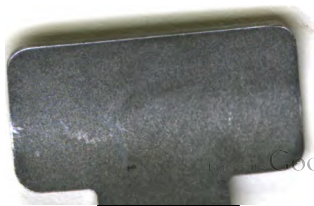
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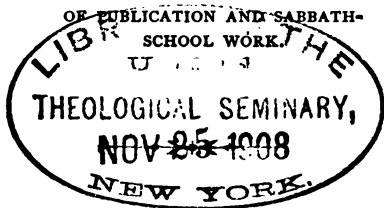
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INTRODUCTION.

THERE ought always to be a reason for a new volume. Every book ought to have a mission, and ought to contain something which will be helpful to those to whom it offers itself.

This little book meets this requirement. It reaches out a helping hand to the thousands of Christian Endeavor societies which are filling the country with their inspiring influence. It has been noticed that more members rise to testify than to offer prayer. The writer has been in meetings in which twenty or thirty persons took part, though there were but two or three prayers. No doubt many find it easier to speak than to lead in prayer. The design of this book is to aid young people in this important part of the services.

The prayers which are found here are not intended to be read from the book, or to be used in precisely the words in which they are given ; but it is thought that they will be helpful to very many who are not accustomed to pray in public, by suggesting to

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them suitable forms. Nearly all of these prayers have been written expressly for this volume, mostly by those who are themselves active in Christian Endeavor work.

The preparation of the book has been a service of love, wrought in Christ's name. The writer of this Introduction commends the volume as a valuable addition to the list of helps for those who are in training for Christian work.

The prayers cover many different objects. Perhaps the best way to get help from the book will be to select, before the meeting, the form of prayer which seems to contain requests most in harmony with the theme of the service, and to study it so as to become familiar enough with its expressions to be guided by them in praying publicly. We ought to learn to take our part in public service intelligently, and without hesitation or stumbling. It is believed that a proper use of these forms will be of much help in this direction. For such use the book is earnestly commended.

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OUR FATHER which art in heaven, Hal-
lowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in hea-
ven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.

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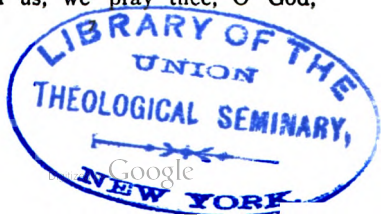
Lord, teach us to pray.
—Luke 11: 1.

ALMIGHTY GOD, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples and as Jesus in his infinite wisdom and knowledge of human nature, did show his followers how to approach unto the mercy seat, and with what petitions to draw nigh unto thee.

We would not rush into thy presence with hasty words upon our lips; but we would seek thy face with meekness of heart and humbleness of mind, throwing ourselves upon thy mercy and opening our hearts to receive the blessings which thou hast promised to those who diligently seek thee.

Grant that we may be given the right spirit with which to address thee; that we may understand thy perfections and be submissive to thy will concerning us; that we may remember that thou art our Father in heaven and that we should come to thee with the confidence and trust of little children.

Implant in us, we pray thee, O God,



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desires pure and sincere; so that when we pray we may not ask only with our lips for such things as would please thee, but that we may long for them with our heart, and with all the strength of our spiritual being.

Teach us, we implore thee, the true spirit of forgiveness, so that when we come to thee for pardon, our hearts may be free from animosity and desire for revenge. May we learn to forgive even as thou hast forgiven us, freely and graciously.

And finally, O Lord, may we desire and in our prayers ask only for those things which make for peace, those things which will better fit us for membership in thy church below, and for citizenship in thy kingdom above, to which we hope to come through him who loved us and gave himself for us, even Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

This God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.—
Ps. 48 : 14.

2

HEAR, O Lord, our humble supplications. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thine infinite compassion hast brought us to thyself, and given us peace with thee through Jesus Christ our Lord, grant that

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with all our heart and soul we may love thee who hast so loved us, and that with all our powers we may show forth thy praise.

Take us, we entreat thee, under thy heavenly guidance and protection. Deliver us from all unbelief and hardness of heart. Give us simple and childlike faith in thy goodness and love, and in all things lead and direct us by thy Holy Spirit.

Unite us by a true and living faith to Christ our Saviour, and grant that, denying ourselves, and following in the footsteps of our Lord, we may grow into his likeness, and be made partakers of his joy.

Kindle in us such love toward our fellowmen that we may live in charity and peace with all the world; and as Christ pleased not himself, but gave himself for us, grant that we also may devote ourselves with cheerfulness and zeal to the service and welfare of our brethren.

O God, who art light, and in whom there is no darkness at all, shine into our minds, we beseech thee, with the revealing of thyself, and incline our hearts to understanding.

Confirm and strengthen in us, O Lord, sincere and upright purposes. When we are tempted, strengthen us; when we are weak, encourage us; when we are cast down, raise us up. Leave us not without

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thy grace, most merciful God, but perfect thy work in us, and grant that we may do thee true and faithful service in this world, and may enter at last into thine eternal peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? — 1 Chron. 29 : 5.

3

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who, by thy holy apostle hast called upon us to present our bodies unto thee a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service; we come unto thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and we devote and dedicate ourselves wholly to thy service, henceforth to live only to thy glory. Thou art our God, we will praise thee; thou art our God, we will exalt thee.

Enable us to be faithful to every trust which thou in thy providence hast committed to us. Pour out upon us the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Grant unto us the grace of true humility, a meek and quiet spirit, pure and holy thoughts.

Grant unto us grace to deny ourselves; to bear one another's burdens; to share one another's joy; to be slow to anger; to fight manfully the battles of the Lord against the

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devil, the world, and the flesh ; to redeem the time ; and to walk always as in thy presence.

Grant unto us spiritual wisdom, that we may discern what is pleasing to thee, and let the knowledge and love of thee and of Jesus Christ our Lord be our guide and our portion all our days. Sanctify us, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and King.

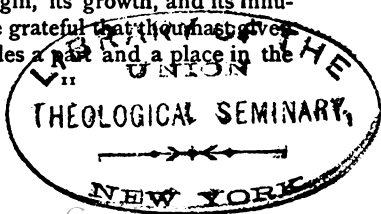
Incline thine ear to our prayers, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.—John 14 : 13.

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BLESSED LORD, we come humbly, penitently, and yet gladly to thee. We confess our sins, and ask thy gracious forgiveness. We trust thy promise and await its sure fulfillment. We rejoice in what thou hast already done for us, and beseech thee to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

We thank thee for the organization of this society of Christian Endeavor. We see thy hand in its origin, its growth, and its influences. We are grateful that thou hast given to young disciples a part and a place in the



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work and worship of thy church. Make us all faithful to our vows, consistent in our example, and zealous in our endeavors to serve our Master.

Increase our faith. Teach us to pray. Incline us to do any work within our power for thy glory. Make us to be consecrated, self-denying Christians. May our fellowship in this society make us stronger for duty by making us better to understand thy word, and appreciate thy great love. Bless our society, and multiply our numbers and our influence for good. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—
Matt. 11 : 28.

5

WE draw near to thee, our Father, not alone to bring our care, our sorrow, or our sins, but because we are drawn by the spirit of love, hope, and joy.

We come because we have heard thee calling us. Vouchsafe to us the sense of thy favor. If we are thine, bring us, we pray thee, into the intimacy of thy friendship. May every one of us hear thee saying, "Henceforth, I call you not servants ;

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for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth : but I have called you friends."

Take us into thy confidence and counsel, and may we have an inward sense of the presence of God, of all thy thoughts of love toward us, and of thy yearnings for us.

Grant that we may feel more and more that God is our salvation. We beseech thee that thou wilt be near to all in thy presence. Grant that if any be heartsick, they may find refuge in thee whose love for them is greater than any human love can be.

We pray that thou wilt be with any who bring here burdens of care and anxiety; teach them to place their load upon thee. If any come oppressed with the burden of their sins, we beseech thee to show them thyself as the great burden bearer; and to thy name shall be the praise for ever. Amen.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.—Jas. 1 : 5.

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O GOD, whose inspiration giveth understanding, and who didst bestow upon thy servants of old gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and utterance, be pleased so to guide and direct the hearts and lips of us thy ser-

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vants, who are here assembled before thee, that our speaking and hearing may be to our edification and profit; to the increase of our knowledge, faith, and obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1:9.

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O GOD, who hast taught us that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, accept, we beseech thee, the confession of our sins which we now make to thee. Father, we have sinned and done evil in thy sight; we have been disobedient and rebellious children; we have not loved thee as we ought, but have broken thy laws and been unthankful for thy goodness. We have not loved our neighbor as ourself, we have been selfish and unkind, we have forgotten the commandments of Christ our Master.

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving kindness; pardon the sins we have committed this day, and remember not against us our former transgressions. Make thy face to shine upon us, comfort us with thy peace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.
—Jude 24, 25.

8

O CHRIST, we are thine. Thou hast made us and redeemed us, and we belong to thee. We desire to be thine now and always by personal consecration. We desire to present ourselves to thee as living sacrifices. Yet we are conscious of the resistance that is in our nature when we seek to be thine, and we plead with thee to help us in this act. Lord, take our hearts; we cannot give them to thee; and when thou hast them, keep them, for we cannot keep them for thee; and save us in spite of ourselves.

May the divine Spirit so fill us that we shall love thee as we ought, and love our fellows as thou wouldst have us love them. We desire to witness to all who see us and know us that we are indeed thine. We beseech thee to keep us from falling, and so to restrain us that we shall in no way dishonor thee before the world. We wish to be helpful to all those whose lives are touched by ours, and we beg thee to give us of thy love and grace, so that our hearts shall be gentle,

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kind, thoughtful and full of sympathy, and that by fitting words and helpful acts we may be able to give cheer, encouragement, comfort and aid to many.

We plead that as we bow at thy feet, thou wilt give us a fresh baptism of the Spirit, and that as we go again to our homes and to our work, we may have thy benediction of grace, love and mercy. All of which we humbly pray in thy name, O Lamb of God. Amen.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.—
Jas. 1: 17.

9

O LORD our God, we lift our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help. Thou only art the Fountain of life and peace, and in thy presence is fullness of joy. Father in heaven, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant us thy blessing. Incline thine ear unto us, as we come before thee. Merciful Saviour, who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and makest intercession for us, fulfill now thy promise: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, help our infirmities, and enable us to

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worship in the beauty of holiness ; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.—John 14 : 21.

10

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast permitted us again to assemble in this house of prayer, give us grace, we humbly beseech thee, to draw near to thee in purity and sincerity of heart, and to offer unto thee the sacrifices of prayer and praise with unfeigned self-devotion ; and may it please thee to make thyself known to us, and to satisfy us with thy mercy ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good : for his mercy endureth forever.—Ps. 106 : 1.

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ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we lift up our hearts and our voices to praise thee for all thy mercy and goodness unto us, thine unworthy servants. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities, but hast blessed us according to thine in-

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finite love and compassion. We would call upon our souls and all that is within us to magnify thy holy name for all the earthly and heavenly blessings with which thou hast enriched us, making our lives full of happiness and comfort.

We praise thee for our being, made after thine own image; that we are capable of knowing and serving thee forever; that thou art the portion of our souls, and that in thee we may find rest.

We praise thee for our parents, kindred and friends; for the peace and purity of our homes; for all who cheer and encourage us by their godly counsel and example; and for all the influences that strengthen us to walk in the paths of truth and righteousness.

We praise thee that we live in a free country; that our persons and property are safe from public oppression; that our holy religion is cherished and protected by just laws; that without fear of persecution we are permitted to worship thee and proclaim unto others the word of life, and that thy name is being honored more and more among the people.

We praise thee for all the comforts of this life, for the work thou hast allotted to us, whereby we may gain a livelihood and serve our fellowmen; and for the grace by which

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thou dost enable us to use this world without abusing it.

We praise thee for our teachers and for the institutions of learning wherein we have been taught; for good books and all other means of culture by which we are enabled to grow in knowledge to do work for thee, and to understand the glorious gospel which is the wisdom of God.

We praise thee for the redemption of the world by the cross of Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son; that in him we have the forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified; and that Christ dwells within us, the hope of glory.

We praise thee for the faith, hope and love which thou hast implanted in our hearts, for thy consolation in time of distress and affliction, and for the grace of thy Holy Spirit by whom we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

We praise thee for establishing thy church on the earth, and for her faithful witness to thy truth, and for the labor and suffering of thy servants in the gospel; for the additions thou art making to the church, and for thy promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her.

Accept our thanks, O God, for thy blessings known and unknown to us; help us to

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praise thee as we ought; incline us to show our gratitude by more holy lives and more complete consecration to thee and to thy service. May we take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord, and render praises unto thee whilst we have any being; and unto the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost shall we ascribe all honor and glory. Amen.

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The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Rom. 6: 23.

O LORD, our God and Father, fulfill thy promise, we beseech thee, and meet us here and now, as with humble, penitent and believing hearts we come to meet thee.

Increase our longing for thee. May we realize that we have none in heaven but thee, and may we desire none upon earth besides thee.

So deepen our sense of our need of thee that we may feel that the best gift thou hast in store for us is the gift of thyself; and meet thou our longing with such an assurance of thy presence that we shall be glad and rejoice in thee.

Give us the power to see thy hand in all the gifts that come to us. Impress upon us more and more the truth that every good

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gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Now, as our grateful and fervent thoughts turn to thee, may we set ourselves anew to give thee our loving service.

Quicken our consciences, stir our aspirations, sanctify and strengthen our wills, so that we may continually show, in word and deed, that we are followers of thy Son, our Lord and Master, in whose name alone we ask these and all other blessings, with the forgiveness of all our sins. Amen.

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Whether therefore ye eat,
or drink, or whatsoever ye
do, do all to the glory of God.
—1 Cor. 10 : 31.

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, we rejoice that we know thee. Thou art the King eternal, immortal and invisible: the only wise God. Thou art our Creator and our Preserver. Thou hast given thy Son to be our Saviour and Redeemer, the Holy Spirit to be our Guide, and thy word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

Help us to know thee better every day we live, so that we may walk in thy fear and live for thy praise.

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May we never forget that thou, God, seest us. Wherever we are and in all that we do, may we do all for thine honor and glory. May we keep ourselves pure and unspotted from the world. Help us as we strive to be co-workers with thee.

Whatsoever our hands find to do, may we do it with our might. May we love thy church and labor for its peace and prosperity.

Help us to be faithful to the pledges we have taken, and to fulfill unto the Lord all our vows.

Forgive our sins: they are many and great. They are more in number than the hairs of our head. If we were to contend with thee we could not answer thee one of a thousand. But thou hast taught us that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Create within us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Guide us by thy presence while we live, prepare us for all thou art preparing for us, and at last receive us to thyself; we ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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If ye then, being evil,
know how to give good gifts
unto your children: how
much more shall your heav-
enly Father give the Holy
Spirit to them that ask him?
—Luke 11 : 13.

14

OUR FATHER, help us to realize thy presence as we wait before thee. Give unto us thy Spirit to witness with our spirits that we are the children of God; that we are the heirs of God and joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Take away from us all pride and envy, all hatred and contempt for others, that we may receive thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and may be led by him.

Increase our sense of need of his gracious influences. May we realize how utterly helpless and weak we are unless he enter into and dwell with us.

Help us to lay hold of and rest in the promise that thou art more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask thee than earthly parents are to give good gifts unto their children.

May we find him leading our thoughts, controlling our feelings and fashioning our lives after the glorious manhood of our Lord and Saviour.

May he lead us to the attainment of love,

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joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance.

Forgive all that thou hast seen in our hearts and lives, contrary to thy will. We ask these blessings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. 15 : 58.

15

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank thee for the privilege of coming together at this time as a Christian Endeavor society.

We thank thee that our lives and health and the interests of our souls have been precious in thy sight.

We pray that we may be led to give ourselves and all our possessions anew to thee in joyful service.

May we have a clear vision of our opportunities for doing good to our associates and companions, and bringing them into complete allegiance to our Saviour.

Strengthen and deepen our sense of obligation to do our work as for thee faithfully and conscientiously, and under thy guidance.

We pray for those about us who are wandering away from thee. Show them the

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error and folly of their course. Give them true repentance that shall turn them from their sins, and living faith that shall enable them to lay hold on thee for help to resist and to overcome temptation.

Forgive us our sins, and save us at last through thy grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. — Isa. 55: 7.

16

O MOST merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardonest all such as truly repent and turn to thee; we humbly confess our sins and implore thy mercy. We have not loved thee with a pure heart, fervently, neither have we loved our neighbor as ourself. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with thee, our God. Our thoughts have been evil and vain.

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions: and our sin is ever before us.

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Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation; and uphold us with thy free Spirit.

Almighty God, who hast given thy Son to be the sacrifice and propitiation for the sins of the whole world, spare thou them that have confessed their faults unto thee, and mercifully absolve them from all their sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.—Prov. 28: 13.

17

O LORD, our God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before thy holy majesty that we are miserable sinners; unable of ourselves to do that which is good; transgressing daily, and in many ways, thy holy commandments, and by thy just judgment deserving of condemnation and death.

We are deeply grieved, O Lord, for having offended against thee; we condemn both ourselves and our sins with unfeigned penitence; we seek refuge in thy mercy,

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and humbly entreat thee to help us in our time of need.

Be pleased, O most gracious God, Father of mercies, to have compassion on us, and for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son to pardon all our sins. Grant unto us also, and increase in us from day to day, the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that, acknowledging and lamenting our iniquities, we may renounce them with our whole heart, and may bring forth the fruits of holiness and righteousness, which are well-pleasing in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.
—2 Cor. 9: 8.

18

O GOD, who of thy great mercy hast redeemed us from all our iniquities, we dedicate anew to thee our souls and our bodies, henceforth to be instruments of righteousness unto thee.

Help us to renounce the works of darkness and to walk in the light of thy countenance. Help us to renounce the vanities of this world, and to seek after the enduring substance laid up with thee in heaven.

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Help us to renounce the sinful lusts of the flesh, and enable us to walk in the Spirit.

Teach us to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, that we may not fear the reproach of men, nor be ashamed of Christ or his cross.

Quicken us to work the works of him that hath sent us, while it is day, because the night cometh when no man can work. Whatsoever we do, enable us to do it heartily, as unto thee, and not unto men.

Grant us, in all our duties, thy help ; in all our difficulties, thy counsel ; in all our dangers, thy protection, and in all our sorrows, thy peace.

Cause us to abound more and more in faith, love, temperance, and godliness ; in all holy desires ; in all good purposes ; that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us, and that we may abide in him. Amen.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.—
Rom. 12 : 1.

19

O GOD, who hast created us for thyself, preserved us by thine unceasing providence, and redeemed us from sin by the blood of

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Jesus Christ thy Son, we acknowledge thy claims to our love and obedience; and we would consecrate ourselves to thee, body, soul and spirit. Help us to realize thy right to our hearts and lives: thy right as our Maker, and thy right as our Saviour who hast loved us and given thyself for us in Jesus Christ.

It is of thy goodness that we have been called into being; all the powers of our minds and bodies are the work of thy hands; help us, we pray thee, to use them for thee as instruments of righteousness; restrain us from misusing them in the service of sin, or of this world; and enable us to offer ourselves unto thee a living sacrifice.

Thou dost give us all good gifts. Thou hast made the heavens and the earth and all things that are therein, to show forth thy glory and promote our welfare. Help us, we pray thee, to use this world as not abusing it; to employ its riches for good and holy purposes; to live in it as in the temple of the living God; and whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, to do it to the glory of God.

Thou hast bought us with a price, even the precious blood of Jesus Christ thy beloved Son, and thou dost call us to glory, honor and immortality. Help us, we pray

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thee, to live as those who are not their own, but who belong to God. May every imagination of our hearts and every act of our lives be hallowed unto thee; may thy law be our delight; may we do the things that please thee; and, following in the footsteps of Christ, may we be prepared to dwell with him in glory everlasting.

Thou hast granted unto each one of us special mercy and grace; thou hast forgiven our sins; thou hast re-created us after thine image; thou hast delivered us from evil and preserved us in the way of life; thou hast known us by name, and hast shed abroad thy love in our hearts. Incline us, we pray thee, to show our gratitude to thee by personal consecration and untiring service; to seize every opportunity of doing good that thou dost send; to render unto thee love and obedience for thy special grace bestowed on us individually, and so to live in this present world that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father in heaven.

We consecrate ourselves anew to thee, with confession of our faults and wanderings, and with the earnest prayer that thou wilt make us more faithful to thee and to the gospel of thy beloved Son, and to the work of establishing thy kingdom upon the

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earth. O Lord, we beseech thee, for Christ's sake, unworthy though we be, to accept us as thy servants and children, and to grant unto us thy grace to keep us from falling, that we may be presented spotless before the presence of thy glory with exceeding joy, and to thee shall we ascribe honor and praise throughout the ages. Amen.

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth
in him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.—John
3: 16.

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O GOD, thou art the God that hearest prayer. We would come close to the foot of the cross, bearing on our hearts all who are not thy children, beseeching thee to reveal thyself to them.

Show them the wonderful love thou hast toward them: a love so great that thou couldst give thine only begotten Son to die that they might live. Draw them by cords of love close to thy side.

We pray that thou wilt make thy truth powerful; may it encourage all who are seeking the way of life.

May thy kingdom be in our hearts and thy will be done there as it is done in heaven.

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Increase the influence of this society so that it may be felt throughout the land, for thine honor and glory. We ask it in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.—
1 Cor. 10 : 13.

21

O LORD, our everlasting and gracious Father, thou art ever ready to hear us when we call upon thee. We come to thee in all our weakness, with our sins and many transgressions, and thank thee that the blood of Jesus Christ thy Son cleanseth us from all sin.

We thank thee for thy gracious help in times past, and pray that we may always feel thy loving presence, and that our hearts may be so full of Christ that there will not be room therein for any evil thought.

We pray that thou wilt guard us from unseen dangers, and guide us in all times of temptation.

Help us, we beseech thee, to be sons and daughters of the King. Help us that we may, day by day, live nearer to thee. We ask it for the love of Christ and in his name. Amen.

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Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.—Eph. 6: 10.

OUR dear heavenly Father, help us to come reverently into thy presence. Help us to realize that thou wilt hear and answer our prayers for the sake of thy well-beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.

Help us to find our delight in thy worship and in thy work, and to gain strength and power to serve thee.

We confess our sinfulness, our weakness, our ignorance, our unworthiness. Be pleased to forgive and blot out our sins for Christ's sake.

Though weak in ourselves, may we be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Enlighten our minds by the knowledge of thy will and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Our only hope of acceptance is in the perfect merit of our Saviour.

Grant that we may faithfully keep the solemn pledge we have taken in this society. Make us all loyal to our Master and to our church. May we not shrink from any duty, nor falter at any sacrifice thou requirest of us. May we increase our talents by constant use, and so grow in grace, and win souls to thee.

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Bless most richly our society. Bless our officers and members and committees. Bless our leader this evening. Bless all who take part in this service; and accept us, now and ever, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.—Isa. 55: 6.

23

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, through Jesus Christ we ask thee to help us. May our whole soul go out to thee asking for thy blessing.

O God, may we feel thy living presence in this meeting. Come into our midst, we pray thee, with thy healing touch, and cure every sin-sick soul before thee. Show thyself to us. Revive us, we pray thee. Give us largely of thy Spirit, and make every member of this society an active worker for thee.

Give us grace to walk in the true and living way, and as thou hast drawn near to the whole world of sinful men, we beseech thee, help us and all men to come nigh unto thee.

Hear our petitions and save us all for Christ's sake. Amen.

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24

Shew me thy ways, O
Lord; teach me thy paths.—
Ps. 25 : 4.

O GOD, our Father, we come to thee full of sin, full of suffering, full of want; we come full of weakness; we come feeling our sore need, and plead that in thy great love and mercy thou wilt be our healer, comforter, friend and helper. Make thyself known to every soul that needs thee; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

25

If a man love me, he will
keep my words; and my
Father will love him, and we
will come unto him, and
make our abode with him.—
John 14 : 23.

O GRACIOUS HOLY SPIRIT, as we now gather in this our wonted place, we invoke thy presence and thy blessing.

As we strive to shut out the world for a little while, wilt thou not help us by coming into our hearts and taking complete possession of us, purifying us from all the sins which have tainted our lives this day, subduing all our worldly thoughts and ambitions unto Christ, and making us conscious of thy helpful and inspiring presence. We would see Jesus to-night, and him only.

The influences of this world are so many

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and so strong that our thoughts and affections have been too much occupied with those things which are but temporal.

Now in this quiet hour let the loving spirit of Christ dwell in us; and may we taste those spiritual joys which Christ has promised to all who love him; show us a glimpse, we pray thee, of the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In his name we ask this. Amen.

26

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him.—Dan. 9:9.

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, may thy Holy Spirit help us to form our petitions, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought.

We would have all things done for thine honor and glory.

Thou hast been good to us in caring for our wants, in giving us wholesome pleasures and enjoyments, in revealing thy will to us, but above all, in granting us forgiveness of sin and acceptance with thee through the blood of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Forgive, we beseech thee, our past want of appreciation of thy gifts; pardon our opposition and unfaithfulness; create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us.

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Consecrate us more thoroughly to thyself; give us opportunities for serving thee, then furnish us with courage and wisdom to use them aright.

Own our feeble endeavors by using them for thine honor. May we see many being added constantly to the number of those who are saved. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

27

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Ps. 46: 1.

O LORD, our merciful Father, thou knowest all our wants before we tell them to thee. Bestow upon us, we pray thee, all things needful, not merely for our temporal life, but for a deeper spiritual life. Help us, we pray thee, by thy Spirit in our hearts, to live the consecrated life thou wouldst have us live.

May we be willing to learn the lessons thou wouldst teach us. Thou knowest all our hearts. Look upon any before thee who may be in special need. We pray that thy gracious hand may be outstretched to bear them up in their time of temptation or sorrow.

We pray for any of our number who are absent. Breathe thy grace into their hearts, and make our society, we beseech thee, a

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great power for good, not only in our own church, but wherever the lives of our members touch the lives of others. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.—Heb. 2 : 18.

28

WE rejoice, O thou most holy One, that thou art so patient and gentle. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may know how to draw near to thee from day to day. May we come to thee with sincerity and with that love which casteth out fear.

We beseech thee that thou wilt cause us to grow by thy Spirit into the likeness of thy dear Son.

We beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wilt help all who need help, and strengthen us, we pray thee, in our struggles with the evil that is in us and around us.

Let thy blessing rest upon each individual member of this society, and upon the United Societies of Christian Endeavor. May we ever keep before us our pledge. Help us, we beseech thee, to consecrate ourselves anew to thee each day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Oh that men would praise
the Lord for his goodness,
and for his wonderful works
to the children of men.—Ps.
107: 8.

29

WE thank thee, O thou true and everlasting God, that thou hast called us into thy house to worship thee.

We thank thee for the promise of thy Holy Spirit to teach us how to pray.

Fulfill now that promise, we beseech thee. May thy Spirit so indite our prayers that we may ask for those things that thou in thine infinite wisdom and love for us art willing to grant to the joy and comfort and profit of our souls.

We thank thee for thy word. May it speak to us with the voice of authority. May it be our final appeal in all matters of right and wrong.

Grant us the illuminating influences of the Holy Spirit, as we try to understand its rich and deep meaning, so that we may indeed behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Give us greater faith in the power of thy word to lead sinners to repentance and to trust in thee who didst so love the world as to give thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should have everlasting life.

We thank thee for this precious and ador-

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able Saviour. We pray that we may receive him afresh into our hearts. May we see him anew as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. May we realize anew that he died, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.

May we trust him, and rest in his atonement for the forgiveness of our sins and for life everlasting; we ask it in his name. Amen.

Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my
heart, be acceptable in thy
sight, O Lord, my strength,
and my redeemer. — Ps.
19: 14.

30

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray thee to bless this our society as we meet, from week to week, to talk of thee and to thee. May all our words and meditations be acceptable unto thee. Whatever the motive which may have drawn us hither, grant, we pray thee, that there may be some word of comfort, of cheer, of encouragement, or of warning for each one of us, so that not one may go hence feeling that the hour has been unprofitably spent.

Bless us in the work for which we are banded together. May we be consecrated entirely to thee, so that all we accomplish

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may bring honor to thy name. Help us all to remember, Lord, that there are in each one of us possibilities which, when developed by a true faith and a complete consecration to thee, will redound to thine honor and glory.

May we remember our high calling, our opportunities, our responsibilities; and may we be quick to obey the voice of our Leader, that he may bring us from victory to victory.

Bless, we pray thee, our Father, all the various departments of our work. Bless the officers and all the committees, as well as the individual workers. May we be thoroughly in sympathy with one another and be willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed.

Bless those who speak and pray in these meetings, especially those who in weakness and trembling offer the sacrifice of prayer. Assure them of thy favor and blessing. Bless those who are warm-hearted and full of zeal for thy cause, and those also, Lord, who are indifferent, and neglectful of their vows unto thee. Restore unto them the joy of thy salvation, and awaken them to a new sense of responsibility to thee. Bless the absent ones, and especially the sick, dear Saviour. Touch them with thy healing, and speak peace to their hearts. Restore their

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bodily health if it be thy will, O thou great Physician.

O God! bless this particular church of which we are members. Strengthen the pastor in his work, and all who are bearing with him the burdens of this thy sanctuary.

Encourage us all by the tokens of thy presence in the conversion of those for whom we are laboring and praying; and may the joy of being soul-winners be ours. In thy great name we ask these blessings, O Saviour. Amen.

31

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—Phil. 4 : 13.

WE thank thee, our Father, that as we look back upon our past life we are sensible of thy goodness and of thy great mercies to us. We thank thee for the way in which thou hast dealt with us. Thou hast given us no burdens which thou hast not supplied strength to bear.

We pray that thou wilt grant to all those in thy presence thy special blessing. May a great light arise upon any who sit in darkness. We commend to thee any who are in perplexity or doubt. Deal with each heart, we pray thee, as thou seest its need.

Give us courage to speak for thee when-

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ever we have opportunity. Give us wisdom to speak aright. We can do nothing without thy help. O God, in our weakness be thou our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

32

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.—1 John 1 : 7.

WE thank thee, O God, that we can spend this hour in prayer, and in praising thee. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight. Forgive our sins and cleanse us in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Teach us thy way and lead us in it. Make us humble, earnest, loving Christians. May we strive to do thy will even as it is done by the angels in heaven. Pour out thy Spirit upon our church, and bless all our efforts to advance thy cause.

Be in our homes and with our friends. Remember the suffering and the sad. Teach the way of life to those who know thee not; and hasten the time when thy kingdom shall come, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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33

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.—Heb. 4 : 16.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, grant us thy blessing as we assemble in thy house.

Help us to realize that thou art here waiting to welcome us, and grant us the grace thou seest we need.

Give us guidance from thy word and help us to a true understanding of thy providences, so that we may see clearly the path of duty in which thou wouldst have us to go. Give us strength that we may walk therein and overcome all the difficulties that we meet.

Take away from us all fear of what man may say or do. Deliver us from the power of all temptations that would entice us from the path of duty. Increase our sense of thy nearness to us, of thy love for us, and of thy willingness to bestow upon us all needed grace.

Make us more humble, teachable and responsive to the calls of conscience and to the leadings of thy Holy Spirit. Help us to live consistent Christian lives that our friends and companions may, through us, be led to Christ.

Forgive all our sins and shortcomings,

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and at last give us an entrance into thine everlasting kingdom.

We ask it in Christ's great name. Amen.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. — Isa. 41: 10.

34

HEAR, O Lord, our humble supplications.

O thou who knowest what things we have need of before we ask, give us grace, we beseech thee, to seek first thy kingdom and righteousness; and do thou add to us all that is necessary for this present life. May we desire thee more than all thy gifts, that so desiring we may seek thee, and find in thee our true joy.

Quench in us, O thou Lord of our life, all wrong desires. Deliver us from selfishness and pride, from sloth and idleness, from narrowness of mind and hardness of heart.

Cleanse our hearts from anger, malice, and envy, from covetousness and greed, and from all the lusts that war against the soul.

Fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with the grace of thy Holy Spirit; make us kind, long-suffering and gentle; give us grace to

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deny ourselves, and to submit to thy holy will.

In adversity, help us to be patient; in prosperity, keep us humble; and when we cannot see the way before us, may we fear no evil, knowing that thou art with us. May thy grace be sufficient for us, and thy strength be made perfect in our weakness.

We beseech thee to hear us in these our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.—Rom. 8 : 2.

35

O THOU great Shepherd of Israel, who by thine outstretched arm didst bring thy people of old out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, guiding them safely through the wilderness to the promised land, we pray thee to deliver us from the bondage and slavery of our sins, and to lead us through the wilderness of this world, sustaining us with bread from heaven, and with water out of the smitten rock, and at last to bring us safely through the swellings of Jordan, into that rest which remaineth for thy faithful people. Amen.

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Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.—1 Cor. 2 : 9.

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O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1 : 9.

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O GOD, who hast taught us in thy holy word that if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, receive, we beseech thee, our humble confessions.

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we cast ourselves down before thee, under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against thee in thought, word and deed; we have come short of thy glory;

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we have broken thy commandments, and turned aside from the way of life ; and in us there is no soundness or health.

Yet now, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon thee with penitent hearts, and for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins, and grant us thy peace. Take away our guilt. Purify our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, and make us able and willing to serve thee in newness of life ; to the glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

38

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.—Ps. 51 : 2.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, and all desires known, from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

39

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not ; and it shall be given him.—Jas. 1 : 5.

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, open

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our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and gladly choose the way of thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.—Gal. 1 : 4.

40

O GOD, whose favor is life, and in whose presence there is fullness of joy, vouchsafe unto us, we beseech thee, such an abiding sense of the reality and glory of those things which thou hast prepared for them that love thee, as may serve to raise us up above the vanity of this present world, so that under thy guidance and help all things shall work together for our everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.—1 John 4 : 9.

41

O MOST loving Father, who desirest that we should give thanks for all things, and dread nothing so much as the loss of thyself;

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and dost bid us to cast all our cares on thee who carest for us, preserve us, we beseech thee, from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of thy love, which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

42

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.
—Ps. 18 : 2.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always walk uprightly, grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all times of need, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

43

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
—Phil. 4 : 7.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be defended from all adversities which

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might happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which might assault and hurt the soul, for Christ's sake. Amen.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.—Rom. 14 : 7, 8.

44

O CHRIST, our Redeemer, we are thine. We desire now to renew our consecration to thee. Into thy hand we commit our spirits and our lives, for thou hast redeemed us.

We cannot devote ourselves to thee as we should and as we would, for there is that within us which continually draws us away from thee. We cry to thee for help. Lord, take our hearts, for we would give them to thee; and do thou keep them even unto the end. Help us to yield ourselves to thee so fully that the divine Spirit shall pervade the deep places of our hearts and enable us to serve and obey thee.

Do thou give us grace to use our lives for thee. Help us to live for thee at home, in our schools and places of work, among our friends, wherever we go. Give us wisdom to know thy will, that we may fulfill thy

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plan and purpose for us and honor thee in our lives. We ask these mercies in thy blessed name, O Lamb of God. Amen.

45

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.—1 Thess. 4 : 14.

O GOD, our Father, we thy children come to thee in our sorrow. Thy hand is upon us. We know it is a hand of love and we would not murmur. Thou hast taken away one of our number. We thank thee for the assurance that he was thy child, and that he has fallen asleep in Jesus. Help us to rejoice in his victory over death through Christ who died and rose again. We thank thee for the life of our beloved friend, and for all that he did to help and bless others in thy name. Wilt thou sanctify to us our loss and sorrow. Help us to be submissive to thy will; and may our grief make our hearts more gentle and tender. We pray that thou wilt comfort the family of our beloved member. Reveal to them the consolations of thy grace. Support them by the precious promises of thy holy word. Let them feel beneath them the everlasting arms. May the light of thy love shine into the darkened home. Upon our society and church, in our

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affliction, may thy hand rest in gracious benediction. May we all learn to live more earnestly, doing what we can in the short days that are ours, and being always ready for the coming of our Lord. These things we ask with the pardon of our sins, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

46

Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.—Ps. 31 : 3.

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, we thy children would draw nigh to thee in prayer. Teach us to pray. Show us what things we should ask of thee, for we know not ourselves what is best for us. Help us to submit all our wishes and desires to thee, that we may desire only what is according to thy will.

We are young and inexperienced, and need guidance at every step. The world is full of dangers and we cannot take care of ourselves; do thou take care of us. We do not know how to choose for ourselves; do thou choose for us. Choose our friends, and may our friendships be such as shall prove blessings to us.

Incline our hearts to love thy commandments and to do the things that are well-

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pleasing unto thee. Let us not live so as to grieve thee. Help us in all things to honor thee. Enable us so to live in our homes and wherever we may be, as to show forth in our lives the life of our Saviour.

Fill our hearts with thy love and grace, and grant us thy Holy Spirit, that we may be true followers of Christ and faithful helpers of our fellow-men. We ask these things, with the forgiveness of our sins, in the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

47

Thy kingdom come.—Matt.
6 : 10.

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, we adore thee and trust thee. In mercy thou hast made us, and in love thou hast redeemed us from our sins. Perfect our faith so that, believing in thee, we may rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Give us, we pray thee, large measures of grace, and open thou our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Make our lives after the pattern of the man Christ Jesus, our Lord, and at all times may we seek those things which are pure, lovely, and of good report. And as thou hast called us to serve thee, help us to be faithful laborers in thy kingdom. May we esteem it

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a privilege to work for thee, and may our joy be to win souls for the Master whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

May thy kingdom come and thy will be done in earth as in heaven. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

48

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.—Ps. 34 : 17.

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, we ask that thy blessing may rest upon us at this time; help us to be more and more grateful for all the blessings thou art sending us day by day.

Make us to know thee, and give us strength to do thy will in all things. May we acknowledge thee as our Father, and know that thou wilt watch over us, and guide and direct our paths, even unto the end, if we put our trust in thee.

Help us, we beseech thee, to live as in thy sight, O God. In times of prosperity, make us humble; and in times of adversity, be thou, O Lord, our strength, our fortress, and our refuge. May we always remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever; that his infinite love and compassion will sustain us in all the sorrows

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of life, and bring us at last into perfect peace.

We would bring to thee in our prayers those around us, our kindred and friends. Show thyself to those who know thee not, we beseech thee, and cause them to rejoice in thy salvation.

Help us to be Christlike in thought, in word, and in deed. Make our faith stronger, and keep us in the path of truth ; we ask it for thy name's sake. Amen.

49

If ye love me, keep my commandments.—John 14 : 15.

ALMIGHTY GOD, teach us to submit to the easy yoke of our Saviour, Christ, and to take upon us his light burden. Incline us unto all holy obedience to thy will. May our hearts be so rooted and grounded in love that no difficulties may discourage us in the way of well-doing ; and that neither the cares nor pleasures of life may lead us astray from thee. Increase in us that which is lacking ; raise up in us that which is fallen ; restore to us that which we have lost ; quicken in us that which may be ready to die, so that we may serve and obey thee in all things ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Follow peace with all men,
and holiness, without which
no man shall see the Lord.—
Heb. 12 : 14.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, in whose hands are the wills and affections of men, kindle in our hearts holy desires and emotions, and drive away all corrupt and evil thoughts. O dispose us to perfect love and obedience, that we may long after and seek that holiness without which no one shall see the Lord. O strengthen and establish us, that amid all the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows, and the temptations of this world, our hearts may be fixed on high, where alone true joys are to be found; for Christ's sake. Amen.

51

Be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give thee a crown
of life.—Rev. 2 : 10.

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, wilt thou bless the word of admonition given. Give us that calm certainty of truth, that nearness of thyself, that conviction of the reality of the life to come, which we all need to bear us through the troubles of this life. O! if we could live as seeing thee who art invisible, if we could live as beholding heaven, it would not be hard to live aright.

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But our faith is faint ; the world is real to us, and we are on every side in sympathy with earthly things. These things that are most important to us seem visionary and remote. Therefore we ask that gift of the Holy Spirit by which the truth is brought into the heart and made to abide there in ever-increasing power. Baptize us with the Holy Ghost ; dwell in us ; go with us ; and at last bring us to our exceeding great reward in heaven. These mercies we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

52

The prayer of faith shall save the sick.—James 5 : 15.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death : Look down, we humbly beseech thee, with infinite mercy and compassion, upon thy sick child, for whom our prayers are desired. Deliver him from his bodily pain, O Lord, if it be thy holy will, and visit him with thy salvation. If it be thy good pleasure, prolong his days here on earth, that he may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory by faithful service. Or else receive him into thy heavenly habitations to dwell with thee in life everlasting. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

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But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.—Eph. 2 : 13.

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WE bless thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that in thy death thou hast revealed the Father and hast brought us nigh unto God. We thank thee that we are accepted in thee, and that there is no barrier to our free access into our Father's presence. We rejoice with exceeding great joy. We call upon our souls and all that is within us to bless and praise and magnify thee. Prosper us, O blessed God, in all that unto which we put our hands. Prevent us from doing what we ought not to do, and, as without thee we are unable to please thee, may thy Holy Spirit direct and rule us. May our hearts be filled with thy love, our lips with gentle and helpful words, and our hands with kind, unselfish deeds. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.—John 9 : 4.

54

MAKE us fruitful to-day in every good work to do thy will, O God. Work in us to will and to do of thine own good pleasure. Thou hast given us yearnings after a holy

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life. Satisfy them by the grace of thy Spirit dwelling within us and working through us continually. Enable us to do the day's work for thee. May we do all for thy glory. May we set the Lord always before us. O heavenly Father, who art leading us home, help us to consider the interests of others, and to act nobly and generously toward them, because we are thy children and thine infinite resources are at our command. Make us a blessing to those with whom we come in contact, that we may leave upon their lives some traces of that glorious light which we have caught from the face of Christ. We ask it in his name. Amen.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.—Rom. 8 : 14, 15.

55

DEAR FATHER, we thank thee for the grace that has made us thine adopted children. We bless thee more and more that thou didst love the world so well as to send Jesus into it that he might save every one who should believe in him. We bless thee, too, that thy Spirit has helped us to believe.

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We pray thee to increase our faith. Make us more filial. We are sure that thou wilt never forget that we are thy children. Help us never to forget that thou art our Father.

Help us to love thee with all our heart, and to show our love by our devotion.

May we never be ashamed to let it be known that we are Christians. Help us to remember that Jesus came into the world not only to live for us, but to teach us how to live. Help us to follow in his steps. Help us to become more and more skilled in Christian service. May we hate sin and love holiness. May all the fruits of the Spirit in their variety, profusion, and fragrance abound in our lives, and may all our prayers and all our wishes be expressed in this one petition: Thy will be done. All this we ask in Jesus' name and for his dear sake. Amen.

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All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.—Isa. 53 : 6.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank thee that on the cross our Saviour put away the sin of the world; that thou didst lay on him the iniquity of us all; that he was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities,

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that the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and that with his stripes we are healed. He was accursed that we might be blessed. Thou didst hide thy face from him that it might be turned on us in smiles for evermore.

Thou didst wound and bruise him sore that we might stand unashamed in thy presence, where there is fullness of joy. Heavenly Father, we adore thee for this mystery of love. Let Jesus see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. And may the Lamb that was slain soon take to himself his great power, and reign. We ask it in his name. Amen.

Sin shall not have dominion over you : for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
—Rom. 6 : 14.

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WE beseech thee, gracious Father, to pardon all our sins. We confess our guilt and plead thy promises. O be merciful unto us and give us thy peace. Restore our souls, for we have sinned against thee. Our hope is in thy mercy ; deliver us, we pray thee, from the guilt and power of sin : let it have no dominion over us. O put thy Spirit within us, and cause us to walk in thy statutes. We praise thee, O God, for the unspeakable gift of thy dear Son. Grant

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us so to believe in him, that we may have everlasting life. Let us not resist or grieve thy Holy Spirit, but may our understanding be enlightened, our hearts sanctified, and our wills subdued, according to the working of his mighty power. Most merciful Father, bless, we beseech thee, all whom we should remember before thee. Do for us, and for all men, and for the increase of thy true religion, abundantly above all that we are able to ask or think; for Christ's sake. Amen.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. — Deut. 33 : 27.

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O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, to thy mercy we now commend ourselves. Watch over us, O thou Shepherd of Israel. Let thine eye be ever upon us, and thine everlasting arms round about us. We adore thee for all the blessings we are continually receiving from thy hand. What shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits conferred upon us? Give us grace to glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits which are thine. We praise thee for all thy mercies; and beseech thee to forgive us all our sins which are more than we can number, and greater than

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we can express: for in many things we offend continually. Grant us daily repentance toward thee, O God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Heal all our backslidings, receive us graciously, and love us freely. Help us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow Christ. Make us more humble, more thankful, more holy. Preserve us from everything that would dishonor Christ's holy name. Have mercy, we pray thee, upon all men. Comfort the sick, succor the tempted, give joy to those who mourn for sin, bind up the broken-hearted, and save such as be of a contrite spirit; through thy grace and mercy in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.—
John 5 : 39.

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WE praise thee, O Lord, for thy holy word which thou hast given to be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. We bless thee, O Lord, for such a fountain of wisdom and holiness; and we pray that in all our troubles we may hope in thy word, and derive all our comfort from it. May it dwell in us richly; may we love its precepts, and believe its promises; may it remove our

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doubts and calm our fears, and show us the way, that we may walk therein. Incline us to search the Scriptures that we may know that blessed Jesus of whom they testify.

We pray thee, O Lord, to send thy light and thy truth to the nations that are sitting in darkness. Bless the missionary societies of our land, and give to all who are engaged in missionary labors wisdom, zeal, humility and love. Let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God, through Jesus Christ his Son. Amen.

Be careful for nothing ; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.—Phil. 4 : 6.

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O THOU that hearest prayer, teach us how to pray. Help us to make known our wants unto thee, who alone canst supply them. Teach us so to ask that we may receive, and so to seek that we may find. O heavenly Father, may we pray in the Spirit, and be accepted of thee, through thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we may obtain mercy, and find grace in every time of need.

May we approach thee in humility and sincerity, with faith, never doubting thy power and will to save all who come to thee by Christ. Help us, we beseech thee, to

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come to thee in his name, pleading the atonement of his precious blood.

Grant us power to be more earnest in our prayers ; and be thou graciously pleased to answer them, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Sanctify our hearts, and satisfy our souls with thy mercy. Pardon our sins ; and daily renew us, after the image of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts : and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him ; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—Isa. 55 : 7.

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O LORD, have mercy upon us, and for Christ's sake pardon our sins. Assist us by thy grace to watch over our thoughts, words, and deeds. Help us to keep our tongues as with a bridle. May we be slow to speak, and slow to wrath ; restrain our lips from evil words, and our feet from evil ways. Suffer us not, we beseech thee, by word or deed to grieve thy Holy Spirit, or dishonor the name of Christ. Enable us so to pass through this world of sin and temptation, that at last we may reach the home prepared for those who love thee. May the same

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mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Give us grace so to learn of him who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest to our souls; through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. — Isa. 52 : 10.

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WE thank thee, O God, for the gift of thy Son, our Saviour; for thy Holy Spirit, our guide and sanctifier; for thy written word, and for kind and loving friends who have directed our feet into paths of righteousness. Truly the lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places; we have a goodly heritage. But as we rejoice in our blessings our hearts go out in sympathy to the millions of our fellow-men who are in darkness and the shadow of death—who have no hope and are without God in the world.

We pray for those in heathen lands. Do thou look upon them in love, and show them thy salvation. Deliver them from the power of darkness and bring them into the kingdom of thy dear Son. We pray that thy grace may more and more prevail in our own land and that the knowledge of the

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Lord may cover the whole earth. Hasten the day when thy kingdom shall come, and thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. We pray that thy church may do greater things for thee: that thou wilt stir up thy people to greater activity and increased liberality. Help us to give ourselves to thee for any service in which thou canst use us, and to give cheerfully of our substance according as thou hast prospered us.

Bless thy servants who preach and teach in heathen lands. Give to their labors success, and may multitudes be gathered into the fold of the Good Shepherd. Let their lives and health be precious in thy sight, and may they be kept as in the hollow of thy hand. We ask it all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—Matt. 28 : 19.

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OUR FATHER which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Send out thy light and thy truth. Give us great zeal to spread abroad the knowledge of thy glorious gospel. Help us, by our prayers and gifts, to do all in our power to

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bring men to know and love and confess our Lord and Saviour.

Break down all opposition to missionary progress. Prepare the hearts of men to receive the message of thy grace. Give abundant encouragement and success to the self-denying efforts of our missionaries. Preserve them from danger and persecution.

Multiply the number of true converts. Strengthen the faith of those who have openly avowed the religion of the cross.

May the Holy Spirit accompany the preached and printed word to the salvation of those who are in the darkness of idolatry, or who are misled by false religions.

Give to us the missionary spirit of the gospel. May we rightly estimate our Christian privileges and opportunities, and earnestly strive to discharge our great responsibilities. Make us missionaries at home, striving to lead the souls around us to Christ; and this we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel.—1 Cor. 9 : 16.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Creator and Ruler of the universe, inspirer and enlightener of the hearts and minds of men, we invoke thy blessing upon the nations which sit in dark-

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ness, upon the peoples who have not yet seen the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

The blessings which we enjoy, because Jesus Christ has come into the world, we crave for those who know him not.

Grant, we pray thee, that we may heed the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Make plain to us our duty, O Holy Spirit. May those of us who can do so, go to work in mission fields in foreign lands or at home. Give us wisdom and preparation of heart for our part in the work. To those of us who must stay at home, give the missionary spirit, that we may be in sympathy with all who are uplifting the cross among the degraded, the superstitious, the depraved, the sin-sick. Quicken us all with Christlike zeal, that the aim of our life may be to win for thee the precious souls for which Christ gave himself.

Oh! God, we thank thee that thou hast been so mindful of us; that we were not born in heathen darkness and under the shadow of superstition.

Truly thou hast been gracious to us, our Father; may we be ever mindful that to whom much is given, of him shall much be required. Fill us with a deep sense of our obligation to preach the gospel, not only

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with our lips, but by our example, and with our money. Bless, we pray thee, O heavenly Father, those who have left father and mother, friends and lands, for Jesus' sake. Fulfill unto them thy promise. Restore unto them tenfold, and after this life grant them, O Saviour, with those whom they have sought to lead to thee, life eternal. In Jesus' name we offer these our supplications. Amen.

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.—Isa. 6: 8.

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WE praise thee, O God, that thou didst so love the world as to give thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We bless thee that the gospel message has come to us. Give it more power in our hearts, and make us more faithful to it. Keep us from selfishness.

Speed the glad tidings throughout the world. Bless the missionaries of the cross at home and abroad; strengthen their hands; give them love, patience and fidelity; comfort them by thy presence. Send forth more laborers into thy harvest. Give us an earnest desire to aid in thy work.

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Show us what thou wouldst have us to do, and then guide us as we attempt to do it.

Overrule all opposition to thy truth ; cause thy light to shine into the dark places of the earth. May thy Spirit enter into the hearts of men, working in them both to will and to do of thy good pleasure. Hasten the time when the redeemed out of all nations shall unite in ascribing eternal praises unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Hear us for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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Lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the
world.—Matt. 28 : 20.

O MOST merciful Saviour and Redeemer, who wouldst not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth ; fulfill thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in thy name to preach the gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and pain, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech thee, with thy continual favor ; and send thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that thy word

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spoken by them may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high, and prosper thy work in their hands. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy's sake, and grant that all who are called by thy name may be one in thee, and may abound more and more in prayers and offerings for the coming of thy kingdom throughout the world, to thine honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The harvest truly is great,
but the laborers are few:
pray ye therefore the Lord of
the harvest, that he would
send forth laborers into his
harvest.—Luke 10 : 2.

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ALMIGHTY GOD, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy apostles, that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, grant to us whom thou hast called into thy church, a ready will to obey thy word; and fill us with a hearty desire to make known thy way upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known thee, and on the multitude that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have

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respect, we beseech thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into thy harvest. Fit and prepare them by thy grace for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that 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.

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I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.—Joel 2 : 28.

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh, grant that all the heathen may seek after thee and find thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfillment of thy promise to pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Hab. 2 : 14.

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GREAT and gracious King of all the earth, thou didst create all flesh, and, by Jesus

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Christ, dost grant redemption to the children of men. We pray that thou wilt gather thine own from all nations of the world, and give knowledge of the truth to all people. Help us, that by faith in prayer, by consecrated endeavor, and by liberal giving, we may be efficient instruments in extending thy reign over all the earth. Amen

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.—Jas. 1 : 12.

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BLESSED LORD, make us watchful, that our spiritual enemy may not come and take away thy word out of our hearts, and destroy our souls. Cause thy truth to take deep root in our lives, and with its holy fruits to adorn our characters. Let us not be of those who hear the word with joy, and in time of temptation or persecution fall away; nor of those who let the word be choked by the cares or the riches or the pleasures of this life; but may we understand it and keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.—
Eph. 1 : 7.

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DEAR LORD JESUS, we approach thee in thy majestic holiness, sinful though we are.

Thou art our deliverer from sin and death, and our Saviour in times of temptation and danger.

We know that we are unworthy, and have been unfaithful; but if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We have fallen from thee into evil ways. Selfishness is too often the motive of our acts; Satan has taken us captive; the flesh has its hold upon our spirits, and worldliness has crept into our lives. In ourselves we can do nothing. We cry unto thee for deliverance. Come unto us! we beseech thee, come quickly! Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Show us thyself. Empty us of sin. Holy Spirit, we pray thee, strengthen our spirits to overcome the flesh, and may the power of thy love drive out of our lives all that is displeasing to thee.

Fill us with the richness of thy grace, that

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we may not have room for the things that perish. We ask these and all other blessings, with thy guidance and protection, in the name and for the sake of him who shed his precious blood that we might be saved. Amen.

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
—Dan. 12 : 3.

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JESUS, Son of God, Saviour of men, thou who didst come to earth to live, and suffer, and die for a lost world, who calledst unto thyself human agents to aid thee in thy ministry, and who didst command thy followers to spread the glad tidings of salvation throughout the earth, help us, we pray thee, to obey thy commands, and to remember that he who winneth souls is wise.

Shed abroad the love of God in our hearts, that we may yearn for the whole world's salvation.

O thou compassionate and most merciful Saviour, we would bring to thee in our prayers all those who know thee not, and have never heard the precious name of Jesus. Send workers into thy vineyard. If thou shouldst desire any of us to give up home, and

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kindred, and friends to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ into the dark places of the earth, show us thy will and make us thy willing subjects.

We thank thee for the noble army of Christian men and women who are now teaching the unsearchable riches of Christ to the millions of unsaved souls in our own and heathen lands. Strengthen their faith, endue them with thy power, bless their work, we beseech thee, and through them lead many souls to a true knowledge of Jesus Christ our blessed Redeemer. We ask it for the sake of him who died that we might live. Amen.

The statutes of the Lord
are right, rejoicing the heart :
the commandment of the Lord
is pure, enlightening the eyes.
—Ps. 19 : 8.

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ALMIGHTY GOD, we pray for the spirit of reverence, of humility, of honesty, of teachableness, of obedience, as we study thy truth.

We know there are in thy word many things that we cannot understand. Give us thy spirit to teach us how to apply to our hearts and lives the lessons thou wouldst have us learn.

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thou hast prepared for us, and make it the rule and practice of our everyday life. Guide us in the way of truth, and help us, we pray thee, to interpret thy commands, not as we desire to practice them, not as we think convenient to obey them, but as thou wouldst have us read and profit by thy revelations, that we may yield thee perfect obedience, through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.—Heb. 10 : 22.

DEAR LORD, we come before thee to plead thy promises and to seek thy blessing. Lord, bless us now, we pray thee, and manifest thyself to us while we wait before thee. Guide us in our services, and may all that we do or say be to the glory of God.

Speak to us through the leader; fill him with thy Spirit, that he may give to us the message of love and salvation. Bless to us the reading of thy word; may it speak to our souls and convert, strengthen, comfort, nourish, develop and inspire them.

Accept our praise and hear our prayers, and shower upon us the blessings which thou alone canst give. For Christ's sake. Amen.

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We thank thee for the Bible, which testifies of Christ who is the bread of life.

We thank thee for the Bible, through which Christ is made known to us as the water of life.

We pray for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

We thank thee for the subject of this meeting. Help us thoroughly to understand it, and in our everyday life to use the truth it contains, not only for our own benefit, but for the good of all those with whom we mingle.

Give us pure hearts and heavenward aspirations.

We praise thee for a disposition to serve thee.

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Our heavenly Father, help us to do whatsoever we do heartily and to thine honor and glory, for our growth in grace, and to better the condition of all about us.

Give us hearts grateful for the glorious fact that Christ bore our sins in his own body upon the tree.

Grant us a living faith in a living, loving, interceding Redeemer.

May God be our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

May the Holy Spirit prepare our hearts to receive and appreciate the precious word.

Our kind heavenly Father, we pray for wisdom to make our lives more useful.

Let the Light that never goes out shine into our hearts.

Let the love that never grows cold dwell in us.

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Let life everlasting be ours.

We thank thee for the precious blood that atones for sin.

We praise thee for thine exceeding great and precious promises.

Help us to love righteousness and to hate wickedness.

Give us strength to stand fast with thee, to hold fast to thee, and to be steadfast in thee.

May we all love to work for the salvation of the unsaved.

We thank thee for voices; help us to use them to praise thee heartily and joyfully.

Let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

Make us poor in spirit, O Lord: that ours may be the kingdom of heaven.

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Make us to mourn for sin, O Christ our Redeemer: that we may be comforted by thy grace.

O God, our Father, make us meek: that we may inherit the earth.

Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, O Christ: that we may be filled therewith.

Make us pure in heart, we beseech thee, O God: that we may see thee.

Most merciful Father, make us peacemakers: that we may be called thy children.

O Christ, our Saviour, make us willing to be persecuted for righteousness' sake: that our reward may be great in heaven.

Take from us that carnal mind which is death, and increase in us that spiritual mind which is life and peace, we beseech thee, O God.

Give us earnestness, O God, our Father; strength of purpose, simplicity of faith, warmth of love.

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Heavenly Father, we beseech thee, make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed.

We pray thee, O God, teach us that it is better to give than to receive ; better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward ; better to minister than to be ministered unto ; better to be last than to be first.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, grant that we may consciously abide in Christ, and never forget that we are his soldiers and servants ; keep us in the love of our Father's house, and in the hope of our eternal home ; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

May we live by faith in Christ ; may we increase in the joy of conscious union with him ; may we become more and more like him, till we see him as he is, and be changed into his perfect likeness, we beseech thee, O God.

O Christ, our Saviour, teach us what thou wouldst have us to do, and uphold us by thy mighty power, that every work of ours may begin always in thee, and in thee be happily ended.

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Most gracious Father, help us to know Christ and his life, that the same mind which was in him may be in us ; that we may be in the world as he was—in the world, but not of it.

O thou good Shepherd, make us ready to believe where we cannot see, and willing to trust where we cannot comprehend.

Let thy word, O Christ, be our light, thine eye our guide, thy love our law, and thy presence our joy.

Open thou our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Make thy word a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.

Order our steps in thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over us.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts : try us, and know our thoughts : and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

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For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquities ; for they are great.

Shew us thy ways, O Lord ; teach us thy paths.

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving-kindness : according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins.

Cast us not away from thy presence ; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O most gracious and merciful Father, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with Christ's most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

We beseech thee, O God, to keep our hearts free from pride, envy, hatred and malice, and from all uncharitableness.

We beseech thee, most merciful Father, that thou wilt help and comfort all who are

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in danger, necessity and tribulation; for Christ's sake.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, we pray that it may please thee to give us true repentance, and to forgive us all our sins. Have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy and compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and in all dangers stretch forth thy right hand to defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us, we beseech thee, the joy of faith, and the comfort of love; that we may rejoice in thy mercy, and give praise to thy name.

Teach us thy ways, O Lord, and enable us to walk in thy truth.

May we be thy followers, O God, as dear children; and may we walk in love, as Christ also loved us, and gave himself for us.

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Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouth ;
keep the door of our lips.

We beseech thee to pour out thy Spirit, to
give light and life to all who are dead in sin.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to perfect thy
kingdom of grace in our souls, and to hasten
thy kingdom of glory.

Grant us to know thy wise and gracious
will, and to be resigned and obedient to it in
all things.

We pray thee, for Christ's sake, to forgive
us our sins; and to give us grace to forgive,
even as we desire to be forgiven.

Hide thy face from our sins, and blot out
all our iniquities.

We beseech thee, heavenly Father, hear
the prayers of thy children, and give thy
Holy Spirit to them that ask thee.

We pray and beseech thee, for Christ's
sake, to pardon all the sins which we have

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committed against thee. Blot them out of the book of thy remembrance; let them not appear in judgment against us, but cleanse us from guilt in the precious blood of Christ our Saviour.

May thy blessed word be our rule, and thy Holy Spirit our guardian and guide in all our ways.

Make us careful to abstain from all evil, that the ways of truth and holiness may not, on our account, be spoken against.

Lord, we plead with thee for the sake of thy great name, to remember thy promises, and give unto thy Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.

O Lord, send forth the messengers of thy grace with the good tidings of salvation; and prepare thy way before them.

We pray that thy word may have free course among all nations, and be glorified.

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Let thy word not return unto thee void, but let it prosper, and accomplish thy purposes of grace and mercy to a lost and ruined world.

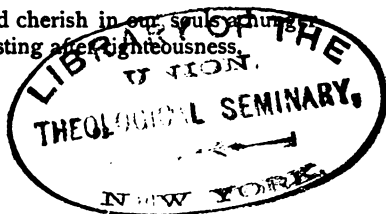
We adore thy mercy in sending thine only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death; and thy grace in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty toward thee.

O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions.

Most merciful Father, we bless thy holy name for all thy patience with us, thy care over us, and thy continual mercies to us.

We beseech thee, O God, to fill us with love and clothe us with humility.

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