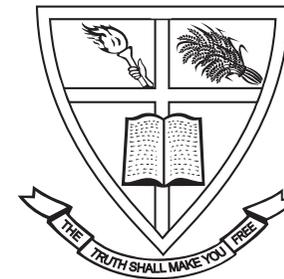


# ORDERS FOR MORNING WORSHIP



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## **P R E F A C E TO THE FIRST EDITION**

This small book contains orders for Morning Worship for groups of students and teachers. It was compiled in the first place for use in the Union Christian College Chapel. It has been in use here for a few years now and the services have been found very helpful.

The services are arranged in a 15 - day cycle so as to avoid monotony and consequent wandering of mind. In drawing up these orders the need for an active participation by the 'congregation' has been kept in mind. It is hoped that the use of these orders will introduce the participants to some of the most helpful prayers and devotions of Christendom.

In the present edition prayers of thanksgiving and intercession have been provided for use with each order. Some hymns and a few prayers for the private use of students and teachers have also been added.

This edition of the book is issued with the prayer that it may help those who use it to start each day's life and work in love and obedience to our Heavenly Father.

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## P R E F A C E TO THE SECOND EDITION

The first edition of the **Orders for Morning Worship** has been in use in the College Chapel for over two decades. The students and teachers have found this book immensely useful and many of them have expressed the desire to have their own personal copies. Some of them even wanted to keep it as a souvenir of their college life. Visitors to the College, both Christians and non- Christians from both inside and outside the country were greatly moved by the prayers used in this book and very often went back with a copy of the book.

There is a great demand for more copies and students and teachers have given suggestions to add more hymns which are commonly used in the Chapel. Hence the Committee for Religious Activities decided to bring out a second edition of the **Orders for Morning Worship** with the addition of more hymns to the first edition.

The guidance received from the retired teachers of the College and the involvement of the students and teachers at various stages of this endeavor from offering suggestions to reading the proof were of great help.

It is hoped that this second edition will be as popular with the College Community as its earlier version.

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## **DAY 1**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God.  
It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness;  
The nourishment of mind with His truth;  
The purifying of imagination by His beauty;  
The opening of the heart to His love;  
The surrender of will to His purpose-  
And all this gathered up in adoration.

- William Temple.

### **HYMN**

#### **PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE** *(All together)*

**Before the glorious throne of Your Majesty, O Lord,  
And the awful judgement seat of Your burning love,  
we, Your children, kneel  
With Cherubim and Seraphim and Archangels,  
Worshipping, confessing and praising You,  
Lord of all, father, Son and Holy Spirit for ever.  
Amen.**

- Chaldean Liturgy.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(All together)*

**O God our Father, we have sinned against  
You in thought, word and deed. We have not loved  
You with all our heart. We have not loved our  
neighbour as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we  
beseech You. Cleanse us from our sins. Help us to  
commit ourselves afresh to the Saviour and restore us  
into fellowship with You and with the brethren in  
Your eternal kingdom of love. Amen**



In all our afflictions You are afflicted. In Your love and in Your pity You have redeemed us. You have carried us all the days of old. And at length, in the fullness of time You gave Your only begotten Son, the express image of Your Person, full of grace and truth, and we beheld His glory. Almighty God, Our Father in Heaven:  
We praise and worship You.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All together)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Turn Your face from my sins, O Lord.  
**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 Your presence.  
**And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**  
O Give me the comfort of Your help again.  
**And establish me with Your free spirit.**

BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Shine into our hearts, O Lord, lover of men,  
With the pure light of Your knowledge of God.  
Open the eyes of our minds to Your teaching.  
For, You are the light of our souls and of our bodies,  
O Christ our God. **Amen.**  
(Prayer used in the Syrian Holy Qurbana Service  
before the reading of the gospel)  
*(Selected lesson and thought for the day)*

TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION.

*(To be chosen for each day)*

ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL. *(All together)*

**Thanks be to You, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
For all the benefits which You have won for us;  
For all the pains and insults which You have borne  
for us;  
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
May we know You more clearly,  
Love You more dearly,  
And follow You more nearly,  
For Your loving mercy's sake. **Amen.****

*(Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester 1253)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(All together)*

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**Dear Father,  
Take my hands and make them skilful to serve You,  
Take my feet and make them swift to do your  
bidding.  
Take my eyes and keep them fixed upon Your  
everlasting beauty.  
Take my mouth and make it eloquent in testi-  
mony to your love.  
Make this day, a day of obedience, a day of  
spiritual joy and peace.  
Make this day's work, a little part of the work of  
the kingdom of my Lord Jesus Christ,  
In Whose name these prayers are said. **Amen.****

*(Diary of Private Prayer)*



**DAY 3**

## OPENING VERSES

“This day is God’s latest gift to you. And you are accountable to God for its use. How dare you enter upon it without first waiting upon God and letting Him prepare You for what is ahead? You are not your own.”

A Morning Meditation. A. G. Hogg

“Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”

**Matthew 18;20**

“O God, You are my God: Early will I seek You.”

**Psalms. 63:1**

## HYMN

## PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE

**Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You. We give thanks to You for Your great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord; You have taught us to treat others as we would like them to treat us and that anything

we do for one of our brothers here, however humble, we do for You;

Forgive us our failure to apply to ourselves the standards of conduct we demand from others.

**O Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us our blindness to the sufferings of others and our slowness to be taught by our own.

**O Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us our slowness to see the good in our fellowmen and to see the evil in ourselves.

**O Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us our hardness of heart towards our neighbours’ faults and our readiness to make allowances for our own.

**O Lord, have mercy.**

(Adapted from A Diary of Private Prayer. John Baillie)

## BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

O God our Father, Who in the Holy Scriptures has given us Your word to be our teacher and guide, help us to seek in our daily reading the guidance of the Holy Spirit. So may we learn more of You and of Your will for us and grow in likeness to Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Selected lesson and thought for the day.)*

## TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**Lord, dwell in us and mercifully keep us dwelling in You. Help us together to be trustfully open to Your indwelling companionship. Keep us ever gladly preoccupied with the Father's business. May our life, work and friendship today, be an acceptable offering to the heavenly Father in union with Your own perfect self offering. Amen.**

- K. C. Chacko

*(Let us pray for God's blessing on the life of the new day)*

O God we can do nothing good without You;  
Give us the sure knowledge of Your nearness in all our work today, that doing all things with You, we may serve You truly, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking;  
God be at my end and at my departing. Amen.**

**DAY 4**

## OPENING VERSES

God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. Truly our fellowship in the spirit is with the Father and His son Jesus Christ.

God is power. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

God is Love. Everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God; and we know that we have crossed over from death to life because we love our brothers.

- Venite Adoremus

## HYMN

## PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE

Worthy are You, O God, to receive the honour and the power; for You did create all things and because of Your will they are and were created.

**Glory be to You, O God.**

Glory be to You, O Christ, who did redeem with Your love, men of every kindred and tongue, and people and nation.

**Glory be to You, O Christ.**

Glory be to You, a Holy Spirit, for Your work in the Church, which will not cease, until You have made of all mankind one family, to the praise and glory of God.

**Glory be to You, O Holy Spirit.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to You O Lord for Your forgiveness and Your healing:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deceitful hearts and crooked thoughts;

**Lord, have mercy.**

For barbed words spoken deliberately;

**Lord, have mercy.**

For thoughtless words spoken hastily;

**Lord, have mercy.**

For envious and prying eyes;

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ears that rejoice in iniquity and rejoice not in the truth;

**Lord, have mercy.**

For greedy hands;

**Lord, have mercy.**

For wandering and loitering feet;

**Lord, have mercy.**

For haughty looks;

**Lord, have mercy.**

BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Write upon our hearts, O Lord God, the lessons of the holy word; grant that we may not be hearers only but also doers of Your word. **Amen.**

*(Selected Lesson and thought for the day)*

TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*

ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL.

**Teach us good Lord,**

**To serve You as You deserve,**

**To give and not to count the cost;**

**To fight and not to heed the wounds;**

**To toil and not to seek for rest;**

**To labour and not to ask for any reward, Save the joy of knowing that we do Your will; For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- Ignatius Loyola

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(All together)*

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**May the Lord bless us and keep us;**

**The Lord make His face to shine on us and be gracious to us,**

**The Lord lift up the light of His countenance on us**

**And give us peace,**

**Now and always. Amen.**



**DAY 5**

## OPENING VERSES

For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
 From him comes my salvation.  
 He only is my rock and my salvation,  
 My fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
 On God rests my deliverance and my honour;  
 My mighty rock, my refuge is God.  
 Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
 Pour out your hearts before Him;  
 God is a refuge for us.

**Psalm 62:1, 6, 7, 8. (RSV)**

## HYMN

## PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE

We praise You O God: we acclaim You Lord and  
 master.  
**Everlasting Father, all the world bows down  
 before You.**  
 All the angels sing Your praise: the heavens and all  
 the heavenly powers,  
**The Cherubim and Seraphim: raise the unending  
 chorus;**  
 Holy, Holy, Holy is the God of angel hosts.  
**The heaven and earth are filled with Your majesty  
 and glory.**  
 The Apostles in a glorious choir are praising You,  
**The Prophets in a noble company are praising You,**

The martyrs in a dazzling army are praising You,  
**The Holy Church throughout the world declares her  
 living faith in You,**

The Father, infinitely majestic,  
**In Your true and only Son, worthy of every honour,**  
 And in the Holy Spirit, sent to be our advocate.

CONFESSION *(All together)*

**O God our heavenly Father,  
 We ask for forgiveness  
 For all our faults remembered or forgotten;  
 For the things we ought to have done and have not  
 done.  
 For the things we have done which have brought  
 sorrow to You, to ourselves and to others.  
 And as we pray to be forgiven,  
 Help us to forgive those who have done wrong to us;  
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Help us, O God, to be ready for what You want to say to us through the Holy scriptures and to remember what we have learnt. Take from us all that prevents us from hearing Your word, our pride and self-will, our inattentive minds and wandering thoughts, our prejudices and fear of new truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Selected lesson and thought for the day)*

## TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:  
 Where there is hatred - let me sow love;  
 Where there is injury - pardon;  
 Where there is doubt - faith;  
 Where there is despair - hope;  
 Where there is darkness - light;  
 Where there is sadness - joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may  
 Not so much, seek  
 To be consoled - as to console,  
 To be understood - as to understand,  
 To be loved - as to love;  
 For it is in giving that we receive;  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned:  
 It is in dying that we are born  
 To eternal life. Amen.**

-St. Francis of Assisi

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

*(All together)*

**May Christ our only Saviour so live  
 Within us that we may go out with  
 The light of hope in our eyes,  
 The fire of inspiration on our lips,  
 His word on our tongues  
 And His love in our hearts. Amen.**

**DAY 6**

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, All hearts are open to You;  
 All desires are known to You;  
 No secrets are hid from You;  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of  
 Your Holy Spirit;  
 So may we perfectly love You  
 And bring glory to Your Holy Name. **Amen.**

*(Adapted from B.C.P.)*

## HYMN

## PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE

Glory to You, O God, Creator and Father:  
 For the universe in which we live and for men made in  
 Your own image;

**Glory be to You, O Father.**

Glory to You, O Christ, the Son and our Redeemer, for  
 You took human body and did redeem our fallen nature;

**Glory be to You, O Christ.**

Glory to You, O Holy Spirit, the sanctifier, for You make  
 our bodies the temples of Your presence;

**Glory be to You, O Holy Spirit.**

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit whose  
 will it is that we should be made whole in body mind  
 and spirit.

**Glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.***(The Compiler)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(To be read responsively)*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Your great goodness:  
**According to the multitude of Your mercies do away  
 my offences.**

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness;  
**And cleanse me from my sin.**

Make me a clean heart O God;

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Your presence:

**And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

## BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

O Lord enlighten our minds and give us grace to receive  
 Your word with reverence and humility without which  
 no man can understand Your truth. **Amen.**

(B. R. F. Prayer)

*(Selected lesson and thought for the day)*

## TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*

ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**Dear Father,**

**Take this day's life into Your own keeping.**

**Control all our thoughts and feelings.**

**Direct all our energies.**

**Make this day, a day of obedience, a day of spiritual  
 joy and peace.**

**Make this day's work a little part of the work of the  
 Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**In whose name these prayers are said. Amen.**

(Adapted from 'A Diary of Private Prayer'  
 - John Baillie)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER.

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**Come, Lord Jesus;**

**Take possession of our hearts**

**And reign where You have right to reign.**

**So fill our minds with the thoughts,**

**And our imaginations with the picture, of Your love**

**That there may be in us**

**No room for any desire which is discordant with**

**Your will. Amen.**

- William Temple



**DAY 7**

## OPENING VERSES

So then, my brothers,  
 Because of God's many mercies to us I make this appeal  
 to you.  
 Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to  
 His service and pleasing to Him.  
 This is the true worship that you should offer,  
 Do not conform outwardly to the standards of this world,  
 But let God transform you inwardly by a complete change  
 of your mind.  
 Then you will be able to know the will of God-  
 What is good, and is pleasing to Him and is perfect.

**Romans 12:1-2.**  
 (Good News Bible)

## HYMN

PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE. *(All together)*

**You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised:  
 Your power is great, and Your wisdom infinite;  
 We would praise You without ceasing.  
 You call us to delight in Your praise,  
 For You have made us for Yourself  
 And our hearts find no rest until they rest in You.  
 Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we come to You in lowliness of heart beseeching  
 You to drown our transgressions in the ocean of  
 Your infinite love:

Our failure to be true even to our own accepted  
 standards:

**O Lord, forgive.**

Our self deception in face of temptation;

**O Lord, forgive.**

Our choosing the worse when we know the better;

**O Lord, forgive.**

All our selfishness and hardness of heart;

**O Lord, forgive.**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us

Pardon and remission of all our sins,

Renewal of life,

And the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

O God, grant that we may hear Your word with a real  
 desire to receive what it promises and to practise what it  
 commands. Engrave it, not only in our minds, but on  
 our hearts and transform us by Your Spirit into the  
 image of Your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(Liturgy of the Reformed Church of France)  
*(Selected lesson and thought for the day)*

## TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*

ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**O Lord our God, we offer to You  
 Our hearts and our minds,**

Our wills and our work.  
 Fill us with Your Spirit  
 That our lives may be used by You.  
 Amen.

(New Every Morning)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

Into Your hands, O Lord,  
 We commit ourselves this day.  
 Give to each one of us  
 A watchful, humble and diligent spirit,  
 That we may seek, in all things, to know Your will,  
 And when we know it  
 May gladly perform it  
 To the honour and glory of Your Name. Amen.



**DAY 8**

OPENING PRAYER

Go with us, O Lord, as we enter into Your holy house;  
 and go with us as we return to take up the common  
 duties of life. In worship and in work alike let us know  
 Your presence near us, till work itself be worship and our  
 every thought be to Your praise; through Jesus Christ our  
 Saviour. **Amen.**

HYMN

PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE

I will extol You, my God and King,  
**And bless Your name for ever and ever.**  
 Every day I will bless You,  
**And praise Your name for ever and ever.**  
 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
**And His greatness is unsearchable.**  
 One generation shall laud Your works to another,  
**And shall declare Your mighty acts.**

**Psalm 145:1-5.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess  
 before you:  
 Our little faith and our lack of vision  
**O Lord, forgive us.**

Our many sins against your love and your mercy in our daily relationships;

**O Lord, forgive us.**

Our laziness, wasting of time and neglect of our duties;

**O Lord, forgive us.**

Our failure to use the talents and gifts You  
have given us;

**O Lord, forgive us.**

Our blindness to the needs of our fellow - students and our other neighbours who are sick, poor, anxious, lonely or in despair;

**O Lord, forgive us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*(All together)*

**“Just as I am Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.”**

#### BIBLE BEADING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

O Lord God who has lent to us Your Holy word to be a lantern unto our feet and a light unto our steps: Give to us all Your Holy Spirit that we may learn what is Your eternal will and frame our lives in holy obedience to the same, to Your glory and honour and the increase of our faith: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

-Edward Dering

*(Selected reading and thought for the day)*

#### TOPICS FOR THANKS GIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*

#### ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**Lord, I believe, help my unbelief;  
I love You, yet not with a perfect heart as I would;  
I long for You, yet not with my full strength;  
I trust in You, yet not with my whole mind;  
Accept my faith, my love, my longing to know and  
serve You:**

**I trust in Your power to keep me:  
What is cold, mercifully kindle;  
What is lacking, graciously make up;  
I wait for Your blessing,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.****

- Malcolm Spencer

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**O Holy Spirit,  
Possess us by Your peace,  
Illumine us by Your truth,  
Fire us by Your flame,  
Enable us by Your power. **Amen.****

(B. R. F. Prayer)



## TOPICS FOR THANKS GIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**O God who is  
 The light of the minds that know You,  
 The life of the souls that love You and  
 The strength of the wills that serve You;  
 Help us so to know You that we may fully love You;  
 So to love You that we may worthily serve You,  
 Whom to serve is perfect freedom.  
 Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**To Your name, O Lord,  
 Help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping,  
 Bow the head and all its thinking,  
 Bow the will and all its choosing,  
 Bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.**

*(From 'My God My Glory')***DAY 10**

OPENING VERSES

I am searching for You: God, my God,  
 My soul is thirsty for You,  
 My body longs for You,  
 Parched and dry as the desert;  
 To gaze on You in Your sanctuary,  
 And to see Your power and glory.

I value Your love: more than my life-  
 This is why I shall praise You  
 And bless You as long as I live.  
 To raise my hands in prayer to You  
 Is better than the richest feast;  
 Pleasure for my lips lies in praising You.

**Psalm 63:1-5***(Jerusalem Bible, Choir Psalter)*

HYMN

PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE

God of all grace and love, grant that as we praise You  
 with our lips so may we also praise You in consecrated  
 and faithful lives and devote ourselves to Your service  
 through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**Not to ourselves, Lord, not to us,  
 To You alone glory is due  
 Because of Your love and costancy.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All together)*

Forgive us, O merciful God, the sins which have  
So laid hold upon us that we no longer confess them to  
be sins. Let Your Spirit enlighten us, Your love cleanse  
us and Your grace strengthen us; through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord. Amen.

## BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Eternal God, we thank You for the Bible through which  
Your word is spoken to us and for Your Holy Spirit by  
whom it is interpreted. Help us, as we read this book, to  
use our understanding, to wait upon Your word with love  
and eagerness, and to find the answer to our need, through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

- Steven G. Mackie

*(Selected reading and thought for the day)*

## TOPICS FOR THANKS GIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*

ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**O God in whom we live and move and have our  
being,**

**We offer to You**

**Ourselves, our souls and our bodies,**

**Our thoughts and our desires,**

**Our words and our deeds.**

**To be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice to You,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**O God, who is the portion of our inheritance,  
Be unto us our all in all,  
Our light in darkness,  
Our strength in weakness,  
Our only desire and our sure reward;  
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**



**DAY II**

## OPENING VERSES

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."

**Isaiah 57:15**

## OPENING PRAYER

Deliver us, O Almighty God, when we draw nigh to You from coldness of heart and wandering of mind: that with steadfast thought and kindled affections we may worship You in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

## HYMN

PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE *(All together)*

**Your glorious name is  
Worthy of praise from every mouth,  
Of confession from every tongue  
Of worship from every heart.  
O Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
Who created the world in Your grace  
And by Your compassion saved the world.  
To Your majesty, O God,  
Ten thousand times ten thousand bow down and adore,  
Singing and praising without ceasing and saying  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts;  
Heaven and earth are full of Your praises.  
Hosanna in the highest. **Amen.****

Nestorian Liturgy (Shortened)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God; cleanse our minds and free our consciences from the things that hide You from us and grant us the help of Your grace.

Our blindness to Your glory and forgetfulness of Your truth:

**O Lord, forgive.**

Our unwillingness to be guided by Your spirit

**O Lord, forgive.**

Our failures in love and our pride

**O Lord, forgive.**

Our denials of You in life's common ways

**O Lord, forgive.**

## BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Prepare each one of us, O God, in mind and in heart to listen to receive what Your word has to say to us. Guard us from prejudices which would blind us to the truth. Give us grace and strength to go out and do what You would ask us to do through Your word. **Amen.**

William Barclay

*(Selected reading and thought for the day)*

## TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*

ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**I am truly grateful, O Lord  
For another day, for another morning,  
For another hour, for another minute,  
For another chance to love and serve You,**

Free me, O Lord, this day  
 From fear of the future;  
     From anxiety of the morrow;  
     From bitterness toward anyone;  
     From cowardice in face of danger;  
     From laziness in face of work;  
     From failure before opportunity;  
     From weakness when Your power is at hand;  
 But fill me with:  
 Love that, knows no barrier;  
 Courage that cannot be shaken;  
 Faith strong enough for the darkness;  
 Strength sufficient for my tasks;  
 Loyalty to Your kingdom's goal;  
 Wisdom to meet life's complexities;  
 Power to lift men unto You.  
     Be with me for another day  
     And use me as You will:  
     In Christ's name. Amen.

Wallace Friday

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION

Come, O Lord,  
 Be in the midst of us living and saving.  
 Let none of us escape Your call or miss Your peace.  
  
 Into Your hands we commit ourselves  
 Bless our going out and our coming in  
 From this time forth for ever more. Amen.



## DAY 12

#### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God,  
 You are hidden from our sight;  
 You are beyond the understanding of our minds;  
 Your thoughts are not our thoughts;  
 Your ways are past finding out.  
 Yet You have breathed Your Spirit into our spirits;  
 Formed our minds to seek You and  
 Inclined our hearts to love You:  
 You have planted within us a hunger and thirst  
 That makes us dissatisfied with all the joys of earth  
 O Lord, You have made us for Yourself and  
 Our hearts are restless until they find rest in You.

**Amen.**

(A Diary of Private Prayer  
 John Baillie)

*and / or*

In His first work, He gave me myself (Creation)  
 In His second work, He gave me Himself (Incarnation)  
 In giving me Himself, He gave me back myself.  
 St. Bernard

#### HYMN

PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE *(All together)*

**O Lord God, we praise and magnify Your name that  
 You have called us to be heirs of Your eternal**

**Kingdom. We bless You for the knocking at our hearts' door that warns us of Your waiting presence. We bless You for Your hand upon our lives and for the sure knowledge that however we may falter and fail, yet underneath are Your everlasting arms. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All together)*

**O Lord, help us to come to You in true lowliness and contrition of heart. We confess that we are ashamed and burdened with memories of things undone that ought to have been done, and things done that ought not to have been done. Bring to us afresh, O God, Your healing and cleansing power so that we may lay hold of the salvation which You have offered to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

O Lord, open our eyes to the wonders of Your law. Help us to treasure Your word in our hearts so that we might not sin against You. **Amen.**

*(Selected reading and thought for the day)*

TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*

ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**O God who alone knows what lies before me this day,  
Grant that in every hour of it I may stay close to You  
Let me be in the world, yet not of it;  
Let me use the world without abusing it.  
If I buy, let me be as though I possessed not,  
If I have nothing, let me be as though possessing all things,  
Let me today embark on no undertaking that is not in line with Your will for my life,  
Nor shrink from any sacrifice which Your will may demand.  
Suggest, direct and control every movement of my mind;  
For my Lord's sake. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**May the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit  
Rest upon us and upon all our work and worship done in his name.  
May He give us light to guide us,  
Courage to support us and love to unite us,  
Now and for evermore. Amen.**

**DAY 13**

## OPENING VERSES

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,  
 To all who call upon Him in truth.  
 He fulfills the desire of all who fear Him,  
 He also hears their cry, and saves them.  
 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,  
 And let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and  
 for ever.

**Psalm. 145: 18, 19, 21.** (R.S.V.)

*and / or*

Let dawn bring proof of Your love  
 to one who relies on You;  
 Let it show the right road for one who adores You.

**Psalm. 143:8** (J.B.Choir Psalter)

## HYMN

## PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
 Holy Spirit:  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.**  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth  
 are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest.  
**Blessed is He who has come and is yet to come in the  
 name of the Lord, Hossanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All together)*

**O God, help us to come to You with a penitent and  
 contrite heart, that we may receive Your forgiveness.  
 Save us from everything which would hinder us from  
 having a godly sorrow for our sins.  
 Give us at all times  
 Eyes which are open to our own faults;  
 A conscience which is sensitive and quick to warn;  
 A heart which cannot sin in peace, but which is  
 moved to regret and to remorse  
 Grant that, being truly penitent, we may be truly  
 forgiven;  
 So may we find that Your love is great enough to  
 cover all our sin.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Adapted from 'Prayers for Christian year'  
 Barclay)

## BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You have promised to be there wherever Your  
 people come to meet with You. Help us to hear Your  
 voice speaking to us when Your word is read. And help us  
 when we pray, not only to speak to You, but also to  
 listen to You speaking to us. This we ask for Your  
 love's sake. **Amen.**

*(Selected reading and thought for the day)*

## TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

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

*(St. Patrick's Breast Plate)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**May our lips, our soul and our life praise You  
 O Lord,  
 And since our very being is Your gift  
 So may our whole life be entirely Yours.  
 May the Lord bless us and keep us from all evil  
 And lead us to life everlasting. Amen.**

**DAY 14**

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, splendour of true light and everlasting day, we pray at the beginning of this new day that the darkness of sin may be driven from our minds and the radiance of Your coming may shine upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

PSALM OR ACT OF PRAISE

**Worthy is the Lamb,  
 The Lamb that was slain,  
 To receive all power and wealth,  
 Wisdom and might,  
 Honour and glory and praise.  
 Praise and honour, glory and might,  
 To him who sits on the throne  
 And to the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Revelation 5:12,13.**  
*(New English Bible)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us O God, for everything in which we have  
 failed:  
 For losing temper when we should have controlled it:  
**Forgive us, O God.**

For allowing ourselves to have bitter feelings about  
others:

**Forgive us, O God.**

For refusing to listen to good advice and for resenting  
correction when we deserved it:

**Forgive us, O God.**

For failing to do our best in our work, games and other  
activities:

**Forgive us, O God.**

For failing to do the things we promised to do:

**Forgive us, O God.**

For the things we put off and for the things we leave  
half-done.

**Forgive us, O God.**

For being discourteous in our conduct, unkind in our  
words and unjust in our thoughts:

**Forgive us, O God.**

For times when we were unhelpful:

**Forgive us, O God.**

For making things unpleasant when we do not get our  
own way:

**Forgive us, O God.**

#### BIBLE READING AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Convey to us O Holy Spirit,  
Fresh understanding through the familiar phrases;  
New treasure through passage passed over or  
unapprehended;  
Insight, conviction, guidance, revelation  
And glory through Your grace. **Amen**

(Adapted from 'My God, My Glory'.)

*(Selected reading and thought for the day)*

#### TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*

#### ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

**Lord Jesus, help us always to study in such a way as**  
**To make our bodies fitter;**  
**To make our minds keener and better equipped;**  
**To make our hearts purer.**  
**Help us here to learn**  
**To be good citizens of the community in which we live;**  
**To be genuine in our work and study;**  
**To be zealous in our search for truth;**  
**To be faithful followers and disciples of Yours.**  
**Help us here to find day by day**  
**The joy of learning together;**  
**The joy of playing together;**  
**The joy of praying together;**  
**Banish from us**  
**The irritable temper and the selfish ambition;**  
**The arrogant intolerance and the false disloyalty.**  
**Help us day by day to come closer to You,**  
**And closer to one another. Amen.**

*(Adapted from Barclay)*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION *(All together)*

**"Have thine own way Lord, have thine own way,**  
**Hold over my being absolute sway:**  
**Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see**  
**Christ only always living in me."**

George C. Stebbins.



## TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*(To be chosen for each day)*ACT OF FAITH OR COMMITTAL *(All together)*

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart  
 Which no unworthy affection may drag downward;  
 Give me an unconquered heart,  
 Which no tribulation can wear out;  
 Give me an upright heart  
 Which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside;  
 Bestow upon me, O Lord my God,  
 Understanding to know You,  
 Diligence to seek you,  
 Wisdom to find you  
 And a faithfulness that may finally embrace You.  
 Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(All together)*

## BENEDICTION

“From the unreal, lead me to the real.  
 From darkness, lead me into light,  
 From death, lead me on to immortality.”

‘Brihadaraanyaka Upanishad’

TOPICS FOR THANKSGIVING AND  
INTERCESSION**DAY I**

## THANKSGIVING

## FOR CREATION

O Lord, maker of all things, from whose creative power, the first light came forth, who didst look upon world's first morning and see that it was good, we praise You for this light that now streams through our windows to rouse us to the life of this day. **Amen.**

RESPONSE :- **We thank you. O Lord.**

For the life that stirs within us;

For the bright and beautiful world into which we go;

For the earth, the sea and the sky, the scudding clouds  
and the singing birds;For the circling seasons and all the splendours seen and  
unseen;For all things great and small and the wisdom with  
which You have made them all;

For the air we breathe, for the water we drink and the many good things we often take for granted;

For the creation, preservation and all the blessings this life;

For the gift of life, for Your protection round about us and for the token of Your love within us;

#### PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

Let us pray:

For good and faithful seasons, for the abundance of the earth and for providing our daily bread:

For the vision of the worker in the work, that our souls may rise from creation to creator and from nature to nature's God;

That we may have a thankful heart;

That we may not spoil the resources of this world by our selfish interests, but that we may be faithful stewards of all the good gifts You have given;

That we may be saved from the pride that takes credit as our own, what are really your gifts to us;

For the whole creation that it may be free from slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



## DAY 2

### THANKSGIVING

#### FOR OUR LIFE

O Father in heaven, who fashioned our limbs to serve You and our souls to follow hard after You acknowledge that You have given us this life to live, You have appointed Our lots and determined the bounds of our habitations. You have surrounded us with gracious and beneficent influences and You have written Your law within us.

RESPONSE: - **Lord, we thank You.**

For the homes we share, kindred we love and friendships we cherish:

For a place for us to fill and a work for us to do;

For a green world to live in, blue sky above us and pure air to breathe:

For healthy exercise and simple pleasures;

For the remembrance of our race's long history and the examples of great men and Women:

For good books to read and arts and crafts to delight in;

For much that is worth knowing and the skill and science to know it;

For those high thoughts that sometimes fill our minds that come, we know not from where;

For happy days and that inward calm that You give us in days of gloom;

For peace that passes understanding, that comes from  
Your indwelling presence;

For the faith that looks through death and the hope of  
a larger life beyond the grave;

PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

For the hungry, the homeless and the destitute;

For the weak in body or mind;

For all who are hindered in the race of life through no  
fault of their own;

For those who have the will to work but lack the  
opportunity for working;

For the little children whose surroundings tend to hide  
from them your love and beauty;

For those oppressed by any injustice;

For the lost sheep of our human society;

For those who are living faithful lives in obscurity;

That we may be led to a fuller recognition of our stew-  
ardship in the use of money, time and opportunities;

That we may be helped to show forth our gratitude not  
only by our lips but by our lives in serving You  
gladly;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



**DAY 3**

THANKSGIVING

FOR FAMILY

O Heavenly Father, whose son Jesus Christ shared in  
Nazareth the life of an earthly home, grant Your grace,  
we beseech You, to all families, that parents and children  
may be bound each to each by mutual love through Him  
who became a child and learned obedience to Your will,  
even Jesus Christ our Lord.

RESPONSE: - **Lord, we thank You.**

For peaceful homes, bonds of love and affection;

For the fellowship deepened by living, eating and  
praying together and by the sharing of each other's  
burdens;

For happiness enjoyed and sorrows shared;

For parents in whose love we saw first Your love:

For children, their innocence, sense of wonder, their  
openness and their sincere affection;

For the young, their search for ideals, their impatience  
with worn out structures and their struggle for  
truth, justice and love;

For the aged, the blessings of their wisdom, deepened  
by experience;

For the sanctities of family life, the guidance and  
corrections we receive from each other;

For our own homes, the caring, the security and the  
discipline we receive;

## PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

For all families, husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, that they may enjoy and honour each other and forgive each other as happily as they are forgiven in your abundant mercy;

For the young and old, that the young may be given visions of your purpose and the old, openness to new things;

That purity, love, and honour may dwell in our homes and that duty and affection may be the bond of all our family life;

For the young couples, that the homes they build may be centres of joy peace and love and reflection of Your heaven on earth;

For those whom war, famine, oppression or other calamities has robbed of home and friends;

For all those whose homes are broken by conflicts and lack of love or through evil habits;

For those who are lonely and left alone, for the aged and the dying;

For those who have lost their dear ones;

For childless parents and parentless children;

For those very young and very old who have nobody to look after them;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*

**DAY 4**

THANKSGIVING

**FOR JESUS CHRIST**

O God, who has proved Your love for mankind by sending us Jesus Christ our Lord, and has illuminated our human life by the radiance of His presence, we give You thanks for this, Your greatest gift.

RESPONSE: - **We thank You. O God.**

For our Lord's days upon earth;

For the record of His deeds of love;

For the words He spoke for our guidance and help;

For His obedience unto death;

For His triumph over death;

For the presence of His spirit with us now;

For His eagerness not to be ministered unto, but to minister;

For His sympathy with suffering of every kind;  
For His bravery in face of His own suffering;

For His meekness of bearing, so that when reviled He reviled not again;

For His steadiness of purpose in keeping to His appointed task;

For His simplicity, His self discipline and His serenity of spirit;

For His complete reliance upon You;

## PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

That we may enter into the new life of joy and salvation in Jesus Christ and that we may grow in His discipleship;

That we may be saved from self-centeredness and be set free to love and serve our fellow - beings;

That we and all the disciples of Jesus may dwell in Him continually, thus bearing abundant fruit acceptable to the Heavenly Father;

That in whatever sphere of life we may be, we may seek first your kingdom and its righteousness and experience your all-sufficiency;

That we may become channels of God's love to all with whom we live;

That we may be enabled to help our loved ones and neighbours to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and saviour so that they may have life and that abundantly;

That we may be enabled to overcome man made barriers of class, caste, colour and race and to affirm the unity of all mankind in Christ;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*

**DAY 5**

THANKSGIVING

**FOR HOLY SPIRIT**

O God, who has given us Your Holy Spirit that we might know the freedom of Your children and taste on earth our Heavenly inheritance, grant that we may ever hold fast, the unity that He gives and living in His power, may be witnesses to all men.

RESPONSE: - **Lord, We thank You.**

For the work of the Holy Spirit revealed through creation, through apostles and prophets, writers and artists, scientists, and musicians, preachers and pastors;

For the gift of Your Holy Spirit to Your disciples enduing them with wisdom and courage and making them men who turn the world upside down;

For the promise of Your Holy Spirit to all who receive Him to be their comforter, companion and counselor;

For the promise of Your Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth thus drawing us into mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of God;

For the recognition of Your Holy Spirit in drawing the world closer together, through science and technology, through commerce and communication and through art and literature;

## PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

- That the Lord may pour out His Holy Spirit on us;
- That the fruit of the spirit may abound in us - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control;
- That the Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts through out this new day;
- That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for His service;
- That the Holy Spirit may lead us into all truth and be our comforter at all times;
- That the Holy Spirit may direct and control all who influence public opinion;
- That the Holy Spirit may direct and overrule the media of mass communication that they may help people to fill their minds with such things that are true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious;
- That the Holy Spirit may make Your people sensitive to the demands for truth, justice and fair play, in social economic, and political life.

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*

**DAY 6**

THANKSGIVING

**FOR THE CHURCH**

O God, the creator and father of all mankind who by Your Holy Spirit has made diversity of peoples, one in the confession of Your name, lead them we beseech You by the same spirit to display to the whole earth one mind in belief and one passion for righteousness.

RESPONSE: - **Lord, We thank You.**

- For the Church of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of all believers round the world;
- For the apostles and martyrs of the Church who gave their lives, that we in our life may receive the good news of divine grace and forgiveness;
- For Your faithful disciples in every generation who becoming willing instruments of Your care and mercy placed You first in their lives and kept the faith through thick and thin;
- For confessors and martyrs who refused to deny the faith, even at the cost of their lives;
- For the prophetic voices that awaken the Church to a new awareness of its mission;
- For the Church of which we are members, for the renewal and encouragement we receive by word and sacrament, for our life together in the Lord;
- For the growth of the church even today in spite of the disunity and discord;

For the World Council of Churches and other movements that provide possibilities for greater unity between different communions;

For the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the bounds of the visible church;

For the communion of Saints within the body of Christ that transcends time and space;

PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

For the one universal church of Christ and the communions to which we belong;

That the Church may be led by men and women with honest mind and sincere heart;

That men and women may willingly respond to every call for sacrifice and service ;

For all ministers of the Church, that through word and sacraments, through pastoral care and loving service, they may show forth whose they are and whom they serve;

That we may be granted a clearer vision to see Christ's will for His Church;

That we may be saved from pride that would exclude others from the sphere of God's love;

That the Church may continue to strive with divine power, for the removal of all forms of oppression and injustice and for the righting of all social wrongs;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



**DAY 7**

THANKSGIVING

FOR MANKIND

O Lord, show Your kindness to all who stand in need of Your help. Be with the weak, to make them strong and with the strong to make them gentle. Cheer the lonely with Your company and the distracted with Your solitude. Prosper Your Church in the fulfillment of Your mighty task and grant Your blessing to all who toil in Your name.

RESPONSE: - **We thank You. O Lord.**

For being the companion of the brave;

For being the upholder of the loyal;

For being the light of the wanderer;

For being the joy of the pilgrim;

For being the guide of the pioneer;

For being the helper of the labouring men;

For being the refuge of the broken hearted;

For being the deliverer of the oppressed;

For being the succour of the tempted;

For being the strength of the victorious;

For being the ruler of the rulers;

For being the rescuer of the perishing;

For being the hope of the dying;

For being the All in all to all;

PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **O Father, we pray**

For faith to believe that You rule the world in truth and righteousness;

For faith to believe that if we first seek Your kingdom and righteousness, You will provide for all our lesser needs;

For faith to take no anxious thought for the morrow but to believe in the continuance of Your past mercies;

For faith to see the purpose of love unfolding itself in the happenings of this time;

For faith to be calm and brave in face of such dangers as may meet us in the doing of our duty;

For faith to believe in the power of Your love to melt our hard hearts and swallow up our sins;

For faith to put our own trust in love rather than in force when other people harden their hearts against us;

For faith to believe in the ultimate victory of Your Holy Spirit over disease and death and all the powers of darkness;

For faith to profit by such sufferings as You call upon us to endure;

For faith to believe in Your hands for the welfare of all our dear ones;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



## DAY 8

### THANKSGIVING

#### UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

O God, who in days past didst put it into the hearts of good men to found this college for the imparting of sound learning, the building of character and the spread of spiritual truth and knowledge of Yourself; bless our college; may love, unity and brotherhood be learned here; may industry, uprightness, and courage grow here and from this place, may there be sent forth continually a stream of men and women, who will serve You courageously in Your world. **Amen.**

#### RESPONSE: - **Lord, we thank You.**

For the gift of this college founded in Your faith and for the vision that the founding fathers had;

For all whom You have sent to serve here with sincerity of purpose and selfless devotion;

For all who, through the last many years, have supported this college by prayer, counsel and material means;

For all who have gone out of the portals of this institution, inspired by its ideals and are serving You in the wider arena of life;

For the rich heritage to which we have entered and for all You have provided us, as colleagues, comrades and co-workers;

For these and many other rich blessings You have been bestowing on this college from its inception until this day;

PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

For our college that it may continue to be a centre of life and light in this land and a blessing to many;

For all who serve here at present, and all who bear authority or office here that they may all work together for the good of this college and for the realisation of its goal for the glory of God;

For the smooth and co-ordinated function of the different organisations in this college;

For the teachers and students that they may be of one mind in their common endeavour to seek and serve the truth;

For a spirit of openness, sincerity and honesty that it may prevail in all realms of thought and action;

That we may always be conscious of the responsibility that this privilege of learning demands from us the service of the community at large;

For those of our brothers and sisters facing temptations and struggles, that we may learn to bear one another's burden and to rejoice in the hopes and aspirations of others;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



**DAY 9**

THANKSGIVING

THE COLLEGE - DAILY ROUND

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favour and further us with Your continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your name and finally by Your mercy obtain everlasting life. **Amen.**

RESPONSE: - **Lord, we thank you.**

For the rich heritage into which we have entered;

For the many opportunities given to us of worship, thought and action,

For happy comradeship in work and play;

For the healthy discipline in our life together;

For the great possibilities to enlighten our minds and to develop our appreciation of the higher values of life;

For all that we have learned and received of Jesus Christ, individually, in groups of 'two or three' and as a college;

## PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

For the staff and students that they may uphold high standards of academic efficiency and professional competence;

For teachers and learners that they may have the true love of knowledge, which makes all study a discovery and a joy;

For the whole community that we may realise our responsibility to make the best use of all the opportunities provided in the college;

For the various associations, societies and clubs on the campus that they may provide avenues for the appreciation and development of the varied talents of the college community;

For us, that we may be granted grace to maintain the right personal relationship within the community;

For our common life that it may be marked by clean laughter good sportsmanship, generosity and self-control;

For the Old Students of the college that they may be blessed in their life and work and be channels of blessings to others and may grow in their friendship with the Lord;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



## DAY 10

THANKSGIVING

## FOR THE COMMUNITY

Eternal Father we thank You for our friends, and ask of You the spirit of true comradeship. Keep us faithful both in presence and absence. May the bond of loyalty hold us in our work and play. Make us good and helpful in our common life and let us not fail one another when difficulties or troubles come. **Amen**

RESPONSE: - **Lord, we thank You.**

That You are all things in wisdom and righteousness;

That You have called us to be Your loyal servants;

That You rightfully demand of us complete subservience to Your will;

That in Jesus Christ You have shown the way of salvation, whereby we may be delivered from our sins;

That if we truly repent, You are willing to pardon and save us;

That You have given us this place where we live, study and work;

That You have provided us with people with whom we share common bonds of heritage, convictions and family ties;

That You have blessed our community life through the special gifts in our different communions;

That You have blessed the human race with infinite varieties;

That You have enriched our common life with people of other heritage, race and faith;

#### PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE:- **Lord, hear our prayer,**

That we may be given the grace to recognise in all we meet today, our brothers and sisters and to do for them what we want them to do for us;

That the desire for co-operation and unity may increase in us day by day;

That we may be drawn closer to You and thus be led nearer to one another;

That we may be humble enough to learn from one another and rejoice in the progress of others in Your service;

That we may be granted the grace to experience and respond to Your fatherly love through our filial trust and loving obedience;

That we may be enabled to accept each new day as Your gift to us and use all its opportunities to bring joy to Your fatherly heart;

That we may be well pleasing to You in all our work and relationship and the use of our faculties, time and money;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



## DAY II

### THANKSGIVING

#### THE PEACE OF THE WORLD

Eternal Gcd, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn, but the sword of righteousness and no strength known, but the strength love. We pray You so mightily to shed and spread abroad Your spirit that all peoples and ranks may be gathered under one banner of the prince of peace, as children of one father, Lord of love, to whom alone be dominion and glory now and for ever. **Amen**

RESPONSE: - **Lord, we thank you.**

For all who yearn and strive for the peace of the world;

For all genuine efforts to resolve tensions, and to end wars and conflicts in the spirit of Christ;

For the United Nations Organisation;

For the Councils of the Churches and their efforts to promote peace with freedom and justice;

For all agencies and organisations that challenge us to join the struggle against poverty, starvation and injustice;

For those who struggle to establish peace and justice and press for the realisation of human rights;

For all who disturb and waken our consciences from the lethargy to accept the status quo;

## PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

That we may increasingly know and experience the peace that is found in Jesus - the peace that the world cannot give;

That we may be granted the grace to be peace lovers and also to be peace makers;

That we may cleanse ourselves of every bitterness that contributes for quarrels, frights and wars, all presumptuous claims and all prompting of self assertion;

That all wars may end and nations may live in peace and harmony;

That we may continue to recognise that peace without justice is no peace at all;

That the conscience of human race may so be aroused that we may not eat lazily the bread of oppression but find fulfilment in working together in justice and comradeship;

For the United Nations Organisation and other international bodies that spread good will;

That we may not abuse the fruits of science and technology and thus turn them for our misery and ruin;

That we may be given understanding to open windows where there are walls and build bridges where there are divisions;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



## DAY 12

THANKSGIVING

## FOR OUR COUNTRY

O God, who is the ruler and judge of all nations, look mercifully on our land. Sanctify all that is noble and rich in our traditions. Grant that our ideals and aspirations may be in accordance with Your will. Take away pride and false pretence from our midst. Give us humility in our relations with others and sobriety in our dealings at home. Bless our leaders and people in our several efforts to make this land happy and prosperous. Help us to discipline ourselves so that our national freedom may be used for our common good and may bring us all to the knowledge of Him whose service is perfect freedom. **Amen.**

RESPONSE:- **Lord, we thank You.**

For this land which You have given us to inherit;

For the saints and seers whose relentless search for truth which kept the light burning in our midst;

For the rich heritage of nobility, heroism and selfless service to which we are heirs;

For our great freedom fighters whose sacrifice and martyrdom has won for us independence and self respect;

For our present leaders who in Your hands are instrumental in building up Your nation;

For all on whose toil we depend for our daily life;

For all those who are engaged in industries and business

and all who labour to enrich our lives and make it comfortable;

PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE:- **Lord, hear our prayer,**

That those in authority in our land may use their power with responsibility and humility;

That we may be guided to seek first Your kingdom and the establishment of justice, freedom and peace for all;

That all men and women in this land may work together for common good;

That all may be helped to place common good prior to personal gain;

That our social life and industry may be so ordered that all may have a just share of wealth, security and freedom;

That we may have the courage to fight communalism, casteism, racism and other evil forces;

That the oppressed, illiterate and hungry masses of people in this land who are denied their humanness may be enabled to experience the liberation You offer;

For the students of our land, that they may be trained to become responsible citizens of our land;

For the thoughtless who are often misled by the standards of the crowd;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



**DAY 13**

THANKSGIVING

**FOR THE CHURCH, ITS UNITY AND MISSION**

O God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ our only Saviour the Prince of peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great danger we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice and whatever else that hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one Body and one Spirit and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity and may with one mind and one mouth glorify You. **Amen.**

RESPONSE: - **Lord, we thank You.**

That we are fellow citizens with the Saints and of the household of God, partakers of one bread and severally members of that body whose head is Christ;

That we are in the fellowship of saints with all Your servants departed from this life in your faith leaving behind for us a good example to follow and the hope and assurance to be made partakers in Your kingdom;

That we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses who continually urge and encourage us to run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith;

That we too are called to be saints into full communion of that body, in whose fellowship, the life of the master is reproduced;

That You have, provided diversities of gifts in Your Church for the building up of the Saints, for the service of the world;

PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: - **Lord, hear our prayer,**

For the sharing in the death and resurrection of our Lord and thus be truly incorporated into His body;

For making proper use of all the rich means of grace provided in the Church, that thus we may consecrate Christ as Lord in our hearts and in our lives;

For the Church, that it being in the world but not of it, may be saved from its reliance on easy means and worldly standards;

For the healing of all divisions in the Church as desired by the Lord that we may all be one that the world may believe;

For the Holy Spirit to work more and more in our hearts giving us pang for unity, that the day may come and that soon, when there may be one flock and one shepherded;

For all who have heard God's call and are in Church's mission in proclaiming the good news t h r o u g h word and humble service;

For the Church that it may take its full share, in efforts for healing of the sick, the clothing of the naked feeding of the hungry and for the removal of oppression and injustice;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*



**DAY 14**

THANKSGIVING

FOR SUFFERING

O God, who is love and who sees all the suffering, injustice and misery which reign in this world, have pity we implore You on the work of Your heart. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed and all who are heavy laden with error labour and sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer and hasten the coming of Your kingdom of justice and truth. **Amen.**

RESPONSE:- **Lord, we thank You.**

For the life and example of our Lord, who through His suffering have shown to us, the costly love, the father has for us;

For the revelation of God who comes to us in suffering and hallows every moment as we offer our suffering to Him;

For the support of the comforter who sustains us and shares our burdens;

For doctors, nurses and other medical personnel who in the name of Christ bring their gifts to remove sickness and pain and to ameliorate suffering;

For those in response to Your call face persecution and even martyrdom for their witness in identification with the oppressed, poor and downtrodden;

For the many who transformed their suffering into a glorious obedience of joy and left us an example and inspiration;

## PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE:- **Lord, hear our prayer,**

For those who suffer pain;  
 For those who undergo mental and emotional strains;  
 For those who are physically handicapped;  
 For those who are mentally retarded or disabled;  
 For those who are victims of oppression, war, and  
 injustice;

For those who are starving;  
 For those who are lonely;  
 For those who suffer in sharing the pains of those  
 whom they love;  
 For those who know that their days on earth are  
 numbered;

For those whose days are dark and gloomy;  
 For those individuals, groups and institutions engaged  
 in the work of mercy to relieve pain and suffering;

For those who are persecuted and imprisoned;  
 For those who live in fear and are under threat;  
 For those who have none to help or to share in their  
 suffering;

For those whose suffering is not redeemed by the knowl-  
 edge of Your love;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*

**DAY 15**

THANKSGIVING

**FOR OUR INSTITUTION -ITS SPECIAL NEEDS**

Vouchsafe we beseech You merciful God to prosper  
 with Your blessing the work of our college and grant that  
 those of us who serve You here, may set Your holy will ever  
 before us and do that which is well pleasing in Your sight  
 and persevere in Your service to the end. **Amen.**

RESPONSE:- **Lord, We thank You.**

That You have gathered together in this place men and  
 women with talents and sense of calling to be a  
 community, to serve You through this institution;

That you have provided us with families and children,  
 binding us together in the common bond of  
 Christian fellowship;

That in the varieties of spiritual and church relation-  
 ships You have provided us with a rich experience  
 that we may strengthen and encourage each other  
 in worship and obedience to You;

That You send to us year by year Your own select  
 groups of young men and women that they may  
 be helped to grow in the knowledge of their skills  
 and talents and above all, of You;

That those who have gone out from the portals of this  
 institution to serve You in the wider arena of life  
 are holding places of responsibility with courage  
 and integrity;

That our life together, staff and students, reflect with  
 all its failures something of the life that You have  
 planted in Your church;

## PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RESPONSE:- **Lord, hear our prayer,**

That our staff may discover for themselves the goals of our institution namely witnessing Christ together in the context of higher education;

That the Lord may provide well - motivated staff members to fill the vacancies;

That we may be able to discover a system whereby more members of staff may be led to feel a deeper sense of participation;

That the College council, the Governing body, the Fellowship may all examine their role and be guided by the Holy Spirit to take decisions that affect the life of many;

That there may be a deeper sense of consolidation between academic departments, infrastructures and all who are involved in the day today working;

That the christian activities may be orientated so as to meet the needs of the very large number of day students ;

That the families of the members of the staff may have greater opportunities for involvement in the life and activities;

That the welfare of the non - teaching staff may be kept in our minds always;

*(additional topics may be mentioned here)*

## THE PRAYER. JESUS TAUGHT

Our Father in Heaven;

May Your Holy name be honoured;

May Your kingdom come.

May Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven;

Give us today the food we need;

Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the  
wrongs that others have done to us.

Do not bring us to hard testing: but keep us safe from  
the Evil one;

For the Kingdom and Power and Glory are Yours  
for ever. **Amen.**

OR

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name;

Thy Kingdom come;

Thy will be done; in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A MODERN VERSION OF THE CREED\***

\*\* We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit,  
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father,  
 and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being,  
 Creates man in his own image,  
 And sets before him the ways of life and death.  
 He seeks in holy love to save all people  
 from aimlessness and sin.  
 He judges men and nations by his righteous  
 will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified  
 and risen Lord,

He has come to us  
 and shared our common lot  
 Conquering sin and death  
 and reconciling the world unto himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit,  
 Creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,  
 binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,  
 tongues and races.

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\*A restatement of faith, adopted by the United Church of Christ formed by the Congregationalist Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church of USA, 1959.)

\*\* It is generally accepted that, in its earliest versions, the apostles' Creed began by saying "we believe". The Christian faith is the faith of a community. "I believe" is a possibility within "we believe".

He calls us unto his Church

to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
 to be his servants in the service of men.  
 to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
 and resist the powers of evil,  
 to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
 to join him in his passion and victory.

**A STUDENT'S PRAYER**

Our heavenly Father, we thank You for our Lord Jesus Christ, the Perfect Student and the Perfect teacher. In our studies save us from prejudice, laziness and blindness. Grant us the spirit of reverence and a true love of knowledge. May we know that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom Bind teachers and students in a sacred fellowship in their common pursuit of knowledge. Grant us daily to grow in the faith and knowledge of Your Son and our Lord, unto a full grown man, even unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

PRAYERS OF RECOLLECTION (Arrow Prayers)

1. O God, help us to be masters of ourselves that we may become the servants of others and thus follow in the path of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alec Paterson - Toc H Prayers.

2. Set a watch, O Lord, upon our tongue: that we may never speak the cruel word which is untrue;

Or, being true is not the whole truth;  
Or, being wholly true, is merciless; for the love  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 3 O Lord, set our hearts at liberty from the service of ourselves, and let it be our meat and drink to do thy will.

4. Lord, deliver me from my worst enemy, myself.  
Martin Luther.

5. Thou hast given so much to us, give one thing more, a grateful heart.

George Herbert.

6. Lord take my lips and speak through them; take my mind and think through it; take my heart and set it on fire with love to thee.

7. Hide us in the secret of thy Presence, O God, and let our mind and heart be quiet in thee.

8. Lord thro' this hour,  
Be thou my guide  
So by thy power.  
No foot shall slide.

An Old hymn

9. Lord, Give us faith  
That right makes might. Abraham Lincoln (1809-65)
10. I need thee every hour, stay thou near by ;  
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.  
Mrs. A. S. Hawks.
11. Lord may we never be shaken  
in our constancy toward thee,  
in our strictness toward ourselves,  
and in our charity toward others.
12. Lord, we pray thee  
To forgive what we have been,  
To sanctify what we are,  
And to order what we shall be. Acts of Devotion.
13. May all I am be all I might have been.  
John Masefield in the 'Widow of Bye Street':
14. O God, help us not to despise or oppose  
What we do not understand.  
William Penn ( 1644 - 1718 ).
15. O God,  
Of thy goodness,  
Give us thyself,  
For only in thee  
Have we all.  
Lady Julian of Norwich ( 1343 - 1443)
16. Grant us a pure heart that we may see thee,  
A humble heart that we may hear thee,  
A heart of love that we may serve thee,  
A heart of faith that we may live thee.  
Dag Hammarskjol

17. Lord, grant us grace  
To take our every thought captive to obey Christ.  
II Cor: 10:5
18. God grant me  
The serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
The courage to change the things I can.  
And the wisdom to know the difference.

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#### SELECTED PRAYERS

Give me a stout heart to bear my own burdens;  
Give me a willing heart to bear the burdens  
of others;  
Give me a believing heart to cast all burdens  
upon thee, O Lord. my God.  
From A Diary of Private Prayer

Sever me from myself that I may be grafted in  
thee;  
May I perish to myself that I may be safe in thee;  
May I die to myself that I may live in thee;  
May I wither to myself that I may blossom in  
thee; May I be emptied of myself that I may  
abound in thee;  
May I be nothing to myself that I may be all in  
thee.

Erasmus

Set free, O God, our souls from all restlessness and  
anxiety. Give us that peace and power which flow  
from thee. Keep us in all perplexities and distresses,  
in all fears and faithlessness; that so, upheld by thy  
power and stayed on the rock of thy faithfulness, we  
may through storm and stress abide in thee; through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Splendour of God

Teach us O gracious Lord, to begin our work with  
reverence, to go on with obedience, to finish in  
love, and then to wait patiently in hope, and with  
cheerful confidence to look up to thee, whose  
promises are faithful and rewards infinite; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to  
endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know  
that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of  
the same unto the end, until it be thoroughly  
finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him  
who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life,  
our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

After Sir Francis Drake



## HYMNS

## 1

All hail the power of Jesu's name;  
 Let Angles prostrate fall;  
 Bring forth the royal diadem  
 To crown him Lord of all.

Crow him, ye morning stars of light,  
 Who fixed this floating ball;  
 Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,  
 And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye Martyrs of your God,  
 Who from his altar call;  
 Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
 And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue  
 To him their hearts enthrall,  
 Lift high the universal song,  
 And crown him Lord of all.

*E. Perronet, 1721-92; and others*

## 2

All people that on earth do dwell,  
 Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
 Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
 Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,  
 Without our aid he did us make;  
 We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
 And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
 Approach with joy his courts unto;  
 Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
 For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:  
 His mercy is for ever sure;  
 His truth at all times firmly stood,  
 And shall from age to age endure.

To father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
 From men and from the Angel - host  
 Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*W. Kethe, Daye's Psalter (1560-61)*

## 3

As pants the hart for Cooling streams  
 When heated in the chase,  
 So longs my soul, O God, for thee,  
 And thy refreshing grace.

For thee, my God, the living God,  
 My thirsty soul doth pine:  
 O when shall I behold thy face,  
 Thou Majesty Divine!

Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
 Hope still. and thou shalt sing  
 The praise of him who is thy God,  
 Thy health's eternal spring.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 The God whom We adore,  
 Be glory, as it was, is now,  
 And shall be evermore. **Amen.**

*N Tate and N. Brady, New Version (1696)*

## 4

At thy feet, O Christ, we lay  
 Thine own gift of this new day;  
 Doubt of what it holds in store

Makes us crave thine aid the more;  
 Lest it prove a time of loss,  
 Mark it, Saviour, with thy cross.

If it flow on calm and bright,  
 Be thyself our chief delight;  
 If it bring unknown distress,  
 Good is all that thou canst bless;  
 Only, while its hours begin,  
 Pray we, keep them clear of sin.

We in part our weakness know,  
 And in part discern our foe;  
 Well for us, before thine eyes  
 All our danger open lies;  
 Turn not from us, while we plead  
 Thy compassions and our need.

Fain would we thy word embrace,  
 Live each moment on thy grace,  
 All our selves to thee consign,  
 Fold up all our wills in thine,  
 Think and speak, and do, and be  
 Simply that which pleases thee.

Hear us, Lord, and that right soon;  
 Hear, and grant the choicest boon  
 That thy love can e'er impart,  
 Loyal singleness of heart;  
 So shall this and all our days,  
 Christ our God, show forth thy praise.

*W. Bright, 1824-1901*

## 5

Blest are the pure in heart,  
 For they shall see our God,  
 The secret of the Lord is theirs,  
 Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens  
 Our life and peace to bring,  
 To dwell in lowliness with men,  
 Their Pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul  
 He doth himself impart,  
 And for his dwelling and his throne  
 Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;  
 May ours this blessing be;  
 Give us a pure and lowly heart,  
 A temple meet for thee.

*J. Keble, 1792—1866.*

## 6

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
 Fill me with life anew,  
 That I may love what thou dost love,  
 And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
 Until my heart is pure,  
 Until with thee I will one will,  
 To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
 Till I am wholly thine,  
 Until this earthly part of me  
 Glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
 So shall I never die,  
 But live with thee the perfect life  
 Of thine eternity.

## 7

Christ whose glory fills the skies,  
 Christ, the true, the only light,  
 Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
 Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
 Dayspring from on high, be near;  
 Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
 Unaccompanied by thee;  
 Joyless is the day's return,  
 Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
 Till they inward light impart,  
 Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
 Fill me, Radiancy Divine,  
 Scatter all my unbelief;  
 More and more thyself display,  
 Shining to the perfect day.

*C. Wesley, 1707-88.*

## 8

Crown him with many crowns,  
 The Lamb upon his throne;  
 Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
 All music but its own:  
 Awake, my soul, and sing  
 Of him who died for thee,  
 And hail him as thy matchless King  
 Through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
 The God incarnate born,  
 Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
 Which now his brow adorn:  
 Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
 As of that Rose the Stem;  
 The Root whence mercy ever flows,  
 The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!  
 Behold his hands and side,  
 Rich wounds yet visible above  
 In beauty glorified:  
 No Angel in the sky  
 Can fully bear that sight,  
 But downward bends his burning eye  
 At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
 The Potentate of time,  
 Creator of the rolling spheres,  
 Ineffably sublime.  
 Glassed in a sea of light,  
 Where everlasting waves  
 Reflect his throne-the infinite!  
 Who lives- and loves - and saves.

*M. Bridges, 1800-94*

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
 My daily labour to pursue;  
 Thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
 In all I think, or speak, or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
 O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
 In all my works thy presence find,  
 And prove thine acceptable will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
 And hide my simple heart above,  
 Above the thorns of choking care,  
 The gilded baits of worldly love.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
 Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
 And labour on at thy command,  
 And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
 And every moment watch and pray,  
 And still to things eternal look,  
 And hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ  
 Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
 And run my course with even joy,  
 And closely walk with thee to heaven.

*C. Wesley, 1707 83.*

Glory to thee, who safe hast kept  
 And hast refreshed me whilst I slept:  
 Grant, Lord when I from death shall wake  
 I may of endless light partake.

Heaven is, dear Lord, where'er thou art,  
 O never then from me depart;  
 For to my soul 'tis hell to be  
 But for one moment void of thee.

Lord, I my vows to thee renew;  
 Scatter my sins as morning dew;  
 Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
 And with thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day  
 All I design, or do, or say;  
 That all my powers, with all their might,  
 In thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
 Praise him, all creatures here below,  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen**

*Bishop T. Ken, 1637 - 1711.*

God will take care of you, be not afraid;  
 He is your safeguard through sunshine and shade;  
 Tenderly watching and keeping His own,  
 He will not leave you to wander alone.

*God will take care of you still to the end;  
 Oh, what a Father, Redeemer, and Friend;  
 Jesus will answer whenever you call  
 He will take care of you, trust Him for all.*

God will take care of you through all the day,  
 Shielding your footsteps directing your way;  
 He is your Shepherd, protector and Guide,  
 Leading His children where still waters glide.

God will take care of you as long as you live,  
 Granting you blessings no other can give;  
 He will take care of you when time is past,  
 Safe to His kingdom will bring you at last.

## 12

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
 Pilgrim through this barren land;  
 I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
 Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
 Bread of heaven,  
 Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
 Lead me all my journey through:  
 Strong Deliverer,  
 Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 Bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
 Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
 Songs of praises  
 I will ever give to thee.

*W. Williams, 1717-1791*

## 13

Have Thine own way Lord, have thine own way;  
 Thou art the potter: I am the clay.  
 Mould me and make me after thy will  
 While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way;  
 Search me and try me Master today:  
 Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
 As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way;  
 Wounded and weary, help me I pray:  
 Power all power surely is Thine,  
 Touch me and heal me Saviour divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way;  
 Hold o'er my being absolute sway;  
 Fill with Thy spirit till all shall see  
 Christ only always, living in me.

## 14

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
 In a believer's ear!  
 It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
 And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
 And calms the troubled breast;  
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
 And to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
 My shield and hiding-place,  
 My never-failing treasury filled  
 With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,  
 My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
 My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
 Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
 And cold my warmest thought;  
 But when I see thee as thou art,  
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
 With every fleeting breath;  
 And may the music of thy name  
 Refresh my soul in death.

*J. Newton, 1725-1807*

## 15

Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
 In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
 Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
 Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
 Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
 Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
 Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest-to both great and small;  
 In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
 And wither and perish- but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,  
 Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
 All laud we would render: O help us to see  
 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*W. Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908*

## 16

Jesu, Lover of my soul,  
 Let me to thy bosom fly,  
 While the nearer waters roll,  
 While the tempest still is high:  
 Hide me, O my Saviour, hide  
 Till the storm of life is past;  
 Safe into the haven guide,  
 O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none;  
 Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
 Leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
 Still support and comfort me.  
 All my trust on thee is stayed,  
 All my help from thee I bring;  
 Cover my defenceless head  
 With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
 More than all in thee I find:  
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
 Heal the sick and lead the blind.

Just and holy is thy name;  
 I am all unrighteousness;  
 False and full of sin I am  
 Thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
 Grace to cover all my sin;  
 Let the healing streams abound;  
 Make and keep me pure within.  
 Thou of life the fountain art;  
 Freely let me take of thee;  
 Spring thou up within my heart,  
 Rise to all eternity.

*C. Wesley 1707-1788*

## 17

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
 Does his successive journeys run,  
 His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
 Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 People and realms of every tongue  
 Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
 And infant voices shall proclaim  
 Their early blessings on his name.  
 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
 The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
 The weary find eternal rest,  
 And all the sons of want are blest.  
 Let every creature rise and bring  
 Peculiar honours to our King;  
 Angels descend with songs again,  
 And earth repeat the long amen.

*I. Watts, 1674-1748*

## 18

Jesu, the very thought of thee  
 With sweetness fills my breast;  
 But sweeter far thy face to see,  
 And in thy presence rest.  
 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
 Nor can the memory find.  
 A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
 O Saviour of mankind!  
 O hope of every contrite heart,  
 O joy of all the meek,  
 To those who fall, how kind thou art!  
 How good to those who seek!  
 But what to those who find? Ah! this  
 Nor tongue nor pen can show ;  
 The love of Jesus! what it is  
 None but his loved ones know.  
 Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
 As thou our prize wilt be;  
 Jesu, be thou our glory now,  
 And through eternity.

*Tr. E. Caswall*

## 19

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,  
 Lead thou me on ;  
 The night is dark, and I am far from home,  
 Lead thou me on  
 Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
 The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou  
 Shouldst lead me on;  
 I loved to choose and see my path, but now  
 Lead thou me on.  
 I loved the garish day, and spite of fears,  
 Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
 Will lead me on  
 O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
 The night' is gone,  
 And with the morn those Angel faces smile,  
 Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

*J. H. Newman, 1801 - 90.*

## 20

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
 O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
 Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
 For we have no help but thee;  
 Yet possessing every blessing  
 If our God our Father be.

Saviour! breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
 All our weakness thou dost know,  
 Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
 Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
 Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
 Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
 Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
 Love with every passion blending,  
 Pleasure that can never cloy:  
 Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
 Nothing can our peace destroy!

*J. Edmeston, 1791-1867*

## 21

Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
 All thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesu thou art all compassion,  
 Pure unbounded love thou art;  
 Visit us with thy salvation,  
 Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
 Let us all thy life receive;  
 Suddenly return, and never,  
 Never more thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing,  
 Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
 Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
 Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
 Pure and spotless let us be;  
 Let us see thy great salvation,  
 Perfectly restored in thee,  
 Changed from glory into glory,  
 Till in heaven we take our place,  
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise !

*C. Wesley, ' 1707-88.*

## 22

Make me a captive, Lord,  
 And then I shall be free;  
 Force me to render up my sword,  
 And I shall conqueror be.  
 I sink in life's alarms  
 When by myself I stand;  
 Imprison me within thine arms,  
 And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor  
 until it master find;  
 It has no spring of action sure  
 It varies with the wind;  
 It cannot freely move  
 Till thou hast wrought its chain:  
 Enslave it with thy matchless love.  
 And deathless it shall reign.

My power is faint and low  
 Till I have learned to serve;  
 It wants the needed fire to glow,  
 It wants the breeze to nerve;  
 It cannot drive the world  
 Until itself be driven;  
 Its flag can only be unfurled  
 When thou shalt breathe from heaven.

My will is not my own  
 Till thou hast made it thine;  
 If it would reach a monarch's throne  
 It must its crown resign;  
 It only stands unbent  
 Amid the clashing strife,  
 When on thy bosom it has leant,  
 And found in thee its life.

*G. Matheson.*

## 23

My faith looks up to thee,  
 Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
 Saviour divine!  
 Now hear me while I pray,  
 Take all my guilt away,  
 O let me from this day  
 Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart  
 Strength to my fainting heart,  
 My zeal inspire;  
 As thou hast died for me,  
 O may my love to thee  
 Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
 A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
 And griefs around me spread,  
 Be thou my guide;  
 Bid darkness turn to day,  
 Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
 Nor let me ever stray  
 From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,  
 When death's cold sullen stream  
     Shall o'er me roll,  
 Blest Saviour, then in love  
 Fear and distrust remove;  
 O bear me safe above,  
     A ransomed soul.

*Ray palmer, 1808-1887*

## 24

New every morning is the love  
 Our wakening and uprising prove,  
     Through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
 Restored to life, and power, and thought

New mercies, each returning day,  
 Hover around us while we pray;  
 New Perils past, new sins forgiven,  
 New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

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

Old friends,.old scenes, will lovelier be,  
 As more of heaven in each we see;  
 Some softening gleam of love and prayer  
 Shall dawn on every cross and care.

We need not bid, for cloistered cell,  
 Our neighbour and our work farewell,  
 Nor strive to wind ourselves too high  
 For sinful man beneath the sky:

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

*J. Keble 1792-1866*

## 25

O GOD, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
 And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne  
 Thy Saints have dwelt secure;  
 Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
 And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
 Or earth received her frame,  
 From everlasting thou art God,  
 To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
 Are like an evening gone,  
 Short as the watch that ends the night  
 Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 Bears all its sons away;  
 They fly forgotten, as a dream  
 Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
 And our eternal home.

*I. Watts, 1674-1748*

O Lord, my God! when I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
 Thy pow'r through out, the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee;  
 How great thou art, How great thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
 How great Thou art How great Thou art! .*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
 And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God His son not sparing,  
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
 He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
 And take me home what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

O WORSHIP the King  
 All glorious above;  
 O gratefully sing  
 His power and his love;  
 Our Shield and Defender,  
 The Ancient of days,  
 Pavillioned in splendour,  
 And girded with praise.  
 O tell of his might,  
 O sing of his grace,  
 Whose robe is the light,  
 Whose canopy space.  
 His chariots of wrath  
 The deep thunder-clouds form,  
 And dark is his path  
 On the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store  
 Of wonders untold,  
 Almighty, thy power  
 Hath founded of old;  
 Hath stablished it fast  
 By a changeless decree,  
 And round it hath cast,  
 Like a mantle, the sea.

O measureless Might,  
 Ineffable Love,  
 While Angels delight  
 To hymn thee above,  
 Thy humbler creation,  
 Though feeble their lays,  
 With true adoration  
 Shall sing to thy praise.

## 28

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;  
 To his feet thy tribute bring.  
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
 Who like me his praise should sing?  
*Praise him! Praise him!*  
 Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
 To our fathers in distress;  
 Praise him still the same for ever,  
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
*Praise him! Praise him!*  
 Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
 Well our feeble frame he knows;  
 In his hands he gently bears us,  
 Rescues us from all our foes.  
*Praise him! Praise him!*  
 Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him.  
 Ye behold him face to face;  
 Sun and moon, bow down before him;  
 Dwellers all in time and space.  
*Praise him! Praise him!*  
 Praise with us the God of grace.

*H. F. Lyte, 1793-1847*

## 29

REJOICE, the Lord is King,  
 Your Lord and King adore;  
 Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
 And triumph evermore:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
 The God of truth and love;  
 When he had purged our stains,  
 He took his seat above:  
 His kingdom cannot fail;  
 He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 The keys of death and hell  
 Are to our Jesus given:  
 He sits at God's right hand  
 Till all his foes submit,  
 And bow to his command,  
 And fall beneath his feet:

*C. Wesley, 1707-1788*

## 30

Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
 Let me hide myself in thee;  
 Let the Water and the Blood,  
 From thy riven side which flowed,  
 Be of sin the double cure,  
 Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands  
 Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
 Could my zeal no respite know,  
 Could my tears for ever flow,  
 All for sin could not atone;  
 Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
 Simply to thy Cross I cling;  
 Naked, come to thee for dress;  
 Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
 Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
 Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
 When mine eyes are closed in death,  
 When I soar through tracts unknown,  
 See thee on thy judgment throne;  
 Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
 Let me hide myself in thee.

*A. M. Toplady 1740-1778*

## 31

The Church's one foundation  
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
 She is his new creation  
 By water and the Word:  
 From heaven he came and sought her  
 To be his holy Bride,  
 With his own Blood he bought her,  
 And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
 Yet one o'er all the earth,  
 Her charter of salvation  
 One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;  
 One holy name she blesses,  
 Partakes one holy Food,  
 And to one hope she presses  
 With every grace endued.

Mid toil, and tribulation,  
 And tumult of her war,  
 She waits the consummation  
 Of peace for evermore;  
 Till with the vision glorious  
 Her longing eyes are blest,  
 And the great Church victorious  
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
 With God the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion  
 With those whose rest is won;  
 O happy ones and holy!  
 Lord, give us grace that we  
 Like them, the meek and lowly,  
 On high may dwell with thee.

*S. J. Stone, 1839-1900*

## 32

The Lord's my Shepherd, I 'll not want;;  
 He makes me down to lie  
 In pastures green; he leadeth me  
 The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
 And me to walk doth make  
 Within the paths of righteousness,  
 E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
 Yet will I fear no ill,  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod  
 And staff me comfort still

My table thou hast furnished  
 In presence of my foes:  
 My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
 And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
 Shall surely follow me,  
 And in God's house for evermore  
 My dwelling place shall be.

*W. Whittingham 1524-79.*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
 All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry  
 Everything to God in prayer!  
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
 Oh, what needless pain we bear  
 All because we do not carry  
 Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
 Is there trouble anywhere?  
 We should never be discouraged;  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Can we find a friend so faithful,  
 Who will all our sorrows share?  
 Jesus knows our every weakness-  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
 Cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Saviour, still our refuge-  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

When I needed a neighbour, were you there  
 were you there?  
 When I needed a neighbour were you there  
 And the creed and the colour and the  
 name won't matter,  
 Were you there.  
 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,  
 were you there?  
 I was hungry and thirsty were you there?  
 I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
 were you there?  
 I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
 When I needed a shelter were you there,  
 were you there?  
 When I needed a shelter were you there?  
 When I needed a healer, were you there,  
 were you there.  
 When I needed a healer were you there?  
 Where'er you travel, I'll be there,  
 I'll be there  
 Where 'er you travel, I'll be there.

When I survey the wondrous Cross,  
 On which the Prince of glory died,  
 My richest gain I count but loss,  
 And pour my contempt on all my pride  
 Forbid it Lord, that I should boast  
 Save in the death of Christ my God;  
 All the vain things that charm me most,  
 I sacrifice them to his blood.

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

His dying crimson like a robe,  
 Spreads o'r body on the Tree;  
 Then am I dead to all the globe,  
 And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
 That were a present far too small;  
 Love so amazing, so devine,  
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## 36

*Precious Lord, take my hand,  
 Lead me on, let me stand,  
 I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn,  
 Through the storm, thro' the night,  
 lead me on to the light,  
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.*

- 1 When my way grows drear  
 Precious Lord, linger near  
 When my life is almost gone  
 Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,  
 Take my hand precious Lord, lead me on.
- 2 When my work is all done  
 And my race here is run,  
 Let me see by the light thou hast shown  
 That fair city so bright, with the lamp is the light  
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

