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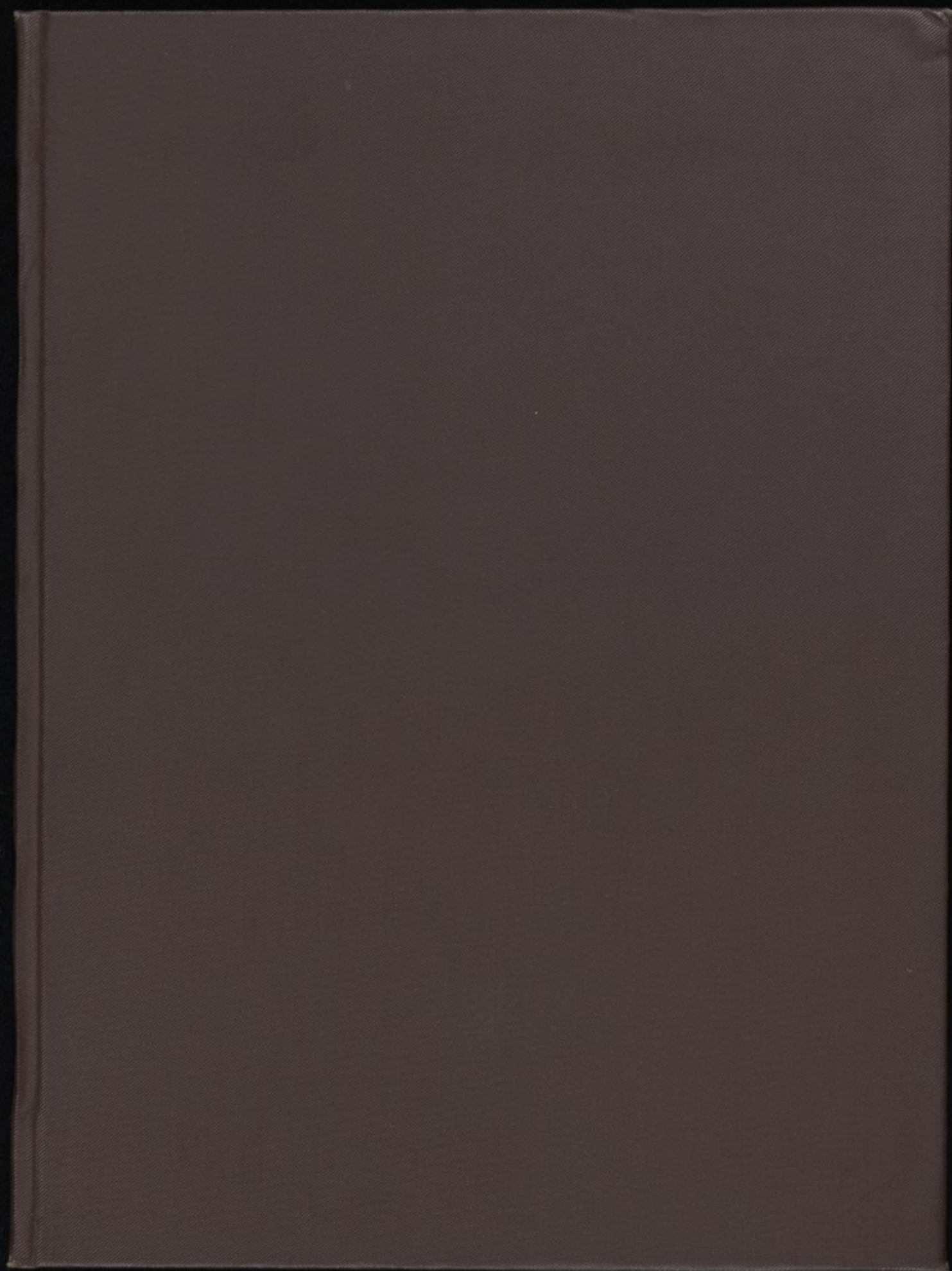
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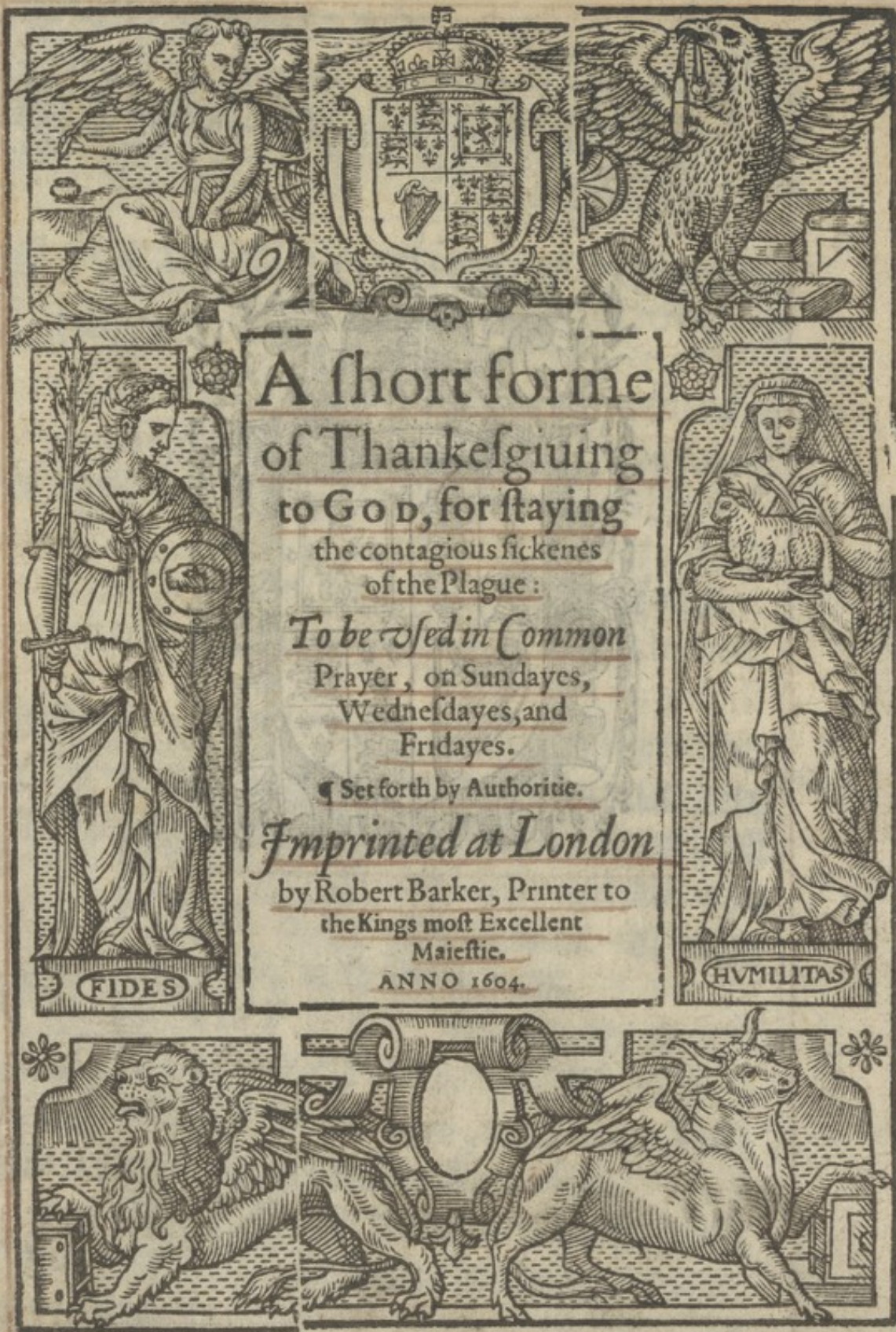


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way all thy displea-
sure, and turned thy
selfe from thy wrathfull indignation.

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put to silence.

The Psalme.

4. But when we said our feete haue slipped,
thy mercie, O Lord, helped vs vp.

5. **In the multitude of the sorowes that
we had in our hearts, thy comforts haue
refreshed our soules.**

6. Our soules waited still vpon the Lord, our
Psal. 62. 63 soules hanged vpon his helpe, our hope was
alwayes in him.

7. **In the Lords word did we reioyce, in
Gods word did we comfort our selues.**

8. For the Lord said: Call vpon mee in the
Psal. 50. time of trouble, and I wil heare thee, and thou
shalt praise me.

9. **So when wee were poore, needy, sick-
ly, and in heauinesse, the Lord cared for
vs: hee was our helpe and our Saviour
according to his word.**

10. In our aduersitie and distresse hee hath lift
Psal. 27. vp our heads, and saued vs from ytter destru-
ction.

11. **Hee hath deliuered our soules from
death, hee hath fedde vs in the time of
dearth, hee hath saued vs from the noy-
some Pestilence.**

12. Therefore will we offer in his holy Tem-
ple, the oblation of Thankesgiuing with
Psal. 27. great

The Psalme.

great gladnesse: we will sing and speake praises vnto the Lord our Sauour.

We will giue thanks vnto the Lord, 13.
Psal. 106.
for hee is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercie, long suffering, plenteous in goodnesse and pitie. 14.
Psal. 86.
103.

His mercy is greater then the heavens, 15.
Psal. 57.
108.
and his gracious goodnesse reacheth vnto the cloudes.

Like as a father pitieth his owne children: euen so is the Lord mercifull vnto them that feare him. 16.
Psal. 103.

Therefore will we praise thee and thy mercies, O God, vnto thee will wee sing, O thou holy one of Israel. 17.
Psal. 71.

Wee will sing a New song vnto thee, O God, we will praise the Lord with Psalmes of Thankesgiuing. 18.
Psal. 98.

O sing praises, sing praises vnto our God: O sing praises, sing praises vnto our King. 19.
Psal. 47.

For God is the King of the earth, sing praises with vnderstanding. 20.

Wee will magnifie thee, O God our King, 21.
Psal. 145.

The Psalm.

**King, wee will praise thy Name for euer
and euer.**

22. Every day will we giue thanks vnto thee,
and praise thy Name for euer and euer.

23. Our mouth shall speake the praises of
the Lord, and let all flesh giue thanks to
his holy Name for euer and euer.

24. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for euer,
and blessed bee the Name of his Maiestie
world without end. **A M E N. A M E N.**

In





In stead of the other Prayers
vsed in the time of the Sicknesse,
Read some of these following.



We Will magnifie
thee, O God our
King, and we will
praise thy name for
euer and euer: be-
cause in the midst of
thine anger, thin-
king vpon mercie,
thou hast delivered
our soules from death, and preserved vs
from that noysome pestilence, which not
long since, raged in this Citie, sweeping
away the rich with the poore, the aged
with the young, leauing whole houses de-
solate, and filling all places with dead bo-
dies: So that in mans iudgement there
was no hope remayning, but that this
yeere would haue thereby prooued yet
more dreadfull and infectious then the for-
mer.

Prayers, and

mer. But because thou wilt haue it knowen, that thou onely woundest and canst heale againe, that thou killest and reuiuest, bringest euen to hell and backe againe: thou hast vouchsafed, contrarie to all humane expectation (such is thy power and goodnesse) to command thine Angell to stay his hande, and spare this Citie, and hast turned thine anger and the fiercenesse therof vpon many other Cities and Townes within this Realme. Wee therfore at this time offer vp vnto thee a double sacrifice, at once, of hearty Thanksgiuing for this our strange deliuerance, and of humble and earnest Prayers, for those dolefull places, thus grievously afflicted: beseeching thee for thy Sonne Iesus Christ his sake, to be gracious vnto them also, that both they and we in ioynt affection, may acknowledge thy iustice in thy punishments, and recorde thine infinite mercies in sparing vs miserable sinners, through Iesus Christ thy Sonne, and our Saviour, to whom, &c.

Most

Thanksgiuing.



O Most gracious God, seeing it hath pleased thee in the multitude of those sorowes which we had in our hearts, by reason of that grienous contagion which thou lately didst send amongst vs (besides the feare and expectation of the like, or a more violent infection this present yeere) to sende thy comfortes for the refreshing of our soules, and to remooue that fearefull pestilence frō vs, not for any desert of ours, who are most wretched sinners; nor by any meanes of mans deuise, but onely of thine owne fauour, and for thy mercies sake: we yeeld vnto thy diuine Maiestie all thanks and praise, for this thine especiall goodnesse; trusting that we shal take warning, by this last dreadful iudgment, for ever prouoking thee to such a wrathfull indignation againe. And hauing felt the weight of thy heauie hand vpon our selues, tenderly compassionating the wooll case of those Cities and Townes in this Realme, which are nowe stricken
B With

Prayers, and

With the same; We most humbly beseech thee, most mercifull Father, to extend the like mercie to them, that thou hast done to vs. Good Lord spare them, and heare their prayers, now crying vnto thee in the vexation of their spirits, and the anguish of their soules, and vs for them, that so this whole land may ioyfully prayse thy Name, and say; Lord thou art become gracious vnto thy land, thou hast turned away all thy displeasure. Graunt this O Lord, for thine onely Sonnes sake, Iesus Christ our Lord and onely Saviour, Amen.



Almightie and eternall God, Which strikest and healest, bringest downe to death and quicknest againe, Who in thy iust iudgement for our sinnes diddest lately sore plague vs in our chiefe Citie and round about, with great sickenesse and mortalitie: yet remembzing thy mercie hast turned thy selfe most graciously vnto vs, and comforted vs againe, by ceasing the plague therein, even then when as by all likelihoode
both

Thanksgiuing.

both of the time and place, and concourse
of people, and our litle amendment of life,
We could not but iustly feare & expect the
continuance and encreasing of the same:
Wee most humbly acknowledge With all
due thankfulnesse from the bottome of
our hearts, this thine exceeding gracious
goodnesse and vnderfuerd mercie, euer-
more praysing thy great & glorious name,
for so wonderfull grace and clemencie to-
wards vs most vile and wretched sinners
so freely and mercifully extended: most
humbly beseeching thee of thy fatherly
goodnesse, not onely to continue this gra-
cious course of thy louing fauour, in miti-
gating and lessening more and more this
noysome Pestilence, till it be cleane remo-
ued from vs: But also to powre thy hea-
uenly Grace into our hearts, that we ne-
uer forgetting how grievously and iustly
wee haue bene chastened for our sinnes,
and yet in Mercy not consumed, but rai-
sed vp againe and comforted, may learne
thereby, both to feare thy dreadful iudge-
ments against sinne, and so by true Re-
pentance to turne vnto thee from our

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Wicked wayes, least a worse Plague fall
vpon vs; And also to put our whole trust
in thy Mercy, and approach with confi-
dence vnto thy Throne of Grace, for help
and succour in all our troubles and aduer-
sities, Evermore thanking & prayeing thy
glorious Maiestie for this thy most merci-
full and marvellous deliuerance, through
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.



God the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the
God of all Mercie and
Comfort, which art
Lord of life and death,
and rulest all things in
heauen and earth by the
word of thy Power: Looke downe mer-
cifully from thy holy place, vpon the peo-
ple of this Land yet grienously afflicted
in many places, with great sicknesse and
mortalitie. And as by thy great Mercy,
the Plague which lately raged in our
chiefe City, threating bitter consumption
and desolation to the same, is now flaked
and asswaged to our great comfort, for
which

Thankesgiuings.

Which we praise and magnifie thy glorious Name : So likewise we most humbly beseech thee, in the tender bowels of thy endlesse Compassion, to be gracious and mercifull to the other parts of this Land, now fearefully affrighted and afflicted with this grienous Plague & pestilence. Send them good Lord, speedy help and succour from thy Holy habitation; And as thou diddest sometimes turne away thy fierce Wrath from the Niniuites, being iustly threatened out against them, and euen hanging ouer their heads, by giuing them Repentance through thy Grace : So now visite the hearts of thy people in this Land with thine heavenly Grace, and holy Spirit, that they may speedily and soundly returne vnto thee from all their wicked wayes, in true Repentance, and a liuing Faith in Iesus Christ : That so wee may bee deliuered from this heauy Wrath & Plague, which our sinnes haue pulled downe and scattered amongst vs ; And learne by thy fearefull Iudgements to walke hereafter before thee, in continuall reuerence
and

Prayers, and

and obedience, And for thy gracious mercie to giue thee Everlasting praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Omnipotent God, Which art the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of them which live, Who in thy displeasure carriest vs downe in a moment to the gates of death, and in thy mercie recallest our Soules backe to dwell in the land of the living: Wee giue thee humble thanks, that it hath pleased thee to restore vs when wee were almost past hope, to strengthen vs in the extremitie of our weakenesse, to deliuer vs thy people of this Citie from the Contagion, when in the eye of mans reason it was most likely to haue encreased. This we acknowledge to be thy doing, O Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes, which haue seene these thy great mercies surpassing the strength of our hope: and wee beseech thee to continue thy gracious goodnesse towards vs still, whereby all the world may see and knowe, that thou art our
mercifull

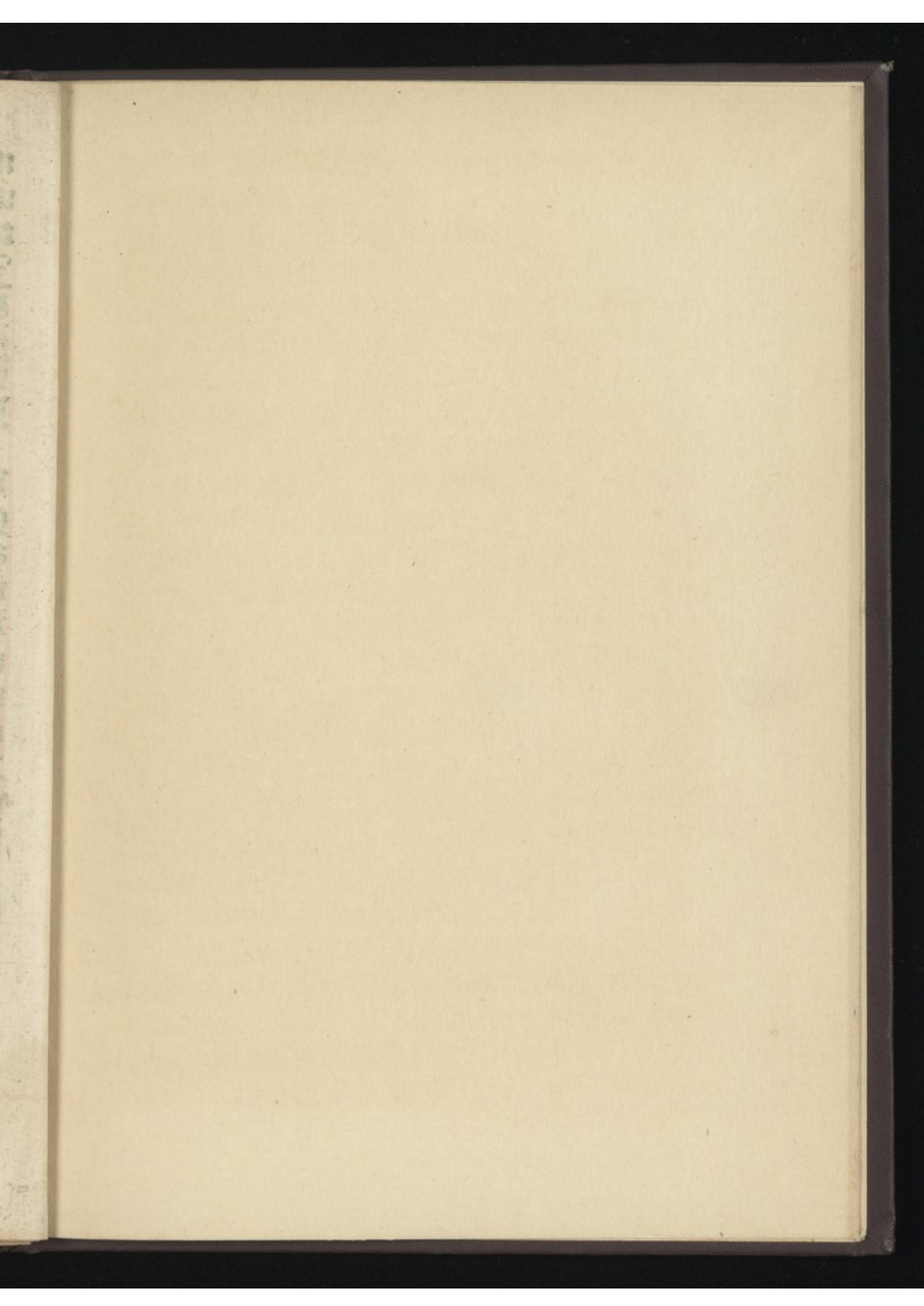
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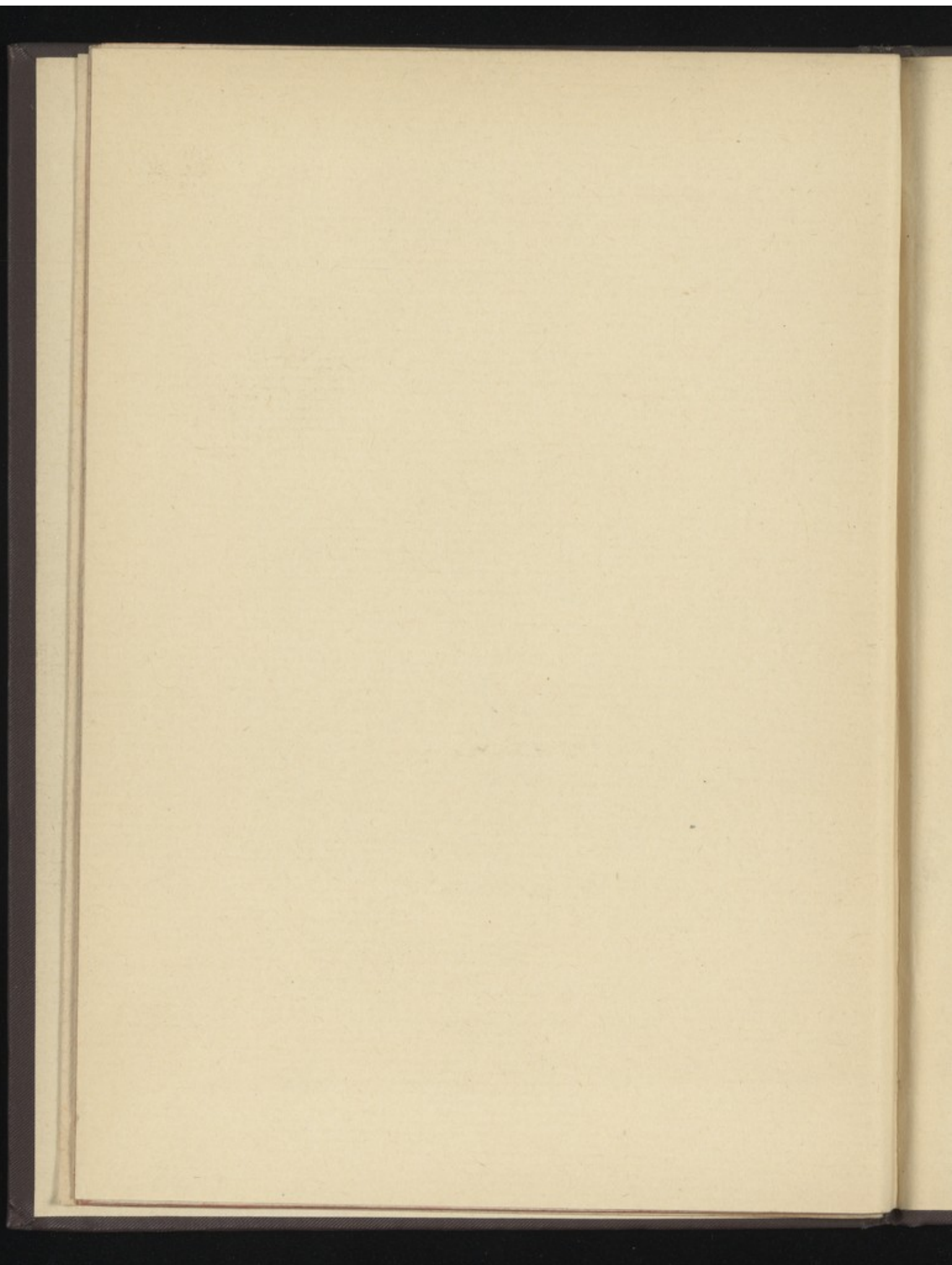
mercifull Father, and Wonderfull Deli-
uerer, to the glory of thy holy Name, and
to the comfort of vs thy children, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

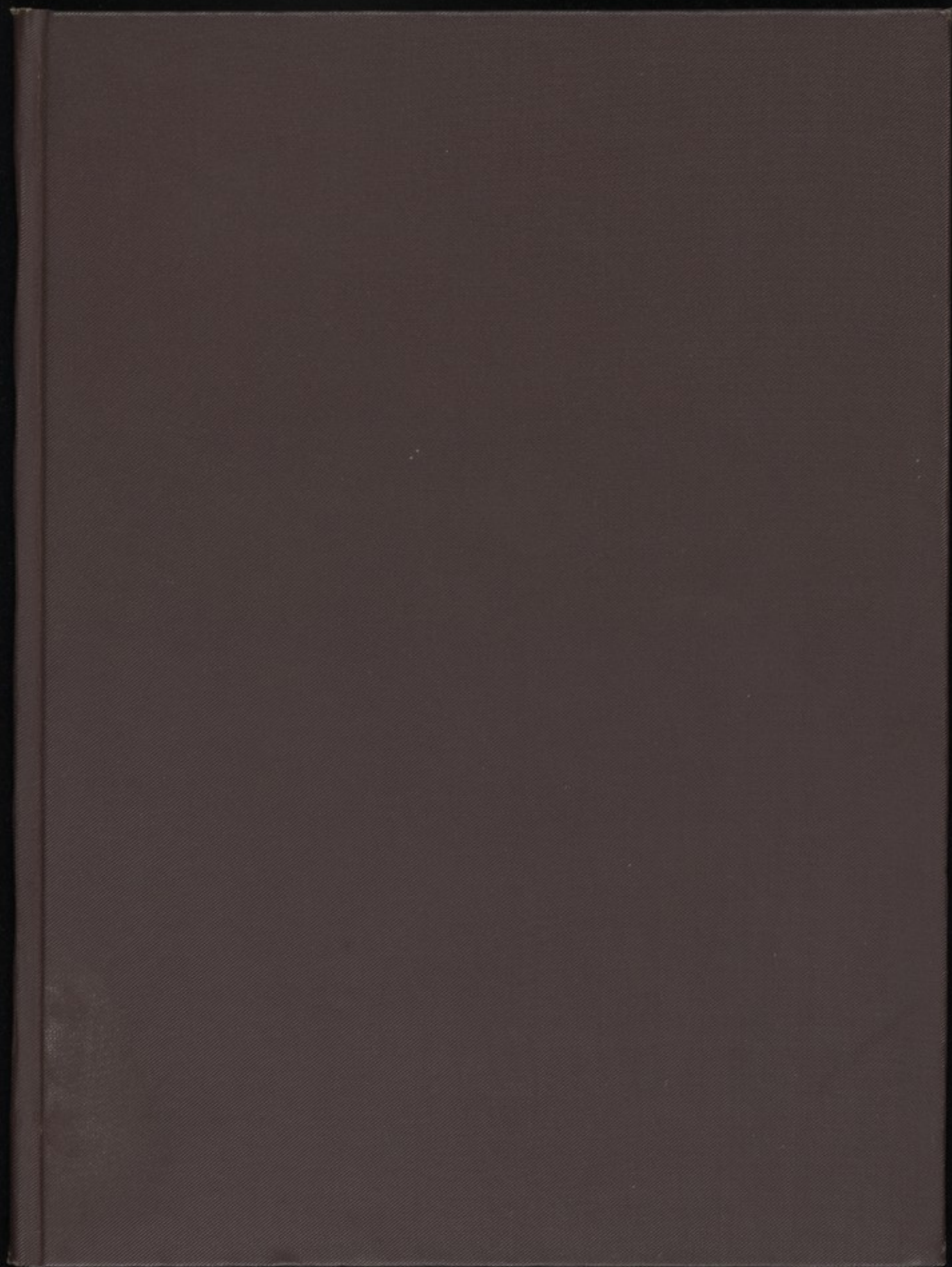
O Heauenly Father, which art
the Fountaine of Life, and
the G O D of our health, in
Whome alone wee liue, and
mooue, and haue our being:

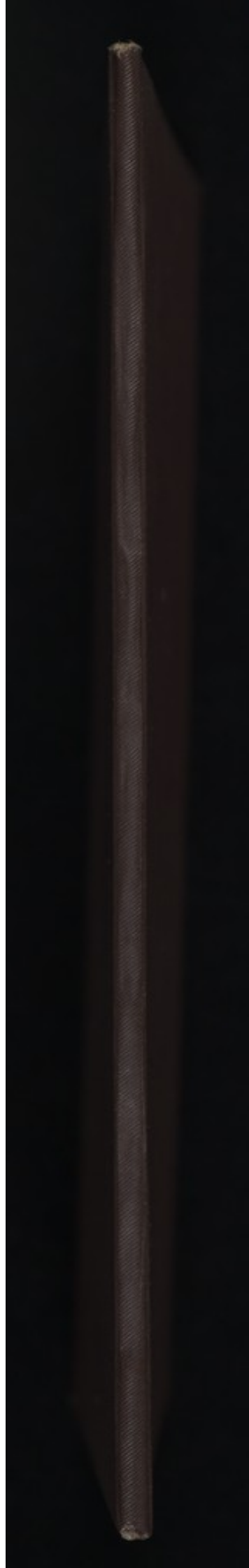
We beseech thee, that as thou hast beene
gracious vnto this Citie, and the parts
about it, in remoouing from hence that
fearefull Plague, which for our sins thou
haddest most iustly sent among vs: So
it would please thee to heare these our in-
tercessions for our brethren, which in
other places of this Realme do yet grone
vnder thy punishing hand. O Lord, be
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thine Angel to sheath his Sword, that a
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passe about thine Altars with songs of
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