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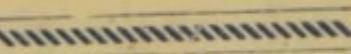
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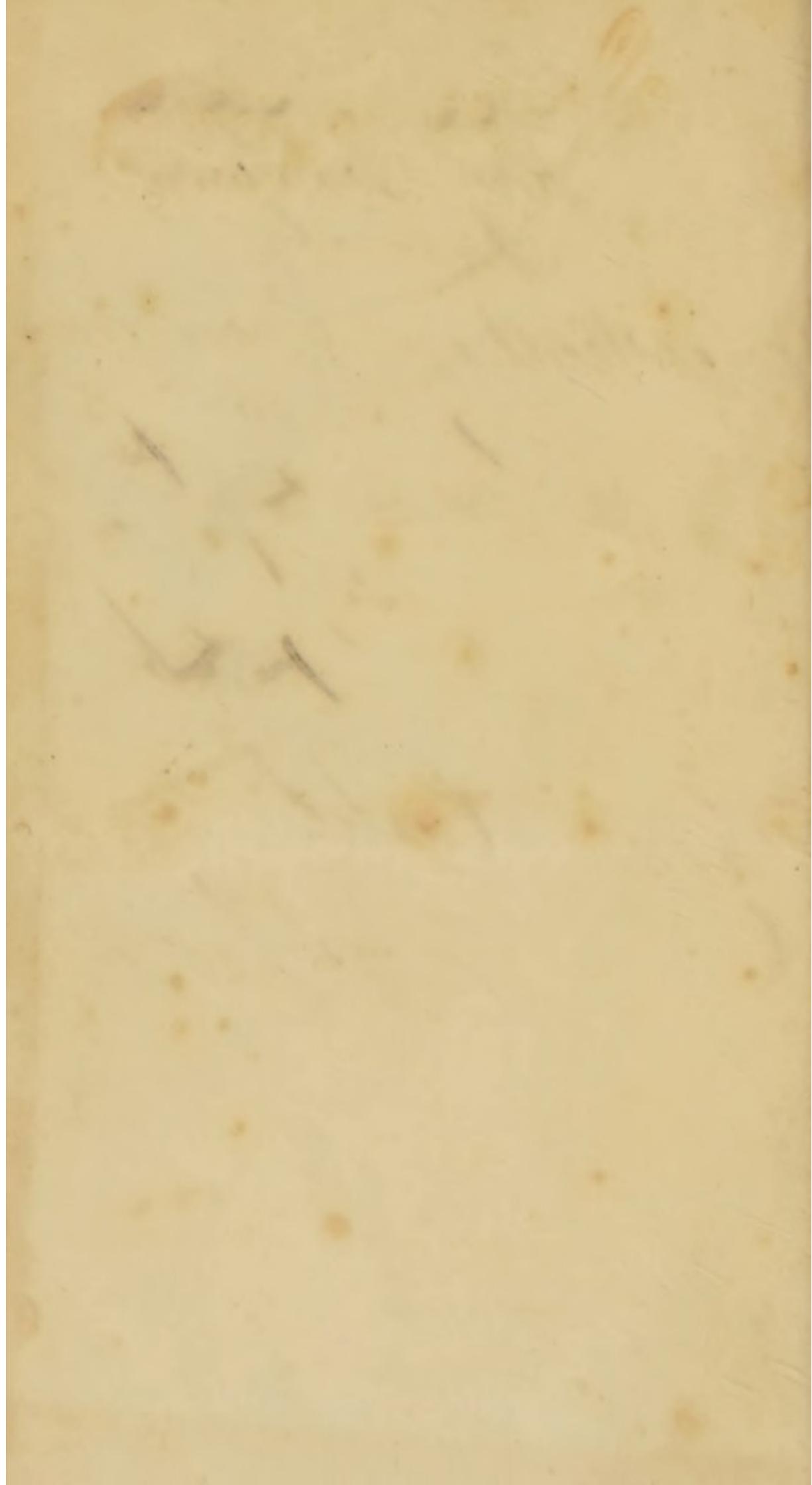
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THE  
HOSPITAL MANUAL,  
OR  
SOLDIER'S  
GUIDE IN THE HOUR OF SICKNESS;  
TO WHICH IS PREFIXED,  
A SHORT SERVICE  
FOR THE USE OF  
*MILITARY HOSPITALS.*

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“Fear God. Honour the King.”—1 Peter ii. 17.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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IN submitting the following pages for the use of Military Hospitals, the intention of the author is twofold ; first, to offer a *general* Service for the Sick ; next, to present a Manual of Prayers, for the benefit of soldiers *individually*.

Of the utility, not to say necessity, of the former, the writer is convinced, from the experience which he himself has had, for some years, among his Majesty's household troops.

The latter also, from what he has seen

the Book of Common Prayer) has been drawn up as an appropriate form, intending to embrace all cases, and so arranged, that all are easily induced to join, and may readily participate in those petitions which are offered up in their behalf.

Another advantage would also attend a Service of this kind; often a party is so detached or otherwise circumstanced, as to be unable to procure the attendance of a Minister; in which case, prayers are usually read by a non-commissioned officer; it would then become a guide both to himself and comrades.

In regard to the second part, this contains several *private* Prayers and Thanksgivings adapted to various infirmities, spiritual and bodily, together with applicable ejaculations from the Book of Psalms, and

texts of Scripture, exhorting and encouraging the soldier to strive to work out his salvation; with further directions for the selection of certain passages and portions suitable to his case; that should he be so circumstanced as not to have the assistance of a Minister, he may endeavour to make his peace with his God by devout prayer and meditation; and may at all times be enabled to address his Maker in a language adapted to his capacity, and in a form suited to his calling and condition.

This Manual was composed under a strong conviction of its necessity, even where there *is* an attendant Clergyman, and that a *Soldier*, of all classes of society, stands most in need of a guide of this sort. From the peculiar situation in which a Soldier is placed, and from the perpetual changes of a military congregation, a

Chaplain has not the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the moral character of individuals, or of gaining that spiritual advantage over them, which he might have had in the more private walks of life, unless brought immediately within his knowledge in the Hospital; and even then, with so many around him, he is not always able to select those who most need his assistance, or to give each the attention he could wish.

Thus it generally happens that those who are apparently most sick in body attract his notice; while often many who are still more sick in mind are passed over, who, if directions were put into their hands, would gladly turn "*the hour of sickness*" to their eternal advantage.

That this humble attempt may in some

measure supply the deficiencies here stated, and help those forward to the attainment of immortal life, who, in defence of our temporal blessings, are so ready to hazard that which is mortal, is the devout wish and earnest prayer of the author.

*January 4, 1830.*

## DIRECTIONS TO THE READER.

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*Should it be thought advisable to lengthen the following Service, it may be done by the introduction of the Litany (if in the Morning, and on the days appointed) immediately before the Prayer for the Church Militant, concluding with it in the usual way, as in the Book of Common Prayer\*; or by reading one or both Lessons of the Day, after the Psalms, or any other portion of Scripture more particularly applicable. The Epistle and Gospel of the day, on the great Fasts and Festivals of the Church, might also be here introduced, to distinguish those Holy Seasons. The Psalms can at any time be varied, by reading those of the day.*

\* As prayers are read at all hours, it has been thought best to give this form no particular tendency to either morning or evening. It is almost unnecessary to add that the whole of this work has been written under the supposition that in every Hospital there is a supply of Bibles and Prayer-Books : in short every man now, who can read, is furnished with one of each, which he would do well to bring in with him.

# SELECT PRAYERS,

OR

A SHORT SERVICE

FOR

*MILITARY HOSPITALS.*

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

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

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

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

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

¶ *Exhortation.*

DEARLY beloved brethren, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining, as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness is, know you certainly, that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this sickness is sent unto you; whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found in the day of the Lord, laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity; or else it be sent unto you, to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father; know you certainly, that if you truly repent you of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy, for his dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and render unto him humble thanks for his fatherly visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto his will, it shall turn to your profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

¶ *Then all kneeling down, the Minister shall say,*

REMEMBER not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers: spare us, good Lord; spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*Answer.* Spare us, good Lord.

Let us pray.

*Minister.* Help us, O God, our Saviour ;

*Answer.* And for the glory of thy name deliver us ;  
be merciful unto us sinners, for thy name's sake.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent ; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Minister.* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us ;

*Answer.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us ;

*Answer.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *A General Confession, to be said of the whole congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.

Restore thou them that are penitent ; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

*Minister.* Let us pray.

\* O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee ; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made ; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved ; mercifully forgive us our trespasses ; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy ; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed ; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are miserable sinners ; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge, and truly repent us of our faults ; and so make haste to help us in

\* It is thought best to place this Collect here, instead of the absolution, as Prayers are so often read by laymen ; but a Priest can introduce it, if he thinks fit.

this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Or this :*

O MOST merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more ; open thine eye of mercy upon these thy servants, who most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness. Renew in them, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by their own carnal will and frailness ; preserve and continue these sick members of the Church ; consider their contrition, assuage their pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for them. And forasmuch as they put their full trust only in thy mercy, impute not unto them their former sins ; but strengthen them with thy blessed Spirit ; and when thou art pleased to take them hence, take them unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister say,*

O LORD, open thou our lips ;

*Answer.* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Minister.* O God, make speed to save us ;

*Answer.* O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ *Here all standing up, the Priest shall say,*

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

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

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord ;

*Answer.* The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall follow one or more portions of the selection of Psalms as the Reader shall think fit:*

I.

1. GIVE the Lord, the honour due unto his name ; worship the Lord with holy worship. *Ps. xxix. 2.*

2. *O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, and that thou hast prepared for them, that put their trust in thee even before the sons of men. Ps. xxxi. 21.*

3. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ; and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

4. *For the word of the Lord is true ; and all his works are faithful.*

5. Let all the earth fear the Lord ; stand in awe of him all ye that dwell in the world.

6. *He loveth righteousness and judgment ; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Ps. xxxiii. 6. 4. 8. 5.*

7. O Lord God of Hosts who is like unto thee ; thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

8. *Thou hast a mighty arm ; strong is thine hand, and high is thy right hand. Ps. lxxxix. 9. 14.*

9. The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men ; from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell in the earth.

10. *Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord; for he is our help and shield.*

11. He fashioneth all the hearts of them, and understandeth all their works.

12. *For our hearts shall rejoice in him; because we have hoped in his holy name.*

13. Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him; and upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

14. *Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us; like as we do put our trust in thee. Ps. xxxiii. 13. 19.*

14. 20. 17. 21.

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

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

## II.

1. O LORD GOD of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth? *Ps. lxxx. 4.*

2. *O remember not our old sins; but have mercy upon us, and that soon; for we are come to great misery. Ps. lxxix. 8.*

3. For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee. *Ps. lxxxvi. 5.*

4. *Help us, Lord God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy name's sake. Ps. lxxix. 9.*

5. Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in

thee; they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.  
*Ps. lxxxix. 16.*

6. *Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole. Ps. lxxx. 19.*

7. Their delight shall be daily in thy name, and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast. *Ps. lxxxix. 17.*

8. *O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon; so shall we rejoice, and be glad all the days of our life.*

9. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants. *Ps. xc. 14. 13.*

10. *And so will we not go back from thee; oh! let us live that we may call upon thy name. Ps. lxxx. 18.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

*As it was in the beginning, &c.*

### III.

1. **G**OD is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Ps. xlvi. 1.*

2. *For he knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth we are but dust. Ps. ciii. 14.*

3. Turn us then, O God, our Saviour, and let thine anger cease from us. *Ps. lxxxv. 4.*

4. *For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation. Ps. xc. 7.*

5. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest all our misery and trouble?

6. *For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust; our belly cleaveth unto the ground.*

7. Arise, and help us, and deliver us for thy mercies' sake. *Ps. xliv. 24, 25, 26.*

8. *Wilt not thou turn again, and quicken us ; that thy people may rejoice in thee ?*

9. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. *Ps. lxxxv. 6, 7.*

10. *Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven, when we call upon thee. Ps. xx. 9.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

*As it was in the beginning, &c.*

#### IV.

1. Delight thou in the Lord, and he shall give thee thy heart's desire. *Ps. xxxvii. 4.*

2. *Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe ; yea, my delight shall be in thy statutes. Ps. cxix. 117.*

3. Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him ; and he shall bring it to pass. *Ps. xxxvii. 5.*

4. *Oh ! stablish me according to thy word, that I may live, and let me not be disappointed of my hope. Ps. cxix. 116.*

5. The Lord ordereth a good man's going, and maketh it acceptable to himself. *Ps. xxxvii. 23.*

6. *Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes. Ps. cxix. 135.*

7. Though he fall, he shall not be cast down ; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. *Ps. xxxvii. 24.*

8. *Thou art my defence and shield ; and my trust is in thy word. Ps. cxix. 114.*

9. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous ; and his ears are open unto their prayers.

10. *The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. Ps. xxxiv. 15, 16.*

11. Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good, and dwell for evermore. *Ps. xxxvii. 27.*

12. *My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ; and I am afraid of thy judgments. Ps. cxix. 120.*

13. Keep innocency and take heed to the thing that is right ; for that shall bring a man peace at the last. *Ps. xxxvii. 38.*

14. *O deal with thy servant according to thy loving mercy ; and teach me thy statutes. Ps. cxix. 124.*

15. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants ; and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute. *Ps. xxxiv. 22.*

16. *Let all those that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee ; and let such as love thy salvation, say alway, the Lord be praised. Ps. xi. 19.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

*As it was in the beginning, &c.*

## V.

1. GRACIOUS and righteous is the Lord ; therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

2. *Shew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.*

3. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ; unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

4. *Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me ; for thou art the God of my salvation ; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.*

5. Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment, and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

6. *Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindness which have been ever of old.*

7. For all they that hope in thee, shall not be ashamed ; and such as transgress without a cause, shall be put to confusion. *Ps. xxv. 7. 3. 9. 4. 8. 5. 2.*

8. *In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust ; let me never be put to confusion ; deliver me in thy righteousness. Ps. xxxi. 1.*

9. The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed ; make thou all his bed in sickness. *Ps. xli. 3.*

10. *Bow down thine ear to me, make haste to deliver me.*

11. Be strong and he shall establish your heart, all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

12. *And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, that thou mayest save me. Ps. xxxi. 2. 27. 3.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

*As it was in the beginning, &c.*

## VI.

1. O PRAISE the Lord of heaven ; praise him in the height. *Ps. cxlviii. 1.*

2. *O praise the Lord ; for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God ; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.*

3. He healeth those that are broken in heart ; and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

4. *Great is our Lord, and great is his power ; yea and his wisdom is infinite. Ps. cxlvii. 1, 2. 5.*

5. The Lord is righteous in all his ways ; and holy in all his works.

6. *The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him ; yea all such as call upon him faithfully.*

7. The Lord preserveth all them that love him ; but scattereth abroad the ungodly. *Ps. cxlv. 18, 19, 20.*

8. *But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him ; and put their trust in his mercy. Ps. cxlvii. 11.*

9. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, and whose hope is in the Lord his God. *Ps. cxlvi. 4.*

10. *The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down. Ps. cxlv. 14.*

11. Let them praise the name of the Lord ; for he spake the word and they were made ; he commanded and they were created. *Ps. cxlviii. 5.*

12. *Praise the Lord, O my soul : while I live will I praise the Lord ; yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.*

13. Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is ; who keepeth his promise for ever. *Ps. cxlvi. 1. 5.*

14. *My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord ; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name, for ever and ever. Ps. cxlv. 21.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

*As it was in the beginning, &c.*

## VII.

1. OFFER unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most Highest. *Ps.* l. 14.

2. *An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy name, O Lord, because it is so comfortable.* *Ps.* liii. 6.

3. Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage. *Ps.* xxxiii. 3.

4. *I will give thanks unto the Lord ; his praises shall be ever in my mouth.* *Ps.* xxxiv. 1.

5. Oh ! put your trust in him alway, ye people ; pour out your hearts before him ; for God is our hope. *Ps.* lxii. 8.

6. *For thou art my rock and my castle ; be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy name's sake.* *Ps.* xxxi. 4.

7. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee, and whose heart is in thy ways ! *Ps.* lxxxiv. 5.

8. *In God is my health, and my glory, the rock of my might ; and in God is my trust.* *Ps.* lxii. 7.

9. O taste, and see how gracious the Lord is ; blessed is the man that trusteth in him ! *Ps.* xxxiv. 8.

10. *Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing ; for thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.* *Ps.* lix. 17.

11. As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness ; thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

12. *I will praise the name of God with a song ; and magnify it with thanksgiving.*

13. The humble shall consider this and be glad ; seek ye after God, and your soul shall live. *Ps. lxxix. 30, 31. 33.*

14. *I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ; marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well. Ps. cxxxix. 13.*

15. O come hither, and behold the works of God ; how wonderful he is in his doings towards the children of men !

16. *O praise our God, ye people ; and make the voice of his praise to be heard.*

17. Who holdeth our soul in life ; and suffereth not our feet to slip.

18. *Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer ; nor turned his mercy from me. Ps. lxxvi. 4. 7, 8. 18.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

*As it was in the beginning, &c.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

*Minister.* O Lord, save thy servants ;

*Answer.* Who put their trust in thee.

*Minister.* Send them help from thy holy place ;

*Answer.* And evermore mightily defend them.

*Minister.* Let the enemy have no advantage over them ;

*Answer.* Nor the wicked one approach to hurt them.

*Minister.* Be unto them, O Lord, a strong tower,

*Answer.* From the face of their enemy.

*Minister.* O Lord, hear our prayers ;

*Answer.* And let our cry come unto thee.

*Minister.*

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve these thy servants. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy, give them comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour ; extend thy accustomed goodness to these thy servants who are grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to them ; that the sense of their weakness may add strength to their faith and seriousness to their repentance : That if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore them to their former health, they may lead the residue of their lives in thy fear, and to thy glory : or else give them grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, they may dwell with thee in life everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Here the Collect for the Day may follow, and on the great Fasts and Festivals it should on no account be omitted. See page 24.*]

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and, of thy great mercy, keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards 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.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Here the reader if he thinks proper can introduce the Litany. See directions.*]

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

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men : we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty ; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord : And grant that all they that do confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes, and governors ; and especially thy servant William our king ; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed : And grant unto his whole council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates ; that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace ; and especially to this congregation here present ; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word ; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all

them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

*Then shall be said one or more of the following Collects.*

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities; and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people ; that we who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end.  
*Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that thou, being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal : Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.  
*Amen.*

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us ; that we being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves : keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls ; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*General Thanksgiving.*

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

Almighty God, who hast given us grace, at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or

\* Convalescents are earnestly recommended not to forget Him, "in whom they live and move and have their being;" but to offer up their sincere praises and thanks to God, for their restoration to health.

three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests ; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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

*Here endeth the Service.*

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*Other forms of Benediction, which may be used by a Priest instead of the preceding.*

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hath redeemed us ; save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

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

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord

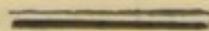
make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

*(From the Visitation of the Sick.)*

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.*

*(From the Communion.)*

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



## OCCASIONAL PRAYERS,

*To be used before the Thanksgiving, in time of  
War and Tumults.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; save and deliver us we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, assuage their malice and confound their devices; that we, being armed with thy

defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory, through the merits of thy only Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

*In the time of any common Plague or Sickness.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who in thy wrath didst send a plague upon thine own people in the wilderness, for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron ; and also, in the time of king David, didst slay with the plague of pestilence three-score and ten thousand ; and yet, remembering thy mercy, didst save the rest : have pity upon us miserable sinners, who are now visited with great sickness and mortality ; that like as thou didst command the destroying angel to cease from punishing, so it may now please thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer that may be said after any of the former.*

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions ; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ our mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

## COLLECTS

TO BE USED ON CERTAIN DAYS.

*Advent Sunday.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, (in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility), that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

*Christmas Day.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son, to take our nature upon him, and, as at this time, to be born of a pure Virgin, grant that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Sunday before Easter.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the ex-

ample of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Good Friday.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of Men in thy holy Church; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, who has made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word, and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Easter Day.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who, through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires; so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Whitsunday.*

O GOD, who, as at this time, didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Trinity Sunday.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true Faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity. We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this Faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest one God world without end. *Amen.*

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WITH A  
GENERAL ADDRESS TO THE MILITARY.

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“Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.”—*James v. 13.*

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## DIRECTIONS TO THE SICK SOLDIER.



*On taking up this Manual, read first the following Address; next from time to time select one or more out of the list of Prayers you think most adapted to your case, commencing with the Ejaculations; afterwards read the Texts attached to the Prayer; and should you feel equal, or disposed, to farther meditation, read occasionally the Psalms and Chapters referred to, concluding with one of the Collects mentioned.*

"WATCH AND PRAY."—MARK xiii. 33.

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TO THE

## SOLDIERS

IN THE

### SERVICE OF HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY.

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MY FELLOW SOLDIERS IN CHRIST,

GOD, in his infinite mercy, hath allowed different callings and conditions of men; and the great Captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ himself, with the whole company of inspired teachers, has confirmed it by repeated exhortations to be diligent in that state in which we may be placed. St. John the Baptist particularly addresses himself to soldiers, giving them suitable advice\*; it being far from Divine wisdom to interfere with those regulations of man which tend to the general good and welfare

\* Luke iii. 14.

of society. For the defence, therefore, of their country, the dignity of the State, the proper maintenance of order at home, and for the counteraction of the ambition and encroachment of neighbouring powers, it has at all times, in every civilized country, been found necessary to set apart a body of men trained to arms, and most justly has this your profession ever been accounted honourable; but naturally among numbers there will be a great variety of dispositions and many shades of character; and such is the weakness of human nature, it is more prone to imitate the evil than the good; thus it too frequently happens, that soldiers are led away by the example of their inconsiderate comrades; and oftentimes even those who are more seriously disposed than their companions, from a sort of false delicacy or fear of ridicule, would not be seen to *pray*.—But in an age like this, when all ranks are making advances in religious knowledge, should a soldier, who is ever ready to hazard his life in defence of his King and country, be less forward in the duties of his God, and the eternal interests of the life to come?

Can he of all others, my brethren, afford to trifle away his time, to neglect the command of his Saviour to “watch and pray” who has not only the chance of being carried off by those diseases and casualties common to men; but by “the power of the sword,” change of clime, and other causes in-

cidental to his calling. And who, therefore, if any thing, should rather be in advance of his fellow-men in the sacred cause in which we are enlisted,—the foremost in the “race that is set before us?”

But in truth, in *every* station, it is our duty, nay, it is our interest, to be in a constant state of preparation, that we may never be surprised by our universal enemy Death, who sooner or later will capture us, and pass us to happiness or misery eternal!

The Christian course is at all times and seasons justly compared to a warfare, and St. Paul repeatedly speaks to his followers, as soldiers of Christ, and exhorts them to fight the good fight of faith, and to lay hold on the hope set before them in the Gospel.

Let not then the Sacred Scriptures (with which you are now so kindly furnished) be put into your hands to no purpose.—But learn from thence to watch every emotion of the soul, to resist every inclination to forbidden pleasure, to think of God as one that looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all your deeds; and who will reward and punish you accordingly hereafter.

Learn moreover to perform on every occasion your duty as a good soldier to your King and country; and by a proper obedience to your superiors, manly piety, and steady conduct in general, “let your light so shine before men, that they may

see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

“ Stand, therefore, (in the language of the Apostle) having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance\*.”

Be advised then, my friends, steadily to push forward in this Christian warfare, “ having your loins girded and your lamp burning,” remembering always that the *prize* for which you contend—the mark towards which you should constantly press, is everlasting life and glory in a future state.

Think on these things, whether in sickness or in health, and endeavour, in fulfilment of your baptismal vows, manfully to fight under the banner of your Saviour, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto your lives' end.—But more especially, when confined to the hospital, turn your leisure to your spiritual improvement, and the salvation of your soul.

\* Ephesians vi. 14—18.

That this book, my friends, may guide you at such a season, and help you in your petitions to heaven, I have laboured to adapt it to your probable condition and train of thoughts.

Read then, I beseech you, the hints here given; study attentively the word of God; pray for the assistance of his Holy Spirit; and with a stedfast faith in your Redeemer, prove yourselves good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

And may our heavenly Father, in whatever manner you may be called hence, whether from the field of battle or the bed of sickness; through the merits of his Son give you victory over the grave; and grant, that when the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be summoned, you may rise to immortal life and glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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I.

*For a wounded soldier, or one otherwise  
bruised, or hurt.*

EJACULATIONS.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. *Psalm vi. 3.*

O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age, as for thy years they endure throughout all generations. *Psalm cii. 24.*

Be not far from me, O Lord; Thou art my succour, haste Thee to help me. *Psalm xxii. 19.*

Lord be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. *Psalm xi. 4.*

THE PRAYER.

O most mighty Lord God, who makest sore, and bindest up, who woundest and makest whole; look down on my weak and low estate; and, according to the necessity of my case, have mercy upon me. If in the time of health and strength I

have forgotten the hand that fashioned me, and upheld me through the perils of my calling, and the casualties of the body, make me now seriously to reflect, how fearfully and wonderfully I am made, and how soon I may be brought down to the dust of death; above all, make me well to consider my immortal soul, which no power on earth can destroy; that whensoever it shall be separated from the flesh, it may be presented spotless before Thee, through the merits of *His* sufferings, who was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities, Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. O may I, most merciful Father, ever bear in mind His example; who when he was afflicted opened not his mouth, that I may wait with patience thy healing hand. Or, shouldest Thou even see fit to deny me this mercy, yet grant that though weak in body, I may be strong in faith, through the merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Every word of God is pure; He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. *Prov. xxx. 5.*

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. *Isa.* xl. 29.

Therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. *2 Tim.* ii. 3.

Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope. *Rom.* v. 3, 4.

Which hope we have, as an anchor to the soul, both sure and stedfast. *Heb.* vi. 19.

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### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xiii. xxvii. xlvi. lxii.

Read *Luke* xii. to ver. 9. *Mark* v. from ver. 25. *Hebrews* xi. from ver. 32 to end. *Acts* iii.

Collects for the third Sunday after Epiphany, and fifth Sunday in Lent.

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## II.

*For patience, and relief under bodily pain, or affliction.*

### EJACULATIONS.

Hear my prayer, O God, and hide not thyself from my petition. *Psalms* lv. 1.

For thine hand is heavy upon me day and night; and my moisture is like the drought in summer. *Psalms* xxxii. 4.

My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. *Psalms* lxxiii. 25.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. *Psalms* lxxxvi. 4.

## THE PRAYER.

Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who seest the infirmities of our nature, and our impatience under affliction; pardon, I beseech Thee, my restless and unruly spirit. Teach me to imitate the meek and lowly Jesus, in quietly submitting to thy will; and so regulate my heart, that no suffering of mind or body may divert my thoughts from the belief of thine over-ruling Providence, and allwise disposal of us.

Grant me relief and ease in my pain; or if Thou thinkest best that I should suffer, make me to know and feel the advantages of lying under affliction, and turn it to the salvation of my soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Learn of me, (saith our Saviour), for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. *Matt. xi. 29.*

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. *James v. 10, 11.*

And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence, to the full assurance of hope unto the end; that ye be not slothful, but followers of them, who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises. *Heb.* vi. 11, 12.

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SELECTIONS FOR READING.

*See Psalms* xlii. lxxvii. cxlii. cxliii.

*Read Isaiah* liii. *Luke* xvi. 19 to end. *John* xiv. *2 Cor.* iv.

*Collects, Sunday before Easter, and fourth Sunday after Trinity.*

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III.

*For one suffering under a consumptive or any other lingering complaint.*

EJACULATIONS.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Oh! let me hear of thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in Thee is my trust; shew Thou me the way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee; for Thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. *Psalm* cxliii. 1. 7, 8. 10, 11.

## THE PRAYER.

O Lord God of my salvation, hide not thy face from me in the needful time of trouble; but incline thine ear unto my calling. Oh turn again, and be merciful unto me, a miserable sinner; consider mine adversity, and deliver me from this tedious and lingering complaint. I know, O Father, that all things are possible unto Thee; therefore in this confidence have I ventured to entreat thy favour: but if Thou in thy righteous dealings with the sons of men, thinkest fit that I should lie longer under thy hand, or that my days upon earth should shortly close, teach me to say with thy blessed Son, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight," and to follow his example in all readiness to yield my life, whenever Thou shalt require it. So that finally through the merits of his death and sufferings, I may rise again to the life immortal, and by thy mercy, for his sake, taste of those endless joys which Thou hast promised to

all, who, in thy true faith and fear, endure unto the end. *Amen.*

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Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.  
*Matt. v. 4.*

For a small moment I have forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. *Isa. liv. 7, 8.*

Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. *1 Pet. iv. 19.*

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. *Rom. viii. 28.*

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

*See Psalms vi. lxix. cii. last part of cxix.*

*Read Matt. xxvi. 36 to 45. Mark ii. to ver. 12. Romans viii. to ver. 29. Heb. xii.*

*Collects, eighth Sunday after Trinity, and the Annunciation.*

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#### IV.

*For spiritual improvement by sickness.*

#### EJACULATIONS.

Thy way, O God, is holy; who is so great a God as our God? *Psalms lxxvii. 13.*

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right; and that

Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.  
*Psalm cxix. 75.*

But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God. *Psalm lxxiii. 27.*

Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies sake. *Psalm vi. 4.*

#### THE PRAYER.

O Lord God Almighty, who knowest what is best for thy sinful creatures, and, in thine infinite wisdom, often designest good to them by affliction; teach me to acknowledge the mercies of thy dispensations, and the advantages of a bed of sickness: make me to rejoice in the means that Thou hast taken of turning me from a thoughtless course, and of bringing me to a sense of my danger and folly. Give me grace, O Lord, that I may set a proper value on these hours of reflection, and, by a right use of thy chastisements, may turn them to my everlasting benefit; so that, what now appears an evil, I may learn to esteem the greatest blessing that could have befallen me, and to say with the Psalmist, it is good for me that I have

been afflicted. Grant this O merciful Father through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them that are exercised thereby. *Heb. xii. 11.*

For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. *2 Cor. iv. 17.*

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. *1 Pet. v. 6, 7.*

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

*See Psalms i. iv. lxxiii.*

*Read Hosea vi. Romans v. 1 Peter i. James i.*

*Collects, second Sunday after Epiphany, seventh Sunday after Trinity.*

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#### V.

*For one afflicted with a loathsome or any other troublesome disease.*

#### EJACULATIONS.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity ; and my bones are consumed.

But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord ; I have said, thou art my God.

Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance ; and save me for thy mercies' sake. *Psalm xxxi.* 10. 12. 16. 18.

#### THE PRAYER.

Stay, O Lord, I beseech Thee, thy heavy hand, which now presseth upon thy servant, in the form of this loathsome disease. If, through my own frailty or folly, I am brought into so great trouble and misery, yet in the midst of thy judgments, O Lord, remember mercy, and let not my misdeeds prevail against me. Quicken me with a hearty repentance, and sorrow for my sin.

Give me relief and health according to my necessity ; and, together with my body, purify my mind, that I may henceforth live to thy honour and glory. Oh ! knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear thy name, and ever strive to mortify all evil and corrupt affections, stedfastly persevering in all purity and godliness of living ; so that at the last my sins may be

pardoned, through the merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Dearly beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul 1 *Pet.* ii. 11.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these ; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness. *Gal.* v. 19.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand against the wiles of the devil. *Ephes.* vi. 11.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation. *James* i. 12.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. *James* iv. 7, 8.

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xxii. xxxi. xxxviii.

Read *Jeremiah* iii. *Lamentations* iii. *Micah* vii. 1 *Peter* iv. to ver. 7.

*Collects, Septuagesima Sunday, and first Sunday in Lent.*

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## VI.

*For forgiveness of sin.*

#### EJACULATIONS.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth ; but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. *Psalms* xxv. 7.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss ;  
O Lord, who may abide it? *Psalm cxxx. 3.*

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.  
*Psalm li. 9.*

For thy name sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for  
it is great. *Psalm xxv. 10.*

#### THE PRAYER.

Forgive, O merciful Father, a miserable sinner, deeply sensible of the errors of a life spent in the disregard of another world, the neglect of thy laws, the profanation of thy holy Name, and the many iniquities which are written in the great book of remembrance against me. Have mercy, O God, on my guilty and thoughtless career ; and, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out all my transgressions. Oh ! look down on me a wretched suppliant for forgiveness ; cleanse me from my sin, and bring home to my heart a lively sense of thy holy laws ; that, should I live, I may truly serve Thee all the rest of my days ; or, if I should die, I may die in the hope of everlasting peace ; for His sake, the gracious propitiation for our sins, Jesus Christ

the righteous, in whose name alone, I dare look up to Thee, and hope for pardon.  
*Amen.*

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

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 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. *Isaiah* lv. 6, 7.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. *Prov.* xxviii. 13.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. *Col.* i. 14.

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xxv. li.

Read *Luke* vii. 36 to end. *Deuteronomy* xxx. *Ephesians* i. 7—14.

*Collects, twenty-first and twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.*

## VII.

*General prayer for a sick soldier.*

## EJACULATIONS.

O do well unto thy servant, that I may live and keep thy word.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and thy judgments shall keep me. *Psalm cxix.* 17. 175.

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Thou art my helper and Redeemer; O Lord, make no long tarrying. *Psalm lxx.* 1. 6.

## THE PRAYER.

O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, the fountain of life, the giver of health and strength; withhold not thine all-healing power from thy servant; but prosper, I pray Thee, the means adopted for the benefit of my body, that I may be speedily restored to the duties of my station. Let neither the length nor the weight of my sickness, ever lessen my confidence in thy fatherly goodness; but sanctify it to the welfare of my soul, and the advancement of thy glory; and grant, that by the

assistance of thy Holy Spirit, I may leave this Hospital with a better heart, and renewed mind; fully purposed to war a good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. Oh! may I not again fall back to my former evil ways, or, through any temptation, be induced to halt or waver in the good fight; but ever strenuously press forward for the prize of the high calling of my leader Jesus Christ; and finally attain that glorious reward promised to all his faithful followers, even an end of all sickness and sorrow, and everlasting peace in thy heavenly kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

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Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. *Jerem. xvii. 7.*

Set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God. *1 Chron. xxii. 19.*

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout all the whole earth, to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. *2 Chron. xvi. 9.*

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. *Prov. xviii. 10.*

## SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xxxiv. lxxi. cvii.

Read *Ecclesiastes* xii. *Matthew* ix. to ver. 8. *Acts* x.  
*Ephesians* v. to ver. 21.

*Collects, second Sunday in Lent, and Trinity Sunday.*

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## VIII.

*For readiness to die, and for eternal happiness.*

## EJACULATIONS.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me and save me.

Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may always resort; thou hast promised to help me; for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

Oh! let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Go not far from me, O God; my God, haste thee to help me. *Psalm* lxxi. 1, 2. 7. 10.

## THE PRAYER.

O Lord our heavenly Father, who, through thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, hast made the grave a way to heaven, to all such as with sincere repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, and thereby opened unto them such joys, as far exceed

all the imperfect delights of this world ; teach me thy way, and give me understanding that I may keep it unto the end. Oh ! stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may stedfastly believe all thy promises, gratefully acknowledge all thy blessings, heartily perform all thy commands, unfeignedly bewail all my sins, and, as a good soldier of Christ, so fight the good fight of faith, that, by His merits, I may lay hold on eternal life. Assist me, O God, in this great work, that I may never be unprepared for the day in which Thou shalt think fit to call me hence ; and grant that *that* warfare being accomplished, and my race run, I may finally rest in the land of blessedness and peace, which Thou hast promised through the same, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. *Heb. ix. 27.*

When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ : who shall be punished with everlasting de-

struction from the presence of the Lord, and the glory of his power. 2 *Thess.* i. 7, 8, 9.

But, as it is written, 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.* ii. 9.

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SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xvi. xxiii. cviii. cxii.

Read *Matthew* xxv. *Luke* xii. 35 to 40. *Philippians* iii. 8 to end. 1 *Thessalonians* v.

*Collects, Easter Even, and sixth Sunday after Trinity.*

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IX.

*For one troubled in mind or conscience.*

EJACULATIONS.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and in misery.

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged; O bring thou me out of all my troubles.

Look upon mine adversity and misery; and forgive me all my sin.

O keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee. *Psalms* xxv. 15, 16, 17. 19.

THE PRAYER.

O Lord my God, the only comfort in time of need, who hast promised help to all that call upon Thee faithfully; let my

prayer enter into thy presence; for my soul is full of trouble, and my spirit is vexed within me. Thou knowest mine unworthiness, and my wickedness is not hid from Thee; and moreover, my heart telleth me that I am written among the unrighteous. Yet, O God, give me not over in thy displeasure, nor suffer me to be wiped out of the book of the living; but shew me the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake.

Oh! draw nigh unto me, most merciful Father, and for thy dear Son's sake, grant me pardon for the past, and strength for the future. Oh! guide and defend me by thy heavenly grace and providence, through all trials and adversities; and finally, by thy great goodness, lead me to those mansions where all sorrow and fear shall for ever pass away, and be succeeded by those pure and perfect joys, which are at thy right hand for evermore. *Amen.*

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The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in Him. *Nahum* i. 7.

○ When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come

upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn unto the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice, (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God), he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee. *Deut.* iv. 30, 31.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John* ii. 1, 2.

Let us, therefore, cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. *Rom.* xiii. 12.

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SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xliii. lxxxvi. lxxxviii. ciii.

Read *Isaiah* xxvi. *John* xvi. *2 Corinthians* i.

*Collects, twelfth Sunday after Trinity, and fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

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X.

*For Grace, and sincerity of heart.*

EJACULATIONS.

Hear, Lord, and have mercy upon me; Lord, be thou my helper. *Psalms* xxx. 11.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Oh! give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit. *Psalms* li. 10, 11, 12.

THE PRAYER.

Almighty and everlasting God, who

knowest all our wants and weaknesses, and hast promised help in the time of need ; have mercy on thy servant. Pardon the weakness of my efforts, the wandering of my thoughts, and the downward tendency of my affections. O Thou who requirest truth in the inward parts ; quicken me, according to thy promise, with thy heavenly grace, so that not only in understanding, but in heart and will, I may apply thy divine truths to the healing of my soul.

Favour my endeavours, O merciful Father, that, with thy grace and benediction, my soul may be touched with thy tender mercies ; and that, with heartfelt love and gratitude, I may work out my salvation in sincerity and truth, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of my faith. Oh ! may my prayers, through His intercessions, prevail, and my deficiencies, through His merits, be overlooked ; so that at the last I may be found acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance; but the Lord looketh on the heart.

1 *Sam.* xvi. 7.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart, with our hands unto God in the heavens. *Lam.* iii. 40, 41.

There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. *Rom.* viii. 1.

Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. 1 *Cor.* i. 30.

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xxxvi. lxvii. cxi.

Read *Luke* xviii. to ver. 14. 2 *Cor.* vi. 2 *Timothy* ii.

*Collects, Whitsunday, and Sunday after Ascension.*

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## XI.

### *Repentance.*

#### EJACULATIONS.

Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord; let thy loving-kindness and truth alway preserve me.

For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me that I am not able to look up; yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart faileth me.

O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me.

Thou art my helper and Redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God. *Psalms.* xl. 14, 15, 16. 21.

## THE PRAYER.

O merciful Father, who by thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, hast taught us, that Thou art not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and live; in whose name alone I venture to approach thy throne, and cry for mercy. Give ear unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desire of reconciliation with thine offended majesty; that I may not go down to the grave with unpardoned sin upon my head. Turn Thee unto me, O God, and have mercy upon me; give strength unto thy servant, that I may improve my few remaining (*days, or hours*), in labouring to obtain thy favour, and an entrance into heaven. Oh! sanctify me by the influence of thy Holy Spirit, that I may pass the gates of death, in the joyful hope of being admitted into that glorious place, through the atoning merits of my only Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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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, and he will abundantly pardon. *Isa. iv. 7.*

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. *2 Cor. vii. 10.*

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. *Luke xv. 7.*

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. *2 Pet. iii. 9.*

Be zealous, therefore, and repent. *Rev. iii. 19.*

For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. *1 Tim. ii. 5.*

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms xxxii. lv.*

Read *Isaiah lv. Ezekiel xviii. Luke xv. Ephesians iv. from ver. 20.*

*Collect, Ash Wednesday.*

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## XII.

*Against worldly thoughts, and for a better frame of mind.*

#### EJACULATIONS.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness, quicken me, according as thou art wont. *Psalm cxix. 149.*

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? Oh! cleanse thou me from my secret faults. *Psalm xix. 12.*

Order my steps in thy word ; so shall no wickedness have dominion over me. *Psalm cxix.* 133.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight.

O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer. *Psalm xix.* 14, 15.

#### THE PRAYER.

Most high God, the eternal Father of the universe, who lookest down from heaven, and beholdest all the sons of men ; who spiest out all our ways, and knowest the innermost recesses of the heart ; forgive all earthly yearnings. Pardon the wanderings of my mind, the distraction of my thoughts ; and raise them to thy heavenly abode ; and by the help of thy good Spirit, direct all my powers to the attainment of its joys, in comparison with which all here below is as dust in the balance. Oh ! grant me thy grace powerfully to feel this most important truth, and so to purify my heart, that I may bring my thoughts under subjection, and turn them alone to the salvation of my soul ! May I, through thy blessing, most merciful

Father, accomplish this great end, in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; but the Lord pondereth the hearts. *Prov. xxi. 2.*

A good man out of a good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. *Matt. xii. 35.*

Seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. *Col. iii. 1.*

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the bringing down of strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. *2 Cor. x. 4, 5.*

Whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith; who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? *1 John v. 4, 5.*

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

*See Psalms xxvi. lxv. cxxxii.*

*Read Isaiah xliii. Luke xi. to ver. 13. Galatians v. Ephesians ii.*

*Collects, sixth Sunday after Epiphany, and Ascension Day.*

## XIII.

*When about to receive the Holy Communion.*

## EJACULATIONS.

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. *Psalm cxvi. 12.*

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Psalm cxxxix. 23, 24.*

I will keep thy ceremonies! Oh! forsake me not utterly. *Psalm cxix. 8.*

## THE PRAYER.

Most holy and glorious Lord God! in whose sight not even the heavens are pure, much less the heart of thine unworthy servant; mercifully bless my humble resolution of offering myself at thy holy table; and so purify my mind, that I may draw near with reverence and godly fear. Root out of me all ungodly and uncharitable feelings.—Strengthen me in the resolution of living more circumspectly for the future, and grant that I may receive the sacred emblems of bread and wine, with a lively faith

in the atoning blood of my Redeemer, and a grateful sense of the benefits I derive by the sacrifice of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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If ye love me, keep my commandments. *John xiv. 15.*

For I have received of the Lord, that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me: after the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. *1 Cor. xi. 23, 24, 25.*

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms ciii. cvii. cxxx.*

Read *Exodus xii. Matthew xviii. 21 to end. Luke xxii. John vi. 32 to 40. 1 Corinthians xiii.*

*Collects, first Sunday after Easter, and third Sunday after Easter.*

## XIV.

*After receiving the Holy Communion.*

## EJACULATIONS.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. *Psalm ciii.* 1, 2.

Thy testimonies are wonderful, therefore doth my soul keep them.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord; and teach me thy judgment. *Psalm cxix.* 108. 129.

Oh! hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. *Psalm xvii.* 5.

## THE PRAYER.

O Lord, our heavenly and eternal King! who hast permitted me to draw near to thy throne, in the participation of the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ;—receive my humble sacrifice, and grant that my approach thereto may be acceptable in thy sight.—Oh! make me sensible of the great benefits I derive by the event thereby commemorated, and thankful for the unspeakable joys opened by the death and sufferings of thy dear

Son.—Deal not with me, O Father, according to my life past, but pardon my many offences in thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty.—O Thou who knowest the thoughts and intents of the heart, strengthen me in all good resolutions, eradicate all evil desires, and grant me the grace of thy Holy Spirit; that I may ever think, speak, and act, agreeably to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. *John vi. 35.*

Then they that received his word, were baptized; and they continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. *Acts ii. 42.*

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. *Rev. xxii. 14.*

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

*See Psalms cx. cxlvii. clxviii.*

*Read Matthew v. John iv. xv. Hebrews xiii.*

*Collects, second Sunday after Easter, and first Sunday after Trinity.*

## XV.

*When there appeareth little hope of recovery.*

## EJACULATIONS.

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death. *Psalm* xiii. 3.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death. *Psalm* xxii. 14, 15.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength; before I go hence, and be no more seen. *Psalm* xxxix. 8. 15.

## THE PRAYER.

O God! the governor and disposer of all things here below; have mercy, I implore Thee, on thy poor distressed servant.— Grant me that help from above, which can alone abate the inveteracy of my disease, and prolong my days upon earth. Yet, whatsoever Thou willest concerning the infirmities of my body, forget not, I beseech Thee, the disorders of my soul; but

pour into it thy Holy Spirit, that, by a sincere repentance, earnest endeavour, and stedfast faith in thy Son our Saviour, I may be so prepared for the hour of death, that I may meet it with humble confidence and comfort.—Oh! think upon me, merciful Father, that my spiritual diseases may be healed, and that, after my body shall be laid in the dust, I may taste of that blessed immortality, which Thou hast promised through the merits and mediation of my Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Here we have no continuing city; but we seek one to come. *Heb. xiii. 14.*

From whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself. *Phil. iii. 20, 21.*

For which cause we faint not; but, though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things that are not seen; for the things that are seen are temporal; but the things that are not seen are eternal. *2 Cor. iv. 16, 17.*

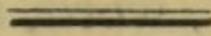
Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. *2 Pet. iii. 14.*

## SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xvi. xxiii. lxx. cxliii.

Read 1 *Kings* xvii. from ver. 17. 2 *Kings* iv. from 18 to 38. *Isaiah* xxvi. *John* xi. to 45. 2 *Corinthians* v.

*Collects, first Sunday in Advent, and fourth Sunday after Easter.*



## XVI.

*On the approach of Death.*

## EJACULATIONS.

Save me, O God, for the waters are come in, even unto my soul. *Psalm* lxix. 1.

My days are gone like a shadow, I am withered like grass. *Psalm* cii. 11.

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies' sake. *Psalm* vi. 4.

Have mercy upon me, O God; after thy great goodness, according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. *Psalm* li. 1, 2.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God; be not thou far from me.

Haste thee to help me; O Lord God of my salvation. *Psalm* xxxviii. 21, 22.

## THE PRAYER.

O God! to whom salvation belongeth,  
our only hope in the awful hour of death;

haste, I beseech Thee, unto my help, and save me for thy mercy's sake.—Oh! let not the past rise up against me, the many times I have set at nought thy counsels, and the various iniquities I have committed in thought, word, and deed, during a thoughtless and irreligious course of life; deeper in which, I might still have proceeded, had not thy arm arrested me by the prospect of dissolution. Make me thankful that even this short time is allowed me; and may I redouble my efforts to attain thy favour, before I go hence, and am no more seen. Grant that it may not be too late to turn unto Thee, O Lord; but save my soul from destruction.—Be merciful unto me, O God, and incline thine ear unto my calling; that, when my last hour shall arrive; by the comforts of thy Holy Spirit my soul may be full of hope and peace; and in thine own good time be received into thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our only mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. 2 *Tim.* i. 10.

I am the resurrection and the life, (saith the Lord :) he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *John* xi. 25, 26.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 *Cor* xv. 51, 52.

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SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xxxix. xc.

Read 1 *Corinthians* xv. 1 *Thessalonians* iv. *Revelations* xxi  
Collect for *Easter Day*.

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XVII.

*For a profitable reading of the Scriptures.*

EJACULATIONS.

Oh! that my ways were made so direct, that I might keep thy statutes!

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Oh! stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word. *Psalms* cxix. 5, 34. 38. 41.

THE PRAYER.

Most gracious God, who, by thy blessed

Son, hast likened thy holy word unto seed scattered by the sower; pour into my soul a lively sense of the divine truths therein contained: pardon my indifference hitherto, and the many times thy word has been sown and perished; and so dispose my heart, that it may ever henceforth light as upon good ground.

Increase the growth, I beseech Thee, of such as may take root: cherish that which may flourish for awhile; and grant that the whole may ripen unto a glorious harvest in the world to come, through the same thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

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Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. *James i. 21, 22.*

All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. *2 Tim. iii. 16, 17.*

For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. *Heb. iv. 12.*

## SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xv. xix. xxxiii. cxix.

Read *Matthew* vii. xiii. *Mark* iv. 2 *Peter* i.

*Collects, second Sunday in Advent, and eleventh Sunday after Trinity.*

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 XVIII.
*On the death of Comrades.*

## EJACULATIONS.

O remember how short my time is; wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death; and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell? *Psalm* lxxxix. 46, 47.

When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; when thou takest away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust. *Psalm* civ. 29.

Whoso is wise, will ponder these things; and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord. *Psalm* cvii. 43.

So teach us to number our days; that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. *Psalm* xc. 12.

## THE PRAYER.

O God, in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind, who also, by the departure of my companions, hast more especially taught me, that we are but strangers and pilgrims upon

earth, and that life is even as a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away ; have mercy on thy servant ; and so direct my heart, that, whether in sickness or in health, I may ever bear in mind this great truth, and endeavour so to live, that I may always be prepared to die. Teach me, O Lord, to improve these warnings to the consideration of my latter end. Help me to avoid the danger incurred by those who have departed this life in sin and sorrow, and give me grace to follow the example of those that have died in thy faith and fear ; that, when my pilgrimage shall have terminated, I may be found worthy to be passed to those heavenly mansions, which Thou hast prepared and promised to all who have fought the good fight—through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as do others that have no hope ; for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again ; even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 1 *Thess.* iv. 13, 14.

Marvel not at this ; for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and come forth ; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life ; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. *John* v. 28, 29.

Watch, therefore ; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. *Matt.* xxv. 13.

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SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* i. xiv. xvii. xci. cxlvi.

Read *2 Sam.* xii. from ver. 16 to 23. *Luke* xvi. *Hebrews* iv. *2 Peter* iii.

*Collects, fourth Sunday in Advent, and eighth Sunday after Trinity.*

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XIX.

*Thanksgiving after recovery from Sickness.*

EJACULATIONS.

The Lord is my strength, and my shield, my heart hath trusted in him, I am helped ; therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him. *Psalms* xxviii. 8.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me, but he hath not given me over unto death.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee ; thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

Oh ! give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever. *Psalms* xviii. 17, 18. 28, 29.

Thou hast been my succour ; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. *Psalms* xxvii. 11.

## THE THANKSGIVING.

Blessed Lord, who hast vouchsafed to prolong the life of an unworthy sinner, and to raise him from (*a hopeless or tedious*) bed of sickness ; receive my humble and hearty thanks (the first-fruits of my returning strength) for thy great and undeserved mercy. Oh ! may I, with restored health, put off the evil ways of my former life, and be renewed in the spirit of my mind ; for which end, strengthen me in all good resolutions which, in this hour of trial, I may have formed of henceforth walking in thy ways, and regulating my future conduct by thy laws.—And grant that I may not again be led away by the follies and vanities of this life, which, while tottering on the brink of the grave, I could not otherwise than see in their true and proper colours.

May I, O heavenly Father, ever view them in that light, and live from this time to the honour of thy holy Name, and the benefit of my immortal soul, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, be glory for evermore. *Amen.*

Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, behold, thou art made whole ; sin no more, lest a worse thing happen unto thee. *John* v. 14.

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.* xii. 1.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, *Ephes.* v. 20.

For in him we live, and move, and have our being. *Acts* xvii. 28.

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SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* xxx. lxxi. ciii. cxvi.

Read *Matthew* viii. to ver. 4. *Luke* xvii. from 11 to ver. 19. *Deuteronomy* viii.

Collect, second Sunday after Trinity.

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XX.

*Thanksgiving after an unexpected recovery, or providential escape from any imminent danger.*

EJACULATIONS.

Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows ; unto thee will I give thanks : for thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, that I may walk before thee in the light of the living. *Psalms* lvii. 12, 13.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord ; or shew forth all his praise ? *Psalms* cvi. 2.

My strength will I ascribe unto thee ; for thou art the God of my refuge. *Psalms* lxi. 9.

## THE THANKSGIVING.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who, of thine infinite goodness, hast not given thy servant over unto death, but granted him a longer continuance upon earth; receive my heartfelt thanks for thy great mercy and unexpected deliverance. Oh! cherish those emotions of gratitude, which, under the impression of my escape, arise in my bosom; and grant that the remembrance of it may not soon be blotted out; but that I may ever retain a lively sense of my late danger, and thy heavenly protection, to the advancement of thy glory and my everlasting advantage, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all love, honour, praise, and dominion, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. *1 Thess. v. 18.*

And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. *Col. iii. 17.*

By him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. *Heb. xiii. 15.*

## SELECTIONS FOR READING.

*See Psalms xxxiv. cxxxviii. cxlv.*

*Read Isaiah xxv. Matt. xi. from ver. 40 to 42. Coloss. iii.*

*Collects, third Sunday after Epiphany.*

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**SOLDIER'S MORNING PRAYER.**

## EJACULATIONS.

Unto thee lift I up my eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. *Psalm cxxiii. 1.*

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth; Oh! knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name. *Psalm lxxxvi. 10, 11.*

## THE PRAYER.

Most gracious and merciful Lord God, who givest life and breath and all things; accept my humble thanks for the many mercies I have hitherto enjoyed, and that I am once more brought to the beginning of another day.

May I never be unmindful of thy goodness; but with a strong sense of mine unworthiness, ever gratefully acknowledge the source from whence all blessings flow. Continue them, I humbly beseech Thee,

and with thy favourable kindness this day defend me as with a shield.

O Thou who art the strong hold of all that resort unto Thee, be ever my defence; and grant that I may not be led astray by the example of wicked or inconsiderate persons. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, that no profane words may draw down thine anger upon my head. Possess me with such a sense of the folly of resisting thy will, that I may never turn a deaf ear to conscience or thy holy word; but ever strive to do that which is pleasing in thy sight, and in every thing seek thy honour and glory.

Bless the King and royal family, and all that are put in authority under him. And may it please Thee who hast called me to this state of life, that I may conscientiously and diligently perform every appointed duty of my profession; that so letting my light shine before men, I may glorify thy name, and also become a faithful soldier and servant of my Saviour, and finally by his mercy obtain everlasting life. *Amen*

Our Father, which art, &c.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Whom resist stedfast in the faith. 1 *Peter* v. 8, 9.

In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works. *Titus* ii. 7.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. *Ephes.* iv. 31.

But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea, be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. *James* v. 12.

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles. *Prov.* xxi. 23.

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. 1 *Cor.* ix. 27.

Mortify, therefore, your members which are upon earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry. *Col.* iii. 5.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King. 1 *Peter* ii. 13, 14, 17.

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

See *Psalms* iii. v. cxli. cxliv.

Read *Job* xviii. *Acts* x. *Romans* xii. *Ephesians* vi. 2 *Thessalonians* i.

*Collects, seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, and eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

## SOLDIER'S EVENING PRAYER.

## EJACULATIONS.

Ponder my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.  
*Psalm v. 1.*

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.  
*Psalm cxli. 2.*

I will lay me down, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me to dwell in safety. *Psalm iv. 9.*

Into thy hands I commend my spirit, for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord thou God of truth. *Psalm xxxi. 6.*

## THE PRAYER.

Eternal God! who neither slumberest nor sleepest, who art about our bed and knowest all our ways; again I commend myself to Thine Almighty protection, beseeching Thee to take me this night under the shadow of thy wings! In vain, O Lord, do we flee from Thine all seeing eye; pardon, therefore, what Thou hast seen amiss in me this day, and have mercy upon the sins and follies of my life past.

May I, however, not only acknowledge my errors, but use all diligence to amend

my ways, and prove myself a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

Oh! make me thankful for the mercies of such a leader, and that I am enlisted under his banners; may I never disgrace them by deserting my post or denying my profession; but manfully fight under them against sin, the world, and the devil.

Oh! be Thou my shield and buckler in all trials and temptations; that I may bring all sinful lusts into subjection, and, by temperance in all things, attain that mastery over the body, which, by the merits of the great Captain of my salvation, Jesus Christ the righteous, may lead to the saving of my soul, even that glorious prize, an incorruptible crown, eternal in the heavens. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art, &c.

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Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. *Isaiah xl. 28.*

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. *Prov. iii. 8.*

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God.

Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

Let us, therefore, cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light; let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. *Rom. xiii. 7. 13.*

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. *2 Thess. iii. 6.*

Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners. *1 Cor. xv. 33.*

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. *1 Pet. iii. 15.*

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#### SELECTIONS FOR READING.

*See Psalms iv. lxxiii. cxxi. cxxxix. cxix. Part 19.*

*Read Isaiah lvi. Matthew viii. 5. 13. Luke iii. to ver. 22.*  
*1 Tim. vi. 1 Peter ii.*

*Collects, tenth Sunday after Trinity, and twentieth Sunday after Trinity.*

## BEFORE BATTLE.

## EJACULATIONS.

The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom then shall I fear ? the Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom then shall I be afraid ?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid ; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. *Psalm xxvii.* 1. 3.

Through thee will we overthrow our enemies ; and in thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. *Psalm xliv.* 6.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me ; give thy strength unto thy servant, and keep me.

Preserve thou my soul ; my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee. *Psalm lxxxvi.* 16. 2.

For thou, Lord, art my hope, thou hast set thine house of defence very high. *Psalm xci.* 9.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer ; hearken O God of Jacob. *Psalm lxxxiv.* 8.

## THE PRAYER.

O Lord, mighty in battle, the helper and defender of all that put their trust in Thee ; be Thou my succour and defence in this approaching conflict, and preserve me for thy mercy's sake. Go out, with our hosts, O God, and cause them to triumph

over the opposing foe; more especially I beseech Thee to strengthen the arm of thy humble servant, that I may manfully fight under the banner of my king, and uphold the cause and honour of my country.

May I be spared for farther service, more particularly for Thine, O God, that I may redeem my misspent time, and henceforth seek thy honour and glory.—Oh! think not of the many times I have set myself in opposition to thy commands, and fought against thy Divine Majesty; but keep me this day, that I may live to serve Thee more faithfully for the time to come; or if I should fall, Oh! let not my sins rise up against me, but have mercy upon me, O Lord my God, through the merits of him who died and rose again for us (thereby disarming death of its sting, and giving us victory over the grave), Jesus Christ our only Saviour and deliverer. *Amen.*

## AFTER BATTLE.

## EJACULATIONS.

Praised be the Lord daily; even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation; God is the Lord, by whom we escape death. *Psalm lxxviii.* 19, 20.

It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace, from the battle that was against me; for there were many with me. *Psalm lv.* 19.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. *Psalm lxxxv.* 9.

## THE PRAYER.

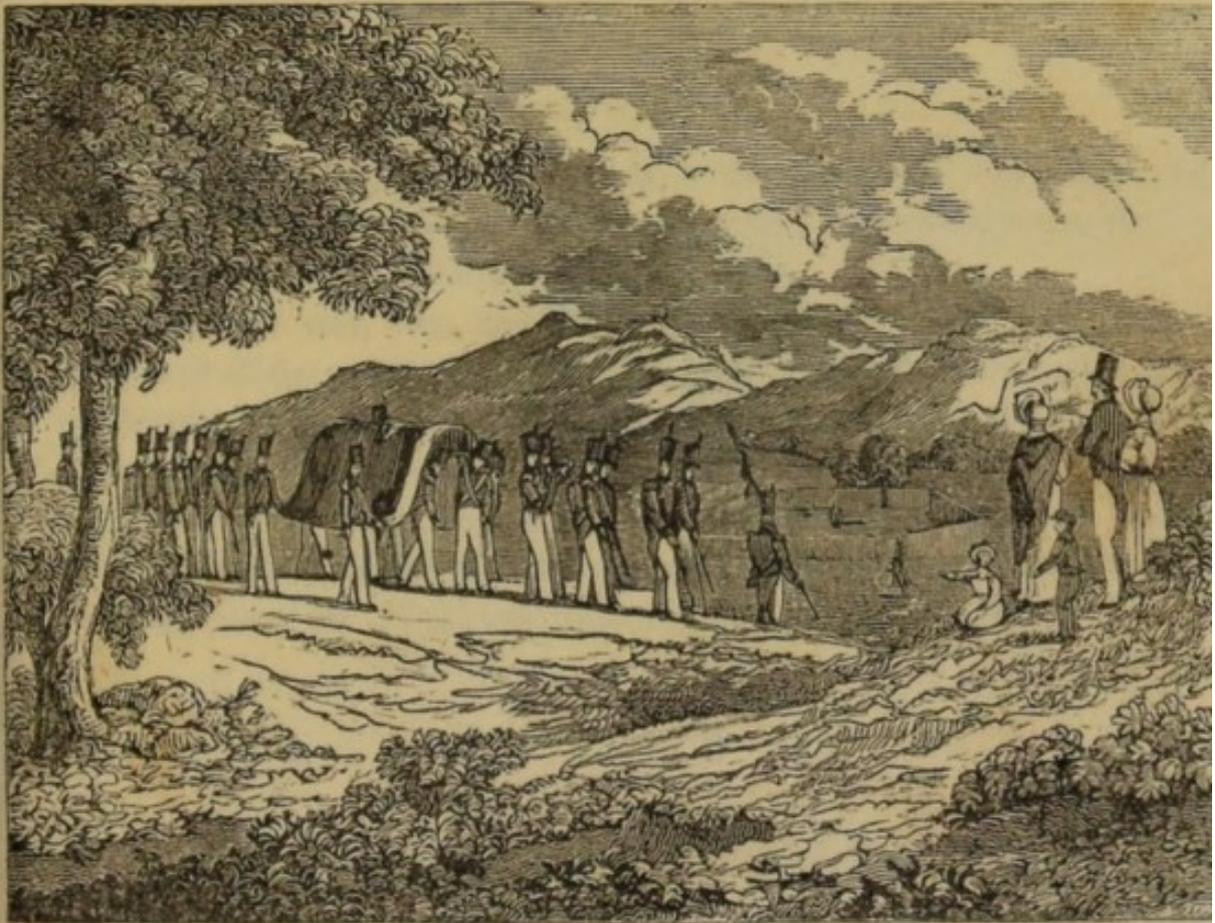
O Lord God of hosts, who hast covered my head in this day of battle, and carried me safely through its perils and dangers; accept my humble thanks that I still remain for the service of my king and country; and, above all, of Thee, my God.—Continue, I beseech Thee, thy protection.—Confirm in my soul the remembrance; how soon the link, which chains me here below, may be snapped; that I may never

be unprepared for that tribunal where either dishonour or glory awaiteth the sons of men. Oh! may I, through thy grace, be henceforth a faithful soldier of Christ Jesus, and ever study to avoid that greatest of dangers, eternal death, to which our bitterest enemy, the devil, leadeth us; and seek that glory which endureth for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE END.



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“ Man that is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down : he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not.”—*Job* xiv. 1, 2.

“ The voice said, Cry, and he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth : but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”—*Isaiah* xl. 6—8.

“ I am the resurrection and the life : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this ?”—*John* xi. 25, 26.

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I HAD promised to accompany a few friends to a small cottage, pleasantly situated in the neighbourhood of my residence, whither the inhabitants of an adjacent sea-port occasionally resort of a summer's afternoon, to take tea, and generally with their children, who are accustomed to regard a visit to that retired spot as a great treat. We dined early, that we might have the more time to enjoy the glories of creative beneficence, which, at that season of the year, just upon harvest, were most lovely and cheer-

ing. The air being sultry and oppressive, we resolved to proceed by water, intending to return home through the fields and lanes; and, after nearly an hour's pleasant sailing in the harbour, generally admired for its capaciousness, convenience, and safety, we passed up a well-known lake, and soon landed at the cottage. Early as we thought we were, we found, on our arrival, that one or two parties had preceded us, and had reaped the advantage of being betimes, by having secured the best accommodations provided for the reception of visitors. A few children, released from the toils of school and the restraints of home, attired in their Sunday clothes, with health and happiness depicted on their blooming countenances, and strangers to the troubles and anxieties of maturer age, were running and gambolling about upon the green before the house, full of life and enjoyment; whilst their parents and elders, comfortably seated in an adjoining arbour, were holding friendly converse on subjects most interesting to themselves, and would, now and then, turn their heads aside, to look and smile at the innocent frolics of their little ones. This animated scene I could not behold without emotion; and, while in the recollection of past years, I perhaps felt something like an inclination to join in the amusements of this happy group, I could not but exclaim with Solomon, from experience of the truth of the aphorism, "Childhood and youth are vanity."

We had scarcely time to contemplate the beautiful scenery around, when the sound of bugles fell upon my ear, and, for the moment, arrested my attention. Imagining it, however, to proceed from the garrison

barracks, at no great distance, I gave little heed, but endeavoured to improve to my own edification, those feelings of gratitude and praise which country scenes are calculated to awaken in every reflective mind, towards the gracious and beneficent Author of them. Presently my musings were interrupted by the same sounds, wafted upon the light air towards the spot where I stood. I hearkened for a few minutes: the music was serious and impressive, but its sound soon again receded, and presently it ceased. Concluding once more that it came from the barracks, or from part of the regimental band, stationed there, and, as is frequently the case, practising in the fields or lanes in the neighbourhood, my interest subsided, and I soon fell into my former reverie. Suddenly, I was again aroused, by nearer and louder sounds of the same sacred melody. I listened: the air was mournful and solemn; and as I stood revolving in my mind the occasion of it, a light gust of wind brought it full upon my ear, and I instinctively exclaimed, "IT IS A SOLDIER'S FUNERAL." It was even so; for, as I continued to look towards the quarter whence the sound proceeded, the mournful procession just then turned a corner of the road and came in sight. My view of it, however, was soon obstructed by an intervening water-mill and hedge; but, in a few minutes, it once more appeared, marching with slow and measured step in the direction of the burial-ground; of which, by getting upon a bank close by me, I had a distinct view. It is a lonely and solitary spot; fast by another section of the lake by which we came; without any sacred edifice to consecrate its use, or tomb-stones to

designate its gloomy character; generally unknown as a receptacle for the dead; and quite away from the habitations of man. Within this enclosure I could just distinguish an aged individual, whom I conjectured to be the sexton; and, just before the arrival of the funeral, a man on horseback, who appeared to be an officer's servant, entered the grave-yard, actuated either by curiosity, or it may be, by former acquaintance with the deceased; there were also a few boys, who, to obtain a better sight of the melancholy spectacle, had clambered the wall, and were looking on with all those feelings of thoughtful but transient interest, which such scenes usually excite in the youthful breast.

Scarcely had I made these observations, when the gate of this silent and unfrequented grave-yard was thrown open, and I plainly saw the approaching procession. The firing party, with arms reversed, preceded by a serjeant with a small piece of crape tied round his halbert, led the way; then followed the buglemen, who upon entering the ground ceased to play: afterwards came the body, borne by six comrades of the deceased, and supported by four corporals who held the pall. On the coffin lay the hat, belt, and bayonet of its unconscious tenant, and about twenty of the corps closed the whole. It was a humble but affecting scene! No near relative was there to show the last act of affection for the departed man. No parent, wife, or brother, followed the corpse to its long home. All, all were absent, and far away! ignorant of thy latter end, or perhaps already inhabitants of the "house appointed for all

living," and, like thyself, entered upon another and eternal state of existence!

The clergyman now approached, and the whole party drew near to the narrow cell. I could hear no sound, save the notes of a lark, mounting o'er my head, and warbling its Creator's praise:—a most significant emblem! which, together with the affecting and instructive lesson of mortality, on the other side of the lake, conveyed a most striking and deeply-impressive comment upon the words of heavenly wisdom: "Set your affections upon things above; not on things on the earth." The rites of sepulture were soon performed; the coffin lowered into the ground; the usual military honours of firing three vollies over the body were concluded; the men fell into their ranks, and marched away; the horseman had disappeared; and the boys, jumping from the wall, hastened to the grave, to catch, if possible, a glimpse of the coffin, ere the earth, which the sexton was fast filling in, shut it for ever from the eye of man. Soon youthful curiosity was satisfied, and withdrew from the mournful sight; and, before another quarter of an hour had passed away, the old man had finished his work, and closed the scene, by shutting the gate of the grave-yard, and had departed to his home. All now was silent and solitary as before; and the only change was, that the earth had received into its bowels another portion of itself, safely to retain the deposit, till that eventful hour, when the trumpet shall sound; the dead be raised; the judgment set; the books be opened, and another book, which is the book of life; and the now lifeless

clay, re-united to its immortal principle and companion, shall receive its final award, either of everlasting bliss or endless woe.

From the scene which I had been contemplating, my thoughts were involuntarily directed to the affecting and awakening question of the afflicted patriarch, "Man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and WHERE IS HE<sup>1</sup>?" Ignorant as I was of all information respecting the individual whose obsequies I had just witnessed, I could only relieve my mind of its anxieties for his eternal destinies, by endeavouring to indulge an unfounded and uncertain, and consequently unsatisfactory hope, that in his day of grace and probation, he had earnestly sought and found mercy through faith in the Redeemer's merits, and had now obtained an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven.

My dear reader, your feelings perhaps have been interested by this plain and unadorned statement of a soldier's funeral: but my object in relating it will be far from attained, if your sympathies only have been excited. A few more years at farthest—it may be only months or weeks, and your soul shall be required of you, and the solemnization of your own interment take place. And perchance, when the eye that now reads this simple narrative shall be closed in death—and the heart that has felt alive to the scene just described shall have ceased to beat—a stranger arrested on his way, by the sound of your passing knell, may turn aside to the grave opened for you,

<sup>1</sup> Job xiv. 10.

and on seeing your body lowered into its dreary prison-house, and hearing the mould rattle upon your coffin; while, amidst the tears and sobs and groans of surviving friends, the minister of religion pronounces the solemn words, "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust"—may in the intensity of christian concern exclaim, *where is he?*

And where, O where wilt thou then be? Pause and reflect. Hastily dismiss not the momentous enquiry, on which hangs thine eternal weal or woe. Enter into thy closet, and there, as in the presence of Him who searcheth the heart, realize to thy thoughts the moment of thy departure, thine entrance into the world of spirits, thy future, thine unchangeable portion throughout eternity, and ask thyself, am I prepared to meet my God?

If you have been convinced of sin, as a transgressor of God's holy law, by the Spirit of truth, and of your consequent exposure to his curse denounced against every violation of it, even in *thought*, and hence have been led to exclaim, "what must I do to be saved?"—if, deeply sensible of your guilt and danger, you "have fled for refuge to JESUS as the only hope" set before you in the gospel, and "on whom whosoever believeth with *the heart*, shall not perish, but have everlasting life;"—if from a conviction of your weakness and helplessness, you are also looking to him for grace to resist your great adversaries, the world, the flesh, and the devil; all of which in your baptism you promised to renounce;—if you are earnestly desirous of having "holiness to the Lord" written upon your heart, and daily exhibited in your walk

and conversation;—if you want better to understand, and more habitually and stedfastly to rest upon God's holy word, and to have your affections, your temper, your conversation and conduct regulated by its pure and self-denying principles;—if you delight in drawing near unto the Father of your spirit, by prayer through Christ, and esteem it your greatest privilege and happiness;—in a word—if you ardently desire to be sanctified throughout in body, soul, and spirit, by the Holy Ghost dwelling in you, and to “live by faith upon the Son of God,” for the supply of your need, whether for body or soul, for life or death, for time or eternity,—THEN, when your body shall be committed to the dust, and “arise not till the heavens be no more,” in answer to the all-important question, “WHERE IS HE?” it may be replied, he has “entered into the rest that remains for the people of God:” he is “with the spirits of the just made perfect:” he “has departed to be with Christ,” in whose “presence is fulness of joy, and at whose right hand are pleasures for evermore.”

But if, on the other hand, thou art living “without God in the world”—ignorant of thyself and of Him with whom thou hast to do: careless and unconcerned about thine immortal soul, a sabbath-breaker, a profane person, a drunkard, an adulterer, a despiser of that which is good; if thou art such as any of these, and thou shouldest depart out of this world in the same state,—then (most solemn and affecting thought!) the Bible declares that, at the last great day, thou shalt be found on the *left-hand* of the Judge of quick and dead, who seated upon his throne of

glory shall pronounce thine inconceivably awful sentence, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Then, with all those that "make a mock of sin," thou shalt "go away into everlasting punishment," into that lake which burns with brimstone and fire; and which never, never shall be quenched.

Or if, preserved from these more gross immoralities, thou art substituting thy moral and religious performances for Christ, or art endeavouring to unite thine imperfect obedience with his all-sufficient merits as a ground of claim before the majesty of heaven, and thus art concluding that all shall be well with thee at the last; if such be thy frame of mind and thy defective views, then consider the danger, the certain destruction of those that take offence at the cross, that despise the offer of salvation through a crucified Redeemer. "Behold, (saith the Lord), behold, ye despisers, and perish." Though the Lover of Souls most tenderly entreats thee, nevertheless "thou wilt not come unto Him that thou mightest have life." Think then, if thou persevere in declining to come unto Him, and to throw thyself upon Him alone for salvation,—think how great is that salvation of which thou countest thyself unworthy, and puttest it from thee; how terrible is that loss of the soul which thou dost wilfully incur,—since "no man can deliver his own soul," and there is no other name under heaven whereby thou mayest be saved, "but only the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ere then the hour of thy departure close for ever the door of mercy against thee, be wise, and lay

these things to heart, and consider thy latter end. "Repent and believe the Gospel." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." "Who-soever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely." "As I live (saith the Lord) I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that he turn from his evil ways and live. Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die? saith the Lord."



THE END.





