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# Prayers and Thanksgivings

## Upon Several Occasions

¶ To be used before the Prayer for all Conditions of Men, or when that is not said, before the General Thanksgiving of Morning and Evening Prayer, and at other times.

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#### **For the Coming of Christ's Kingdom and Universal Peace**

**O** ALMIGHTY Father, thou King eternal, immortal, invisible, thou only wise God our Saviour; Hasten, we beseech thee, the coming upon earth of the kingdom of thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and draw the whole world of mankind into willing obedience to his blessed reign. Overcome all his enemies, and bring low every power that is exalted against him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars and fightings among us, and let thy Spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Repair the desolations of former days; rejoice the wilderness with beauty; and make glad the city with thy law. Establish every work that is founded on truth and equity, and fulfil all the good hopes and desires of thy people. Manifest thy will, Almighty Father, in the brotherhood of man, and bring in universal peace; through the victory of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **For the Church**

**O** GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt,

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purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

### For the Unity of God's People

**O** GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Deliver thy Church, we beseech thee, from all prejudice and contention, and whatsoever else may 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 of one mind, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For Meetings of Ecclesiastical Bodies

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, by thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world; We beseech thee to be with the Council of this portion of thy Church *here* assembled in thy Name and Presence. Save *us* from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern *us* in *our* work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the comfortable Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into thy fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life; through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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### For Congregations

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; Grant that by the operation of the Holy Ghost, all Christians may be so joined together in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may be an holy temple, acceptable unto thee. And especially to this congregation present, give the abundance of thy grace; That with one heart they may desire the prosperity of thy holy Church, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the saints. Defend them from the sins of heresy and schism; let not the foot of pride come nigh to hurt them, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast them down. And grant, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; That so they may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting; through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### A Prayer for the Congress

¶ To be used during its Sessions.

**M**OST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; That all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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### For Other Law-making Bodies

**O** GOD, the Fountain of wisdom, whose statutes are good and gracious and whose law is truth; We beseech thee so to guide and bless the Legislature of this State, and all other legislative bodies, that they may ordain for our governance only such things as will please thee, to the welfare of the people, and the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For Courts of Justice

**A**Lmighty God, whose judgements are true and right; We humbly beseech thee to bless and guide all Magistrates and Courts of Justice throughout our land; granting unto them knowledge and firmness; enduing them with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of thee alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For Pastors, or Ministers-in-Charge

**O**HOLY Jesus, who hast purchased to thyself a universal Church, and hast promised to be with thy Ministers to the end of the world; Be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to thee in this house, which is called by thy Name. May the words of his mouth, and the meditation of his heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength, and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

**O**LORD Jesus Christ, we beseech thee that the Ministers of thy Gospel, here and everywhere, may be true to their calling. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit, that they may remember the words of Holy Writ, that their understanding thereof may be enlightened, and that their witness may be in truth and with power, to the salvation of sinners and the edifying of saints. May they rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments, and by their life and

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doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word. May they be to all men wholesome examples in faith, word, love, chastity, and fidelity; that so thy Name may be glorified, who art, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Those about to be Ordained**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself a universal Church by the precious blood of thy dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons, to serve in the Ministry of thy Church. And to those who shall be ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed diverse Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For the Increase of the Ministry**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, look mercifully upon the world which thou hast redeemed by the blood of thy dear Son; and, by thy Holy Spirit, incline the hearts of many to dedicate themselves to the sacred Ministry of thy Church; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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### For Missions

**O** GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, bring the nations into thy fold, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For Missionaries

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, the Desire of all nations, who didst come down from heaven to seek and to save the lost; Grant thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon thy missionary servants who are carrying the light of thy Gospel to the dark places of the earth. Preserve them from every danger to which they may be exposed; from perils by land and sea, from persecution and pestilence, from discouragement in their labours, and from the devices of the adversary. May they see thy work prospering in their hands; and do thou hasten the time, O gracious Saviour, when the multitude of the heathen shall be gathered into thy fold, and when all in every land who neglect thy salvation shall be converted unto thee. And to thee, Lord Jesus, be the praise; unto whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### For Ministers and People

**M**OST gracious God, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts; Give thy grace, we beseech thee, to all the Ministers of thy Word; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and

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due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Holy Spirit**

**O** GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, this congregation with thy love and favour; Enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Our Country**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour. Bless us with industry, prosperity, learning, and purity of life. Save us from discord and violence, and from pride and arrogancy. Preserve us from public calamities, pestilence, and famine; from war, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; and especially from national sins and corruption. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with wisdom those in authority, that justice and peace may prevail. Make us strong and great in the fear of God, and in the love of righteousness, that, blessed of thee, we may be a blessing to all people. In prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in trouble suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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### For the Army, the Navy, and the Air Forces of Our Country

**A**LMIGHTY God, the strong Tower and Refuge of thy people; We entreat thy favour upon the officers and all who are enlisted in the service of defence of our country, upon land, and on the water, and in the air. Ever spare them from being ordered into a war of aggression or oppression. Use them if need be, as thine instruments, in the defence of our national life and liberty. But restrain, we beseech thee, the greed and wrath of man, that wars may cease in all the earth. Deepen in the hearts of our defenders the spirit of peace; and, for his sake, may they ever love and serve the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### In Time of War and Tumults

**O** ALMIGHTY God, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory; through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** LORD God of infinite mercy, we humbly beseech thee to look down with pity upon the nations now engaged in war. Reckon not against thy people their many iniquities, for from the lusts of our own hearts come wars and fightings amongst us. Look in compassion on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness, and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Tenderly regard those who abide at home in fear, privation, and sorrow. Remove in thy good providence all causes and occasions of war; and of thy great goodness restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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### **For Those about to be Confirmed**

**B**LESS, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, those soon to present themselves here, to make audible confession of thy Son, Jesus the Christ, as their Saviour and their Lord. May they ever be unswerving, and their confession true. Keep them ever obedient to thy holy will and commandments, and faithful in the communion of thy Church, and in thy service, to the glory of the great Head of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For Youth, and Institutions of Learning**

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Author of all being, our only true Guide and Protector; Visit with thy blessing, we pray thee, our church schools and institutions of learning. Inspire the teachers with a proper sense of their solemn duties, and with grace and strength to fulfil them. May our youth be trained up in thy nurture and admonition. Implant in their hearts that fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom, and that faith which worketh by love and overcometh the world. Fill their memories with the words of thy Law. Open their understandings to the truth, as it is in Jesus; so that, made wise unto salvation, they may escape the pollutions of error and sin, and become strong in thy hands for the maintenance of pure and undefiled religion among men. Grant this, for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Saviour. *Amen.*

### **For Schools and Colleges**

**T**HOU only wise God, our Saviour, with whom are all the treasures of heavenly understanding; Illuminate all schools and colleges and universities with the light that cometh from above; That those who teach may be taught of thee, and those who learn may be led by thy Spirit; and grant, that by the increase of knowledge, thy truth may be confirmed and thy glory manifested; through Jesus Christ, thy Living Word. *Amen.*

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### For Christian Education

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; Enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn; that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For Children

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who dost embrace children with the arms of thy mercy, and dost make them living members of thy Church; Give them grace, we pray thee, to stand fast in thy faith, to obey thy word, and to abide in thy love; that, being made strong by thy Holy Spirit, they may resist temptation and overcome evil, and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with thee in the life that is to come; through thy merits, O merciful Saviour, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality

**O** MOST mighty and merciful God, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; In this time of grievous sickness we flee unto thee for relief. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to thy ministers of healing; bless the means of cure; and grant, that, perceiving how frail is our earthly life, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For a Person under Affliction

**O** MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us, in thy holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to *him*; endure *his* soul

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with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon *him* and give *him* peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For Persons in Bereavement

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, who thyself didst weep beside the grave, and art touched with the feeling of our sorrows; Fulfil now thy promise that thou wilt not leave thy people comfortless, but wilt come to them. Reveal thyself unto thine afflicted servants, for whom our prayers are desired, and cause them to hear thee saying, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Help them, O Lord, to turn to thee with true discernment, and to abide in thee through living faith; that, finding now the comfort of thy presence, they may have also a sure confidence in thee for all that is to come: until the day break, and the shadows flee away. Hear us for thy great mercy's sake, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For a Person, or Persons, Going to Sea

**O** ETERNAL God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; We commend to thine almighty protection, thy *servant*, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard *him*, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For a Person, or Persons, Traveling by Land or by Air

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast raised up the mountains and laid low the valleys, who hast marked the great highways of the earth, and dost direct the courses of the winds and clouds; With thy protecting care overshadow, guide, and guard, we beseech thee, those who travel by land or by air;

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and especially thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired. Protect *him* from sickness, from violence, from accident, and from all other perils to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* safely to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For a Sick Person

**O** FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick *servant* [*N*], for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory. And grant that when this life is ended, through faith in thy dear Son, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, for the sake of the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### For a Sick Child

**A**LMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, thou who alone canst heal; Behold, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of thy mercy, the sick *child* for whom our prayers are desired. If it be thy good pleasure, deliver *him*, O Lord, from *his* bodily pain, and prolong *his* days here on earth; that *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the love of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### For Prisoners

**O** GOD, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy; We humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, to comfort and succour all prisoners. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of thy

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warnings and promises, that they may put their confidence in thee, and in thee alone. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty. And, forasmuch as thou alone canst bring light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that thy grace may impel the guilty to seek that only Redeemer who can free their souls from the chains of sin; and this we beg for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Christian Service**

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; We beseech thee to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow men. Endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; that, being inspired by thy love, they may worthily minister in thy Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For Social Justice**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast created man in thine own image; Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Every Man in his Work**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants, and to the benefit of our fellow men; for the sake of him who

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came among us as one that serveth, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Impenitent**

**O** MERCIFUL God, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, and hast revealed thyself as pardoning iniquity through thine only Son; We beseech thee to have mercy upon the impenitent and unbelieving, especially upon such as may be here present. Awaken in them by thy Holy Spirit, a deep sense of their sinfulness and peril. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word. Make them to know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby they must be saved, but only the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And so fetch them home and number them among thy children, that they may be thine for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Rain**

**O** GOD, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; Send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thine honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Fair Weather**

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to restrain those immoderate rains, wherewith thou hast afflicted us; And we pray thee to send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may, in due time, yield her increase, for our use and benefit; and give us grace, that we may learn, by thy visitations, to

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amend our lives, and for thy clemency to give thee thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### In Time of Dearth and Famine

**O** GOD, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth bring forth her increase; Behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people; increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we now most justly suffer for our sins, may, through thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty; for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### For Fruitful Seasons

¶ To be used on Rogation Sunday and the Rogation Days.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth whatsoever is needful for the life of man, and hast commanded us to work with quietness, and eat our own bread; Bless the labours of the husbandman, and grant such seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth, and ever rejoice in thy goodness, to the praise of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GRACIOUS Father, who openest thy hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness; We beseech thee of thine infinite goodness to hear us, who now make our prayers and supplications unto thee. Remember not our sins, but thy promises of mercy. Vouchsafe to bless the lands and multiply the harvests of the world. Let thy breath go forth that it may renew the face of the earth. Show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and so fill us with good things that the poor and needy may give thanks unto thy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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### A Prayer for Penitence

**M**OST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them, and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

### A Prayer for Forgiveness

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto thee; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### A Prayer for Christian Faith

**A**LMIGHTY God and heavenly Father; Open thou our eyes that we may see ourselves to be sinners in thy sight, partakers of a fallen nature, and actual transgressors against thee. Enable us to realize our continual need, both of thy pardoning mercy and of thy quickening grace, and to receive Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of our souls. May we trust in his atonement, and rely on his intercession, as our only hope. Rejoicing in thy free salvation, and renouncing our own righteousness, may we walk in the way of thy commandments, serving thee faithfully, and striving against every sin; through the grace that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

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### A Prayer for Future Protection

**A**LMIGHTY God, by whose will we were created, by whose providence we have been sustained, and by whose mercy we have been called to the knowledge of eternal life; Vouchsafe unto us evermore thy preserving and protecting grace. Unto thee, the support of our infancy, the help of our youth, and the guide of our advancing years, do we commit our lives for the time to come. In all our ways we acknowledge thee; and wilt thou direct our paths. In our prosperity, give us grace to use with moderation our several enjoyments, and a compassionate spirit for the wants of others. Save us from those temptations which might occasion our fall; and in our adversity, impart unto us patience and strength. These blessings we ask in the Name of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### A Bidding Prayer

- ¶ To be used before Sermons, or on special occasions.
- ¶ And note, That the Minister, in his discretion, may omit any of the clauses in this Prayer, or may add others, as occasion may require.

**G**OOD Christian People, I bid your prayers for Christ's holy Catholic Church, the blessed company of all faithful people; that it may please God to confirm and strengthen it in purity of faith, in holiness of life, and in perfectness of love, and to restore to it the witness of visible unity; and more especially for that branch of the same planted by God in this land, whereof we are members; that in all things it may work according to God's will, serve him faithfully, and worship him acceptably.

Ye shall pray for the President of these United States, and for the Governor of this State, and for all who are in authority; that all, and every one of them, may serve truly in their several callings to the glory of God, and the edifying and well-governing of the people, remembering the account they shall be called upon to give at the last great day.

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Ye shall also pray for the ministers of God's holy Word and Sacraments; for Bishops [*and herein more especially for the Bishop of this Diocese*], that they may minister faithfully and wisely the discipline of Christ; likewise for all Presbyters and Deacons [*and herein more especially for the Clergy here residing*], that they may shine as lights in the world, and in all things may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

And ye shall pray for a due supply of persons fitted to serve God in the Ministry and in the State; and to that end, as well as for the good education of all the youth of this land, ye shall pray for all schools, colleges, and seminaries of sound and godly learning, and for all whose hands are open for their maintenance; that whatsoever tends to the advancement of true religion and useful learning may for ever flourish and abound.

Ye shall pray for all the people of these United States, that they may live in the true faith and fear of God, and in brotherly charity one towards another.

Ye shall pray also for all who travel by land, sea, or air; for all prisoners and captives; for all who are in sickness or in sorrow; for all who have fallen into grievous sin; for all who, through temptation, ignorance, helplessness, grief, trouble, dread, or the near approach of death, especially need our prayers.

Ye shall also praise God for rain and sunshine; for the fruits of the earth; for the products of all honest industry; and for all his good gifts, temporal and spiritual, to us and to all men.

Finally, ye shall yield unto God most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all his saints, who have been the choice vessels of his grace and the lights of the world in their several generations; and pray unto God, that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good examples; that, this life ended, we may be made partakers with them of the glorious resurrection, and the life everlasting.

## COLLECTS

And now, brethren, summing up all our petitions, and all our thanksgivings, in the words which Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living; to the honour and praise of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**D**IRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**B**LESSED be thy Name, O Lord God, for that it hath pleased thee to have thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon the earth; Bless, we beseech thee, the religious services of this day, and grant that in this place which is dedicated to thee, thy holy Name may be worshiped, and thy Gospel preached in truth and purity throughout all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## INVOCATIONS

### **An Alternate Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins**

**T**HE Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath in his holy Word given assurance that he pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him ever to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **An Alternate Prayer of Humble Access to Holy Communion**

**W**E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

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**L**ET the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. *Amen.* *Psalm 19:14*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.* *St. Matthew 28:19*

## ASCRPTIONS OF PRAISE

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**N**OW unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**N**OW unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen nor can see: to him be honour and power everlasting. *Amen.* *1 Timothy 6:15, 16*

**N**OW unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.* *Jude 24, 25*

**U**NTO him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Revelation 1:5, 6*

**W**ORTHY is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. *Amen.* *Revelation 5:12*

**B**LESSING, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Revelation 5:13*

**A**ND now unto God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, three Persons, one God, be ascribed, as is most justly due, all might, majesty, dominion, and power, both now and for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

## BENEDICTIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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**T**HE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

**G**RACE, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, through the Holy Spirit our Comforter, be and abide with you all for evermore. *Amen.*

**G**OD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless you, and keep you; the LORD make his Face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the LORD lift up his Countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

### THANKSGIVINGS

#### **Upon a National Day of Thanksgiving**

**M**OST gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew; We yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies; such as may appear in our

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lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

**M**OST high and mighty Ruler of the universe, by whom our nation hath been established in freedom and preserved in union; We thank and praise thee for thy favour shown unto our fathers, and thy faithfulness continued unto their children; For the rich land given us for an inheritance, for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful Providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And we humbly pray that, enjoying thy gifts in contentment, we may be enabled by thy grace to use them to thy praise. Especially we thank thee for thy great love in sending thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, and in calling us out of our sins into fellowship with him. And we beseech thee to grant us always thy Holy Spirit, through whom we may grow continually in thankfulness toward thee, as also into the likeness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Rain**

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, by whose gracious providence the former and the latter rain descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; We give thee humble thanks that it hath pleased thee to send us rain, to the great comfort of us thine unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy Name; through thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Fair Weather**

**O** LORD God, who hast justly humbled us by thy late visitation of us with immoderate rain and waters, and in thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this

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seasonable and blessed change of weather; We praise and glorify thy holy Name for this thy mercy, and will always declare thy loving-kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Plenty**

**O** MOST merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty; We give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Peace, and Deliverance from our Enemies**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies; We yield thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and imminent dangers wherewith we were compassed. We acknowledge that it is of thy goodness that we were not delivered as a prey unto them; and we beseech thee still to continue thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Restoring Public Peace at Home**

**O** ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, and stillest the outrage of a violent and unruly people; We bless thy holy Name, that it hath pleased thee to appease the seditious tumults which have been lately raised up amongst us; most humbly beseeching thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these thy mercies towards us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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### For the Increase of the Ministry

**A**LMIGHTY God, who dost look mercifully upon the world which thou hast redeemed by the blood of thy dear Son; and, by thy Holy Spirit, hast inclined the *hearts* of thy *servants* to dedicate *themselves* to the sacred Ministry of thy Church; We yield thee humble thanks that thou hast vouchsafed to answer our prayers, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For a Recovery from Sickness

**O** GOD, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless thy Name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness *this* thy *servant*, who now *desireth* to return thanks unto thee, in the presence of thy people. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his heart* be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For a Child's Recovery from Sickness

**A**LMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness the *child* in whose behalf we bless and praise thy Name, in the presence of thy people. Grant, we beseech thee, O gracious Father, that *he*, through thy help, may both faithfully live in this world according to thy will, and also may be *partaker* of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For Deliverance from a Time of Great Sickness

**W**E humbly acknowledge before thee, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatened in thy law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart; Yet seeing it hath pleased thee of thy tender mercy, upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to assuage the great sick-

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ness wherewith we lately have been sore afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings; We offer unto thy Divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying thy glorious Name for thy preservation and providence over us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Deliverance from Peril**

**O** GOD, merciful Father, we praise thee in that thou hast heard us in the hour of distress, and art become our salvation. Thou art a God full of compassion, and plenteous in mercy. We are alive to praise thee this day, not for our worthiness, but because of thy great mercies. When we were in distress, thou didst help us; when trouble was hard upon us, and our strength failed, thine almighty arm was our defence. Accept our thanksgiving, and keep us ever mindful of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Thanksgiving of Women after Child-birth**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of child-birth, this woman, thy servant, who desireth now to offer her praises and thanksgivings unto thee. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that she, through thy help, may faithfully live according to thy will in this life, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Safe Return from a Journey**

**M**OST gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works; We praise thy holy Name that thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety, through the perils of the great deep (*or of his journey*), *this thy servant*, who now *desireth* to return *his* thanks unto thee in thy holy Church. May *he* be duly sensible of thy merciful providence towards *him*, and ever express *his* thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*