

# FORMS OF PRAYER

FOR PUBLIC USE

## IN TIME OF WAR

Supplementary to those already set forth.

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## A SOLEMN SERVICE OF HUMBLE SUPPLICATION.

NOTE. *The Service is so arranged that each of the three parts, or prayers out of each part, can be used separately, as may be desired. Parts I and II, with one or more of the Prayers in Part III may be used as a separate service. Part II may be used weekly after an ordinary service, or at other convenient times, with some of the Prayers in Part III. Of the Prayers in Part III, any may be used after the Prayer for the Clergy and People at Mattins or Evensong, or before the two final Prayers of the Litany.*

¶ *All kneeling, the Psalm following (or some other of the Penitential Psalms, namely Psalms 6, 32, 38, 102, 130, 143) shall be said or sung by the Minister and the Congregation alternately.*

### PART I.

*Miserere mei, Deus.* Psalm li.

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.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face away from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

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.

O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

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.

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.* That put their trust in thee.

*Minister.* Send unto them help from above.

*Answer.* And evermore mightily defend them.

*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.  
*Minister.* O Lord, hear our prayer.  
*Answer.* And let our cry come unto thee.

*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 judgement with thy servants, who are vile  
 earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from  
 us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent  
 us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this  
 world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to  
 come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the people say this that followeth, after the  
 Minister.*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned.  
 Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people,  
 Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For  
 thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, long-suffering,  
 and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punish-  
 ment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy  
 people, good Lord, Spare them, and let not thine heritage  
 be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy  
 is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon  
 us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PART II.

O God the Father of heaven :

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world :

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost :

*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity :

*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; neither take thou vengeance of our sins : spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God ; and that it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort all who by reason of this war are in danger, necessity, or tribulation ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

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

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water ; and to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

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

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

For our King, and his counsellors, and for the commanders of our Forces : that thou wouldest give them wisdom and unity in counsel, and prudence and courage in action ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

For those who fight : that thou wouldest give them protection and true courage in danger, and mercy in victory ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

For those who suffer—the wounded, the sick, and the dying ; the anxious, and the mourners : that thou wouldest be with them to support and comfort them ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

For those who are gone forth to minister to the suffering, to their souls and bodies : that thou wouldest grant them endurance and patient watching, with skill and gentleness, to the healing of pain and sorrow ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

For all who die in battle, or through sickness, in this war : that thou wouldest receive their souls into thy holy keeping, and grant unto them a merciful judgement at the last day ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

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

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to keep us steadfast in our faith, free from fear, and charitable in our judgements ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth in due season, and to save our land from famine, pestilence, and sword ;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

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

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood has redeemed us : Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ :

*Graciously look upon our afflictions.*

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts :

*Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.*

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers :

*O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ :

*Graciously hear us, O Christ ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

¶ *Here silence may be kept for a space for private prayer, during which the Minister may, at his discretion, name any for whom the prayers of the Congregation are desired, or mention subjects for Intercession.*

¶ *After which he shall say :*

O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us :

*Answer.* As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities ; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved ; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory ; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn : after which may be added, at the discretion of the Minister, one or more of the Prayers in Part III.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say :*

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.*

## PART III.

¶ *Before any of these Prayers that follow, the Minister may say :*

The Lord our God be with us :

*Answer.* As he was with our fathers.

Let us pray.

¶ *For Deliverance from our Enemies.*

○ ALMIGHTY God, King of all kings, and Governor of all the world, 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 ; 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.*

¶ *For ourselves and our Allies.*

○ ALMIGHTY Lord, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in thee, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey : Be now and evermore our defence ; prosper the forces of our King and his Allies ; decide the issues of this war according to righteousness ; have mercy on all the wounded, our own and of the enemy ; succour the dying ; comfort the bereaved ; cheer the anxious ; uphold the faith of thy servants, and give peace and lasting concord. Hear us, O Lord, from heaven thy dwelling-place, and when thou hearest, forgive ; through the mediation of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



¶ *For the Sailors of our Fleet.*

O THOU that slumberest not nor sleepest, protect, we pray thee, our Sailors from the hidden perils of the sea, from the snares and assaults of the enemy. In the anxious hours of waiting, steady and support those on whom the burdens of responsibility lie heavily; and grant that in dangers often, in watchings often, in weariness often, they may serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *For such as are called to tasks of special peril in the air or beneath the sea.*

LOOK in thy mercy, we beseech thee, O Lord, on those who are called to tasks of special peril, in the air or beneath the sea. Even there also shall thy hand lead them, and thy right hand shall hold them. Help them to do their duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the Eternal God is their refuge, and underneath them are the Everlasting Arms. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *When a Battle is impending.*

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

¶ *For the Nation at Home.*

LOOK, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon the people of this land, who are called after thy holy Name; and grant that in this time of anxiety and distress they may walk worthy of their Christian profession. Grant unto us all that, laying aside our divisions, we may be united in one heart and mind to bear the burdens which this war has laid upon us. Help us to respond to the call of our Country according to our several powers; put far from us selfish indifference to the needs of others; and give us grace to fulfil our daily duties with a sober diligence. Keep us from all uncharitableness in word or in deed; and enable us by patient continuance in well-doing to glorify thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Thanksgivings to be said, as from time to time may seem fit: before which the Minister may say:*

The Lord hath done great things for us:

*Answer.* Whereof we rejoice.

Let us pray.

¶ *When some Success has been granted.*

O ETERNAL Lord God, our only refuge and strength, who from generation to generation dost receive the prayers of thy people that call upon thee: We heartily thank thee that thou hast vouchsafed to hear our humble petitions, and to prosper the Forces of our King and his Allies. Bring, we beseech thee, this present conflict to a speedy close: grant that a just and merciful peace may repair the losses and heal the wounds of war: unite in the bond of brotherly charity those who have been at enmity; and continually guide the counsels of the nations, to the promotion of thy glory and the lasting welfare of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *For Special Mercies.*

WE give thee humble thanks, most merciful Father, that thou dost graciously hear the prayers of thy servants who call upon thee, and hast done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice; and especially we desire to thank thee for thy goodness vouchsafed unto us in these blessings [ . . . ], for which we render thanks and praise to thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *After Victory or Deliverance from the Enemy.*

O ALMIGHTY God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might which none is able to withstand: We bless and magnify thy great and glorious Name for this happy victory, the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to thee, who art the only giver of victory. And, we beseech thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to thy glory, the advancement of thy Gospel, the honour of our Sovereign, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. And, we beseech thee, give us such a sense of this great mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, as for all thy mercies, so in particular for this victory and deliverance, be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

A MEMORIAL OF SUCH AS HAVE FALLEN IN THE SERVICE  
OF THEIR COUNTRY.

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord:

*For in thy sight shall no man be justified.*

We believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord:

*In the land of the living.*

O Lord, hear our prayer:

*And let our cry come unto thee.*

Let us pray.

¶ *After which shall be said one or both of the prayers following:*

**W**E commend into thy hands of mercy, most merciful Father, the soul of our brother [ . . . ] now departed: beseeching thine infinite goodness to give us grace to live in thy fear and love, and to die in thy favour; that when the judgement shall come, which thou hast committed to thy well-beloved Son, both this our brother and we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and may hear these most sweet and comfortable words: Come to me, ye blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom which hath been prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, Mediator, and Advocate. *Amen.*

**A**Lmighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our brother out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching thee that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we with this our brother, and all other departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## AT THE HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *The following Collect, Epistle and Gospel (besides those given in the Form of Intercession already appointed) are authorised for occasional use at Celebrations of the Holy Communion.*

¶ *One or more of the Prayers in Part III may be said before the Blessing.*

*The Collect.*

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Epistle.* Romans viii. 18.

FOR I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope: because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

*The Gospel.* St. Mark xi. 22.

**J**ESUS said, Have faith in God : for verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea ; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass ; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any : that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.