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Who, now since your return from exile,
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Who, having run the race of Virtue,
Have now received the Prize :

Who, having taken the Kingdom of
Heaven by force,

Rejoice over the Spoil you have secured :

Who, clothed in white raiment,
Follow the LAMB whithersoever He
goeth :

Whom, having passed through fire and
water,

The LORD hath brought into a wealthy
Place :

Who, having sowed in tears,

Have come again with joy,

Bringing your sheaves with you :

Once ye hungered and thirsted after
Righteousness;

Ye are now satisfied with

The Goodness of GOD.

Once ye sought not your own ;

Now ye receive a hundred-fold at

The Hand of GOD :

Once ye were faithful Servants and
Stewards ;
Now the LORD hath made you Rulers
Over all that He hath :
Once ye were lowly in your own eyes,
And lightly esteemed of the World ;
Now ye are raised to high honour,
And your exaltation is confirmed :
Having ploughed the tempestuous sea
of this World ;
Ye enjoy the safety of the haven of
Eternal Rest,
Secure as to yourselves,
Ye are yet anxious for us :
So the Band of Love which unites
In CHRIST the Citizens of
The Militant and Triumphant Church
Bids us hope.
BE THOU PROPITIOUS,
O Lord Jesus Christ,
KING AND CROWN OF THE
SAINTS.

Happy are they that dwell in Thy house
They will be always praising Thee.



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Preface.

IN the gradual revival of Catholic doctrine and practice, which has leavened the Church of England during the past and present generations, the question of the Invocation of Saints and Angels has not attracted that attention which its importance in the scheme of revealed Truth demands. Many causes may be assigned for this neglect of an integral portion of any consistent belief in the dogma of the Communion of Saints. The descent and early training of those who originated the Tractarian Revival in the first days of the Oxford Movement: the doctrine of Reserve which they both taught and acted upon to so wide an extent: and the almost individual absorption of the personal leaders of the Church Party into the Roman Communion, when they had grasped but a comparatively small proportion of the circle of truths which we are now thankful to accept in greater entirety—these causes but imperfectly account for the neglect with which this Article

of the Creed has been treated by English Catholics.

This neglect has doubtless been overruled by Almighty GOD for the good of His Church. However incomplete was the faith of those who were led to seek for greater privileges at the price of fewer responsibilities; and however unwise may have been the practice of keeping back GOD'S truth from GOD'S people, even in the state of society which witnessed the birth of the Catholic Revival, there can be little doubt that the doctrine of Invocation had but a slender chance of acceptance with the Oxford School of thought in the period of its infancy. Whether or not a more full and frank avowal of higher principles and deeper truths, together with the adoption of a more worthy ceremonial to enshrine and announce them, might have still kept in our Communion those many whose places have not been and cannot be filled, it is difficult to say. Doubtless there were many difficulties to be overcome to which we, at the present day, are not subjected, and of which we can form but a faint idea. But the fact remains uncontradicted. The doctrine of Reserve was adopted. Ritual development was not encouraged. And well nigh to a man the flower of the Catholic Party was transplanted to a soil which, if it afforded not all that was anticipated, yet provided much that was before denied.

On the other hand, it must not be forgotten that great principles were fought for and were

gained by those who have gone before ; nor that the standard of the externals of the Faith was much raised by these pioneers in the Movement. Nor, again, can it be denied that many truths both in theory and practice which we prize and hold to, as of the chiefest importance, were not classed by the Writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews amongst the first principles of the Christian Religion, and find no place, except implicitly, in the Creeds. Yet, it is most true, that much elementary teaching which we might fairly claim to have inherited from our fathers in the faith, we have had laboriously to search out for ourselves, painfully to prove to others, and in different degrees to witness to and suffer for on behalf of the Church.

One by one, either in questions of doctrine, or in matters of practice, have the traditional articles of the Creed of Christendom, in our day, been gradually re-asserted in a Branch of the Church which, from different points of view, has been considered as a dead or a decaying Branch. The like fate in kind, and a similar fate in degree, has followed each successive revival of Catholic teaching or Catholic usage. The belief has been proclaimed, or the ceremonial has been introduced, and the development from a lower to a higher stage, either in the domain of dogma, or in the sphere of sense, forthwith attracts to itself, in a varying scale of intensity, the only requisite needful for ultimate acceptance—public attention. The interest of the world having been excited, its oppo-

sition, which is the second element of assured success, is aroused. Then comes the phase of criticism by the press, antagonism and malediction from different quarters, threatened or actual prosecution, possibly suffering, and certainly the modified form of Confessorship, which alone the nineteenth century can bestow. Meanwhile, the inculcated doctrine or the denounced usage has secured a wider and ever widening range of public notoriety and of private consideration ; and in the end, to a greater or a less degree, and in a longer or shorter period, the revived truth invariably finds acceptance, and occasionally secures popularity, to an extent which the most sanguine of its advocates could not have ventured to predict.

The neglect to which the dogma and the practice of Invocation has been hitherto condemned, seems now in a fair way to test the law of Catholic development in the case of doctrinal revival. In the wholly abnormal condition of Christian opinion in England, on the vital point of the Communion of Saints, which has existed for the last three centuries, and in which we find ourselves placed, the effort for revival has to be made. That the question has to be met and answered admits of no doubt. That the present is as favourable a time as can be expected, for its assertion in the generation now passing away, may be conceded. Most of the fundamental verities of the Faith have been successfully pronounced anew, and

have been favourably received. It is time, therefore, that advantage should be taken of such success to hold out further truths for general reception. But the sins of omission on the part of our spiritual fathers are visited on their children. The less able disciples are called upon to enforce principles and to encourage practices which the more able masters would have found it difficult to popularise. They have to influence a public which recognises neither the privilege nor the duty of Invocation. They have to educate those, who only do not decline to be taught the truth, in a system of doctrines of which the Invocation of the Saints and Angels forms an integral portion. That system, with its manifold adjuncts and its almost endless connection with correlative doctrines, is included in a full realization of the Communion of Saints. Such is the line of duty now opened out to us. These great subjects ought not to be, and cannot be, longer overpast by us. It remains to be seen how we shall perform our duty, and how we shall meet the opposition which such performance will surely entail. That the course to be run by the doctrine of the Communion of Saints will differ, by the force of opposition, from the course followed by other Articles of the Faith when first revived, is not to be expected. That its final result will be identical with the result attained by other unpopular and unpalatable truths, when openly taught and per-

sistently acted on, is not to be doubted. Past neglect is to be atoned for by present zeal. It is to be remedied by men in many ways inferior to those giants who were pioneers in the Movement, yet by men who have practically extended the Faith far more widely. And though the spiritual work may be less artistically finished, the result will be more successful in popularising this article of the Creed, if only on these grounds, that those who assert the doctrine are assured of its position in the circle of Catholic Truth, and have no doubt of their own position in that Branch of CHRIST'S Church in which they have been called by Him to minister.

In addition to two Manuals of devotion, there have lately appeared three treatises which distinctly advocate the doctrine of the Invocation of Saints and Angels. One of these treatises forms a portion of an *Explanation of the xxxix Articles*, by the Bishop of Brechin, under the consideration of the Twenty-second Article. Another is contained in one of the Essays in the last series of *The Church and the World*, entitled the Invocation of Saints and Angels, by Canon Humble. The third takes the form of an Introductory Essay to a Life of the Blessed Virgin, *The Femall Glory*, on the Cultus of our Lady, by an Anglican Priest. These three treatises have, comparatively speaking, broken new ground in the

English theological mind of the present century : and sufficient thanks can hardly be accorded to their respective reverend authors for their boldness, in obedience to their convictions, in thus adventuring themselves into so unpopular an arena of polemical controversy. None of these three treatises was intended to be exhaustive of the wide subject on which they were written. But they have succeeded in again placing before the Church of to-day, and in attracting the attention of Churchmen, to a portion of their Catholic inheritance, which for more than one generation of home-missionary labour had been denied to them—possibly with good reason, yet certainly denied to them—by their earlier teachers.

The present Manual is intended to supplement practically the work effected dogmatically by these treatises on the Invocation of the Saints. Yet neither does this book purpose to be exhaustive in the illustrations of Catholic devotion which it affords. As the first announced Manual of its kind for the use of English Churchmen, though its publication has been delayed, and as one of the earliest issued, it was considered wise to contract the area proposed to be occupied, rather than to extend its proportions. Hence, with a single exception, the Saints personally invoked in the present Manual are those with whom our Blessed LORD was pleased to be associated on earth, or unto whom He revealed Himself after His Resurrection.

The exception occurs in the Greek Canon translated in the body of the work, and was rendered needful from the exigencies of the acrostic form in which the Ode was composed. But this limitation affords a plain mark of division between those whom it would be otherwise a matter of exceeding difficulty to divide: and whilst it comprises the Blessed Virgin, the Apostles of the LORD JESUS, S. Paul, the Evangelists, S. John Baptist, with other primitive Disciples mentioned in Holy Scripture, it excludes the Is-apostolic Fathers, the early Martyrs, the great Doctors of the Church, the saintly Virgins, the holy Confessors, and the Saints of later Christendom. The three Arch-angels have also been invoked by name. It is much to be hoped, however, that an effort may be made to remedy the deficiency which the present Editor felt himself unequal to supply, to give that honour to the non-scriptural Saints which has been attempted for the Saints whose names are recorded on the pages of Holy Writ, and who are specially commemorated by the Church of England.

The manner also of Invocation has been carefully dealt with. It is believed that Catholic custom in this matter has been mainly followed. As a rule, the two forms of Invocation are restricted to two several kinds of devotion. The direct method of Invocation—or the asking for the prayers of the Saints from themselves—is generally confined to the Litany form of pleading.

The indirect method—or the asking for the prayers of the Saints through Almighty GOD—takes the form of Collects. Of course this rule in Catholic devotion admits of wide exceptions. But in the present little volume the rule has been adhered to almost exclusively—save only in the case of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Moreover, the distinction, which is a thoroughly Catholic distinction as defined by Cardinal Bellarmine, between asking “the Saints that they, as authors of Divine benefits, would grant us means to beatitude,” and asking from them their intercessions to this end—is adhered to in the present compilation. And any language, in the Hymns for instance, which may seem to forget such distinction is to be interpreted by this rule; and the Reader is to understand that it is the Saints’ prayers alone, for benefits desired, that are asked.

The contents of this Manual are fourfold in kind :—

I. The first Part contains Meditations on the practice of the Invocation of Saints, under the form of Colloquies between the Divine Master and the Disciple. The manner in which the practice is here introduced to the Reader—at once temperate, devout and Scriptural—bespeaks the assent of those who use it for the conclusions at which it arrives. The Colloquies are translated from the *Paradisus Animæ Christianæ*, by Horst.

II. Litanies of the Holy Saints and An-

gels follow in the second Part. These are taken or compiled from various sources. Some Litanies are translated from the *Paradisus* and from the *Cæleste Palmetum*—a book not so well known amongst us as it deserves to be—themselves in turn compiled from Holy Writ. Some are taken from the Collects for Saints'-days and other Festivals of the English and other Churches. And some are newly compiled directly from the New Testament, on the words and works of the Apostles and other Saints.

III. The "Devotions" in the third Part are of more varied origin: and the sacred literature of both the East and West has been laid under contribution. A method of reciting the LORD'S Prayer with a commemoration of the Saints, is taken from the *Paradise* of Horst. The Sunday of All Saints and the Supplicatory Canon come from an Eastern origin. And the Prayers of the Holy Angels—S. Michael, S. Gabriel, S. Raphael, Guardian Angel, and all holy Angels; the Prayers of the Blessed Virgin; the Prayers of all the Saints, according to their Orders—Patriarchs and Prophets, Martyrs and Confessors, Virgins and Saints; and the Collects of the Apostles, are rendered, or adapted, from Greek, English, and Latin sources — from the Greek Synopsis and the Eastern Office Books, from the Roman Liturgy, the Paris Missal, the Mozarabic Breviary, the Sarum Encheiridion, and the English Book of Common Prayer.

IV. The last division of the Manual contains Hymns, translated or original, from the *Paradise*, the Roman and Sarum Offices; the *Hymns* of the late Rev. F. W. Faber, the *Lyra Catholica* and *Poems* of the Rev. E. Caswall, and the *Lauda Syon* and *Encheiridion* of J. D. Chambers, Esq. This division might have been easily and beneficially increased, had not the bulk to which the book was limited forbidden further extension.

It will be observed that the Collects and Prayers of S. Mary occupy but a small portion of the contents of the following pages. This course was adopted with the intention of supplying this deficiency, at a future time, in a companion volume devoted entirely to the Cultus of our Lady. Her claims, however, have not been overlooked in the present book. One division of the "Devotions" is exclusively set aside to Prayers of the Blessed Virgin, and her Invocation heads the Invocation of the Saints in the Litanies in the second Part. Full justice could not be done, it was thought, in the way of selection, to the devotions of Blessed Mary in a portion of a small volume assigned to the Invocation of Saints in general.

The attention of those who use this Manual is claimed for two features in its composition. Firstly, for the manner in which the Prayers of the Church, and es-

pecially the Collects of the English Liturgy, have been either adapted to the purpose of this book, or have been manipulated into the form of Litanies, for the first time, it is believed, in the interests of the Invocation of Saints. And secondly, for the way in which the events of Holy Scripture, and the words and deeds of the Saints of the New Testament have been made subservient to the same end. Familiarity with the language of the Prayer Book, and the evident advantage of employing devout thoughts in the matchless phraseology in which they are expressed, suggested the use of the former. And the latter was adopted from the belief that the use of Scriptural language, and allusions to the well-remembered events of the Gospel story, would strike a chord in the hearts both of those who invoke on earth, and of those who are commemorated in Heaven, which would stimulate the one to more devout pleading, and would kindle the zeal of the other to more active intercession.

In the compilation of this Manual I have to acknowledge with many thanks the kind co-operation of members of the Greek, English and Latin Churches. To the publishers of the Hymns of Mr. Caswall and the late Dr. Faber, Messrs. Burns and Richardson, I have to express my obligations. And to Mr. Burns I am also especially indebted for placing the Hymns translated in his Edition of the *Paradise* at my

disposal. The following friends have also afforded me great assistance—the Rev. E. Caswall, with his English version of Latin Hymns, from the *Lyra Catholica*, and his volume of *Poems (Burns)*: J. D. Chambers Esq., by translations in prose and poetry from the *Encheiridion* or *Hours of Prayer of Sarum*, and *Lauda Syon*: the Editors of *Holy Communion (Lumley)*, and *The Little Hours of the Church of England (Masters)*, by the use of Collects: the Rev. Canon Humble, and the Rev. Dr. Littledale, with much literary help and many translations from Greek and Latin sources: the Rev. Athanasius Richardson, by devotions from the Offices and private Prayer Books of the Eastern Church, English versions of which add very much to the value of the Manual, and are taken from sources comparatively little known amongst us; and lastly, in alphabetical order only, J. C. Webster, Esq.

The mingling together of prayers from the devotional treasures of both East and West for our own use, is a plan which appears to have many advantages. The devotions which follow always express the meaning of the original, although they are not always literal translations from them. They have, however, been subjected in some cases to contraction. In cases in which the original form limits the prayers of those who invoke to a certain commemoration or festival, the particular invocation has been made

general; and blanks have been left for the introduction of individual names.

As this Manual is only intended to form a practical commentary upon the treatises on Invocation which have been named above, it seems needless to enter into the doctrinal questions involved in the actual use of Invocation of Saints and Angels. There are, however, certain points on which it is well to anticipate and to answer objections on the part of those who desire to join in these devotions, and who have not had the advantage of reading the dogmatic statements on which they are based. The answers to such objections will best be made in the words of the Bishop of Brechin on Article Twenty-two.

One popular objection to the Invocation of Saints, as held and practised by the Church, is founded on a mistaken interpretation of the Twenty-second Article. The Article asserts that "the Romish doctrine concerning . . . Invocation of Saints, is . . . repugnant to the Word of GOD." Hence persons assume that the Catholic practice of Invocation is condemned by the Church of England as "a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture." Upon which false deduction the Bishop writes thus :—

"Whatever dissidence may be imagined to exist between the preceding Articles and the doctrines as propounded by the Council of Trent, there is none

with regard to the subjects mentioned in the present one; for while the points formerly touched on were ruled by the Church of England subsequently to the earlier decrees of the Council, the questions of Purgatory [which forms the title of Article xxii] and Pardons were not discussed for many months after the publication of the Article. The Article therefore cannot be strained into a condemnation and contradiction of that which did not exist at the time; and we must come to the conviction that it was not the formularised doctrine, but a current and corrupt practice in the Latin or Western Church which is here declared to be 'fond,' and 'vainly invented.' The distinction is a very important one. People are apt to ignore the real reformation which took place within the Latin Church, the wise and scientific treatment to which many points were subjected, and the abuses and scandal which were discountenanced. No doubt the reform might with effect have been carried further . . . Still the Council did a mighty work, and such men as S. Carlo Borromeo . . . S. Filippo Neri, and a host of others who carried on the work, exhibit in their own persons the results that were effected . . . The points against which this Article is directed, may be discerned in many of the satires which immediately preceded the Reformation . . . These exhibit the picture of a great decay of practical religion. Excess always leads to reaction. Superstition is closer to irreligion than men think for, and the misery is, that you can hardly prune away the one without promoting the other. Tear the ivy off the mouldering church wall, and you will bring away part of the wall with it. So was it at the Reformation. It was impossible to reform and not to deform; and as a fact, much that had once been good, and in time abused, was for the time lost. Solemn rites that had lost their significance . . . were cast aside as useless; edifying ceremonies . . . were ignored, doctrines . . . dropped out of sight, and a one-sided view of God's truth was advocated and enforced. This was

specially the case with regard to the subject of the Article. 'The Romish doctrine,' in the earlier type of the Article termed 'the Scholastic doctrine,' was hereby condemned. It only was condemned. But, somehow, people seemed to forget that besides the Romish doctrine on these subjects there was a Catholic doctrine also; that the errors lay rather in the exaggeration and want of proportion of the statements than in the substance; and that, as formerly, there had been danger from excess, there was now danger in defect, in the way of suppressing important truths of the Gospel. For on every one of the points mentioned there is an underlying Christian truth."

Upon the general question of Invocation of Saints, the Bishop of Brechin writes thus:—

"Of all the points of difference between the unreformed churches and ourselves, there is none which has practically widened the difference so much as the Invocation of Saints. The divergence has operated on both sides. Roman Catholics and Orthodox Easterns regard the disuse of this practice as an evidence of great want of faith, and of the presence of an impious unsupernatural temper on the part of the reformed; while these in return have accused of superstition, and even idolatry, the having recourse to any created being in the way of prayer. One cannot help honouring both sentiments, however contrariant their practical results. To live in an atmosphere of faith, to recognise in a very loving and practical way the Communion of Saints, to have faith and confidence, even in the most subordinate powers of the unseen world, sheds a beautiful light over the Christian life of those who have been trained in such devotion; on the other hand one respects that jealousy for the honour and incommunicable privileges of GOD which sees danger where others find food for faith, and which centres all its thought on the One Supreme Invisible

Object of the aspirations of the believing soul. Viewing the matter from this dispassionate light, it shall be our duty, first to assert the truth of the literal meaning of the Article, that the doctrine of the Romanists,¹ 'on the Invocation of Saints,' is 'a fond thing, . . . repugnant to the word of God;' and then to show what has been the real mind of the ancient Church upon the point of doctrine."

Into the former, or negative, portion of this question it is not the province of this preface to enter : on the latter, or positive, part, Bishop Forbes has the following remarks, to which the Reader's attention is directed :—

"There is another aspect which it would be uncandid and unphilosophical to pass over. There are certain high-strung souls, of whose undivided and entire love to GOD there can be no doubt, whose intense personal love to our LORD is the warmest, and who realise His Passion in a measure into which our cold hearts cannot enter, to whom this devotion is congenial. In them it exists in entire subordination to the feelings which the incommunicable right of GOD to our entire selves engender and cultivate. We may not be able to understand them, but such they are. There must, therefore, be some aspect of this practice which appeals to a very high part of our nature, and therefore well deserves our careful consideration. This can best be attained by tracing out the development of the doctrine in the history of the Church. We have, then, to ask two questions : 1. Did the early Church believe in the intercession of those holy persons who have gone to their rest ?

¹ The *doctrina Romanensium*, or Romish doctrine, of the Article ii, the words *Romanenses* and *Romanistæ*, the Bishop reminds us, on the authority of Archdeacon Hardwick, were used as far back as 1520 to designate the *extreme mediæval* party.

and 2. Did the Early Church think it right to address words of petition to them?"

With regard to the first of these questions, the Bishop says, there is not a shadow of doubt; and to the Bishop's explanation the reader is referred for proof; and though "it may seem superfluous to adduce passages from the Fathers to show that they taught that Angels and Saints pray for us, yet it may have its use." And the following Fathers of the Church, Bishops, and Doctors, and Saints, and Martyrs, are quoted from at greater or less length:—Clement of Alexandria, Origen, one of the "older masters" of Origen, S. Dionysius of Alexandria, S. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Eusebius, Didymus of Alexandria, S. James of Nisibis, S. Basil, S. Hilary, the witnesses of the martyrdom of S. Ignatius, S. Cyprian, S. Athanasius, S. Antony, S. Theodotus, S. Cyril of Jerusalem, S. Gregory of Nazianzus, S. Gregory of Nyssa, S. Ambrose, S. Augustine, S. Chrysostom, S. Leo, S. Jerome, Prudentius, and amongst other less well-known Fathers, both individually and collectively, the Bishops of the Œcumenical Council of Chalcedon.

With regard to the second of these questions, the Bishop enquires:—

"Apart from the prayer to GOD to grant favours at the intercession of such or such a Martyr or Saint, . . . did the Early Church think it right

directly to ask the Saints to use those intercessions in whose efficacy they believed?"

For a reply in detail the Reader will refer to the *Explanation of the Articles*. But these words may here be quoted—

"It is true indeed that no instance can be quoted before the Council of Nicæa, except the case . . . out of Acts undoubtedly Apocryphal . . . Yet, it cannot be doubted, that in the latter part of the fourth century the great Fathers who secured and transmitted our faith, practised it and taught it, [the 'Invocation of Saints.']"

And amongst others these Fathers, of both the East and West, may be named—S. Ephrem and S. Damasus, S. Gregory of Nyssa and S. Gregory of Nazianzus, S. Ambrose, S. Basil and S. Cyril, Prudentius and Theodoret, S. Chrysostom, S. Jerome, and S. Augustine.

Such, then, continues Bishop Forbes—

"Such being the authorities for the practice of asking the Prayers and Intercessions of the Saints, even those same great Fathers who jealously guarded for us, and by their toils and sufferings transmitted to us the belief in the All-holy TRINITY, and our Blessed LORD's Divine Person; such being the testimony¹ upon which they tested it, viz., the experience of those who had sought through the Saints what GOD alone could give, and had found it, we have nothing in principle to except against it, if only those errors be guarded against to which our

¹ This testimony may be seen in the Bishop of Brechin's volume under the heading of 'Prayers to the Saints.'

poor human nature is so easily inclined, of betaking ourselves to the Saints, as to beings less holy, less awful, whom the soul ever approaches with less effort and less fear than Him, Who being our Mediator will also be our Judge. The Council of Trent itself desired that 'all superstitions in the Invocation of Saints should be removed.'"

The Bishop thus sums up the whole position:—

"In principle, then, there is no question, herein, between us and any other portion of the Catholic Church . . . Bellarmine lays down formally these propositions: 1. We may not ask the Saints that they, as authors of the Divine benefits, would grant us glory or peace, and other means to beatitude. 2. Saints are not our immediate intercessors with GOD, but whatever they impetrate, they impetrate through CHRIST . . . Even when the incommunicable attributes of GOD have, in expression at least, been invaded, the real underlying belief has been explained to be [as Bellarmine is careful to particularise] that nothing is obtained for man, no grace, no aid, no gift for body, soul, or spirit, except through or from the One Mediator between GOD and man, our adorable LORD CHRIST JESUS. Prayer to the Saints in Heaven is explained, again and again, to be the same *in kind* as the prayers to the Saints on earth; as S. Augustine speaks of the cultus of the Saints in Heaven being the same in kind as the cultus of Saints on earth. 'Since the mediation of the Saints is not involved like that of CHRIST, since their mediation is held to be only one of intercession not of redemption, since the effectualness of this intercession rests on GOD's free mercy and the merits of CHRIST, then the honour of CHRIST and the aloneness of His redemption is not in the least intrenched upon. If the intercession of believers on earth may be invoked, without injury to the honour of CHRIST as Mediator, why not also the intercession of the Saints in Heaven?'"

For a fuller examination of popular objections against the Invocation of Saints in general, the reader will do well to consult the Essay of Canon Humble. The passages from the Fathers upon which the Bishop of Brechin bases his defence of the Catholic doctrine may be read at length in the *Explanation of the xxxix Articles*. And the grounds on which the Cultus, in particular, of Blessed Mary is asserted, with some of the reasons which prevent the present age from accepting such a practice, are stated in the Introductory Essay to *The Femall Glory*. There is no doubt that one cause therein assigned is a true reason, the wide-spread Nestorianism of the present day—a Nestorianism which has taken strong hold even of those who profess and are supposed to acknowledge without reserve the Divinity of our Blessed LORD. For in at least two reviews of *The Femall Glory* which have lately appeared in the organs of the Evangelical party in the Church, the fatal heresy has been distinctly and positively enunciated that Mary is *not* the Mother of GOD.

Another and opposite reason for the denial to the Saints of the honour due unto them, and the denial to us men of the privilege of asking their prayers, is to be found in the false idea of what may be Catholic teaching on this subject. The Protestant opinion on the practice of Invocation, takes the form that such pleading is of necessity. The Catholic teaching may perhaps be expressed in

a single word—Invocation is *permissible*. It is a matter of devotion not of obligation. It is a privilege not a duty. And the words of the Doctors of the Council of Trent, whilst they may be accepted as the completest answer to those who consider Article xxii to prohibit our use of Invocation, may be also taken as the fullest definition of the practice which Catholic dogma requires. The Decrees of Trent declare “that it is good and useful suppliantly to invoke (the Saints), and to have recourse to their prayers, aid and help, for obtaining benefits from GOD, through His SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD, Who is our only Redeemer and SAVIOUR.” And this position, as has been shewn in the Essay by an Anglican Priest, if not explicitly taught by the Fathers of the Pan-Anglican Synod, appears to have been implicitly accepted by the Bishops of the Anglican Church, who assembled at Lambeth and held out the right hand of fellowship to that Orthodox Church of the East whose veneration of the Saints is even more authoritatively decided than that of the Latin Church in the West.

In conclusion, and without entering into further details, I wish to be allowed to suggest one line of thought to English Catholics on the subject of this book. It is a line not always followed by those whose calling it is to teach and to lead the flock of CHRIST. The Invocation of Saints and An-

gels is sometimes hesitatingly proclaimed, and even apologetically forbidden, on the ground that the practice cannot be defended on documentary evidence prior to the fourth century. To my mind such timid assertion, or such injudicious prohibition, contains the elements of dogmatic proof which is only not absolute. The proposition, even as enunciated from the least positive side, by those who take Catholic Tradition at its true value, is sufficient to silence antagonistic theories. To be enabled to affirm that any given practice, involving high doctrine, has existed in the whole Christian Church, both East and West, from the fourth to the nineteenth centuries, unquestioned for thirteen hundred, and, in spite of questioning, for three hundred years; to be enabled upon documentary evidence to trace backwards from age to age, such a practice for sixteen hundred years, in the works and by the acts of those most esteemed in CHRIST'S Church; and to be enabled to state that in the few records which remain of those obscure but faithful times, the practice was not described as novel, but was in use as a recognised portion of a devotional Christian life—is to be enabled to say that which it requires more than a vague disclaimer, possible difficulties and unreasonable prejudice to countervail. If we can point, as we can point, to the use of Invocation in the Church Universal up to the fourth century of the Christian era, we, as Catholics may safely

be content both to accept the custom as certainly primitive, and to believe in the doctrine on which it is based as infallibly true.

Further considerations will strengthen our belief in this position. If we consider the exceedingly small amount of documentary evidence, whereby our holy faith may be proved to be that same faith of the Church, which existed prior to the fourth century, the value of the negative evidence against Invocation will be minimized. If we consider the careful jealousy with which the Church watched and circumscribed both her doctrine and her practice in those early and purer ages, the value of the positive evidence in favour of Invocation will be considerably enhanced. But if we remember that a single Father of the Church, by personal and individual teaching, might have handed down the tradition of Invocation from a disciple of S. John, and might have handed on the tradition of Invocation to a Bishop of the Council of Nicæa, the evidence against asking the prayers of the Saints sinks into nothingness—the evidence on behalf of such prayers becomes irresistible. It would require scarcely more than an average age of threescore years and ten to allow of a convert of an Apostle and a teacher of a Father of the first General Council to meet and respectively to impart and carry forward the teaching of the Church. And, since the Bishops of the fourth century indisputably

made use of the practice in question, it cannot be doubted that their system of Invocation was based upon primitive and Apostolic teaching. No amount of practical difficulties which beset the Invocation of Saints are sufficiently strong to militate against this position. The reply to all such objections is distinct. We cannot doubt that such practical difficulties presented themselves to the minds of those great Fathers of the Church—and yet, they were wont to use Invocation. And it is a remarkable fact that whilst many articles of the Apostles' Creed in the course of ages and from the spread of heresy, were made longer, less general, and more definite, the Article which briefly defines the doctrine on which Invocation is based, remains unaltered—"I believe, in the Communion of Saints."

Moreover, it must be remembered that the Church of England is pledged to accept the teaching of the Primitive Church; and that the Catholic party is pledged to acknowledge the practice of the Early Fathers. It is an exercise of the most harmful principle of private judgment—which is at once uncritical and anti-Christian—to accept some given points of dogma which were enforced by certain Fathers, and to reject other given points of discipline which were employed by the same Fathers. We gladly welcome the testimony of the great Doctors of the Church on the fundamental points on which they both pronounced the judgment

of Christendom in their own day, and declared the teaching of Christendom of former ages. Wherefore, then, the Catholic who believes in Tradition, may fairly ask, Wherefore do we hesitate to bow to the judgment and accept the teaching of the same primitive Fathers, when expressed with equal unanimity, upon points which are not fundamental? If the early Bishops of the East and West have asserted the faith of the Church upon the stupendous dogmas of the HOLY TRINITY, the Incarnation, or the Co-equality of GOD the SON, and the Divinity of the HOLY GHOST, are they incapable of assuring us, by their own practice, what was the custom of the Church in the two or three centuries which went before them, on the comparatively less important doctrine of the Invocation of Saints? Such inconsistency, which accepts the authority and rejects the evidence, cannot be accounted for on rational grounds.

The date at which, and the persons by whom, the Invocation of Saints was practically disallowed, in one portion of the Church, of themselves are enough to create a suspicion unfavourable to the continuance of this Catholic custom. At the end of fifteen centuries it was highly improbable that an unsystematic revelation should be made to lead the Reformers into all truth, and the personal influence of these men, lawless to all Church-law, is not such as to enforce submission to their individual opinions.

Of late their character for truth, honesty, consistency and disinterestedness, has been subjected to a searching criticism. Their fair fame has received a severe shock. Those who were loudest in declamation against the manner in which such criticism was made, have preserved the most ominous silence now that proof of the matter of such criticism has been published. Even the daily newspaper which faithfully records and abides by the ever fluctuating variation, and is itself directed by the judicious observance, of Public Opinion, has lately seen well to cast in its lot with those who cannot respect either the public character or the private lives of the English Reformers. The neglect and discouragement of an universal custom by such persons should afford no unanswerable argument for their imitation by English churchmen of the present day. Under these circumstances, in the decision of the present question, for myself, I confess that I should prefer to be wrong with the goodly company of the Catholic Fathers of the fourth and following early ages of the Church, than to be right with the Protestant Reformers of the sixteenth century. But however persons may elect to judge herein, it is beyond controversy that the dis-esteem in which the Saints of GOD are held, and the contempt with which they are treated by members of the English Church, does incalculable injury not only to the interests of true Religion, but also to the

great cause all Catholics have at heart, the visible Re-union of Christendom. May the present generation sweep away from our Branch of the Church this cause of dis-union. May this book take its part in the revival of the practice which we too hastily laid aside and have too tardily resumed.

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The following stanzas from the recently published poem, "Mother out of Sight," by the late revered author of *The Christian Year*, express so decidedly the truth which this Preface endeavours to set forth, of the position which we should seek to occupy towards the Mother of GOD, as the Queen of all Saints, that I am thankful to be able to quote, in words of such beauty, so clear a testimony from so high an authority.

Mother of GOD ! Oh, not in vain
We learned of old thy lowly strain ;
Fain in thy shadow would we rest,
And kneel with thee, and call thee blest,
With thee would magnify the LORD ;
And, if thou art not here adored,
Yet seek we, day by day, the love and fear
Which brings thee, with all Saints, near and
more near !

What glory thou above hast won,
By special grace of thy dear SON,
We see not yet, nor dare espy
Thy crowned form with open eye :
Rather beside the manger meek
Thee bending with veiled brow we seek,

Or where the Angel in the thrice great Name
Hailed thee, and JESUS to thy bosom came.

Yearly since then with bitterer cry
Man hath assailed the throne on high,
And sin and hate more fiercely striven
To mar the league 'twixt earth and Heaven;
But the dread tie, that pardoning hour,
Made fast in Mary's awful bower,
Hath mightier proved to bind, than we to
break—
None may that work undo, that Flesh un-
make.

Henceforth, Whom thousand worlds
adore,
He calls thee Mother evermore;
Angel nor Saint His face may see
Apart from what He took of thee;
How may we choose but name thy name,
Echoing below their high acclaim,
In holy creeds? since earthly song and prayer
Must keep faint time to the dread anthem
there—

How but in love, on thine own days,
Thou blissful one, upon thee gaze?
Nay, every day, each suppliant hour,
Whene'er we kneel, in aisle or bower,
Thy glories we may greet unblamed,
Nor shun the lay by seraphs framed,
“Hail, Mary, full of grace!” Oh, welcome
sweet,
Which daily, in all lands, all Saints repeat.

Fair greeting, with our matin vows,
Paid duly to the enthroned Spouse,
His Church and Bride, here and on high,
Figured in her deep purity,
Who born of Eve, high mercy won,
To bear and nurse the Eternal SON ;
Oh, awful station, to no seraph given—
On this side touching sin, on the other
Heaven.

Therefore, as kneeling, day by day,
We to our FATHER duteous pray,
So, unforbidden, we may speak
An Ave to CHRIST'S Mother meek,
As children with 'Good-morrow' come
To elders in some happy home—
Inviting so the saintly host above
With our unworthiness to pray in love :

To pray with us, and gently bear
Our falterings in the pure bright air ;
But strive we pure and bright to be
In spirit ; else, how vain of thee
Our earnest dreamings, awful Bride.
Feel we the sword that pierced thy side :
'Thy spotless lily flower, so clear of hue,
Shrinks from the breath impure, the tongue
untrue.

ORBY SHIPLEY.

Rogation-Tide,
A.D. 1869.



INVOCATION OF SAINTS.



Anima Christi, sanctifica me.

SOUL of CHRIST, sanctify me:
BODY of CHRIST, save me:
BLOOD of CHRIST, inebriate me:
Water from the Side of CHRIST, cleanse me:
Brightness of the Countenance of CHRIST,
enlighten me:
Passion of CHRIST, strengthen me:
Bloody Sweat of the Person of CHRIST, heal
me:
O Good JESU, hearken unto me,
And grant me [.]:
Within Thy sacred Wounds hide me:
Suffer me never to be separated from Thee,
And keep me from [.]:
From the malicious enemy defend me:
At the hour of my death call me,
And place me beside Thee:
That with all Thy holy Saints and Angels
I may praise Thee, my LORD and my GOD,
For ever and for evermore. Amen.



Invocation of Saints.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE
DISCIPLE AND THE
DIVINE MASTER.

*ON THE METHOD AND PRACTICE OF
HONOURING THE SAINTS.*

I. Honour of the Saints.

The Disciple.



H, how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou LORD of Hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD: yea, my heart and my flesh rejoice in the Living GOD. For whilst I behold the felicity of Thy chosen, who now feast with Thee in Thy Kingdom and are satisfied with the plenteousness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple,

and drink of Thy pleasures as out of the river, my soul also is athirst for GOD, yea, even for Thee, the Living GOD : when shall I come to appear before the presence of GOD ? I am weary of a life full of so many miseries and sorrows. Who will give me wings like a dove, that I may flee away and be at rest ? For one day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. Woe is me, that my days have been prolonged on the earth ! O wretched man that I am ! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death ? I have a desire to depart and be with Thee, O CHRIST JESU my LORD. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O LORD : they will be always praising Thee.

The Voice of the Divine Master.

REST yet for a little season, O My Child ; and that thou mayest the more safely arrive at eternal glory, first learn the way by which the Saints, who are My friends, have attained unto it. Mark well their footsteps, if thou wouldst reach the goal to which they have attained. See that thou refuse not the labours and conflicts of those whose

rewards are grateful unto thee. No one is crowned except he strive lawfully. Ought not they to have laboured and to have suffered all these things, even as I Myself have suffered, and thus to enter into glory? And behold also the patient lives of My Saints who longed for death; for they had honestly learned both from My words and by My example that the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Verily, great are the good things which I have prepared for them that love Me; and can it seem wonderful to any one, if I should give rewards only to My friends who fight the good fight, and earnestly strive after them?

Nor wilt thou lose these good things if thou walkest innocently as they, and orderest the meditations of thy heart in this vale of tears wherein the sin of thy first parent, and thine own, have placed thee. But fear not thou, for I am with thee, I am thy Protection. I will go before thee. I will bring down them that dwell on high. I, Who am present in My Saints, will not be wanting to thee. And I will give unto thee My Blessing, that thou mayest go from strength to strength

till thou appearest, with all My holy Saints and Angels, unto the GOD of GODS in Sion, where thou shalt be satisfied with the pleasures of My house, even of My holy temple.

The Disciple.

BLESSED is the man whom Thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him in Thy law. Teach me, I beseech Thee, O my Master, to do Thy blessed will: for I desire to be a companion of all them that fear Thee and keep Thy commandments.

The Voice of the Divine Master.

MY Child, this is My will, even thy sanctification. Be thou holy, for I am Holy: and from Me all the Saints have acquired whatever sanctity they possess. I can offer Myself to thee as the one, only, and perfect Type of all virtue and holiness of life, for I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I, also, am the Door. By Me, if any one shall enter in, he shall be saved. Still, it

will be very helpful to thee to study Mine elect, thy brethren, who, resembling thee in the infirmity of their flesh, have nevertheless, through My grace, valiantly overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. For, perchance, it might not seem to thee so wonderful that in My works there should be found a rare and special perfection, and a singular excellency of every grace and every virtue, since in Me dwelleth all the Fulness of the GODHEAD bodily. But this thou canst not but wonder at, when thou seest the Saints, in the weakness of the flesh, not living after the flesh, but through a wholesome hatred of themselves losing their lives in this world, in order that they may preserve their souls unto life eternal.

II. Praise of the Saints.

The Voice of the Divine Master.

IRST, therefore, read, mark, meditate on, and imitate the deeds of the Saints. Praise their virtues, that is, their constancy,

their patience, and their boldness ; extol their chastity and abstinence ; declare their obedience, their poverty, and their contempt of the world : for how many wonderful virtues thou proclaimest in them, so many miracles dost thou tell forth of My power and of My goodness.

If, therefore, thou wishest to honour My friends who reign with Me in glory, or to honour any one of the Saints as thy special patron, if thou wouldest render the honour due unto them, praise Almighty GOD, giving thanks to Him for that He hath been pleased to choose Saint M. or Saint N. from all eternity for His friend ; that He hath predestinated him, called him, justified him, and at length glorified him ; that He hath poured His grace and good gifts into him ; that He hath given him so many opportunities of doing good ; that amid so many temptations, so many snares, so many evil devices of the devil, and dangers of this life, He hath protected him ; that He hath granted unto him perseverance, even unto the end, and now crowns him with so great glory and honour in Heaven ; and lastly, in that by the example of him

and of others He warns and excites thee,
O My Child, who hast thy part in the
same warfare, to seek for the same
reward and prize of thy Heavenly
calling.

And hence there is no reason why
thou shouldest fear lest perchance the
praises of the Saints should at all detract
from My praise, from My honour, and
from My greater glory. For thou canst
not praise their good gifts, but thou
praisest Me, the Author of all their
goodness, and the Finisher of all their
grace. Without Me they could have
done nothing. I gave them both to will
and to do of My good pleasure. All the
praise, therefore, of the Saints which
thou payest unto them, returns to Me
as the Fountain and Source of all grace.
I am the Vine, they are the branches.
They could have produced no fruit of
themselves, had they not abided in Me.
Hence, when I give them their wages, I
do not so much crown their good works
as reward in them My own all-perfect
gifts.

But this have My Saints always
honestly confessed—that they possess
nothing which they have not received ;
and though they may have done all,

still they say they are but unprofitable servants ; they have only done that which it was their duty to do. Hence, have they not gloried in vain, but have ever given the glory to My holy Name. Do thou consider this, My Child, and strive to imitate it. So wilt thou truly honour the Saints ; so wilt thou truly honour GOD in His Saints.

The Disciple.

THY Friends, O GOD, have been too highly honoured for me, their excellency has been too firmly grounded. For who could worthily praise Thy holy Saints ? My eyes are dazzled with their majesty and glory, for they shine before Thee as the beauty of Heaven ; and as is the number of the stars, so are their virtues for brightness and variety. Truly glorious art Thou in Thy Saints, O my LORD ! I praise and glorify Thee for Thy boundless loving-kindness ; for Thou hast prevented them with the blessings of goodness, and hast set a crown of pure gold upon their heads ; Thou hast crowned them, O LORD, with glory and loving-kindness and honour.

III. Invocation of the Saints.

The Voice of the Divine Master.

T belongs to the praise and glory of the Saints, that they should be invoked to grant aid, and should be able to protect thee with their prayers in the hour of thy need. From Me alone, nevertheless, O My Child, cometh all aid and all protection. Nor is there salvation in any other name under Heaven than in My Almighty Name. But this have I freely granted to My chosen, that since they have served Me with their whole heart, I am more graciously disposed and more ready to grant assistance and grace to those whose cause the Saints, that is My intimate friends, have undertaken as intercessors and advocates. For the Church Triumphant is joined to the Church Militant in the bond of charity; and the Article concerning the Communion of Saints, which thou art wont daily to say in the Creed, reminds thee with how great benefit thou mayest invoke and reverence My

holy Saints whom I have so greatly honoured.

Oftentimes have I withdrawn My inflictions from a nation ; oftentimes I have spared kingdoms, and provinces, and cities, on account of My servants and My chosen, who have cried unto Me to turn away My wrath lest I should destroy them. And if the deprecation of the just and holy was of so great avail in the days of their flesh, liable as they then were to so many failings and shortcomings, what can it not effect now that, placed beyond all the temptations of the world, they live with Me in happiness in My kingdom as being My intimates, My friends, and My councillors ; being, as they are, so much the more ready to pity, in that they are nearer to the Fountain of Mercy, and more truly acquainted with thy wants ? For, far from that blessed Father-land having robbed them of their charity, it has increased it. They indeed already are safe in the haven where they would be, and they see thee amid the billows and tempests of the sea. When implored, then, My Child, by thee, they forthwith have recourse unto Me for help and succour : nor is it meet nor

Imitation of the Saints. 13

right that I should cause them to be ashamed, or should deny them anything that I may grant unto their prayers.

The Disciple.

SWEET are the words of Thy mouth, O LORD, for I, an unprofitable sinner and unworthy of help, oftentimes know not whither I should flee. While defiled with many sins I dare not appear in Thy Divine presence. But now I will approach more boldly under the shadow of Thy beloved ones, that, by the prayers of those who are well-pleasing unto Thee, I may obtain what by my own merits I cannot gain. Would that I were a companion of all them that fear Thee, O LORD, and that keep Thy commandments!

III. *Imitation of the Saints.*

The Voice of the Divine Master.

UT know this, O My Child, that he praises and invokes the Saints in vain who cares

not to imitate them. For the life of the Saints is to thee, and to the rest of My faithful ones, a rule of conduct. Ye are striving for the same goal, wherefore then travel ye not by the same road? Are ye seeking for life, and yet walking by the way, the end whereof is eternal death? Alas! how many are there among those who bear My Name and sacred badge whose custom it is to be clothed with Dives in purple and fine linen, to fare sumptuously every day, and to pass their whole life in pleasure, and yet to promise to themselves with all certainty the death and the reward of Lazarus? Such live in sin with the impious Balaam, and yet, nevertheless, desire that their latter days should be like the last end of the Saints!

What can be more wicked or more foolish? How can they dare to expect what they have not deserved? How can they hope to reap what they have not sown? What! Shall they, who have passed their days in ease and self-indulgence and their nights in riot or excess, seek for their wages among My labourers, who have borne the burden and heat of the day in My Vineyard? They are slaves of the

world, the flesh, and the devil, and do they seek their reward from Me? What can be more unreasonable? A dispensation, indeed, is committed to Me by My Father, but only that I should give wages to the workmen. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. He who soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; and he who soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

But do thou, My Child, behold My faithful workmen, in whom true perfection and religion have been evidently set forth. They served Me in hunger and thirst, in cold and nakedness, in weariness and in painfulness, in watchings and fastings, in prayers and holy meditations, in persecutions and divers forms of suffering. How frequent and fervent were they in pious exercises; for never did their unconquerable determination allow them to cease from praying! With what rigid fasting did they subdue their bodies! With what anxious watchfulness against every inroad of concupiscence did they study to guard themselves! Consider their ways, O My Child, and see how little thou doest, how almost nothing it is.

What is thy life, when compared with theirs whose crown of righteousness thou wishest to share?

The Disciple.

SHAME hath covered my face, O LORD my GOD, that I am become so unlike my brethren, even an alien to my Mother-Church's children. Alas ! how shall I appear in Thy sight, in the congregation of the Saints who are so fervent in love? They worked out their salvation with fear and trembling. One feared for his own works, knowing that Thou wilt by no means clear the guilty. Another kept under his body, and brought it into subjection, lest having preached to others, he himself should be a castaway. Another, albeit holy from his mother's womb, yet departed into the wilderness, that he might the better preserve his innocence : he wore not soft clothing, but had his raiment of camels' hair, and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Others served GOD in prayer and fasting all the days of their life. All their delight and all their desire was in the law of the LORD.

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This was the chief pursuit of their life, either to speak with GOD, or to speak of GOD. Oh, how great was the fervour of the Saints! What zeal was theirs in GOD'S service! Oh, how wonderful art Thou in Thy Saints, O LORD!

The Voice of the Divine Master.

NOT without reason dost thou, O My Child, express surprise at the wondrous things of My law, and speak of the glorious contests of the Saints. But their glory reflects some degree of shame on thee. For the Saints were men as thou art, of like passions, mortal, and frail; and their hardness was not that of stones. Their flesh was not as brass; but formed from the same dust of the earth. They were encompassed with the same infirmity of the flesh as thou. They were also sensible of the law in their members warring against the law of their mind. The world, moreover, persecuted them terribly. Satan was not more kind to them than to thee; indeed, he was much more hostile. And yet, see how bravely they fought the fight, inasmuch as love to Me urged

them on. They gave no rest to their bodies, and sleep departed from their eyes. They worked out their salvation with fear and trembling; they walked anxiously before Me, and sought to please Me alone. They went on from strength to strength; and their path was as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Lo, these are they that have come out of great tribulation. They had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings; yea, moreover, of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, and were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goat-skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented. And to them eternal glory seemed worth all this, that they might attain unto that through many labours and trials, for which prayer more prolonged, a short fast, or a trifling mortification, seems to thee too hard a sacrifice, and too great a trouble.

But ask the Apostle Paul if he bewailed the trials which he undertook for Me. Ask what he felt in bringing his flesh into subjection; in being beaten thrice with rods, and with stripes above measure; in enduring his many perils,

his many troubles by land and sea ; or in that he laboured more abundantly than they all, and endured the thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan—I so ordering it for his salvation. Ask him if he felt all these to be unendurable ? Further than that, he gloried in his infirmities ; and, through hope of the future, he bore lightly the pressure of present evils, for he knew that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which should be revealed in him. For your light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Whence neither famine, nor nakedness, nor death, nor any other creature was able to separate him from My love, nor hinder him from fighting the good fight, nor from finishing his course, and from looking forward to the crown of righteousness which was laid up for him in Heaven.

Inquire also of My Martyr Laurence—if so you will—if he is sorry for the short space of time to which his body was exposed to torments, and delivered over to be roasted by fire. Lo, already a thousand and more years have passed

away, whilst he has been in enjoyment of inestimable glory, in return for the endurance of one day and night ; and how many thousands of years to come —how many thousands of thousands remain during which he will enjoy the same? In like manner, turn thee to all the Saints, and thou wilt see that no one is crowned except he contend, and no one would wish that he had not contended. They all sowed in tears, and therefore they now reap in joy ; they had but little labour, and have gotten unto them much rest. I have wiped away all tears from their eyes. And now there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. If they, therefore, so glorified GOD in their body, and received the cup of salvation, what wilt thou give unto the LORD for all the benefits He hath done unto thee? I have stamped thee with the same impress, I have redeemed thee with the same Blood, and I have called thee to the same inheritance incorruptible, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven. Is it, then, that thou canst not drink My cup with the

Saints ; and yet, thou wishest to be with them partaker of My Kingdom ? With them thou wishest to be crowned and to divide the spoil ; and yet, thou wishest not to fight the good fight with them !

The Disciple.

ALAS ! wretched man that I am, from afar I yearn and long for these things. The contests of the Saints excite me, I confess it ; their rewards delight me ; their examples allure me to imitate them. To will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good I find not. For what, I pray thee, O LORD, is my life ? Is it not a breath ? What shall I do, except Thou stretch forth Thy right hand to the work of Thine own hands ? Thou art the Excellency and Crown of all Thy Saints. Through Thy co-operation Thy friends have done wondrously. Do Thou also prevent me with Thy grace, and further me with Thy continual help. I can do all things through Thee, Who strengthenest me. Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments, wherein Thy Saints have run with delight, for Thou en-

largedst their heart. Let me come to Thee following their footsteps, that together with Thy Saints I may praise Thee and cling unto Thee for ever.

The Voice of the Divine Master.

HAVE confidence, My Child. I have given to my Saints bravely to contend, that they may overcome and learn that patience is stronger than everything. But thou art more gently dealt with. Nor oughtest thou to suppose that a time of persecution is required for its exercise. Whosoever will live godly shall not easily escape persecution. Do thou at least prove in thy petty conflicts how nobly thou couldst stand in a greater contest. Behold ! Mine Apostles left all things and followed Me. Do thou at least leave all affection for other things ; and if riches increase, set not thy heart upon them. The Martyrs did not hesitate to pour out their blood and to die for My Name's sake. But to thee I do not say, Lay down thy life, or Conquer tyrants, or Pour out thy blood for Me ; but I do say, Mortify thy members which are upon the earth. Repress the desires of

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the flesh. Deny thyself. Be patient. Be humble. Be gentle. Render not evil for evil. Keep the door of thy lips. Hedge about thine ears with thorns. Turn away thine eyes lest they behold vanity. Be reconciled with thy brother. Deal thy bread to the hungry. Are these, and things like these troublesome to thee? Thou canst not bear death. Bear, at least, My reproach and thy light affliction. Thou hast not yet resisted unto blood, as so many thousands of My Martyrs have resisted. Behold, even young girls and tender virgins overcame their sex and years, and, conquering the tyranny of the world, the flesh, and the devil, with pure mind and body fled to the banner of the Cross. And art not thou able to keep under thy body, and bring it into subjection? But by living in pleasure, and delicately bringing up thy servant—that is thy body—thou hopest that by such a soft and broad road thou art going straight to Heaven? Such, My Child, is not the path of the Saints. Arise, thou that sleepest, and I will give thee light. My hand is not shortened. I Who was with My Saints will not fail thee. But be not thou untrue to thyself. Praise therefore the Saints with all thy

might ; invoke them constantly ; imitate them diligently. And as I was to them, so will I also be to thee—thy exceeding great Reward.





LITANIES.

Litany of all Saints.

Collected out of Holy Scripture.

IN the Name ✝ of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

LORD have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

O CHRIST, hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us.

O GOD, the FATHER, of Heaven ;
Have pity upon us.

O GOD, the SON, Redeemer of the World ;

Have pity upon us.

O GOD, the HOLY GHOST, the Comforter ;

Have pity upon us.

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O HOLY TRINITY, One GOD;
Have pity upon us.

O HOLY Mary, chosen to be the
Mother of GOD, highly favoured
and blessed among women, whom all
generations shall call Blessed ;
Pray for us.

O all ye holy Angels, who always
stand before GOD to sing His praises, to
perform His Will, or to minister unto
the heirs of Salvation ;
Pray for us.

O all ye holy Patriarchs and Pro-
phets, who desired with earnest prayers
and longings the Advent of the MES-
SIAH, and told before of His coming
under divers figures and prophecies ;
Pray for us.

O ALL ye holy Apostles, Evange-
lists, and Disciples of the LORD
JESUS ;
Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who have left all and
followed CHRIST ;
Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who, as children of
the Church, instead of fathers, and sons
instead of Patriarchs and Prophets,
have been made Princes in all lands ;
Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, whose Gospel-sound
has gone out into all lands ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who were sent to the
lost sheep of the house of Israel ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who were hated of all
men for the Name of CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who rejoiced that ye
were accounted worthy to suffer reproach
for the Name of JESUS ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who continued with
CHRIST in His temptations ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who were witnesses of
all that CHRIST did, and received His
private instructions ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who, accounted by
the world weak and base, as the elect
of CHRIST, have brought to nought the
power and wisdom of the world ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who, endued with
power from on High, and strengthened
with the HOLY GHOST, have boldly con-
fessed CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

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O ye Apostles, who obeyed GOD rather than man ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who with great boldness bare witness to the resurrection of our LORD JESUS CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who, though unlearned and ignorant men, yet caused confusion to the council of the Jews ;

Pray for us.

O ye Apostles, who shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel ;

Pray for us.

O ALL ye holy Martyrs of the LORD JESUS ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who, living godly in this world, suffered persecution ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who gloried in the Cross of the LORD JESUS ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who in your patience possessed your souls ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who hated your lives

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in this world, that ye might keep them unto life eternal ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, and obtained the promises ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who had trial of mockings and scourgings ; yea, moreover, of bonds and imprisonments ; who were stoned, sawn asunder, and in many ways tormented ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who have come out of great tribulation, and have washed your robes in the Blood of the LAMB ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who have suffered persecution for righteousness' sake, and now are safe in possession of the Kingdom of Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, who shall stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted you ;

Pray for us.

O ye Martyrs, whom neither violence, nor fraud, nor even death itself, could separate from the love of CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

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O ALL ye holy Confessors for the
Name of CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who were made
keepers in the Vineyard of the LORD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who took not this
honour unto yourselves, but were called
of GOD, as was Aaron ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who, warring for
GOD, entangled not yourselves with the
affairs of this life ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who were made
Overseers by the HOLY GHOST, to feed
the Church of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who, as faithful and
wise servants, were made rulers over the
LORD'S household ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who bore the bur-
den and heat of the day in the LORD'S
Vineyard ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who as spiritual,
restored the wanderers in the spirit of
meekness ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who, as true shepherds, laid down your lives for the sheep ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who faithfully fed the flock of the LORD and not yourselves ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who watched carefully the sheep, as they who must give account ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who by moderation, carefulness, and holiness of life, magnified your office ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who brought again with usury the talents which you had received from GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who were made all things to all men, that you might, by all means, save some for GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who stood in the gaps, and were as a wall for the house of the LORD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who were faithful

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stewards of CHRIST, and dispensers of the mysteries of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Confessors, who were wise and turned many to righteousness, and now shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever ;

Pray for us.

O ALL ye holy Monks and Hermits ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who joyfully took upon you the easy yoke of the LORD, and His light burthen ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who followed CHRIST, bearing your Cross ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who always bore about in your bodies the dying of the LORD JESUS on the Cross ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who were crucified to the world ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who abode

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unmarried, even as S. Paul, for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who, having put your hands to the plough, looked not back ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who, having put on the whole armour of GOD, stood boldly against the wiles of the Devil ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who learnt both how to abound and to suffer need, how to be full and to be hungry ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who walked worthy of the vocation wherewith you were called ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who endeavoured to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace ;

Pray for us.

O ye Monks and Hermits, who, as though dead to the world, had your life hid with CHRIST in GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ALL ye holy Men and Women ;

Pray for us.

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O ye holy Men and Women, who counted not yourselves to have apprehended, but reached out unto those things which were before ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Men and Women, who counted all things but loss that you might win CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Men and Women, who sought those things which are above, and had your affections there, and not on the things upon the earth ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Men and Women, who were a sweet savour of CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Men and Women, who received not the grace of GOD in vain ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Men and Women, who humbled yourselves in this world, and have therefore been exalted in the Kingdom of Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ALL ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER, who inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ;

Pray for us.

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O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who kept under your bodies and brought
them into subjection ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who worked out your salvation with
fear and trembling ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who used this world as not abusing it ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who glorified and bore about GOD in
your bodies ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who loved your enemies, and did good
to them that hated you ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who could do all things through Him
Who strengthened you ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who laid not up treasures for your-
selves on earth, but in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who sought first the Kingdom of GOD,
and His righteousness ;

Pray for us.

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O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who strove to enter in at the strait
gate and narrow road, which leadeth
unto life ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who, through love of purity of heart
have been brought to see GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who, being peacemakers, rejoice both
in the name and reality of Sons of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who, having been merciful towards
your neighbours, have now obtained
abundant mercy ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who neither hunger nor thirst any more,
and on whom the sun lighteth not, nor
any heat ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who have endured unto the end, and are
therefore saved ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who have run in the race, that you
might receive the prize ;

Pray for us.

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O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who, through much tribulation, have
entered into the Kingdom of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who went through fire and water, and
were brought out into a wealthy place ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who have taken the Kingdom of Hea-
ven by force ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who, sad and mournful in this world,
are now comforted ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who, meek and patient under injuries,
inherit now the land of the living ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who hungered and thirsted after right-
eousness, and are now filled with the
pleasures of Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who are satisfied with the fulness of
the house of GOD, and drink of His
pleasures as out of a river ;

Pray for us.

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O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who flourish as a palm tree, and
spread abroad, in the house of the
LORD, like a cedar in Libanus ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who joy before GOD according to the
joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when
they divide the spoil ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who sowed your seed in tears, and now,
reaping in joy, bring back your sheaves
with you ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who are now joyful with glory, and re-
joice in your beds ;

Pray for us.

O ye Blessed of the Eternal FATHER,
who dwell in the house of the LORD,
and are always praising Him ;

Pray for us.

BE favourable ;
Spare us, Good Lord.

From all evil ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By all Thy Saints and Elect ones ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

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By thy faithful Servants who stand in
Thy sight ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Thy Friends who are dear to Thee,
and reign with Thee in Heaven ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By the merits and intercession of all
Thine Elect ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By the death of Thy Saints, which
is right dear in Thy sight ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

WE, sinners, do beseech Thee to
hear us, O LORD GOD, and that
it may please Thee to grant,

That Thou wouldest make us par-
takers with all them that fear Thee and
keep Thy commandments ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That after the example of Thy Saints
we may have our conversation in Hea-
ven ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we do Thy will on earth as
readily as Thine elect do it in Heaven ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we may be filled with a know-
ledge of the Divine will in all wisdom
and spiritual understanding ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

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That we may be wise as serpents,
and harmless as doves ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we may always rejoice in the
LORD, whilst we let our moderation be
known unto all men ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we may prove all things, and
hold fast that which is good ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we trust not in uncertain riches,
but in the living GOD ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we, as the elect of GOD, put on
bowels of mercies ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we, beholding the conversation
of the Saints, may also imitate their
faith and patience ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we may continually praise Thee,
O LORD, in Thy Saints ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we also, with Thy Saints, may
strive to enter in by the strait gate ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That the peace of GOD, which passeth
all understanding, may keep our hearts,
and minds, and bodies, through CHRIST
JESUS ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we may approve ourselves as
the ministers of GOD, in much patience ;
We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we may lead a quiet and peace-
able life in all godliness and honesty,
under kings and magistrates who rule
justly and holily ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That Thou wouldst make us meet to
be partakers of the inheritance of the
Saints in light ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That we may come boldly to the
throne of Thy grace and obtain mercy
in time of need ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That, with all Thy blessed ones in
Heaven, we may praise and magnify
Thee for ever ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away
the sins of the world ;

Have mercy upon us.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away
the sins of the world ;

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away
the sins of the world ;

Grant us Thy peace.

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LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

HAIL! Mary, Full of grace, the LORD is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy Womb, JESUS. Holy Mary, Mother of GOD, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death.

Let us pray.

GRANT to us, most Holy LORD, to follow in the steps of those who have lived holily, that, united in their fellowship, we may be enabled to overcome the violence of the enemies who so cruelly afflict us, and continually molest us in our endeavours to subdue the lusts of the flesh; so shall our

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sorrow be turned into joy, and we will magnify Thy holy Name for ever. Amen.

LET the Saints be joyful with glory ;
Let them rejoice in their beds.

Gather My Saints together unto Me ;
Those that have made a covenant with Me with sacrifice.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house ;

They will be alway praising Thee.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people ;

Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much ;

If they shall ask anything in My Name I will do it.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting GOD,
Who art LORD of both the living and the dead, and hast pity upon all whom Thou foreknowest to be Thine by faith and works, we humbly beseech Thee that, by the intercession of Thy Saints, those for whom we have undertaken to offer our prayers, whether still in the flesh, or now unclothed with their

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bodies, may by Thy gracious loving-kindness receive the remission of all their sins, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the HOLY GHOST, world without end. Amen.

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 them that unfeignedly love Thee : through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

MAY the holy and renowned College of the Apostles, together with all the Martyrs, Priests, and holy Confessors, and with the blessed Prophets, Holy Men and perfect, with the Women also who have boldly contended, make their intercessions for us to the Great Lover of our race. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Angels.

Collected out of Holy Scripture.

 **N** the Name ✝ of the FATHER,
and of the SON, and of the
HOLY GHOST. Amen.

LORD have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.

LORD have mercy upon us.

O CHRIST, hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us.

O GOD, the FATHER, of Heaven ;
Have mercy upon us.

O GOD, the SON, Redeemer of the
World ;

Have mercy upon us.

O GOD, the HOLY GHOST, the Com-
forter ;

Have mercy upon us.

O HOLY TRINITY, One GOD ;

Have mercy upon us.

O HOLY Michael, Prince of the
Heavenly Host ;

Pray for us.

O Michael, who foughtest the great
battle in Heaven with the Dragon ;

Pray for us.

O Michael, who didst cast out of Heaven the Dragon and the fallen Angels ;

Pray for us.

O Michael, who, contending with the Devil, disputedst about the body of Moses ;

Pray for us.

O holy Gabriel, who showedst to Daniel the Divine vision ;

Pray for us.

O Gabriel, who, descending with Azariah and his companions into the furnace, didst beat back the flames ;

Pray for us.

O Gabriel, who announcedst beforehand to Zecharias the birth and ministry of Saint John Baptist ;

Pray for us.

O Gabriel, who, being sent by GOD to Blessed Mary in Nazareth, becamest the Messenger of the Incarnation of the WORD of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O holy Raphael, one of the seven Spirits which go in and out before the glory of the Holy One ;

Pray for us.

O Raphael, who leddest forth Tobias as a faithful companion of his journey :

Pray for us.

O Raphael, who drovest away the
evil spirit from Sarah ;

Pray for us.

O Raphael, who restoredst sight to
Tobit ;

Pray for us.

O holy Cherub, who wast appointed
to guard the way of the tree of life ;

Pray for us.

O holy Seraph, who with a live coal
purged the lips of the prophet Isaiah ;

Pray for us.

O ALL ye holy Cherubim, who stand
above the throne of GOD high
and lifted up ;

Pray for us.

O ye Cherubim, who continually
sing to GOD, Holy, Holy, Holy ;

Pray for us.

O ye Cherubim, who were hospitably
received by Abraham in the guise of
pilgrims ;

Pray for us.

O ye Cherubim, who struck the men
of Sodom with blindness ;

Pray for us.

O ye Cherubim, who led out Lot and
his daughters from the midst of the
wicked ;

Pray for us.

O ye Cherubim, who ascended and descended by Jacob's ladder ;

Pray for us.

O ye Cherubim, who, when the obedience of Abraham was proved, stayedst his hand from slaying his son ;

Pray for us.

O ALL ye holy Servants of GOD, which do His pleasure ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who delivered the law of GOD to Moses ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who severely punished Heliodorus, when desirous to lay hands on the treasures of the temple ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who at the birth of the SAVIOUR sang joyously Glory to GOD and Peace to men ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who ministered unto CHRIST in the wilderness after the Tempter had been driven away ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who sitting by the Sepulchre of CHRIST in white, declared to the holy Women that He was alive ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who, after CHRIST'S ascension into Heaven, appeared to His disciples ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who have received the charge and guardianship of men committed to you by GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who always behold the face of the FATHER Which is in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who rejoice over one sinner that repenteth ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who are ministering Spirits sent forth to minister to the heirs of salvation ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who present the prayers of the faithful to Almighty GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who are to come with CHRIST in His Majesty, when He cometh again to judgment ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who are to summon with a trumpet the whole world to the last tribunal ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who are to gather together the elect at the end of the world ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who are to gather out of the Kingdom of CHRIST all things that offend ;

Pray for us.

O ye, who are to sever the wicked from among the just ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Orders of the Blessed Spirits ;

Pray for us.

O CAPTAIN of the LORD'S Host, who wast sent to the aid of Joshua ;

Pray for us.

O Captain of the LORD'S Host, who on account of David's sin slewest seventy thousand men of his people with pestilence ;

Pray for us.

O Captain of the LORD'S Host, who causedst many thousand men in the camp of the Assyrians to perish in one night ;

Pray for us.

O Captain of the LORD'S Host, who procuredst for Daniel food in the den of lions ;

Pray for us.

O THOU, who, when wrestling with Jacob, touchedst him on the hollow of the thigh ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who redeemedst Jacob from all evil ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who, passing over the houses of the Israelites, slewest the first-born of the Egyptians ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who leddest the Israelites from Egypt through the Red Sea and the Desert into the Land of Promise ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who stoodest in the way against Balaam and his ass when on his road to curse the Israelites ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who gavest courage to Joseph when he feared to take unto him the Blessed Virgin Mary ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who announcedst the nativity of CHRIST to the shepherds :

Pray for us.

O thou, who warnedst Joseph to flee into Egypt with the Holy Child JESUS and His Mother ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who comfortedst CHRIST
in His Agony and bloody Sweat ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who rolledst away the stone
from the holy Sepulchre ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who, after delivering the
Apostles out of prison, orderedst them
to speak to the people openly in the
temple ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who deliveredst Peter mira-
culously from his chains and out of the
hand of Herod ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who smotest Herod when he
assumed to himself Divine honours ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who barest Lazarus to the
bosom of Abraham ;

Pray for us.

O thou, who procuredst that the mes-
sage of salvation should be sent through
S. Peter to Cornelius the Centurion ;

Pray for us.

FROM all dangers, by Thy holy
Angels ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From the wiles of the devil, by Thy
holy Angels ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From plague, pestilence, and war,
by Thy holy Angels ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From sudden and unprepared death,
by Thy holy Angels ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

WE sinners ;

Do beseech Thee to hear us.

By Thy holy Angels ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest spare us ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest be pleased to
direct and govern Thy Church in the
right way ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest be pleased to
grant to the whole Christian commu-
nity peace and unity ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest be pleased to
grant unto all the faithful departed
eternal rest ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away
the sins of the world ;

Grant us Thy peace.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away
the sins of the world ;

Have mercy upon us.

O CHRIST, hear us ;
O Christ, graciously hear us.

LORD, have mercy upon us ;

Christ, have mercy upon us.

LORD, have mercy upon us ;

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy
Kingdom come. Thy will be done in
earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread. And forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive them that
trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation ; But deliver us from
evil. Amen.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD,
Who, of Thine unspeakable good-
ness, hast appointed to all the faithful
from the sacred Font a special Angelic
Guardian of both body and soul, grant us
so to love and honour him whom Thou
hast assigned to each of us, that, protect-
ed by Thy bounteous grace and mercy,
we may with his aid be made meet to be-
hold, with all the Angelic Host, the glory
of Thy countenance in the Kingdom of

Heaven, Who livest and reignest world without end.

HE shall give His Angels charge over thee ;

To keep thee in all thy ways.

O GOD, Who hast constituted and ordained the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order ; mercifully grant, that as Thy holy Angels alway do Thee service in Heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth : through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

SEND, O LORD, Thine Angel before us to keep us in the way ;

That he may bring us into the place which Thou hast prepared for us.

O LORD, cause Thine Angel to be with us ;

As Thou Thyself hast care for our souls.

As Thou didst send Thine Angel in the time of Hezekiah ;

So smite down our foes before us.

May Thy holy watchers camp around about us ;

And guard us from all the assaults of evil.

56 *Litany of the Holy Angels.*

From the fetters of our many and grievous sins ;

*Send Thy holy Angels to deliver us,
O Lord.*

As to Mary the good tidings were brought ;

*So let Thine Angel proclaim them to
us.*

Let us pray.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, pour Thy grace into our hearts ; that, as we have known the Incarnation of Thy SON JESUS CHRIST by the message of an Angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection : through the same JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

O GOD, through Whose Providential care Thy holy Angels have been sent forth to be our guardians, grant unto us who pray the blessing of their continual protection and the enjoyment of their society for ever : through JESUS CHRIST our SAVIOUR. Amen.

MAY the mercy of CHRIST be upon us, and may He grant to us an Angel of high estate as the guardian of our life, and for a defence against all our enemies. Amen.

Litanies of the Blessed Virgin, the
Apostles, Evangelists,
and Saints.

From the Book of Common Prayer.

 IN the Name ✠ of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

INTRODUCTION.

O GOD, the FATHER, the Reward of Saints:

Grant us Thy Grace.

O GOD, the SON, the King of Saints;

Grant us Thy Grace.

O GOD, the HOLY GHOST, the Sanctifier of Saints;

Grant us Thy Grace.

O HOLY TRINITY, Three in One, and One in Three;

Grant us Thy Grace.

PART I.

BLESSED Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever Virgin, to whom was announced, by the message of an Angel, the Incarna-

tion of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, by whom Almighty GOD has given unto us His Only-begotten SON to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure Virgin ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, through whose fulfilment of all righteousness thy Divine SON was circumcised, and became obedient to the Law for man ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose SON, our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, was manifested that He might destroy the works of the Devil, and make us Sons of GOD, and heirs of eternal life ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose Blessed SON, for our sake, did fast forty days and forty nights ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose SON, our LORD JESUS CHRIST, was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked

men, and to suffer death upon the Cross;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose Divine SON has been given unto us of the Eternal FATHER to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose SON our LORD JESUS CHRIST we believe to have ascended into the Heavens ;

Pray for us.

ALL holy Saints, who have been knit together of Almighty GOD, in our communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of His SON, CHRIST our LORD ;

Pray for us.

All holy Angels, whose services, in a wonderful order, have been ordained and constituted of the Everlasting GOD ;

Pray for us.

All holy Innocents, out of whose mouths was ordained strength, and by whose deaths Almighty GOD was pleased to be glorified ;

Pray for us.

HOLY Peter, to whom were given many excellent gifts, and who wast commanded earnestly by JESUS CHRIST to feed His flock;

Pray for us.

Holy John, by whose doctrine the Merciful LORD cast bright beams of light upon His Church, and by whose aid we walk in the light of GOD'S truth;

Pray for us.

Holy Andrew, who, by the grace of GOD, readily obeyed the calling of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and followed Him without delay;

Pray for us.

Holy Philip and James, to whom it was given, truly and to everlasting life, to know JESUS CHRIST to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life;

Pray for us.

Holy Matthew, who wast called by our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist of His Gospel;

Pray for us.

Holy Matthias, who, into the place of the traitor Judas, wast chosen of Almighty GOD to be of the number of the Twelve Apostles;

Pray for us.

Holy Mark, with whose heavenly doctrine Almighty GOD was pleased to instruct His Church;

Pray for us.

Holy Stephen, who, filled with the HOLY GHOST, learnt to love and bless thy persecutors, and to pray for thy murderers to Thee, O Blessed JESUS ;

Pray for us.

BE favourable ;
Spare us, Good Lord.

Be favourable ;
Hear us, Good Lord.

WE sinners beseech Thee to hear
us, O LORD GOD ;

That it may please Thee, that in all our sufferings here on earth for the testimony of Thy truth, we, after the example of Thy first Martyr, S. Stephen, may steadfastly look up to Heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doc-

trine, we, with the blessed Evangelist S. Mark, may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that Thy holy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors, who may follow the example of Thy faithful Servant S. Matthias;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant us grace, after the example of Thy holy Evangelist S. Matthew, to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, following the steps of Thy holy Apostles S. Philip and S. James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant unto us all, that we, together with Thy Apostle S. Andrew, being called by Thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy commandments;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, being enlightened by the doctrine of the blessed Apostle and Evangelist S. John, we may at length attain to the light of everlasting life;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant, that, after the example of Thy blessed Apostle S. Peter, all Bishops and Pastors may diligently preach Thy holy Word, and the people may obediently follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory;

Hear us, O Lord God.

THAT it may please Thee to mortify and kill all vices in us, and so to strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we, in company with the holy Innocents, may glorify Thy Name;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant, that, as Thy holy Angels always do Thee service in Heaven, so, by Thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to 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 them that unfeignedly love Thee ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

THAT it may please Thee, that, as the SON of Mary ascended into the Heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend and with Him continually dwell ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, through the merits of the SON of Mary, we may so put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant that, by the SPIRIT of the SON of Mary, the whole body of the Church may be so governed and sanctified, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant that, our flesh being subdued to the HOLY SPIRIT of the SON of Mary, we

may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, having the hope of the manifestation of the SON of Mary, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; and that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious Kingdom;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant us the true circumcision of the SPIRIT of the SON of Mary, that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey Thy blessed will;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by the HOLY SPIRIT of the SON of Mary;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, by the cross and passion of the SON of Mary, we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection;

Hear us, O Lord God.

PART II.

BLESSED Mary, Mother of GOD,
Ever-Virgin ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose Divine SON once, in the time of this mortal life, came to visit us in great humility, and in the last day shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, by whom thy SON, our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, was presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whom with the Young CHILD the Wise Men saw, when, by the leading of a star, GOD did manifest His Only-begotten SON to the Gentiles ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose Divine SON, of GOD's tender love towards mankind, suffered death upon the Cross that we might follow the example of His great humility ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-

Virgin, whose Blessed SON JESUS CHRIST, has been given of Almighty GOD to be unto us both a Sacrifice for sin, and also an Ensample of godly life ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose Divine SON has overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, into the death of whose Blessed SON JESUS CHRIST, Who died and was buried, and rose again for us, we are baptized ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whose SON, our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, has been exalted with great triumph unto His Kingdom in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Mother of GOD, Ever-Virgin, whom together with the hearts of His faithful people, GOD did teach, by the sending the Light of His HOLY SPIRIT ;

Pray for us.

ALL holy Saints, who have been knit together of Almighty GOD in

one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of His SON, CHRIST our LORD ;

Pray for us.

All holy Angels, whose services in a wonderful order have been ordained and constituted of the Everlasting GOD ;

Pray for us.

All holy Innocents, out of whose mouths was ordained strength, and by whose deaths Almighty GOD was pleased to be glorified ;

Pray for us.

HOLY James, who, leaving thy father and all that thou hadst, without delay wast obedient unto the calling of our LORD JESUS CHRIST and followed him ;

Pray for us.

Holy Paul, whose preaching has caused the light of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST to shine throughout the world ;

Pray for us.

Holy Thomas, who, for the more confirmation of the faith, wast suffered of Almighty GOD to be doubtful in His SON'S resurrection ;

Pray for us.

Holy Bartholomew, to whom was given of Almighty GOD grace, truly to believe and to preach His Word ;

Pray for us.

Holy Simon and Jude, whom, amongst the Apostles and Prophets as the foundation, Almighty GOD built His Church, JESUS CHRIST Himself being the Head Corner-stone ;

Pray for us.

Holy Luke, whose praise is in the Gospel, and who wast called of GOD to be an Evangelist and physician of the soul ;

Pray for us.

Holy Barnabas, who wast endued with singular gifts of the HOLY GHOST ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who, by the providence of GOD, wast wonderfully born and sent to prepare the way of His SON, our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, by the preaching of repentance ;

Pray for us.

BE favourable ;
Spare us, Good Lord.

Be favourable ;
Hear us, Good Lord.

WE sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O LORD GOD.

That it may please Thee to make us so to follow the doctrine and holy life of S. John Baptist that we may truly repent according to his preaching ; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to leave us not destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway, after the example of Thy holy Apostle S. Barnabas, to Thy honour and glory ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by the blessed Evangelist S. Luke, all the diseases of our souls may be healed ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit, by the doctrine of Thy Apostles S. Simon and S. Jude, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant

unto Thy Church to love that Word which the blessed Apostle S. Bartholomew believed, and both to preach and receive the same ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, after the example of Thy holy Apostle S. Thomas, we may so perfectly and without all doubt believe in Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that we, having the wonderful conversion of the blessed Apostle S. Paul in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness to Thee for the same by following the holy doctrine which he taught ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that we, after the example of Thy holy Apostle S. James, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow Thy commandments ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

THAT it may please Thee to mortify and kill all vices in us, and so to strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives and con-

stancy of our faith, even unto death, we, in company with the holy Innocents, may glorify Thy holy Name ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to grant, that, as Thy holy Angels always do Thee service in Heaven, so, by Thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to 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 them that unfeignedly love thee ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

THAT it may please Thee to grant us, by the HOLY SPIRIT of the SON of Mary, to have a right judgment in all things, and ever more to rejoice in His holy comfort ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to leave us not comfortless, but to send to us the Divine SPIRIT of the SON of Mary to comfort us, and to exalt us unto the same place whither our SAVIOUR CHRIST hath gone before ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, as we are baptized into the death of the SON of Mary, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him ; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, as by the special grace of the SPIRIT of the SON of Mary, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to give us grace, that we may always most thankfully receive the inestimable benefit of the Sacrifice of the SON of Mary, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that we may both follow the example of the patience of the SON of Mary, and also be made partakers of His resurrection ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee mercifully to grant, that we, which know Thee now by faith, may, after this life, have

the fruition of the glorious GODHEAD
of the SON of Mary ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee, that, as the
SON of Mary was presented in the
Temple, so we may be presented unto
Thee with pure and clean hearts ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

That it may please Thee to give us
grace that we may cast away the works
of darkness and put upon us the armour
of light, now in the time of this mortal
life, in which the SON of Mary came to
visit us in great humility ;

Hear us, O Lord God.

CONCLUSION.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away
the sins of the world ;

Increase our faith.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away
the sins of the world ;

Inspire us with hope.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away
the sins of the world ;

Enkindle in us charity.

O UR FATHER, Which art in Hea-
ven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done

in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory : for ever and ever. Amen.

4 **H**AIL ! Mary, Full of grace, the **L**ORD is with thee ; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy Womb, **J**ESUS. Holy Mary, Mother of **G**OD, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death.

JESUS CHRIST, Who is the First-begotten from the dead, hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, and hath made us Kings and Priests unto **G**OD and His **F**A-THER ; to Him be glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen.

LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle ?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life.

And who shall rest upon Thy holy hill ?

Even he that doeth the thing which is right.

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His delight is in the LORD ;
*And in His Law will he exercise
himself day and night.*

His leaf also shall not wither ;
*And look, whatsoever he doeth it
shall prosper.*

Delight thou in the LORD ;
*And He shall give thee thy heart's
desire.*

Commit thy way unto the LORD ;
And He shall bring it to pass.

As for me, I am poor and needy ;
But the Lord careth for me.

Thou art my Help and Redeemer ;
Make no long tarrying, O my God.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for them
that love Thee such good things
as pass man's understanding, pour into
our hearts such love towards Thee,
that we, loving Thee above all things,
may obtain Thy promises, which ex-
ceed all that we can desire, through
JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

MAY our LORD, of His mercy,
grant unto us, with all His faith-
ful people, eternal rest and peace.
Amen.

Litany of the Holy Apostles. 77

Litany of the Holy Apostles.

From the Collects of the Church.

 **N** the Name ✝ of the FATHER,
and of the SON, and of the
HOLY GHOST. Amen.

O GOD, the FATHER ;
Have mercy upon us.

O GOD, the SON ;
Have mercy upon us.

O GOD, the HOLY GHOST ;
Have mercy upon us.

O HOLY TRINITY ;
Have mercy upon us.

L ORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

LORD, have mercy.
O CHRIST, hear us. .
O Christ, graciously hear us.

BLESSED S. Mary, Mother of GOD,
Ever-Virgin, of whom for the sal-
vation of the world, by the operation
of the HOLY GHOST, the Co-eternal
SON of GOD was conceived according
to the flesh ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Peter, upon the rock of whose apostolic foundation and unity our LORD JESUS CHRIST promised to build His Church, and of which He declared that the gates of hell should not prevail against it ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. James, who, at the call of our LORD JESUS CHRIST immediately left all and followed Him ; and to whom it was promised, with those that followed Him, that they should sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. John, the disciple whom JESUS loved, who also leaned on His breast at Supper, and by whose teaching Almighty GOD has been pleased to reveal to us the hidden things of His word ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Andrew, who, when called of the LORD JESUS, followed the LAMB even to the Cross, and suffered after the example of Him Who was crucified for us ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Paul, who, from a perse-

cutor of GOD's people became a chosen vessel unto Him ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Thomas, who, through faith working by love, didst acknowledge our LORD JESUS CHRIST to be both LORD and GOD ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Philip and S. James, who, with grace and great power gave witness of the resurrection of our LORD and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Bartholomew, who wast chosen by the Great SHEPHERD to be an Apostle in the Church of GOD, to feed His sheep with His Word and Sacraments, and to be unto them an example of holy life ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Matthew, by whose ministry, through the tender mercy of our GOD, the truth of the Holy Gospel has been made known unto us ;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Simon and S. Jude, of whom our Blessed LORD said—As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world ; and for whom He prayed—Holy FA-

THEY, keep through Thy own Name
those whom Thou hast given Me;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Matthias, who wast elected
of Almighty GOD to fill the place of
the traitor Judas, lest the sacred number
of the Apostles should lack its fullness;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Barnabas, who, when
continuing steadfastly in the Apostles'
doctrine and fellowship, and in Breaking
of Bread and of prayers, by the
HOLY GHOST wast separated for the
work whereunto He had called thee;

Pray for us.

Blessed S. Michael, and all Angels
who stand round about the Throne of
GOD, and praise Him continually and
without weariness in eternal blessedness,
saying—Worthy is the LAMB
That was slain to receive power and
riches, and honour, and glory, and
blessing;

Pray for us.

BE merciful;
Spare us, Good Lord.

Be merciful;
Hear us, Good Lord.

WE, sinners, beseech Thee to hear us, and that it may please Thee:

That, as Thy holy Angels fall in reverence before Thy Altar, so they may present our oblations before the throne of Thy Majesty, as incense of a sweet-smelling savour, and may bring to us the abundant blessing of Thy grace;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That, graciously looking upon Thy great harvest, Thou wouldest send into it labourers who, after the example of Thy holy Apostle S. Barnabas, may feed Thy people with the Bread of life;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That, as Thou didst by lot cause Thy blessed Matthias to be numbered with the Eleven Apostles, so also, of Thy great mercy Thou wouldest vouchsafe to make us partakers of the inheritance of these Thy Saints in light;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That, in obedience to the doctrine delivered by S. Simon and S. Jude, in faith we may look for Thee, in truth we may know Thee, and in sincerity we may love Thee;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That, as the preaching of the holy

Apostle and Evangelist S. Matthew made him to be glorious, so we, following the doctrine which he taught, may be acceptable to Thee both in word and deed;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That we, who have been fed with the heavenly banquet of CHRIST'S Body and Blood, may, with the holy Bartholomew, keep the faith which he taught, and walk in the way which he by his example shewed us;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That, with Thine Apostles S. Philip and S. James, we, beholding Thee in the FATHER and the FATHER in Thee, may, by that pure Religion and undefiled which they preached, attain unto everlasting life;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldest always preserve us in Thy true faith, and while we rejoice in the confession of Thy blessed S. Thomas, we may offer unto Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That the same grace which converted Thy Apostle S. Paul may convert us who are partakers of Thy holy Mysteries; and that, after his example, we

may arise and go unto Thee, that, being fed with the Meat which Thou hast appointed, we may receive sight and be strengthened for Thy holy service;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That we, being strengthened at Thy holy Table against the allurements of our desires, and bearing our cross daily, after the example of the blessed Andrew, and dying on His Cross with CHRIST, we may reign with Him in glory;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That we, being instructed by the teaching of Thy beloved Apostle S. John, respecting the Divinity of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and loving that which He hath taught us, may always walk according to His precepts and be made partakers of His promises;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That, as the blessed James offered his life a continual sacrifice unto Thee, so we may always present before Thee the sacrifice of humility and praise, kindled on the altar of our hearts with the flame of fervent charity;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That as Thou didst build Thy Church on the rock of the blessed Apostle S.

Peter, so Thou wouldest grant that, Thy Church continuing steadfast unto the end, we may ever receive the increase of Thy Heavenly grace ;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That He Who, by the ineffable mystery of the Incarnation, for our sakes took upon Him our nature in the womb of Blessed Mary, may vouchsafe to make us partakers of His Divine Nature;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

OUR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory: for ever and ever. Amen.

HAIL! Mary, Full of grace, the LORD is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy Womb, JESUS. Holy Mary, Mother of GOD, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death.

BLESSED are those that are unde-
filed in the way ;

And walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep His testi-
monies ;

And seek Him with their whole heart.

O that my ways were made so direct ;

That I might keep Thy statutes.

I will keep Thy ceremonies ;

O forsake me not utterly.

With my whole heart have I sought
Thee ;

*O let me not go wrong out of Thy
commandments.*

My delight shall be in Thy statutes ;

And I will not forget Thy word.

O GOD, the Strength of all Thy
Saints, Who hast given unto them
the grace whereby they have attained
unto the gift of Thy Heavenly glory,
give strength also, we beseech Thee, to
our infirmity, that we may follow their
example whose blessedness we cele-
brate : through JESUS CHRIST our
LORD. Amen.

MAY the Almighty LORD, the FA-
THER, the SON, and the HOLY
GHOST, bless us and keep us, now and
for evermore. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Apostles.*From Holy Scripture.*

N the Name ✝ of the FATHER,
and of the SON, and of the
HOLY GHOST. Amen.

GLORY be to GOD, the FATHER ;
Who hath created us.
Glory be to GOD, the SON ;
Who hath redeemed us.
Glory be to GOD, the Holy GHOST ;
Who hath sanctified us.
Glory be to GOD, the HOLY TRINITY ;
Now, henceforth, and for ever-
more.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.
O CHRIST, hear us.
O Christ, graciously hear us.

PART I.

O ALL ye holy Apostles, who, being
called of the LORD JESUS, imme-
diately left all and followed Him;
Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were ordained of CHRIST that ye might be with Him ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were sent forth by two and two, and preached, saying—The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom power was given against unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, raised the dead, and freely gave as freely ye had received ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, being sent forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, were wise as serpents and harmless as doves ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who took nothing for your journey—for the workman is worthy of his meat ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were delivered up to councils, and brought be-

fore governors and kings for CHRIST'S sake ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, being delivered up, took no thought what or how ye should speak—for that was given unto you of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were hated of all men for CHRIST'S sake, but were saved, in that ye endured unto the end ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, in your dealings with men, were taught that the disciple is not above his MASTER, nor the servant above his LORD ; and were content that the disciple should be as his MASTER and the servant as his LORD ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who spake in the light that which CHRIST taught in darkness ; and preached that which ye heard in the ear, upon the house-top ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who feared not them which could kill the body, but were not able to kill the soul ; but rather, who feared Him Who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whom, having not denied CHRIST before men, the LORD JESUS hath confessed before His FATHER Which is in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, having loved neither father or mother, nor son or daughter more than CHRIST, have been made worthy of Him ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, after the commandment of CHRIST, denied yourselves and took up your cross daily and followed Him ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom it was declared of the LORD JESUS—He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me, receiveth Him that sent Me ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom power was committed of the LORD JESUS—Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom it was promised—If two of you shall agree on

earth touching anything ye shall ask,
it shall be done for you of My FATHER
Which is in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, with whom, after
JESUS had made an end of command-
ing His disciples, He departed to teach
and to preach in their cities ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, when JESUS
went up into a mountain and was set,
came unto Him ; and whom, when He
opened His mouth, He taught as One
having authority and not as the Scribes ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom it
was given to know the mysteries of the
Kingdom of Heaven—for, blessed were
your eyes for they saw, and your ears
for they heard ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom, when
ye were alone, the LORD expounded all
things that He had spoken in parables ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, of whom it was
said—There be some standing here
which shall not taste of death, till they
see the SON of Man coming in His
Kingdom ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, having forsaken all and followed CHRIST, received an hundred-fold in this time with persecutions, and in the regeneration shall inherit everlasting life ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, amongst whom whosoever would be great was your minister, and whosoever chief was your servant ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who preached the Gospel of the Kingdom in all the world for a witness unto all nations ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, being eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word, bore witness unto CHRIST, because ye had been with Him from the beginning ;

Pray for us.

PART II.

O YE holy Apostles, who, on the first day of Unleavened Bread, did as JESUS appointed, and made ready the Passover ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, with whom, when

the even was come, JESUS sat down ;
and to whom He said—With desire
have I desired to eat this Passover with
you before I suffer ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom the
LORD declared—I will not any more
eat thereof until it be fulfilled in the
Kingdom of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom the
LORD promised—I will not henceforth
drink of the fruit of the vine until
I drink it new with you in My FA-
THER'S Kingdom ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, as ye did
eat, were exceeding sorrowful, when the
LORD said—One of you shall betray
me ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, before whom, as
ye were eating, JESUS took Bread, and
blessed, and brake It, saying—Take,
eat ; This is My Body : This do in re-
membrance of Me ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, before whom,
after Supper, JESUS took the Cup, and
when He had given thanks He said—

Drink ye all of It ; This is My Blood :
This do in remembrance of Me ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, being loved
of the LORD JESUS, were loved unto
the end ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whose feet, Sup-
per being ended, the LORD JESUS began
to wash, and to wipe them with the
towel wherewith He was girded ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom
CHRIST gave commandment — If I,
your LORD and MASTER, have washed
your feet, ye also ought to wash one
another's feet ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom
CHRIST gave a new commandment—
That ye love one another ; as I have
loved you, that ye also love one an-
other ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, for whom the
LORD went to prepare a place in His
FATHER'S House of many mansions ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom CHRIST
promised to come again and to receive

unto Himself, that where He was, there ye might be also ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, because ye believed, did the works that CHRIST did, and greater works than these did ye do, because He went unto His FATHER ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom another COMFORTER was given that He might abide with you for ever, even the SPIRIT of Truth ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, loving CHRIST, were loved of Him ; and being loved of Him, were loved of His FATHER, and continued in His love ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were taught of the HOLY GHOST, and had brought to your remembrance all things that CHRIST said unto you ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, abiding in CHRIST, and CHRIST in you, were made clean through the Word which He spake unto you, and brought forth much fruit ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whom henceforth your LORD called not servants, but friends—for all things that He had heard of His FATHER made He known unto you ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whom because ye are not of the world, but CHRIST had chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hated ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, for whom JESUS prayed, not that ye might be taken out of the world, but that ye might be kept from the evil ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, for whom JESUS prayed—That they all may be one ; as Thou, FATHER, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, for whom JESUS prayed—FATHER, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me, where I am ; that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, with whom, when ye had sung an hymn, JESUS went forth

to the Mount of Olives, where was a garden, into the which He entered ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom JESUS said, All ye shall be offended because of Me this night ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, when they laid hold on JESUS and bound Him, forsook Him and fled ;

Pray for us.

PART III.

O YE holy Apostles, who being called of CHRIST were sent forth and commanded, saying—Go not into the way of the Gentiles, but go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, when JESUS entered into a ship, followed Him ; and who, when there arose a great tempest in the sea, awoke Him, saying—LORD, save us, we perish ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom He said—Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith ; and for whose sake He arose and rebuked the sea, and there was a great calm ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who marvelled, saying—What manner of Man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom the Pharisees said—Why eateth your Master with Publicans and sinners? whilst the LORD made answer—They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom the LORD JESUS said—The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the LORD of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who enquired, saying—Why speakest Thou unto them in parables? and to whom the LORD replied—Whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who said unto JESUS—Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field: and to whom

CHRIST answered and said—He that soweth the good seed is the SON of MAN ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who asked—What might this parable of the sower be? and to whom CHRIST answered—The parable is this, The Seed is the Word of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who came unto JESUS, and said—Send the multitude away, that they may buy themselves victuals : and unto whom the LORD replied—They need not depart ; give ye them to eat ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, after JESUS had blessed and brake, and given to His Disciples, gave the loaves to the multitude, who did all eat and were filled ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were constrained of the LORD to get into a ship, and to go before Him to the other side ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who saw JESUS walking on the sea, and were

troubled, saying—It is a Spirit : and to whom JESUS spake—It is I : be not afraid ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, when the wind ceased, came and worshipped JESUS, saying—Of a truth Thou art the SON of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, when the Woman of Canaan came and cried unto JESUS, said—Send her away, for she crieth after us : and to whom the LORD answered—I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whom JESUS warned—Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees : and who afterwards understood that He bade you beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whom JESUS asked, saying—Whom do men say that I, the SON of MAN, am ? and whom He charged to tell no man that He was JESUS the CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, because of your unbelief could not cure the child vexed with a devil, such kind going not out but by prayer and fasting ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom it was promised—If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible unto you ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who came unto CHRIST, saying—Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven ? and in the midst of whom set JESUS a little child, and said—Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who rebuked those that brought unto CHRIST little children ; and to whom Jesus answered—Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were amazed when ye heard—That a rich man shall hardly enter into the Kingdom of Heaven : and to whom the LORD said—With GOD all things are possible ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom JESUS said—Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister ; and whosoever will be chief, let him be your servant ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who went and did as JESUS commanded, and brought the ass and the colt, and put on them your clothes, and set Him thereon ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom, seeing the fig tree withered away, the LORD answered—All things whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom, having murmured at the waste of precious ointment, the LORD said—Why trouble ye the woman ; she hath wrought a good work upon Me ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who said unto JESUS—LORD, teach us to pray : and to whom the LORD made answer—When ye pray, say, Our FATHER ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, as JESUS sat thus on the well, prayed Him, say-

ing—MASTER, eat ; and unto whom the LORD answered—I have meat to eat that ye know not of ; My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whom JESUS commanded, saying—Gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who asked CHRIST of the man that was blind from his birth—MASTER, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind ? and unto whom the LORD made answer—Neither ; but that the works of GOD should be made manifest in Him ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom JESUS said—Our friend Lazarus sleepeth ; but I go that I may awake him out of sleep ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, of whom CHRIST enquired—Will ye also go away ? and who answering, said—LORD, to whom shall we go, Thou hast the words of eternal life ;

Pray for us.

PART IV.

O YE holy Apostles, who companied together all the time that the LORD JESUS went in and out amongst you, unto that same day that He was taken up into Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who took part in the Ministry and Apostleship of CHRIST, and were ordained to be witnesses of His resurrection ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom, having continued with Him in His temptation, CHRIST appointed a Kingdom, as His FATHER had appointed unto Him ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom it was promised, that ye should eat and drink at CHRIST'S table, in His Kingdom, and should sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom, through the HOLY GHOST, the LORD JESUS after His resurrection, gave commandments ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom the

LORD JESUS showed Himself alive after His passion being seen forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of GOD ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, when ye had heard that JESUS was alive, and had been seen of the holy Women, believed not ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, after He had appeared in another form unto two of them as they went into the country, believed them not ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom JESUS appeared, and upbraided for the hardness of your hearts, because ye believed not them that had seen Him after He was risen ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, in the midst of whom, the doors being shut, came JESUS, and to whom He said—Peace be unto you ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were glad when ye saw the LORD, and when He shewed unto you His hands, and His side, and His feet ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, while ye believed not for joy, gave unto Him to eat a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whose understanding JESUS opened, that ye might understand the Scriptures ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, to whom CHRIST said—Peace be unto you ; as My FATHER hath sent Me, even so send I you ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, upon whom JESUS breathed and said—Receive ye the HOLY GHOST, whose soever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them, and whose soever sins ye retain they are retained ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who going into Galilee, to a mountain where ye had been appointed, saw the LORD JESUS and worshipped Him ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whom CHRIST commanded—Go ye and teach all nations, baptising them in the Name of

the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who received this promise of the LORD—Lo ! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom the LORD showed himself again at the Sea of Tiberias : and who, having cast the net to the right side of the ship, were not able to drag it for the multitude of fishes ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were commanded by CHRIST to tarry in the Holy City, until ye were endued with power from on high ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, whom JESUS led out as far as to Bethany, and lifting up His hands, He blessed ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, from whom, while He blessed, He was parted, as He was carried up into Heaven ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who looked steadfastly towards Heaven as JESUS

went up, and a cloud received Him out of your sight ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who continued in prayer and supplication with the Women, and Mary the Mother of JESUS, and His brethren ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, unto whom, when the day of Pentecost was fully come, being all with one accord in one place, there appeared cloven tongues like as of fire, which sat upon each of you ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who were all filled with the HOLY GHOST, and spake with tongues as the SPIRIT gave you utterance ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who continued daily with one accord, in the Temple, and in breaking of Bread and in prayers ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, by whom, fear coming upon every soul, many signs and wonders were done among the people ;

Pray for us.

O ye holy Apostles, who, having re-

ceived power of the HOLY GHOST, were witnesses unto the LORD JESUS unto the uttermost parts of the earth ;

Pray for us.

CONCLUSION.

WE sinners beseech Thee, Good LORD,

That, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we may live soberly, righteously and godly in this present life ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may do good while we have time ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That, forbearing one another in love, we may endeavour to keep the unity of the SPIRIT in the bond of peace ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may be doers of the word, and not hearers only ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That, having food and raiment, we may be therewith content ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may owe no man anything,
but to love one another ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may provide things honest,
not only in the sight of GOD, but in the
sight of all men ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may present our bodies a
living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to
GOD, which is our reasonable service ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may recompense to no man
evil for evil ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That, by good works, we may give
all diligence to make our calling and
election sure ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we be not weary in well-doing ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may rejoice in the LORD
always ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That, before all things, we may seek
not our own, but the things which are
JESUS CHRIST'S ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we, who in word confess GOD,
may not in works deny Him ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That, whatsoever we do in word or deed, we may do all things to the glory of GOD ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may restore the erring in the spirit of meekness and gentleness ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That all we do may be done with charity ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of CHRIST ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we receive not the grace of GOD in vain ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That, considering the conversation of the saints, we may follow their faith and patience ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That, in our warfare for GOD, we may not entangle ourselves with the affairs of this life ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That, in all things, we may take the shield of faith, wherewith we may quench the fiery darts of the wicked one ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may so run in the race of

this life, that at length we may obtain the prize ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way ;

And walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies ;

And seek Him with their whole heart.

O that my ways were made so direct ;

That I might keep Thy statutes.

I will keep Thy ceremonies ;

O forsake me not utterly.

With my whole heart have I sought
Thee ;

*O let me not go wrong out of Thy
commandments.*

My delight shall be in Thy statutes ;

And I will not forget Thy word.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who, by Thy
SON JESUS CHRIST, didst give
to Thy Apostles many excellent gifts
and commandedst them earnestly to
feed Thy flock ; make, we beseech Thee,
by the intercessions of the same holy
Apostles, all Bishops and pastors dili-
gently to preach Thy holy Word, and
the people obediently to follow the
same, that they may receive the crown
of everlasting glory, through JESUS
CHRIST, our LORD. Amen.

O SAVIOUR of the World, Who,
by Thy Cross and precious
Blood, hath redeemed us, save us, and
help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O
LORD.

THE Blessing of GOD Almighty, the
FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY
GHOST, be upon us, and remain with
us for ever. Amen.

Litany of **S. John Baptist,**
S. Peter, and other
Apostles.

 **N the Name ✝ of the FATHER,**
and of the **SON,** and of the
HOLY GHOST. Amen.

O **GOD, the FATHER ;**
Have mercy upon us.

O **GOD, the SON ;**
Have mercy upon us.

O **GOD, the HOLY GHOST ;**
Have mercy upon us.

O **GOD, the HOLY TRINITY ;**
Have mercy upon us.

L **ORD, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.

H **OLY John Baptist, a man sent**
from **GOD,** who camest for a wit-
ness to bear witness of the **Light,** that
all men, through Him, might believe ;
Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who wast clothed
with camels' hair, and a leathern girdle,

and whose meat was locusts and wild honey;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who saidst of Thyself—I am the Voice of One, crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who camest preaching in the wilderness, and saying—Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who didst preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, of whom the multitudes were baptized in the river Jordan confessing their sins;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who saidst to the multitudes that came forth to thee—Bring forth fruits meet for repentance;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who barest witness of the LORD JESUS—He that cometh after me is preferred before me, for He was before me;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who seeing JESUS coming unto thee, saidst—Behold the LAMB of GOD, which taketh away the sin of the world ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who, when JESUS came to be baptized, didst forbid Him, and saidst—I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me ?

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, to whom JESUS made answer—Suffer it to be so now ; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, of whom JESUS was baptized, and who barest record—I saw the SPIRIT descending from Heaven like a Dove, and It abode upon Him ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who, hearing in the prison the works of Christ, sentest two of thy disciples and saidst unto Him—Art Thou He that should come, or do we look for another ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, unto whose dis-

ciples JESUS answering, said—Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see : and, Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, of whom the LORD JESUS declared—Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist ; notwithstanding, he that is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who preachedst, saying—I indeed baptize with water, but He shall baptize you with the HOLY GHOST, and with fire ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, upon whom Herod laid hold and bound in prison, for that thou hadst said unto him—It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, who, for Herod's oath's sake to the daughter of Herodias, wast beheaded in the prison ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist, whose disciples,

when they heard of it, came and took up thy corpse and laid it in a tomb ;

Pray for us.

HOLY Peter, whom at the Sea of Galilee JESUS saw casting a net into the Sea : and unto whom the LORD said—Follow Me, and I will make you a fisher of men ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who, when thou sawest JESUS walking on the sea, didst say unto Him—If it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water : and unto whom JESUS said—Come ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who, when thou sawest the wind boisterous, wast afraid : and beginning to sink, criedst out saying—LORD, save me ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, towards whom the LORD JESUS stretched forth His hand, whom He caught, and to whom He said—O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, of whom the LORD enquired—Whom do men say that I am ? and who madest answer—Thou

art the CHRIST, the SON of the Living GOD ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, whom JESUS blessed, saying—Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona : for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My FATHER, Which is in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, unto whom CHRIST said—Thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, whom CHRIST charged, saying—I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven : and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who, when there appeared Moses and Elias, talking with JESUS, saidst—LORD, it is good for us to be here ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who heardest a voice out of the cloud, which said—This is My

Beloved SON, in Whom I am well pleased ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, to whom they came that received tribute, and said—Doth not your Master pay tribute : and to whom the LORD said—Lest we should offend, give unto them for Me and thee ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who saidst unto JESUS—We have forsaken all and followed Thee ; what shall we have therefore ? and to whom the Lord made answer—Ye shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who, seeing the fig-tree dried up from the roots, saidst unto JESUS—Master, behold the fig-tree is withered away : and unto whom Christ answered—Have faith in GOD ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who, when JESUS began to wash the disciples' feet, saidst unto Him—LORD, dost Thou wash my feet ? and who answered unto JESUS—LORD, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who saidst unto JESUS—
LORD, whither goest Thou? and to whom
the LORD made answer—Whither I go
thou canst not follow Me now; but
thou shalt follow Me afterwards;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who saidst unto JESUS
—LORD, I will lay down my life for
Thy sake: and who, when the LORD
turned and looked upon thee, went out
and wept bitterly;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who drewest thy sword,
and smotest a servant of the High
Priest, and cut off his ear: unto whom
JESUS said—Put up again thy sword
into his place; and who followedst
JESUS afar off unto the High Priest's
palace, and went in to see the end;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, who went forth, with
that other disciple whom JESUS loved,
and came to the sepulchre, and went
again to thy own home, wondering at
that which was come to pass;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, unto whom the LORD
JESUS appeared after His resurrec-
tion;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, unto whom, with other disciples, JESUS showed Himself at the Sea of Tiberias : and who, when thou heardst that it was the LORD, didst cast thyself into the sea ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, unto whom JESUS thrice said—Lovest thou Me ? and who wast grieved and said—LORD, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter, unto whom the LORD JESUS said—Feed My lambs : feed My sheep : follow Me ;

Pray for us.

HOLY John, the son of Zebedee, who, with thy brother James, wast surnamed of JESUS CHRIST the Son of Thunder ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, who, with S. James thy brother, at the call of JESUS, left the ship and thy father and followed Him ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, whom, with S. Peter and S. James, JESUS took into the house of Jairus, whose daughter was dead ;

and who wast astonished with a great astonishment when JESUS calling, said—Maid, arise : and the damsel arose ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, who, when the day of unleavened bread was come, wast sent with S. Peter, by CHRIST, to go and prepare for Him the Passover ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, the disciple who leaned on JESUS' bosom, whom JESUS loved ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, who, lying on JESUS' breast, said—LORD, which is he that betrayeth Thee ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, whom, with S. Peter and S. James, JESUS took into a place called Gethsemane, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, unto whom Jesus said—Tarry ye here and watch with Me ; and whom, with the other disciples, JESUS found asleep, for thy eyes were heavy with sorrow ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, who followedst JESUS to the Palace of the High Priest, and

spakest unto her that kept the door
and brought in S. Peter ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, of whom, standing by
the Cross, JESUS said unto His Mother
—Behold thy son : and unto whom, of
the Blessed Virgin, JESUS said—Behold
thy Mother ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, who didst outrun S.
Peter, and camest first to the Sepul-
chre ; and who wentest in also to the
Sepulchre, and believedst ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, who, on the Sea of
Tiberias, when the morning was come,
and JESUS stood on the shore, saidst
unto Simon Peter—It is the LORD ;

Pray for us.

Holy John, who testifiedst of these
things, and wrotest these things, whose
testimony we know is true ;

Pray for us.

HOLY James, the son of Zebedee,
whom, with S. John, thy brother,
JESUS saw mending thy nets ; and who,
at the calling of CHRIST, left the ship
and followed Him ;

Pray for us.

Holy James, whom, with S. Peter and S. John, JESUS bringeth up into a high mountain apart ; and before whom the LORD was transfigured ;

Pray for us.

Holy James, who, with the other disciples, wast sore afraid : to whom the LORD said—Arise and be not afraid : and whom the LORD charged—Tell the vision to no man, until the SON of MAN be risen again from the dead ;

Pray for us.

Holy James, who askedst JESUS—Why say the Scribes that Elias must first come ? and unto whom the LORD made answer—Elias is come already, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed ;

Pray for us.

Holy James, who, with thy brother S. John, desired of JESUS, that ye might sit, the one on His right hand, and the other on His left in His glory ;

Pray for us.

Holy James, unto whom JESUS said—Whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister, and whosoever will be the chiefest shall be servant of all ;

Pray for us.

HOLY Andrew, who findest thy brother, Simon Peter, and saidst unto him—We have found the Messias : and who broughtest him unto JESUS ;

Pray for us.

Holy Andrew, who, with thy brother S. Peter, forsookest the nets, and followed JESUS, when He said—Follow Me, and I will make you a fisher of men ;

Pray for us.

Holy Andrew, who, with the other disciples of the LORD JESUS, followedst after Him, saying—All men seek for Thee ;

Pray for us.

Holy Andrew, who, with S. Peter, S. James, and S. John, askedst JESUS privately—What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world ? and unto whom the LORD answered—Take heed that no man deceive you ;

Pray for us.

HOLY Thomas, who, when the Jews sought to stone JESUS, saidst unto thy fellow disciples—Let us also go, that we may die with Him ;

Pray for us.

Holy Thomas, who saidst unto JESUS—LORD, we know not whither Thou goest, and how can we know the way : and unto whom JESUS said—I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life ;

Pray for us.

Holy Thomas, who, after the resurrection, saidst—Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, I will not believe : and unto whom CHRIST said—Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands ; and be not faithless, but believing ;

Pray for us.

Holy Thomas, who answeredst and saidst unto JESUS—My LORD and My GOD : and unto whom JESUS said—Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed ;

Pray for us.

HOLY Philip, unto whom, JESUS finding, said—Follow Me : and who findest Nathaniel and saidst unto him—We have found Him of Whom Moses and the Prophets did write, JESUS of Nazareth ;

Pray for us.

Holy Philip, unto whom Nathaniel said—Can any good thing come out of

Nazareth? and who answeredst and saidst—Come and see;

Pray for us.

Holy Philip, who saidst unto JESUS—LORD, show us the FATHER, and it sufficeth us: and unto whom the LORD made answer—Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip?

Pray for us.

Holy Philip, who, when certain Greeks came up to worship, and said unto thee—Sir, we would see JESUS: wentest with S. Andrew, and toldest the LORD;

Pray for us.

HOLY Nathaniel, whom JESUS saw coming unto Him and said—Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile;

Pray for us.

Holy Nathaniel, who askedst of CHRIST—Whence knowest Thou Me? and unto whom JESUS said—Before that Philip called thee, I saw thee;

Pray for us.

Holy Nathaniel, who saidst unto JESUS—Rabbi, Thou art the SON of

GOD, Thou art the King of Israel : and unto whom the LORD made answer—Believest thou? thou shalt see greater than these ;

Pray for us.

Holy Nathaniel, unto whom CHRIST said—Hereafter ye shall see Heaven open, and the Angels of GOD ascending and descending upon the SON of MAN ;

Pray for us.

HOLY Matthew, whom, as He passed by, JESUS saw sitting at the receipt of custom : and who, when He saith unto thee—Follow Me : didst arise and follow Him ;

Pray for us.

Holy Matthew, who madest unto the LORD JESUS a great feast ; and in whose house, JESUS answering, said—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance ;

Pray for us.

HOLY Apostles of the LORD JESUS CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

BE merciful ;

Spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful;

Hear us, O Lord.

From all sin and evil;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From Thy wrath and everlasting death;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy holy incarnation;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the coming of the HOLY GHOST;

Good Lord, deliver us.

In the hour of death;

Good Lord, deliver us.

In the day of judgment;

Good Lord, deliver us.

WE sinners;

Beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest be merciful unto us and grant us true repentance;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest forgive us all our sins and bring us to everlasting life;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

OUR FATHER.

HAIL! Mary.

THE Grace of our LORD.

A short Litany of All Saints.

 **N** the Name ✝ of the FATHER,
and of the SON, and of the
HOLY GHOST. Amen.

L ORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

LORD, have mercy.
O CHRIST, hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us.

HOLY Mary, Mother of GOD, Virgin
of Virgins ;

Pray for us.

Holy Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael ;

Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist ;

Pray for us.

Holy Peter and Andrew ;

Pray for us.

Holy James and John, the sons of
Zebedee ;

Pray for us.

Holy Philip and Bartholomew ;

Pray for us.

Holy Thomas and Matthew ;

Pray for us.

Holy James, the son of Alphæus and
Thaddeus ;

Pray for us.

Holy Simon, the Canaanite, and
Matthias ;

Pray for us.

Holy Paul and Barnabas ;

Pray for us.

Holy Mark and Luke ;

Pray for us.

Holy Stephen ;

Pray for us.

O ALL ye holy orders of blessed
Spirits ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Disciples of the LORD
JESUS ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Innocents ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Patriarchs and Pro-
phets ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Martyrs and Confessors ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Bishops and Doctors ;

Pray for us.

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O all ye holy Priests of the Church ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Monks and Hermits ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Virgins and Widows ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy Saints of GOD, both
Men and Women ;

Pray for us.

BE merciful ;

And spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful ;

And graciously hear us, O Lord.

FROM all sin and evil ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From Thine anger ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From the snares of the devil ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From anger and hatred, and from
every evil desire ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From sudden and unprepared death ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From lightning and tempest, and
from plague, pestilence and war ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From everlasting death ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

BY the mystery of Thy holy incarnation ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Thine advent and nativity ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Thy baptism and holy fast ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Thy cross and passion ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Thy death and burial ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Thy holy resurrection and wonderful ascension ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

By the coming of the HOLY GHOST the Comforter ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

THAT Thou wouldest spare us, and be merciful to hear us, O LORD ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring us to true repentance ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to rule and preserve Thy Church, and bring down all her enemies ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to

grant to Christian kings, rulers and people, unity, peace and concord ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to strengthen and preserve us in Thy holy service ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest lift our minds to heavenly desires ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That thou wouldest bestow on all our benefactors everlasting blessings ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest deliver our souls, and those of our brethren, relations and benefactors from eternal damnation ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest be pleased to give to all the faithful departed eternal rest ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe graciously to hear us ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

OUR FATHER.

HAIL! Mary.

HEAR, O LORD, the prayers of Thy
suppliants ;

*And of Thy mercy grant unto us
pardon and peace.*

Be unto us, O LORD, a tower of
strength ;

From the face of our enemies.

O LORD, save Thy servants ;

Which put their trust in Thee.

Let the enemy have no advantage of
us ;

Nor the wicked approach to hurt us.

O LORD, deal not with us after our
sins ;

Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray for our Bishop ;

*May the Lord preserve him and keep
him alive, and make him blessed upon
earth, and deliver him not into the will
of his enemies.*

Let us pray for our benefactors ;

*Be pleased, O God, to bestow upon
all who do us good eternal life, for Thy
Name's sake.*

Let us pray for the faithful departed ;

Grant unto them, O Lord, eternal rest; let Thy light perpetual shine upon them; and may they rest in peace.

Let us pray for our absent brethren;
Save Thy servants, O Lord, whose hope is in Thee; send them help from Thy holy place; and strengthen them out of Sion.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD,
Who art the LORD of the living
and of the dead, and Who hast pity
upon all whom, by Thy foreknowledge,
Thou knowest will be Thine by faith
and works, we humbly pray Thee that
all those for whom we have offered our
prayers, whether for those whom the
present world still retains in the flesh,
or the future world hath received in
the spirit, may, through the intercession
of all the Saints appealing to Thy mer-
ciful loving-kindness, receive the re-
mission of all their sins: through JESUS
CHRIST our LORD.

MAY the Almighty and Merciful
LORD hear us;

Amen.

And may the souls of the faithful, by
the mercy of GOD, rest in peace;

Amen.

A short Litany of the Holy Angels.

 **N** the Name ✝ of the FATHER,
and of the SON, and of the
HOLY GHOST. Amen.

L ORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

LORD, have mercy.

O CHRIST, hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us.

HOLY Mary, Mother of GOD, Virgin
of Virgins ;
Pray for us.

HOLY Michael, who hast always
been the defender of GOD'S
people ;
Pray for us.

Holy Michael, who drovest out of
Heaven Lucifer and all his rebel as-
sociates.

Pray for us.

Holy Michael, who castedst down
into the depths of hell the accuser of
our brethren ;

Pray for us.

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Holy Gabriel, who openedst to Daniel
the divine vision ;

Pray for us.

Holy Gabriel, who didst foretell the
birth and ministry of S. John the Baptist ;

Pray for us.

Holy Gabriel, who wast the messenger
of the Incarnation of the Divine WORD ;

Pray for us.

Holy Raphael, who leddest forth and
broughtest back Tobias in safety ;

Pray for us.

Holy Raphael, who gavest sight to
Tobit ;

Pray for us.

O ALL ye holy Angels of GOD ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who stand about the throne of
GOD high and lifted up ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who continually do cry to GOD,
Holy, Holy, Holy ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who act as the divine messengers
to men ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who have received from GOD the
guardianship of man ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who always behold the face of the
FATHER, Which is in Heaven ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who rejoice over one sinner that
repenteth ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who led forth Lot from the midst
of the sinners ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who ascended and descended the
ladder of Jacob ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who, on Mount Sinai, delivered
the Divine Law to Moses ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who announced to men the joyful
tidings of the birth of CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who ministered to CHRIST in the
wilderness.

Pray for us.

Ye, who carried Lazarus to Abraham's
bosom ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who, clothed in white raiment, sat
by the sepulchre of CHRIST ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who, when CHRIST had ascended
into Heaven, appeared to His disciples ;

Pray for us.

140 *A short Litany of*

Ye, who, with the sign of the Cross,
are to come before CHRIST to judgment ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who are to gather together the
elect at the end of the world ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who are to separate the evil from
among the good ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who bear the prayers of those who
pray into the presence of GOD ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who support the dying ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who bear to Heaven the souls of
those just men who are purged from all
taint of sin ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who, by the power of GOD, show
signs and wonders ;

Pray for us.

Ye who are sent to minister to the
heirs of salvation ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who have often scattered the forces
of our enemies ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who have often freed from pri-

sons, and other perils of this life, the servants of GOD ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who have often comforted the Holy Martyrs amidst their sufferings ;

Pray for us.

Ye, who are wont to cherish the prelates and princes of the Church, and its nursing parents with peculiar care ;

Pray for us.

O all ye holy orders of the Blessed Spirits ;

Pray for us.

FROM all dangers, by Thy holy Angels ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From all snares of the devil ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From all heresy and schism ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From pestilence, famine and war ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From sudden and unprepared death ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

From everlasting death ;

Deliver us, O Lord.

WE sinners beseech Thee to hear us.
By Thy holy Angels ;
We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest spare us ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest be merciful to us ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to rule and preserve Thy Holy Church ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless all bishops and ecclesiastical orders ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon all Christian princes peace and unity ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest be pleased to give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wouldest be pleased to grant to all the faithful departed eternal rest ;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

L ORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

LORD, have mercy.

O UR FATHER.

HAIL ! Mary.

BLESS the LORD ye Angels of His ;
*Ye servants of His that do His
pleasure and hearken unto the voice of
the Lord.*

Bless the LORD, ye Angels of His ;
*Ye servants of His that do His plea-
sure.*

He hath given His Angels charge over
thee ;

To keep thee in all thy ways.

May the LORD send His Angels to all
them that fear Him ;

And deliver them.

In the presence of all Thine Angels
will I sing unto Thee, O GOD ;

*I will worship toward Thy holy
Temple, and will confess Thy Name, O
Lord.*

LORD, hear my prayer ;

And let my cry come unto Thee.

MAY the Divine Majesty, FATHER,
SON, and HOLY GHOST, bless
and defend us, now and evermore.



DEVOTIONS.

A Mode of Reciting

The Lord's Prayer.

Together with a commemoration and
adoration of the Saints.

Our Father, Which art in Heaven.



EVERLASTING FATHER, in Whose house are many mansions, where Thine Only-begotten SON hath prepared a place for Thine Elect, into possession of which many have already entered under His guidance, and now behold with unveiled face their dearest FATHER! Lo, we exiled sons of Eve, yearn with intensest desire and sighs to return from our exile to our Father-land, yea to Thee our FATHER; and this with all the greater ardour and confidence, inasmuch as we know that our brethren, once like ourselves as to their flesh and nature, have already gone before us thither; whence we also

hope to arrive at the same place through Thy grace, through their intercession, and by following their steps. For He Who so abundantly giveth to them all, and even more than they can desire of good things, hath not He reserved one blessing for us who are also His sons? We trust not to our own deserts nor to our own righteousness; but forasmuch as the plenteous redemption of Thy SON hath not left us destitute of good works, these we specially offer unto Thee, O Loving FATHER. O FATHER, look upon the face of Thy CHRIST in Whom Thou art well pleased.

And lo! Thy very Elect come also as suppliants for us to the throne of Thy glory, for they are our brethren, inasmuch as we have one and the same FATHER in Heaven, and they, now secure of their own salvation and anxious for ours, use all their efforts, both by their prayers and holy example, to bring us to the harbour of bliss.

Through the favour Thou bearest to them, mercifully hear us, O LORD, Who because of Thy beloved Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and others, hast promised that Thou wouldst ever be merciful and loving to all men.

Therefore before all things we pray:

Hallowed be Thy Name.

WE adore Thee, O GOD most Holy, because to Thee alone all honour and glory are due. Wherefore we ask that both the honour and love of Thy holy Name may be always and everywhere promoted and spread abroad. We earnestly desire that all we do, or say, or think may be directed altogether to the glory of Thy holy Name.

And as we are moved to this by the example, so may we be actively assisted by the most holy Virgin Mary, who when chosen to be the Mother of the SON of GOD, magnified not herself but the LORD, in that He Who is mighty, regarding the lowliness of His Handmaiden, had done great things for her, because holy is His Name.

Thy holy Angels, whose sole office and wish is to sanctify and praise the Name of the LORD, admonish us to the same effect. For they sing continually to Thee *Holy, Holy, Holy*. And when the SAVIOUR was born they sang together *Glory to God in the Highest*. Nor do they now ever cease to praise GOD; and so they stir us up both by

their promptings and their instincts to praise GOD by holy deeds. And so may our light shine, and our works be seen, that they who behold them may be thereby led to glorify GOD.

Thy Kingdom come.

WE adore Thee, O LORD, because Thou art the King of Supreme Majesty and Power, and by Thy SON hast made us heirs of Thy Kingdom. Wherefore we entreat Thee by the prayers and tears, the groanings and sighs of the holy Patriarchs and Prophets, that as they with so many sighs and with such ardent desire looked for the Kingdom of the new and Eternal King, Messiah, that is, the advent of Thy SON in the flesh—that at length that merciful and peace-loving King of Glory, mighty in battle, and so long desired of all nations, might come and sit on the throne of His father David and redeem Israel—for they could not enter into the Kingdom of GOD until the King of Glory should first have entered in and laid open the way—so we also, now that an entrance has at length been made into the Heavenly Kingdom, may desire to be quickly led from the tabernacle of the world to the king-

dom of Thy Majesty, where one day is better than a thousand in the tents of ungodliness! Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O LORD! O Thy Kingdom, Thine everlasting Kingdom! Oh, when shall Thy Kingdom arise in us, O LORD!

Thy will be done in Earth as it is in
Heaven.

WE adore Thee, O most Righteous FATHER, who willest not, nor canst will anything that is not just and holy, and to be desired; and on this account we humbly beseech Thee by the intercession of Thy holy Apostles and Disciples, that as they most readily obeyed Thy will when called, nor required any second summons, but left all that they had and followed Thee; and at length, when ordered to go into the world and preach the Gospel, undismayed by difficulties and hindrances, undertook the task which was laid upon them—and from that time were careful of this one thing, to teach men to do GOD'S will and obey His commandments, in the observance of which lies the only way of salvation to human kind: So grant us to desire to know the good and acceptable and perfect will of GOD,

and when known carefully to perform it, that we be not of the number of those who, knowing the will of GOD and not doing it, become liable to many stripes. Give us, O LORD, what Thou commandest, and command what Thou wilt.

Give us this day our daily bread.

WE adore Thee, most Gracious FATHER, for feeding us from our youth up, and of Thy fatherly affection providing all things needful both for the soul and body. Wherefore we pray Thee, through the intercession of Thy holy Martyrs, that as among the many trials and punishments and contests of this world Thou feddest them by measure with the bread of tears, and furthermore nourished them with hunger, or, seeing that man liveth not by earthly bread alone, gavest them the bread of Thy children, that is of patience, hope, and comfort of Thy word, and strengthened their hearts with the bread of life and understanding ; but now grantest unto them who conquer to eat of the bread of life, which is in the midst of Thy Paradise ; so too vouchsafe to grant to us, amidst the numberless privations and necessities of this

life, food both for our souls and bodies as we have need, that we faint not by the way in which we persevere and follow Thee. Oh, may we also with them attain to and be satisfied with the fullness of the house of GOD!

And forgive us our trespasses.

WE adore Thee, O most Merciful FATHER, because Thou art plenteous in pardon and almighty over the powers of evil. Wherefore we humbly beseech Thee, through the intercession of Thy holy Confessors, that as they never closed their loving and merciful hearts against their neighbours, but freely and spontaneously forgave the offences and injuries of their enemies, prayed for their persecutors, and did good to those who hated them, so we also may be prepared to pardon our neighbours for Thy sake, that Thou on Thy part mayst the more readily pardon us, mayst be merciful to our offences, and mayst not reward us after our iniquities.

And lead us not into temptation.

WE adore Thee, O most Loving FATHER, who temptest no man, but art incapable of tempting to sin.

Wherefore, through the prayers of the holy Virgins we most humbly entreat, that as, though by age, sex, and strength feeble, yet with manly courage, assisted by Thy grace, they bravely and happily overcame all temptations—that is to say the blandishments of the world, the uncleanness of the flesh, the snares of the devil; so it may be granted to us by Thy grace, and through their intercession, never to yield to any temptations, but through Thy love mercifully to resist everything which can separate us from Thee to Whom alone it is good for us now and for ever to be united. Do Thou nevertheless in the meanwhile, O LORD, prove and try us whether we really love Thee. Yet suffer us not to be tried above what we are able to bear, but with the temptation make us also a way to escape. For, if Thou addest Thy grace and increasest our faith, we shall be able to do all through Him Who strengtheneth us.

But deliver us from evil.

WE adore Thee, O most Tender FATHER, because Thou alone art good, and the Chief Good of man. Wherefore we entreat, through the prayers and intercessions of all Thy

Saints and elect ones who now reign in Heaven, that, as Thou hast freed them from that corruption of the flesh in which lie all the incitements of evil, and from this world, which is altogether immersed in wickedness, and from Satan who is the tempter to all that is sinful, and hast led them to that place, where freed from all evil, they are now in the enjoyment of all that is good that is of Thyself; so we also being delivered from all evils and misfortunes, may at length be added to Thine elect, may equally with them enjoy Thee the Chief and Only Good, and together with Thy Saints may praise Thee for ever. Amen.

DELIVER us, we beseech Thee, O LORD, from all evils, past, present, and future; and through the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mother of God, Mary Ever-virgin, together with Thy Apostles Peter and Paul and John, and all the Saints, mercifully grant peace in our days, that, supported by Thy mercy, we may both be always free from sin and secure from all that may disturb us; through the same our LORD JESUS CHRIST Thy SON. Amen.

The Sunday of All Saints

In the Eastern Church.

HE Prophet-King David has expressed himself thus, when speaking in honour of the friends of GOD. "Thy friends, O GOD, have I held in great honour." [So the 139th Psalm, v. 17, is read in the Septuagint. We read in the Bible *thoughts*, and in the Prayer Book, *counsels for friends*.] The holy Apostle reckoning up the good deeds of holy men, and proposing their memory to us as an example to induce us to turn away from earthly deeds and sinful actions, urges the remembrance of their patience and the boldness of their efforts to attain to virtue, and says: "Wherefore, seeing that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." —*Heb. xii. 1.*

Taught, therefore, by the Divine Writings, and by Divine tradition, we give honour to all the friends of GOD, the Saints, as guardians of GOD'S precepts, as shining examples of virtue, and as benefactors of the human race. And each one of the known Saints we honour individually, each on his own day in the year. But since there are many Saints who are unknown to us, and their number has become greatly multiplied by time, and will be still further multiplied, and will not cease to be increased until the end, therefore the Church has enjoined that once in the year there should be a common memorial of all the Saints, and this present feast is the day.

Keeping this Feast, then, to-day, let us religiously honour and magnify them all—the Righteous, the Prophets, the Apostles, the Martyrs, the Confessors, the Pastors, the Teachers, the holy Men and Women, the known and unknown together, those who have been canonised, and are being canonised, as many as from Adam until now have been made perfect in holiness, and by their good works have given glory to GOD. All these, and besides

them the orders of the Angels ; but before all, and with them all, our all-holy Mistress and Lady, the Mother of GOD, Mary, Ever-virgin, we honour to-day by means of the present festival, putting forward their lives as examples of virtue, and invoking them to watch over us in things pertaining to GOD ; Whose grace and unbounded mercy be with us all. Amen.

THOU hast descended from on high, O most Merciful, that Thou mightest occupy the tomb for three days, and free us from our sufferings. Our life and resurrection art Thou, O LORD. Glory be to Thee.

THY Church, clad in purple and fine linen, the blood of Thy martyrs throughout the world, through them calleth unto Thee, O CHRIST, our GOD. Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people, grant peace to this Thy Church, and to our souls show forth Thy great mercy.

THE mystery which lay hid from the beginning of the world, unknown even to Angels, hath been made

manifest on earth through Thee, O Theotokos. GOD, in His uncompounded unity, taking flesh, and willingly enduring the Cross for our sakes, having thereby raised up the first-formed Man hath saved our souls from death.

TO Thee, O LORD, the Author of creation, the world offereth the God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of nature. By their prayers keep Thy Church in profound peace, through the Theotokos, Thou Who art All-merciful.

It ought to be remarked that the honour paid to the prophets, who have assigned to them distinct days in the Eastern Church, seems to have been originally accorded to them also in the West. The *Te Deum*, though there the precedence is given to the apostles, affords proof of this. The order of succession is scriptural in the foregoing enumeration. The righteous are reckoned from Abel, or as in the foregoing from Adam, including the patriarchs, "pastors and teachers," bishops, priests, deacons, abbots, priors, and doctors. *Vide Eph. iv. 11.*

A Supplicatory Canon

OF THE HEAVENLY POWERS, AND
ALL THE SAINTS.

By Joseph the Hymnographer.

AS the Lover of men, do Thou,
O WORD without beginning,
grant to us the riches of Thy
mercy, because of the holy prayers of
the Cherubim, Seraphim, the Autho-
rities, Thrones, Divine Powers, Angels
and Archangels, Dominions, and Prin-
cipalities.

BE my aid in praying to CHRIST,
O Forerunner of the LORD, to-
gether with the fellowship of the Pro-
phets, the company of the Apostles, the
army of the Martyrs, entreat earnestly
of the LORD of all the gift of eternal life
for me who am so encompassed by in-
firmity.

COME, ye holy Women, who have
laboriously toiled and perfected
yourselves, ye assembly of the Hierar-
chies, holy and just Men, venerated,
holy Martyrs, pray for us, that we may

receive everlasting good things, through the faith which recognises you as being in-bliss.

DO thou, O my Mistress, pray that my mind, held in captivity to bodily pleasures, may be freed wholly, and show me to be the most devoted servant of thy SON, through my holy deeds, that I may glorify thee as is meet.

EARNESTLY do I pray you, O Seraphim, Authorities, Cherubim, to protect me from the offence of the enemy; ye Principalities, Dominions, and Thrones, and Archangels, together with all the Angels, pray to the Redeemer for me.

FORERUNNER, do Thou with the Prophets, the bands of Martyrs, of holy Apostles, of Hierarchies and holy Men, and Priest-Martyrs made perfect through blood, gain for me the attainment of the better life.

GRANT your prayers, ye Women who have boldly contended, and have joyously prepared yourselves, and have overcome the enemy, that we may

be partakers of the same brightness and eternal glory as you enjoy.

HIGHLY favoured of GOD, venerable Virgin, do thou, with the ranks above, and all the wise Apostles and holy Martyrs and Prophets, pray that we may receive perfect remission of our sins.

I BESEECH Thee, O CHRIST, behold and do not overlook me who am oppressed with all kinds of sin; but through the intercessions of all Thy holy Angels, Martyrs, and Apostles pity, save, and in Thy mercy show me to be an heir of Thy Kingdom.

KINDLE again, O Herald of CHRIST and Forerunner, the extinguished light of my heart, thou who hast already discharged the duty of a light to usher in the reasonable Sun, and pray, with the Prophets and all the Saints, that I may, with ardent repentance, press on to the life which is happiness.

LIGHTEN in me the torch of repentance, O Thou Lover of men, through the mediation of those who

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serve Thee, O JESUS, in righteousness, namely, the holy Women, the Hierarchies, the Martyrs, the Herald-Apostles and Priest-Martyrs, and grant me to attain to eternal salvation.

MAKE earnest supplication, All-holy Virgin, who alone hast conceived GOD when He assumed a body, that we all may be saved in that fearful day, may escape the chastisement of the life of bitter wailing, and may be deemed worthy of light with those who have done faithful service.

NOW do the invisible Powers, O most Merciful LORD—Authorities, Thrones, Seraphim, Principalities, Angels, with the Archangels and the Dominions—earnestly beseech Thee to be propitious, and of Thine abundant mercy to save Thy people.

O BLESSED Forerunner, thou who livedst as a stranger, make me a stranger to all punishment, and earnestly entreat JESUS, the Lover of men, thyself with the Divine Prophets, and Apostles, the Hierarchies and the holy army of Martyrs.

PITY me, O LORD, Who knowest my ceaseless falls, through the intercessions of Thy Hierarchies, Thy famous Priest-Martyrs, and the Divine chorus of holy Women who have boldly contended ; thus do Thou magnify their virtues.

QUEEN of Virgins, who hast conceived the All-holy WORD, drive away from my soul all sadness and grief, and bestow upon me the reflection needful to fulfil the Divine pleasure, and so will I faithfully and lovingly magnify thee.

REQUEST earnestly of the Master of all Creation, O ye Cherubim, Thrones, Principalities, Angels, Archangels, Dominions and Powers, that I may be delivered from the punishment which awaits me in the next world.

SAINTLY Forerunner and Herald of CHRIST, do thou, with the choirs of the Apostles and the armies of the Martyrs, gain for us of JESUS CHRIST, the Lover of Men and our GOD, that we may find mercy in the hour of judgment.

THECLA, eminent among women firmly contending, pray together with them to the LORD most Pitiful, that we may be ransomed from the sufferings of darkness and from all our trials.

VERY highly favoured of GOD art thou, O Mistress, whom we faithfully hymn, as having conceived GOD, Who is higher than our hymns can reach. Him do Thou, O undefiled One, earnestly entreat to preserve thy city and people in peace.

WE pray, holy Angels who are the second lights of the First Light, that ye may be entirely resplendent in your incorporeal and thoroughly happy intercourse. Wherefore we cry aloud—Enlighten our minds which are darkened ever by the sufferings of life.

EXCESSES such as ours demand, O Lover of men, the intercessions of the blessed choir of the Apostles, of the Divine Forerunner, of the Martyrs and holy Prophets, of the Hierarchies and holy Ones. Do Thou overlook our faults.

YE Priest-Martyrs, Hierarchies and Saints, through your intercessions be it granted that CHRIST our LORD disregard not my troubles, but have pity upon my soul. O LORD, bring Thou me not to shame when I come to appear before Thy Throne.

ZEALOUSLY confessing Thy patronage, O Virgin, who as a throne of fire bearest the King of the Creation, I ask Thee together with the Blessed and holy Women to entreat earnestly that I may be deemed worthy of His Kingdom.

O YE flaming Cherubim, many-eyed Seraphim, Thrones, Authorities, Dominions, and Angels, and all ye Archangels and holy Principalities, together with the Blessed Forerunner, Prophets, Apostles, Hierarchies, holy Men, and all the Just, earnestly entreat that mercy may be shown to us.

DO ye Peter, Paul, James and Bartholomew, and Thomas, Philip, Andrew, Mark, Luke and John the friend of CHRIST, Simon and Jude, all of you supremely blessed and divine,

and Matthias very eminent, grant us who are weighed down and perplexed, your aid against the calumnies of the deceitful one.

EVINCING brightness above that of the Sun, do thou Stephen, the first of the Athletes, together with the rest, intercede that all we may escape from the blackness of our sins, crying to our Master, Whom may priests praise and people magnify for ever.

JUST Men, make me, All-pure Virgin, to follow in holy living, and in all holy conversation, overwhelming my enemies who cruelly afflict and ceaselessly molest me to cause me to slip through the affections of the flesh, that so I may joyfully cry—Let the people highly exalt CHRIST for ever.

O YE Divine Authorities with the Cherubim, Seraphim, Principalities, Angels, Thrones, all ye Dominions, and all-glorious Powers and sacred Archangels make your request to GOD that we may live well, attain to salvation and may be ransomed from what is terrible.

SUPERIOR of the Prophets, and following after all the Prophets, do Thou, O Forerunner, sue for all good to us who have been rendered evil by our passions and have been always oppressed by the malevolence of the evil one, and by the seductions of life, that so we may faithfully honour thee.

EARNESTLY entreat the Lover of Men for us, ye glorious and divine company of the Apostles, together with all workers in holy things, holy Priest-Martyrs, blessed Prophets, holy and just Men and Women who have unflinchingly contended for the faith.

PHILANTHROPIC Virgin, earnestly entreat Thy Good SON and LORD without ceasing to cleanse and save my soul, rendered evil and weakened by the attacks of the soul-destroying dragon, that it may be led on upward to the realms of light.

A Canon, says Dr. Neale, in his "Hymns of the Eastern Church," Introduction, p. xxxii. consists of nine Odes, each Ode containing any number of troparia, from three to beyond twenty. The reason for the number nine is this, that there are nine scriptural canticles employed at Lauds, on the model of which those in every canon are formed; the 1st, That of Moses after the passage of the Red Sea

2nd, That of Moses in Deuteronomy, chap. xxxiii.
 3rd, That of Hannah. 4th, That of Habakkuk.
 5th, That of Isaiah, xxvi. 9-20. 6th, That of Jonah.
 7th, That of the three children (vv. 3-34, of our song
 in the Bible version). 8th, Benedicite. 9th, Magnifi-
 cat and Benedictus. Each Ode is ended by a tro-
 parion, dedicated to the celebration of S. Mary, and
 thence named "Theotokion."

The form of an acrostick is a very common
 arrangement in the Odes. The Psalmist had in-
 deed anticipated the Greeks in the alphabetical
 acrostick: *vide* e. g. Psalm 119, which is divided
 into portions of eight verses by the letters of the
 Hebrew alphabet, each portion beginning with the
 succeeding letter of the alphabet. The 25th, 34th,
 145th, and a few others, are so arranged as to each
 verse. No doubt this arrangement assisted the
 memory. To a Western mind it seems strange.
 The arrangement is of use, as may be seen by the
 fact that it enables us to discover that the copy of
 the Horarium from which the above is taken, has
 been wrongly printed, several of the odes having
 been displaced. The book was printed at Venice,
 A. D. 1838.

The Greek All Saints Day is a moveable feast,
 coinciding with our Trinity Sunday. As Whit-
 sunday commemorates the Descent of the Holy
 Ghost, All Saints Sunday commemorates the "*Cor-
 pus Sanctorum*," formed by Him—the Communion
 of Saints.

The above Ode, it will be seen, follows the alpha-
 betical course, each stanza beginning with the suc-
 ceeding letter of the alphabet ($\alpha \chi = \chi$): and as this
 does not exhaust all the stanzas, the latter portion
 are an acrostic on the words, "Ode (of) Joseph
 ($\text{PH} = \Phi$).

S. Thecla, mentioned in this Ode, was a disciple
 of S. Peter and is much commemorated in the
 Eastern Church. She was a native of Iconium, was
 baptized at eighteen, and died, after many suf-
 ferings, at ninety years of age.

Prayers of the Holy Angels.**S. MICHAEL.**

LORD GOD, Almighty FATHER, Creator of all things, and Framer of the Elements, Who hast vouchsafed to raise S. Michael above the ranks of Thy messengers who set the example of obedience to Thy command and never weary in the fulfilment of their duty ; who, when sent on their messages by Thee are named Angels ; and who unweariedly enjoy the vision of their Creator ; grant to us, we beseech Thee, through the guardianship of this Archangel, and all the holy Angels, pardon of all our faults, that we who, in their honour, pour forth our praises to Thee, our GOD, may obtain the eternal pardon of the everlasting blessedness.

O MICHAEL, prince of the Angelic hosts, come, we pray thee, and free the souls of thy faithful people, that in attaining to uprightness

they may always abound in good works; that the unjust may be converted, become penitent and receive pardon; that so we may provoke one another to good works, and may be made meet to attain to the eternal reward.

SEND us, O Merciful GOD, Michael the prince of the heavenly armies to deliver us from the hand of our enemies, and present us unhurt to Thee O LORD, our GOD. May we always have him to aid us whom we acknowledge to have been so highly exalted by Thy gift; that resisting our vices, through his intercession, we may abound in virtues, and so having discharged what is due for our sins, may we find our names written in the book of eternal life.

O LORD GOD Almighty, Who makest Thine Angels Spirits, and Thy Ministers a flame of fire, send to us, we beseech Thee, Thy holy Archangel, Michael, and kindle in us that fire of Thy charity which Thou hast vouchsafed to promise shall proceed from the breath of Thy mouth; and so may

it burn in us, both by faith and works, that our sins being forgiven we may be made meet companions of the Saints in light.

O MOST Merciful FATHER, we suppliantly beseech Thy clemency, that as we venerate S. Michael, Thy most blessed Archangel, so our prayers may be presented to Thee by his hand ; and that as Thou hast bestowed upon him the crown of holy perfection, so Thou wouldest bestow on us pardon and forgiveness of all our faults.

O CHRIST our GOD, Light of Light, Brightness inexpressible, Wisdom, Virtue, and Glory of the FATHER, Who hast appeared in the Flesh in this world to be seen of all men as the Star of Salvation, and having overcome the prince of darkness, hast returned to Heaven as the WORD made Flesh ; Grant to us, Thy suppliants, amid the darkness of this world, Thy abundant and brilliant illumination : appoint as our keeper and defender Michael, Thy highest Angel, that he may guard our going out and coming in : and be Thou pleased to receive

and crown us, and grant us to have our station at Thy right hand for evermore.

O HOLY Michael, Leader of the Heavenly host, who struckest down proud Lucifer with all his attendants into the depths of hell; O defender and protector of the Church, who takest charge of the souls of those who depart out of this life, take charge of my soul, which I now earnestly commend to thee, when I shall be in the agony of my departure: do thou protect it against all the assaults of the enemy; do thou become its defender when it is going hence, and guarding it against all the wiles of evil spirits, do thou admit it to the joys of Paradise, where I may with unending praises sing to GOD with all His Angels.

O HOLY Michael, Prince of the Heavenly host, who ever standest ready to succour the people of GOD, and didst formerly wage war with that old Serpent, the great Dragon, and castedst him out of Heaven; who dost so mightily fight for the Church of GOD, that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it; I beseech thee to be

present with me in this my conflict, which I, frail and helpless mortal, have to wage against the same great Enemy of souls. Be with me, most mighty Prince, that I may faithfully withstand and entirely overcome the Evil One, whom by the Divine power thou didst conquer, and whom our LORD JESUS CHRIST in our nature vanquished ; that so I may both with thee triumph over the great Enemy, and with the holy Angels praise the mercy of GOD, Who has allowed us, after our fall, to rise again by grace, and has made us inheritors of His everlasting Kingdom.

O GRACIOUS LORD, Who sendest Michael, chief of the Heavenly chivalry, that he may deliver us from our enemies, and present us undefiled unto Thee, our GOD ; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, by his intercession, resisting our sins, and being endowed with virtues, the sentence of our offences being blotted out, our names may be for ever written in the book of everlasting life.

S. GABRIEL.

O MOST holy Gabriel, strength of the Highest FATHER, herald of the

truth, and resolver of the Divine mystery, as a most trusty messenger thou approachedst the Virgin, and salutedst her as an ambassador. Hail, O Mary, thou saidest, my LORD is with thee ; thou declaredst her blessed among women ; thou trumpetedst forth that the WORD shall proceed from her ; and that He shall be called the SON of GOD, thou declaredst with wondrous additions. Therefore, do we ask thee, who approachedst the Virgin with such wonderful and true tidings, to offer our petition in the Divine ears ; that so we may through thee learn hidden mysteries, and never fall into the prison-house of the enemy ; and may we through the WORD of the Most High GOD the FATHER, Who thou declaredst was to come to the Virgin, may we be restored to pardon and gain a true citizenship in the eternal Fatherland.

O HOLY Gabriel, the strength of GOD, who announcedst to the Virgin Mary the Incarnation of the Only-begotten SON of GOD, and consoledst and comfortedst CHRIST in His deepest agony and sorrow in the garden, I laud and venerate

thee, O chosen Spirit, and humbly beg thee to be my advocate with my SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST; and that thou wouldest be pleased to console and strengthen me always in all my troubles, that being never overcome by temptation, I offend not my GOD, supreme in Majesty and Goodness.

S. RAPHAEL.

O HEAVENLY Physician, and most faithful companion, holy Raphael, who restoredst the sight of Tobit, and leddest Tobias through the whole course of his journey, and so broughtest him back safely to his home, be thou the physician of my soul and body, drive from me the mists of ignorance, and constantly stand by me amid the dangerous pilgrimage of this life, until thou leadest me back to my heavenly Fatherland, where I may enjoy the beatific vision for ever.

GUARDIAN ANGELS.

O MOST faithful Companion, who wast sent forth from GOD to be my Guardian, who art my protector and defender, and never departest from my

side, what thanks shall I render to thee for thy devotion and love, and the innumerable benefits conferred upon me? When sleeping thou watchest over me; when sad thou comfortest me; when overwhelmed thou raisest me up; in perils thou turnest away the danger; against future dangers thou puttest me on my guard; thou keepest me from sinning, impellest me to goodness, and exhortest me to penitence when I have fallen, making me a friend again with GOD. Long since perchance I had been thrust down into Hell, hadst not thou turned away the Divine wrath from me. I pray thee, never desert me; comfort me in adversity, restrain me in prosperity, defend me when in danger, assist me when tempted, lest I fall. Offer my prayers and tears and works of mercy before the Divine presence, and plead for me that, departing in grace out of this life, I may attain to life eternal.

O GOD, Who of Thy unspeakable providence hast vouchsafed to send Thy holy Angels to be our body-guard, grant to us Thy suppliants that we may be ever defended by their protecting

care, and may continually enjoy their holy companionship.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD,
Who declarest Thy Majesty, by
the number and holiness of Thine
Angels, and hast given them to us
to be our Guardians and masters,
mercifully grant, that after their ex-
ample we may serve Thee on earth
so as to be deemed worthy with
them to praise Thee continually in
Heaven.

HOLY Angel, who art set over my
wretched soul and miserable life,
leave me not a sinner, nor depart
from me because of my wickedness ;
give not place to the evil Spirit ; bear
rule over this my mortal body ; take
hold of my weak and erring hand ; and
lead me in the way of salvation. Holy
Angel of GOD, Guardian and protec-
tor of my soul and body, forgive me
everything whereby I have provoked
thee all the days of my life, and
have sinned this day against thee.
Guard me in the present time ; and
protect me against all the snares of
the enemy, that I may not incur the

wrath of GOD; and intercede for me with the LORD, that He may strengthen me by His fear, and make a worthy servant of my Heavenly FATHER.

I ADJURE thee, Angelic Spirit, who art my faithful Guardian and defender, to lead me, who have been given to thy safekeeping, into the way of peace, health and salvation, and to defend me from every evil, and from all temptation. Thou knowest, O holy Guardian, that I am made in the Image of GOD, redeemed from the power of Satan by the precious Blood of CHRIST, and made holy by the Sanctification of the SPIRIT, and committed to thy care and protection by the providence of the Almighty. Let thy faithful assistance help me, that such sure proof of the Divine goodness may not be lost upon me; and that by thy aid and favour I may obtain the grace of GOD to preserve me from all falling, and to keep me ever in all good works, and in the love and service of GOD, until I behold Him in my Heavenly home, and am united with thee and all the Angels in praising Him for evermore.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting GOD, Who hast created me, Thy unworthy servant, in Thine Image, and hast deputed Thy holy Angel to be my Guardian; grant me by his guidance and protection, so to pass through all dangers both of soul and body, that this life ended, I may attain to the enjoyment of everlasting happiness.

O HOLY Angel of GOD, Minister of the celestial Kingdom, whom GOD Almighty hath appointed for my Guardian; by His Majesty and mercy I humbly entreat thee to preserve my mind and my body and all my senses from wicked and unlawful desires, from hurtful, vain and impure thoughts, from the wiles of evil spirits, from defilement of mind and body, and from the snares of mine enemies visible and invisible, who seek after my soul. Be unto me a faithful Guardian wheresoever I go, by day and by night, in every hour and minute. Keep me pure in mine actions, and strengthen in me the fear and love of JESUS CHRIST, and all holy desires. Help me ever to speak, to do and to think the will of GOD; make me to know mine end and the number of my

days ; and after this miserable and fleeting life, conduct my soul to eternal felicity, where it may rejoice with GOD and all His Saints eternally.

O GLORIOUS Angel, to whose keeping our Blessed LORD of His most merciful grace hath given me ; to thee, I, a sinful creature, cry and call with heart and mind, beseeching thee ever to be a comfort to me in all my necessity. Suffer me never to be overcome with temptation or evil affections ; but help me, that by grace I may ever proceed in virtuous living. At the hour of my death be present, that my ghostly Enemy may have no power over me, and afterward bring me into bliss, where with thee I may live, and for ever praise my SAVIOUR.

O GOOD Angel, ordained to my governance, I know well my feebleness and ignorance. Well also do I know that I have no strength to do GOD's service but only of His grace, and of thy careful keeping. The knowledge that I have cometh nought of myself, but of what GOD will send me by thy good persuasion. Now, good, gracious

Angel, I ask thee humbly mercy, for little heed have I taken of thy good offices ; but now I thank thee as I can, with a good heart ; beseeching thee to keep me truly this day and evermore, sleeping and waking, with sure defence and holy teaching. Shield and protect me from bodily harm ; defend and guard me from ghostly perils to GOD'S worship and the saving of my soul. Teach me and influence my senses to spend much in GOD'S holy worship and pleasing ; feed me with devotion and the savour of ghostly sweetness ; strengthen me when needful against my ghostly enemies, and suffer me not to lose the grace that is granted me, but of thy worthy office, keep me in GOD'S service to my life's end ; and after the passing away of the body, present my soul unto the Merciful GOD ; for though I fall all day by my own frailty, I take thee to witness that I ever hope in His mercy. GOD I worship ; and for thee also, after His holy teaching, I thank Him with devotion.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast vouchsafed to appoint Guardian Angels unto us at the Baptismal Font, for our

help and guidance ; grant, we pray Thee, that, they leading our feet into the path of virtue, we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called ; grant also, we beseech Thee, that they may teach and guard us in all perils, both of body and soul, and may aid and assist us in our last extremity, that with all Thy holy Angels we may be found worthy to obtain a portion of everlasting glory in Heaven.

O CHRIST our GOD, Light of Light, Splendour unspeakable, Wisdom, Might, and Glory of the FATHER, Who didst appear in this world before the eyes of all, the WORD made Flesh, and having overcome the powers of darkness, didst return to heaven ; grant to us Thy servants, that having appointed over us Guardian Angels as our defenders and protectors, they may defend our going out and our coming in, and bring us at last to Thy right hand to obtain from Thee the crown of everlasting life.

O GOD, Who of Thine unspeakable care for us vouchsafest to send Thy holy Angels to guard us ; of Thy

bounty, grant to us Thy suppliants that we may ever be defended by their protection and rejoice in their eternal fellowship.

O ANGEL of GOD, who art my Guardian, be pleased to enlighten, keep, govern, and direct me, who by the Divine goodness am entrusted to thy charge, now, henceforth, and for evermore.

PROTESTATIONS TO OUR GUARDIAN
ANGEL.

IN the Name of the Most Holy TRINITY, I, an unhappy and miserable sinner, protest before thee, O beloved Angel, appointed Guardian over me by the Divine Majesty, that I wish to die in the true Faith which the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church holds and professes ; in which all the Saints of the New Law have died, and out of which is no salvation.

II. I also protest, O Angel of GOD, that I desire to depart out of this life under Thy holy guardianship and protection, in the firm hope of obtaining the Divine mercy, notwithstanding the multitude and gravity of my sins, un-

doubtingly believing that even one single drop of the Most Precious Blood of JESUS CHRIST is abundantly sufficient to wash out not merely my own sins, but those of the whole world.

III. Similarly I protest, O holy Angel, that I seek from my inmost heart to be made partaker of the merits of JESUS CHRIST, and of His loving kindness and mercy, which He denies to no sinner, however wicked, who truly repents. Would that I had never offended my GOD Whom I desire to love above all things, and ever more and more ! I am grieved from the bottom of my heart, and joyfully pardon all who have sinned against me, pouring into the most merciful heart of my Redeemer JESUS CHRIST all my faults to be there done away.

IV. Furthermore, I protest, O my Guardian, that I supplicate the Divine goodness to vouchsafe to receive me into the number of those whom He has predestinated from all eternity to be heirs of His glory. From the desire of Heaven with which I am inflamed, I offer myself to endure all the evils which I must undergo in this life, so long as I may, through the infinite

mercy of Almighty GOD, at the last attain to eternal bliss.

V. Lastly I protest, O most faithful Guardian, that I leave thee the executor of this my last will. I desire thee to procure for me three graces from GOD. First, That I may not depart this life until duly fortified with all the Sacraments of the Church. Secondly, That out of the abundant tears and sighs which came forth from CHRIST JESUS during the three hours He hung upon the Cross I may gain but one, through the virtue and efficacy of which I may mitigate the tearful groans and sobs of my heart which will afflict me in the hour of my death : and that the most sweet Mother of my LORD may vouchsafe to me but one of those looks which she directed from under the Cross towards the face of her well-loved SON when wrestling with death, and may receive me into the number of those who through her motherly intercession shall obtain eternal salvation at the Day of Judgment. The third and last grace, O my most faithful Guardian, is That thou mayest give me special succour at that hour when my soul is being separated from the body, and that thou

wouldest cause to be merciful to me my Judge, Whose Fatherly breast burned on the Cross with the flame of the most intense desire for the salvation of sinners. Take to thyself, O most pious Guardian, my soul, which I commit entirely to thee when it shall have issued from the prison-house of the body, and deliver it into the hands of my Creator and Redeemer, that together with thee and with all the Saints in the enjoyment of Heaven it may clearly see, perfectly love, and may fully participate in the same for all eternity. Amen.

ALL HOLY ANGELS.

GOD be merciful to me a sinner, and be my Keeper all the days of my life. GOD of Abraham, GOD of Isaac, GOD of Jacob, have mercy upon me, and send to my help Holy Michael Thy Archangel to guard, protect and defend me from all mine enemies, visible and invisible. O Holy Archangel Michael, stand up for me in the battle, that I may not be found a sinner in that tremendous Judgment. Holy Michael, Holy Gabriel, Holy Raphael, all ye holy Angels and Archangels of GOD, succour me! I entreat you all, ye Heavenly

Virtues, that through the might of GOD Supreme ye would give me aid : that no enemy may condemn me nor vex me, neither at home nor abroad, neither sleeping nor waking.

AND I entreat thee, O illustrious Prince Gabriel, most mighty in battle, arise to help me against the wicked. Stand with me against my adversaries and against all who work iniquity. Bring to light my crafty foes, and tread down the violent ; that all my adversaries through Thy help may be conquered and put to flight by the favour of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

BE thou also my helper, I beseech thee, O noble Prince Raphael, Thou excellent physician of soul and body, who by thy presence and healing aid didst enlighten the bodily eyes of Tobias ; illumine also my spiritual as well as my carnal sight, and take away all the darkness of my heart and body. Thou who art in Heaven, forsake me not who venerate thee on earth.

BE ye ever intent upon your ministry for our guardianship ; directing our

endeavours, our words, our actions, into the way of salvation and prosperity; so that we, being willing observers of GOD'S commands, may through the bounties of Divine mercy, be enabled happily to replenish the ranks of your orders, which were diminished by the fall of Lucifer.

ALL ye Holy Orders of the Blessed, pray for us. O ye happy dwellers in the celestial country, immortal spirits, morning stars, rulers of the world, lovers of mankind, and chiefest ministers of the Divine will; who triumphant in might over the pestilent Dragon, since his ruin abide in the Glory of perpetual felicity; you I entreat that, graciously defending me, your fellow-servant with your might, from the assaults of the enemy, ye would vouchsafe to be present of comforters of me miserable, when I am dying; lest the host of the malignant spirits with violence destroy my soul, when I am in that strait; so that, relying on your guardianship, it may be delivered from all harm, and finally attain to rest in GOD our Salvation.

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Prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

 **GOOD LORD,** Who for our
sakes wast both born of a
pure Virgin, and didst en-
dure crucifixion ; Thou Who hast over-
come death by death, and as **GOD**
hast manifested the resurrection :
disregard not those whom Thou hast
formed with Thy hand ; show Thy
love to us, Thou that art full of mercy ;
receive the prayers of the Mother of
GOD, her that bare Thee, and inter-
cedes for us ; and save me, Thy un-
worthy servant, O my **SAVIOUR**.

M**OST** Holy Virgin, Mother of **GOD**,
intercede fervently, we pray Thee,
for all men, for we are all liable to
dangers ; that we may be delivered
from the snares of the Evil One, and
sing the hymn of the holy Angels—
Holy, Holy, Holy, thrice Holy **LORD**,
have mercy on us and save us.

ALL-POWERFUL WORD, Wisdom of the FATHER, Who entering the door of Thy Mother's womb, didst not violate it, Who in Thy conception destroyedst not her Virginity, and Who in Thy coming forth deprivedst her not of it, grant to us that in her care for us who brought forth Thee, her SON, she may anticipate our desires ; and inasmuch as she was deemed worthy to bring forth not after the course of nature, so by her prayers may we be made to bring forth through Thy Word conceived within us : and that opening our mouths in the ports of Sion, we may conceive the spirit of salvation, and so may declare the miracle of Thy new generation, always carrying in our hearts faith unsullied.

WONDERFUL in truth, O LORD, is the root of Thy Church, which comes forth and increases unto the perfect day, whose branches are the Martyrs, whose off-shoots are the Confessors, and amongst whom the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, is a true and fruitful vine ; we beseech Thee that, through her intercessions, we may avoid the ill-savour of our vices by the

compensating sweetness of her virtues ; and refreshed by that Heavenly truth, may be freed from all our sins.

BECAUSE we have no confidence on account of our sins, do thou, O Ever-Virgin Mother of GOD, supplicate Him Who was born of thee ; for the prayer of the Mother availeth much to please our MASTER : and though thou art all pure, yet despise not the supplications of us sinners, for He is Merciful and All-powerful to save, and hath also undertaken to suffer for us.

MOST Glorious Ever-Virgin, Blessed Mother of GOD, conduct our prayers, we beseech thee, to thy SON and our GOD, and intreat Him, for thy sake, to save our souls.

VIRGIN of Israel, who art the Mother of the All-seeing, adorn thyself with thy musical instruments, that is with the members of the Church, that we may have thee as our continual intercessor in this world, whom we know to be established as the blessed Queen of the next ; so that looking to thee, as the light of our constant faith, we may, through thy interposition, be

made worthy to obtain the blessing of eternal happiness.

O VIRGIN Mother of CHRIST, and Restorer of the human race, present the prayers of thy suppliants to the ears of our GOD, that we may rejoice that, through thy gift, we are esteemed worthy to obtain remission of our sins from GOD ; for thou, without the slightest spot or stain, hast brought forth the SAVIOUR of all.

MAY every creature sing to Thee, O GOD, a new song, Who hast shown in the Virgin Mary the miracle of a novel child-birth, that a Woman should compass a MAN, and that a Virgin should bring forth a MAN-CHILD : Grant us, therefore, the protection of her devout prayers in this world who brought forth Thee with unstained birth ; and may our minds, quickened by the brightness of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, so conceive the love of Thy affection that they may always bring forth the increase of holy deeds.

BEHOLD, O LORD GOD, the whole Church magnifieth Thee, our Re-

deemer, in the words of Thy Blessed Mother, for Thou hast regarded the lowliness of Thy Hand-maiden, who conceived Thee while a holy Virgin, and the Church by faith confesseth it. Thou camest forth from her, and also redeemedst her. All nations proclaim her Blessed, and through her all the people upon earth receive their blessing. Do Thou, then, O LORD, remembering Thy mercy, help Thy people Israel, Thou Who hast proved to our forefathers that this Thy gracious redemption of the whole world should be the fulfilment of Thy promises.

HELP me, holy Lady, help me, and pray that I may be made worthy to do the will of Thy SON all the days of my life, and to serve Him as I ought to do, and so to finish my course, as to be conducted by the holy Angels to their blessed abodes and tabernacles of light, through thy acceptable prayers and intercessions. Even so, Lady, vouchsafe to me, an unworthy sinner, to honour thee, and to glorify CHRIST our True GOD, Who was incarnate of thee.

LET us pray to our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Redeemer of the World, beseeching Him with all entreaty, that through His grace and the intercession of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, His Mother, He may mercifully vouchsafe to bestow upon us pardon and peace.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst so honour the Virgin Mother that, by the grace of spotless purity Thou didst make her a peerless intercessor in our behalf ; we, thy unworthy servants, beseech Thy Divine mercy that, by the intercession of Thy holy Mother, we may be cleansed from all our sins.

BLESSED, O CHRIST, is the Virgin Mary, who believed what the Angel told her should have its accomplishment, and which was declared to her of the LORD ; grant us therefore, we pray Thee, that we, by the glorious intercession of the same All-holy Virgin, may be found worthy to attain to everlasting life.

WE believe thee, Virgin Mother of CHRIST, Restorer of the human race, Mary full of glory, to pos-

sess the fulness of grace, who broughtest to us so great joy by thy maternity, in order that the Fruit of thy womb, Who is CHRIST the SON of GOD, might deliver us from the dominion of the Enemy who rages against us, and might make us partakers with Himself of His everlasting Kingdom. Wherefore we beseech thee, Lady, that thou wouldest be our intercessor, that through thy prayers thy SON, who in love to thee called thee to be His Mother, may free us from our sins, may bestow upon us the exceeding sweetness of His love, and may bring us to His Kingdom there to dwell for ever.

O HOLY Mother of GOD, who when saluted by the Angel conceivedst the Word in thine ear, and by faith bringing thy obedience to maturity, conceivedst the SON in thy flesh, and whilst fearing the splendour wert still confident through preventing grace; do thou receive the prayers of thy people who supplicate thee, and by thy intercession richly and abundantly obtain their reward, so that amid the changes of this life, they may be presented unharmed to thy SON CHRIST our LORD.

WHAT shall we call thee, O full of grace, Heaven? for thou hast caused the Sun of Righteousness to rise; Paradise? for thou hast caused the Flower of Incorruptibility to blossom; Virgin? for thou remainest undefiled; Pure Mother? for thou didst bear in thy holy womb the SON, the GOD of all. Beseech Him to save our souls.

BY the glorious intercession of Thy Blessed Virgin Mother I pray Thee, O LORD my GOD;

May Thy Holy Name, JESUS, be my Light when my nerves of sight are broken;

May Thy Holy Name, JESUS, be enthroned in my heart when my ears can hear no more;

May Thy Holy Name, JESUS, be in my thoughts when my tongue grows stiff with coming death;

And when at last my soul separates itself from my body then

May Thy Holiest Name, JESUS, be my last sigh in this world and my first word on awakening in eternity.

Prayers of All the Saints

According to their Orders.

PATRIARCHS.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting GOD,
 Who hast willed that the
 Patriarchs, the Saints of the
 Old Testament, should, on account of
 their continual observance of Thy com-
 mandments and faith in the promise of
 Thine Only-begotten, the Redeemer of
 the World, be made partakers of Thy
 Heavenly Kingdom ; mercifully grant,
 that, by the intercession of the same
 holy Patriarchs, we may maintain a like
 firmness and fidelity in the way of Thy
 commandments, and at length may be
 counted worthy to be admitted to the
 presence of Thy Majesty. Through.

PROPHETS.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting
 GOD, Who leddest Thy Prophets,
 whom Thou hadst illuminated and
 strengthened with the grace of the
 HOLY SPIRIT, through the manifold

trials of this life to the light of Thine eternal Glory; mercifully grant that we, being enlightened by the same light of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, may, by their intercession, so confess and worship Thee, the True GOD, and JESUS CHRIST Whom Thou hast sent, that we may be counted worthy clearly to behold, and perfectly to possess Thee in Heaven. Through the same.

MARTYRS.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, through the merits of Whose most bitter passion and death all the Martyrs have obtained abundant supplies of grace even to the pouring out of their blood in confessing Thy holy Name; mercifully grant, that we may ever, through the abundant supply of Thy merits and the intercession of their prayers, firmly confess the Faith, and always bear about in our own bodies the dying of Thee, O LORD JESUS, Who livest and reignest for ever.

O SHINING cloud of warriors, ye blessed Martyrs, entreat the SUN which beameth forth from a Virgin cloud, to disperse the clouds of dark

ness from our hearts, and deliver us from hell. Through.

O CHRIST, Who receivest the supplications of the Martyrs who have fought under Thy guidance and conquered the enemy, rescue me from my unseen foes who watch me and seek to destroy me, for Thou art merciful. Who livest.

THESE are the soldiers of the Great King, who have withstood the decrees of tyrants, and willingly endured torments, trampling down every error, and justly meriting their crowns. Let us beseech them to ask of the SAVIOUR peace to our souls, and His great mercy. Encouraged by the guardianship of Thy Blessed Martyrs . . . , may our prayer ascend with confidence to our LORD, that we may be continually assisted by the prayers of those whose glorious triumph we celebrate. Through.

O GOD, Who shewest Thy wonders in the protection of Thy Saints and hast consecrated the memory of Thy renowned Martyrs . . . ; we beseech Thee to grant that Thy Church

may ever rejoice in these her mighty princes, and that we Thy flock, who have been fed with Thy bread, may be worthy to follow with pious devotion their doctrine; and that those who through Thy gifts, and aided by the prayers of the Martyrs, have pleased Thee, may be counted worthy to be freed from their present troubles. For the sake.

O GOD, the glorious and abundant Mercy of all Thy Saints, listen to Thy people beseeching Thee, and entreating Thee through the intercessions of Thy holy Martyrs Rule over us through all the changes of time, be with us in all the alterations of the day, and guard us with the like protection during the successions of the night; that aided by the prayers of Thy chief holy Martyrs we, who through Thy mercy have passed this day in safety, may pass this night also in peace with Thee, being kept pure both in soul and body. Through.

COME ye people, and let us honour with holy songs the Martyrs of CHRIST, the lights of the world and heralds of the Faith, and thee, also,

O renowned Martyr . . . , whom neither tribulation, nor want, nor famine, nor sword, nor persecution, nor fire could separate from GOD. Wherefore as thou hast worthily gained the reward of thy trials, and art a partaker of the Kingdom of Heaven, beseech the LORD to grant us peace, and to our souls His great mercy. For the sake.

GRANT us, Almighty GOD, that Thy most blessed Martyr may give us his constant assistance, that we may likewise attain to his glorious example; and feeling him to be our unwearied protector, we may follow him as he valiantly fights. Through.

BY the intercession of Thy most blessed Martyr defend us, O LORD, from our enemies, while we are either engaged in the conflict of battle or shunning the pit of danger; show them to be false who attack us with envious reproaches; and do Thou mercifully protect us when they unjustly accuse us. Who livest.

GRANT us, O LORD, to follow the footsteps of Thy blessed Martyr

. . . . that, aided by his intercession, we may reject the deceits of the devil ; and taught by his assistance we may see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. To Whom.

WE pray Thee, O LORD GOD, let the example of Thy Blessed Martyrs and Bishops and encourage us and their prayers commend us to Thy mercy. Through.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who grantest us to venerate Thy holy Martyrs . . . and . . . ; grant us, also, we pray Thee, by their intercession, to rejoice in their society in eternal felicity. For the sake.

O GOD, Who makest us joyful in the commemoration of Thy holy Martyrs . . . and . . . ; mercifully grant, that we may be inflamed by the examples of those in whose good deeds we rejoice, and ever be aided by their prayers. Through.

THY Martyr, O LORD, in his conflict received the crown of immortality from Thee our GOD; for possessing Thy might, he overcame the op-

pressors and confounded the fierce boldness of the evil spirits. Grant to us, Thy servants, that, by his powerful intercession, we may overcome our enemies, and, fighting the good fight, may at last be found worthy to attain to the like reward. Who livest.

O GOD, Who didst adorn the Blessed with the dignity of the Priesthood and with the palm of martyrdom ; mercifully grant us to be so assisted by his intercessions with Thee, that we may rejoice with him in everlasting happiness. Through.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD, Who upon Blessed didst bestow a crown of martyrdom ; grant to us, Thy unworthy servants, we pray Thee, pardon through the prayers of him on whom Thou hast deigned to bestow a crown of immortality. For the sake.

LOOK upon our weakness, O Almighty GOD, and forasmuch as we are oppressed by the weight of our own misdoings, may the intercession of Thy blessed and glorious Martyr

and Bishop, help and protect us. For the sake.

O EVERLASTING GOD, Who makest us to be joyful in the commemoration of Thy Martyr and Bishop ; mercifully grant, that as we remember his bright example, so we may rejoice in the protection of his intercession. Through.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who celebrate the memory of Thy Martyr . . . , by his intercessions may be confirmed in the love of Thy holy Name. Through.

GRANT to us, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that through the intercessions of Thy Blessed Martyr . . . , we may be both freed from all adversities which may happen to the body, and may be cleansed from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul. For the sake.

O CHRIST the SON of GOD, Who madest Thy holy Martyrs an acceptable burnt offering, as gold burnt in the fire; hearken to our prayer, we beseech Thee, that, resisting the fiery

temptation of the flesh, we may attain the blessedness of everlasting joy. Who livest.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, by Whose power Thy holy Martyrs quenched the fury of the fire and wrought righteousness ; grant us, sinners, Thy loving pardon, that through that same faith by which Thy Saints overcame kingdoms, we sinners may reach Thy heavenly fellowship. Who livest.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast rewarded Thy holy Martyr with an everlasting name, and hast chosen him from amongst the chieftains of Thy Passion, that as he once bore the reproach of blasphemy for Thy Name's sake, Thou mightest deck him with a crown of glory, and so he might intercede for them that sing praises of Thy Name : grant, therefore, to us, Thy rejoicing servants, the Victor's unceasing aid, that by his constant intercession, he whom Thou hast clad with the robe of righteousness, sprinkled with the blood of martyrdom, may repair the evil rents of our baptismal robe. Through.

CONFESSORS.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, by Whose teaching and example Thy Confessors became meek and lowly, and obtained rest to their souls in this life as well as in the next ; grant us grace so to walk in their steps in all true religion, that, by their intercession, we may be counted worthy to reach the place of eternal rest and felicity. Who livest.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O LORD Almighty, that the intercessions of Thy blessed Confessor and Bishop may both increase our devotion and advance our salvation. Through.

GRACIOUSLY hear, we beseech Thee, O LORD, our prayers which we offer to Thee in remembrance of Thy blessed Confessor and Bishop , and absolve us from all our sins through his intercessions, who has been deemed worthy to hold converse with Thee. Through the mediation.

O GOD, Who causest us to rejoice in the remembrance of . . . , Thy holy Confessor ; mercifully grant,

that we may imitate the deeds and be aided by the prayers of him whose memory we venerate. For the sake.

BE present, O LORD, we beseech Thee, to the supplications which we offer unto Thee in veneration of . . . , Thy holy Confessor, that we who put not our trust in our own righteousness, may be aided by his prayers, which are well pleasing to Thee. For the sake.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast vouchsafed to provide for Thy Church Blessed . . . , Thy great Confessor and Doctor, to expound the holy Scriptures; grant, we beseech Thee, that his prayers supporting us, we may perform by Thy aid what may be lawful, both in word and deed. Through.

O GOD, Who didst vouchsafe to strengthen Blessed . . . with the virtue of constancy in suffering; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, following his example and aided by his prayers, for the love of Thee may despise the prosperous things of this world, and fear none of its adversities. For the sake.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting GOD, Who wast pleased to endue Blessed . . . with the grace of fortitude, and didst receive him unto the glory of Heaven ; grant, we beseech Thee, that the lustre of his virtues may stir us up to the imitation of his actions, and that the efficacy of his prayers may enable us to perform the same. Through the merits.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who seest that we rely on no strength of our own ; mercifully grant, by the prayers of Blessed . . . , Thy Confessor, that we may be defended against all adversity. For the sake.

O EVERLASTING GOD, Who didst vouchsafe to the Blessed . . . to enter into the courts of the Kingdom of Heaven ; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be sensibly aided by his prayers, in whose good deeds we reverently rejoice. For the sake.

MAY Thy holy Confessor . . . , O LORD, be a continual protection to us ; for Thou wilt never cease

to look with propitious eye upon those whom Thou hast consented shall be aided with such assistance. Who livest and reignest.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, great is the light of Thy Saints when, in the night of this world they have Thee as a burning fiery pillar to enlighten them as to what they ought, and to help them to fulfil what they have learnt, to do ; grant us, therefore, by the intercession of Thy Confessor . . . , that passing through the darkness of this world by the guidance of Thy light, we may come to the bliss of the heavenly mansions. To Whom.

O EVERLASTING GOD, Who by many signs hast honoured Blessed . . . , Thy Bishop and Confessor ; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his intercession we may be delivered from the flames of hell. Through.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who makest Thy Church illustrious by the learning and piety of the Blessed . . . , Thy Confessor and Doctor ; mercifully grant to us Thy servants, that we may be enlightened by his wis-

dom, encouraged by his good works, and aided by his prayers. Through.

O GOD, Who causest us to rejoice in the good deeds and intercessions of Blessed . . . , Thy Confessor ; mercifully grant that, by the gift of Thy grace, we may obtain the benefits which he prays for us. For the sake.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast granted to Thy blessed Bishop and Confessor . . . , that his flesh should rest in peace, and that he should attain a crown of righteousness for the confession of Thy Name ; vouchsafe to us, miserable sinners, that we, who have no such merit of confession, may escape the punishment of our sins by his prayers ; and that as his flesh being not left in hell, but freed from the corruption of sins, shall be hereafter united to his spirit, and inherit eternal glory ; so, redeemed of all guilt, grant that we sinners may come to Thee, in Thy everlasting Kingdom. To Whom.

MAY the intercession of the holy Confessor . . . commend us, we beseech Thee, O LORD, that what we

are unworthy to obtain through our own prayers, we may gain through his devout intercession. Through.

O GOD, Who hast given to Thy people the Blessed . . . as the minister of eternal salvation ; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be esteemed worthy to have him as our intercessor in Heaven, whom Thou hast given us as a teacher of the way of life upon earth. For the sake.

VIRGINS.

O GOD, Who, amongst other miracles of Thy power hast conferred the victory of Martyrdom even on the weaker sex ; mercifully grant, that we, who celebrate the glorious triumph of Thy blessed Virgin and Martyr . . . may by her example and prayers come unto Thee. Through the mediation.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O GOD of our salvation, and as we rejoice before Thee in the memory of blessed . . . Virgin, so grant us to be instructed by the example of her pious devotion, and aided by her devout prayers. For the sake.

GRANT to us, we beseech Thee, O LORD our GOD, with uninterrupted devotion to venerate the victories of Thy holy Virgins and Martyrs . . . and . . . , that, as we cannot celebrate them with becoming recollection, we may at least commemorate them with humble devotion. Through the merits.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, let Blessed . . . , Virgin and Martyr, ask for our pardon ; who, by the purity of her life and the acknowledgment of Thy power, was ever well-pleasing unto Thee. For the sake.

THY lamb, O JESUS, crieth unto Thee with a loud voice—I desire Thee, O my Bridegroom, and seek Thee in my struggle, and am crucified and buried with Thee in my baptism. I suffer for Thy sake, and shall reign with Thee. I die for Thee, and shall live in Thee. O Thou Merciful One, receive her as a spotless victim, who longeth for Thee, and through her prayers, save our souls. Who livest.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast promised to them that preserve

bodily purity the hope of fruit an hundred fold ; by the intercession of Thy holy Virgin . . . loose the chains of our sins, that we who are cast down by bodily frailty may be lifted up by her intercession and assistance. To Whom.

O CHRIST the LORD, Who grantest such strength to Thy holy Virgin . . . that overcoming the world and the flesh she hastened to die for Thee ; by the intercession of the same holy Virgin, kindle in us the fire of Thy love, that the temptations of the flesh may not allure us, nor the flattery of the world deceive us. Who livest.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting GOD, by Whose gift Blessed . . . has obtained the palm of Virginity and Martyrdom ; grant us, by her prayers, so to keep a perfect purity of mind and body, that neither by the allurements of the flesh, nor by the bitterness of affliction and trouble we may ever be overcome. For the sake.

O GOD, Who makest us glad by the remembrance of Blessed . . . ; grant, that whilst we venerate her

memory with our praises, we may follow the example of her holy life and conversation, and obtain the benefit of her devout prayers. Through the merits.

O GOD, Who didst teach Blessed . . . to turn with her whole heart from worldly things to be a lowly follower of Thy Cross; grant that, by her example and prayers, we may learn to despise the fleeting joys of the world and to overcome all our enemies in the embrace of Thy Cross. Through.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Spouse and special Lover of all chaste souls, whom in Thy Kingdom Thou art wont to distinguish with Thine own Crown of Victory above other Saints; grant us, in virtue of their prayers, so to follow in their footsteps, that we may obtain the like rewards. Who livest and reignest.

SAINTS.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast made Thy Church to shine by the faith and works of the Blessed . . . ; grant that we, Thy servants, may, through

his intercession, attain to the blessedness of eternal glory. Through.

O GOD, Who didst give Blessed . . . to Thy people for a minister of eternal salvation ; grant, we beseech Thee, that as he has been the instructor of our life here upon earth, he may be our intercessor in heaven. For the sake.

O CHRIST JESUS our LORD, Who hast by Thy blessed Saints poured into our hearts the new law of charity ; grant us, we beseech Thee, through their intercession, to take upon ourselves this easy yoke and light burden and perfectly to fulfil the same in our lives. Who livest and reignest.

O EVERLASTING GOD, Who hast translated the Blessed . . . , Thy servant, to Thy heavenly Kingdom ; mercifully grant, through his prayers, that the benefits we ask of Thee we may effectually obtain. Through.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who seest that our evils trouble us on every side ; grant, we beseech Thee, that the

glorious intercession of Blessed . . . may ever protect us. For the sake.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, our GOD, merciful Lover of mankind, Who by Thy grace hast made Thy servant . . . a worthy steward of Thy mysteries and a faithful Shepherd of Thy true Fold ; we beseech Thee to grant to us, by his prayers, grace, that with a strong faith, a confident hope, and a sincere love, we may daily serve Thee in all good works ; and worship Thee truly until our life's end. We beseech thee, also, that while on earth we keep in holy remembrance his venerable name, so we may have him continually interceding for us in heaven : and having spent the rest of our lives in holiness, we may be made worthy to approach Thee in the blessed and heavenly union of all Thy Saints. For Thine is the Kingdom.

O GOD, Who hast rewarded the soul of the Blessed . . . , Thy servant, with eternal bliss ; mercifully grant, that as we are oppressed with the weight of our sins, so through his prayers we may receive Thy gracious and ready help. Through the merits.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who rulest over the everlasting Kingdom, graciously behold Thy family who celebrate the memory of Blessed . . . , Thy servant ; and as Thou hast vouchsafed to glorify him with the gift of heaven, so be pleased mercifully to grant, that at his intercession we may be made meet partakers of everlasting happiness. Through.

MAY the intercession, O LORD, we beseech Thee, of the Blessed . . . , obtain for us Thy favour ; that those things which of our own unworthiness we cannot attain, may at his intercession be granted unto us. For the sake.

MOST Blessed Virgin, Mother of GOD ; ye eye-witnesses and servants of the WORD ; all ye choirs of Prophets and Martyrs, since ye have immortal life, intercede fervently for us and for all men, for we are all liable to dangers ; that we may be delivered from the snare of the Evil One, and evermore sing the song of the Angels—Holy, Holy, Holy, thrice Holy LORD.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that we, who solemnize the glorious triumphs of Blessed . . . , Thy Saint, may by his intercession be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Through.

GRANT to us, Almighty GOD, that the devout intercession of Blessed . . . , may protect us; and that while we celebrate his reward, we may imitate his firmness in the defence of the Catholic faith. For the sake.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal GOD, Who gladdenest Thy servants by the example of Blessed . . . , we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that as we devoutly observe and venerate his memory, so we may through his intercession obtain the reward of eternal life. Through the mediation.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy displeasure, but deal with me according to Thy mercy, Physician and Healer of our souls, leading us into the harbour of Thy Will. Enlighten the eyes of my mind to acknowledge

Thy truth ; and grant, that the rest of this present day, and all the rest of my life, through the intercessions of the Mother of GOD, and all Thy Saints, may be peaceful and sinless. Who livest.

O GOD, the Rejoicing and Glory of Thy holy Saints, hear us Thy humble servants ; and grant, that we may be delivered and preserved from all evils by their intercession whose memory we venerate, and whose triumphs we commemorate. Through the mediation.

MAY our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who proved His blessed Saints, despising this world, to be most precious gold, which the fire could not consume but only tried, and which glowed the more radiantly the greater was its heat ; grant, by the prayers of the same His Saints, that we may be delivered from all dangers and afflictions, and that the flames of sin may not consume us whom the brightness of the Saints' examples enlightens. To Whom.

HEAR us, O LORD GOD of our salvation, that like as we do rejoice

in the memory of the Blessed . . . , so, by his prayers, we may be taught in the affection of loving devotion. Through the merits.

HEAR, O LORD, our earnest prayers, that we, who know that we are guilty of our iniquities, may be delivered from guilt of our sins by the intercession of the Holy . . . For the sake.

MOST Merciful LORD and Master, JESUS CHRIST our GOD, through the intercessions of our spotless Lady the Mother of GOD and Ever-Virgin Mary, by the power of the honourable and life-giving Cross, through the intercessions of the honourable, heavenly, and Angelic Powers, of the holy, glorious Prophet and Forerunner John Baptist, of the glorious, and renowned Apostles, of the holy, glorious, and victorious Martyrs, and of all Thy Saints, let our prayer be well-pleasing in Thy sight. Grant unto us remission of our sins ; guard us under the shelter of Thy wings ; drive away from us every enemy and every hurtful thing ; and guide our lives in peace. LORD, have mercy on us and on Thy world, and save our

souls. For Thou art Good and the Lover of men.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who art the Head of Thy Church, grant that Thy Blessed . . . who, in the body of the Church, once gave his members for that Head, may now ceaselessly address the Head on behalf of us its members; and near unto the Head, may he, by his intercessions, protect the body, praying for that abundantly, which he rejoices to have attained happily. To Whom.

BEHOLD, O LORD, the voice is clear which calls us to the joy of the Saints where all Thy friends are feasting; grant us Thy servants, we beseech Thee, the desire of Thy love, to draw us on high; and by the intercession of Thy Saints . . . and . . . let us be led into the everlasting dwellings of just men made perfect. Who livest.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, for Whose covenant Thy Saints gave up their lives to death, being holden in chains, wasted in prison, and scorched in the flames; through their intercession, we

beseech Thee, and endued with Thy righteousness, make us as pure gold in every holy work ; that as we serve Thee with devout hearts, we may not in any wise be separated from the fellowship of Thy Saints in bliss. To Whom.

O THOU, Who art praised with ceaseless hymns and never-ending songs of glory by the Heavenly Powers; fill our mouths with Thy praise, that we may magnify Thy holy Name ; and grant unto us a part and lot with all those who fear Thee in truth, and keep Thy commandments ; through the intercessions of the spotless Mother of GOD, and of all Thy Saints. For to Thee is due all honour and glory.

ENCOURAGED by the aid of the blessed Saints . . . and . . . , let us send up our faithful prayers to our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that we may evermore be helped by their prayers whose glorious triumphs we celebrate in this world. Who liveth.

O GOD, Who art wonderful in the protection of all Thy Saints, Who hast willed the devout remembrance of

Thy great Saint . . . ; we beseech Thy Majesty, grant Thy Catholic Church to rejoice in such a leader, that we with holy devotion, and fed with Thy own bread, may follow his footsteps, and as he pleased Thee with Thy own gifts, let us, aided by his prayers, be delivered from all dangers. For the sake.

GOD, the SON of GOD, the Brightness of the firmament, the Glory of the constellations, the bright and morning Star, the everlasting Splendour and abundant Wisdom of the Saints; guide us, we pray Thee, with the rod of Thy righteousness, and the constant intercession of Thy Saints . . . and . . . , that we may keep in our hearts what they were enlightened to preach; that after our departure hence, we may come blameless, and loosened of the chains of our sins, into that which is laid up with Thee, which eye hath not seen and ear hath not heard. To Whom.

CHRIST, Who art the inextinguishable Light of GOD the FATHER, we direct our prayers to Thee, in the evening of this departing day, in commemoration of Thy holy Saints . . . ,

faithfully entreating, that through their intercessions Thou wouldst be pleased mercifully and propitiously to accept the united and peace-bearing prayers of Thy servants, offered in conjunction with hymns and canticles to the Voice of the evening sacrifice. Who livest.

O GOD, Whose wonders are manifested in the lives of Thy holy Saints, by their prayers, be merciful to our transgressions, and be our help on all needful occasions; and may the honour of Thy Being be seen in the glory of Thy Saints, and Thy grace in the conversion of sinners. For the sake.

THE innumerable host of Martyrs, Priests, holy Women, Prophets and Saints, supplicate Thee, JESUS, our GOD; grant us, therefore, remission of our sins, for Thou art the Lover of men, that they who have run their holy race, and have been made worthy to dwell with the Angels in the heavenly City, may pray without ceasing for us. Who livest.

O LORD, Who art the ceaseless Guardian and the exceeding great Reward of Thy blessed Saints, of Thy

mercy watch over us Thy people, rejoicing with them in their contests; and grant to each of them what he asks, Thou Who hast given to Thy Saints to triumph over the enemy; that we, commemorating those who have pleased Thee through the death of the flesh, may always enjoy their active intercession with Thee. To Whom.

MAY all the Saints of GOD, who have traversed the sea of mortality, and have been deemed worthy to reach the mansions of perpetual rest, security, and peace, who have been freed from all care, and are undisturbed and always happy and rejoicing; freed from care as regards themselves, be full of care for us; freed from care as regards their own unfading glory, be full of care for our innumerable miseries. I ask it for His sake, Who hath chosen them, Who hath made them what they are, Who hath satisfied them with His beauty, Who through His immortality hath made them immortal, with Whose most blessed vision they are ever ravished with joy. Who liveth.

LOOK upon me, O CHRIST, I beseech Thee, and pass me not by,

though bound by many sins ; but have mercy upon me, and save me, through the prayers of Thy holy Saint . . . , and of Thy holy Angels, Martyrs, and Apostles ; and make me an inheritor of Thy Kingdom. To Whom.

THE blessed choir of the Apostles, Martyrs, holy Prophets, and Saints, together with Thy Saint . . . , pray unto Thee, O LORD. Through their supplications have mercy on me. For Thou knowest my many failings.

THY Saint . . . , O LORD, by his strife hath gained an incorruptible crown from Thee our GOD ; for in Thy strength he withstood princes, and rendered powerless the attacks of demons. Through his supplications, O CHRIST my GOD, save our souls.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who by an especial providence has deigned to appoint Thy holy Saints to watch over us ; grant, we beseech Thee Thy grace that we may ever remain under the protection of these our heavenly defenders, during this life, and, through their intercessions, share with them hereafter eternal felicity. Through.

**Collects of the Blessed Virgin and
the Holy Apostles.**

BLESSED MARY.

 RANT, O LORD, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants the gifts of Thy heavenly grace : that as our salvation began by the CHILD-Bearing of the Blessed Virgin, so by her devout intercessions an increase of peace may be afforded unto us. Through the merits and mediation.

O GOD, Who didst deign to choose the Virgin womb of Blessed Mary as a shrine wherein Thou mightest rest : grant that we, by the glorious intercession of the same Blessed Virgin, may make ready in our hearts an habitation fit for Thy Majesty. For the sake.

O GOD, Who by the message of an Angel didst will that Thy WORD should take upon Him our flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary ;

grant to us Thy humble servants, that as we believe her truly to be the Mother of GOD, so we may through her prayers be assisted by Thee. Through the merits.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, pour Thy grace into our hearts : that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, by the message of an Angel ; so, by the devout prayers of the holy Mother of GOD, we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection. Through the same.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, grant us Thy servants the gifts of Thy heavenly grace : that as our salvation took its beginning in the delivery of the Blessed Virgin, so, by her devout prayers, we may be blessed with the increase of peace. For the sake.

FORGIVE, O LORD, we beseech Thee, the sins of Thy people ; that we who are not able to do anything of ourselves that is pleasing to Thee, may be assisted in the way of salvation by the prayers of the Mother of Thy SON our LORD. Who liveth.

O GOD, Who wast pleased to choose the virginal palace of Blessed Mary, wherein Thou mightest dwell ; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, being defended by her mighty intercessions, may attain unto everlasting life. For the sake.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting GOD, Who, by the ministry of an Angel didst make known unto Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin that Thy Co-eternal SON should be conceived according to the flesh, by the operation of the HOLY GHOST ; grant that, by the glorious intercession of the same Holy Virgin, we may have grace to perceive in us the fruit of His redemption, Whose Incarnation has been revealed unto us. Through the merits.

O GOD, Whose Eternal WORD made Flesh is the living and true Bread of human souls ; grant to us, we beseech Thee, through the devout prayers of the Mother of GOD, evermore to hunger after this Bread, by which faith is cherished, hope is sustained, and love is strengthened. For the sake.

GRANT, O LORD GOD, we beseech Thee, that we Thy servants may enjoy continual health of mind and body ; and by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and have the fruition of everlasting joy. Through.

S. PETER.

• **O** GOD, Who hast willed that Thy Church should remember the martyrdom of Thy blessed Apostle Peter ; grant that we, through his prayers, may in all things follow his precepts. For the sake.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who by Thy SON JESUS CHRIST didst give to Thy Apostle S. Peter many excellent gifts, and commandest him earnestly to feed Thy flock : make, we beseech Thee, by his prayers, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory. Through.

O GOD, Who didst set free Blessed Peter the Apostle from his chains, and let him go unhurt ; loose us, we be-

seech Thee, from the bonds of our sins, and, by the powerful intercession of the same holy Apostle, mercifully protect us from all evils. For the sake.

O GOD, Who didst build Thy Church upon the rock of the Blessed Apostle S. Peter ; grant, we beseech Thee, by the prayers of the same Blessed Peter, that continuing steadfast unto the end in his doctrine and fellowship, we may ever receive the increase of Thy heavenly grace. Through.

O GOD, Who hast laid the foundations of Thy Church upon the holy hills ; grant that she may not be destroyed by any assaults of error, nor shaken by any disturbance of the world ; but that, by the devout prayers of the Blessed Peter, she may ever remain firm and secure in the Apostolic foundation and unity. Through Him, Who purchased her with His own Blood.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, graciously to look upon Thy family ; and as Thou didst lay its foundation on

Thy blessed Apostle S. Peter, so, by his intercession, Thou mayest keep it alway in the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship. Who livest.

O CHRIST, the SON of GOD, Who, when about to build Thy Church upon a rock, gavest the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to Peter, Prince of the Apostles ; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, by his intercession who not only loved Thee, but confessed Thee before the rest, the full measure of Thy grace ; and also remission of our sins through his prayers to whom Thou gavest the power of remission. Who livest.

GRANT, O LORD, we beseech Thee, that the Blessed Peter, Apostle of GOD, rock of the Church and shepherd of the Fold, who received the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, because the first to acknowledge CHRIST as the SON of GOD, may, by Thy mercy, and his prayers, loose the chain of our sins, stand by us as the glorious keeper of the door, and bring us, sinners, safe within the eternal portals of Thy Kingdom. Through.

S. PAUL.

O GOD, the Strength of all Thy Saints, Who hast given unto them the grace whereby they have attained to the gift of Thy heavenly glory; give strength also to our infirmity, we beseech Thee, through the intercession of Thy blessed Apostle, S. Paul, that we may follow his example, who being delivered from the burden of the flesh has attained unto joy and felicity with Thee. Through.

O GOD, Who, through the preaching of the Apostle S. Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; grant that we, by the intercession of the same blessed Paul, may show forth our thankfulness unto Thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught. Through the merits.

GRANT to us, O LORD, we beseech Thee, that, after the example and through the prayers of Thy blessed Apostle Paul, we may arise and go unto Thee; and being fed with the meat which Thou hast appointed, we

may spiritually receive sight and be strengthened for Thy service. Who livest.

O ALMIGHTY and Merciful GOD, Who shewest Thy power in the conversion of sinners ; we beseech Thee grant, that, by the powerful intercession of the Blessed Paul, the same grace may convert us which made the same holy Apostle from a persecutor of Thy people to become a chosen vessel unto Thee. For the sake.

SS. PETER AND PAUL.

O GOD, Who hast willed to be glorified by the martyrdom of Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul ; grant that, by his glorious intercession, Thy Church may in all things follow his precepts, through whom she received the blessing of her faith and worship. Through the merits.

GRANT, we pray Thee, Almighty GOD, that the Blessed Peter and Paul, the first enthroned of the Apostles and teachers of the universe, may intercede with the Master of All to grant peace to the whole world and

pardon to our souls: for His great mercy. Who liveth.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst vouchsafe to consecrate Thy holy Apostles Peter and Paul manfully contending, the one with the Cross, and the other with the Sword; so that for Thy Name's sake they bore with faithfulness the one, the dying on the Cross, the other, the blow of the Sword; grant us that we, following Thee with like affection, may by holy Peter enter into secrets of the Cross, and by blessed Paul be ever guarded by the Sword of the spiritual world; so that by the Cross of CHRIST, we may escape the punishment of hell, and by the Sword of the SPIRIT may pierce into the Kingdom of Heaven. Who livest.

S. JOHN.

O GOD, Who, by the mouth of Blessed John, hast declared unto us the hidden things of Thy Word; grant, we beseech Thee, through the intercession of the same blessed Apostle, that our hearts and minds may so be instructed by Thy HOLY SPIRIT, as perfectly to embrace the deep myste-

ries which he hath declared unto us.
For the sake.

MERCIFUL LORD, we beseech Thee, through the intercession of the blessed Evangelist S. John, to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church ; that it, being enlightened by his doctrine, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting light. Through the mediation.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that we, being instructed by the teaching of Thy blessed Apostle S. John, and loving that which he taught us, may always walk according to His precepts, and finally, by the devout prayers of the same holy Evangelist, may be made partakers of the promises of the same Thy SON. Who liveth.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding ; pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may by the prayers of the

blessed Apostle whom JESUS loved, obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Through.

S. ANDREW.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that the blessed Apostle Andrew may entreat for us Thine aid ; that we may be loosed from the guilt of our sins, and be delivered from all dangers. Through.

WE humbly entreat Thy Majesty, O LORD, that, as the blessed Apostle Andrew was made a preacher and ruler of Thy Church ; so he may continually pray for us before Thee. Through the merits.

ALmighty GOD, Who didst give such grace unto Thy holy Apostle Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy SON, and followed Him without delay ; grant unto us that we, being called by Thy holy Word, may, by the intercession of the same holy Apostle, forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy holy commandments. Through.

GRANT to us, LORD, we beseech Thee, that, by the prayers of the Blessed Andrew, we may be strengthened against the allurements of our desires, that, bearing our cross daily, we may at length reign with Thee in glory for ever. Who livest.

S. JAMES.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Almighty GOD, that the devout intercessions of Thy blessed Apostle James in our behalf may, through Thy mercy, increase our devotion as well as advance our salvation. Through.

BE Thou, O LORD, the Sanctifier and Guardian of Thy people ; that being assisted by the prayers of James Thy Apostle, they may please Thee in will and deed, and serve Thee with a quiet mind. Who livest.

GRANT, O Merciful GOD, that as Thine holy Apostle S. James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, and followed Him ; so we, by his intercession, forsaking all worldly and carnal

affections, may be evermore ready to follow Thy holy commandments. For the sake.

O GOD, Who didst choose the Blessed James to be an Apostle in Thy Church, that he might feed Thy sheep with Thy holy Word and Sacraments ; grant that, by the prayers of the same Blessed James, we may both keep the faith which he taught and walk in the way which he by his example shewed us. Through the merits.

S. THOMAS.

GRANT us, we beseech Thee, O LORD, to follow the example of Thy blessed Apostle Thomas ; and that being ever assisted by his prayers, we may follow his faith with the like devotion. Through the mediation.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving GOD, Who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer Thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Thy SON'S Resurrection : grant us, by the prayers of the same Blessed Thomas, so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe

in Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, that our faith in Thy sight may never be re-proved. For the sake.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that, through faith working by love, we may with the Holy Thomas always acknowledge Thee to be our LORD and our GOD; and that by his prayers we may be found meet to inherit eternal life. Through the merits.

S. MATTHEW.

GRANT, O LORD, that we may be assisted by the prayers of Blessed Matthew, the Apostle and Evangelist, that what we cannot obtain of ourselves may be granted us by his intercession. Through the merits.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who by Thy Blessed SON didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; grant us grace, by his prayers, to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same Thy SON JESUS CHRIST. Who liveth.

GRANT to us, O FATHER, by the intercession of Blessed Matthew, to behold Thy Church as in former days, when continuing stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and of prayer, the multitude of them which believed were of one heart and one soul. Through.

S. BARTHOLOMEW.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD, Who hast willed that Thy Blessed Bartholomew should be an intercessor for Thy faithful people ; grant to Thy Church, we beseech Thee, by the prayers of the same blessed Apostle, both to love that which he believed, and to do what he taught. Through the mediation.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD, Who didst give to Thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach Thy Word ; grant, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Church, by his intercession, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same. For the sake.

GRANT unto us, O LORD, we beseech Thee, that, by the prayers of the Holy Bartholomew, we may be partakers of the resurrection of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, of which Thou hast appointed that Thy Apostles should be the witnesses. Through the same.

SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.

O GOD, Who willest that we should be benefited by the prayers of Thy holy Apostles, Philip and James ; grant, we beseech Thee, that whilst we rejoice in their reward, we may both be aided by their intercession, and also be instructed by their example. Through the merits.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Whom truly to know is everlasting life ; grant us perfectly to know Thy SON JESUS CHRIST to be the way, the truth, and the life ; that, by the prayers of Thy holy Apostles, S. Philip and S. James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life. Through the same.

PURIFY, we beseech Thee, O LORD, our hearts ; that with the Blessed Philip and James, we, beholding Thee

in the FATHER and the FATHER in Thee, may by their prayers be made worthy to attain everlasting life. Who livest.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that, like as we celebrate the memory of Thy Apostles Simon and Jude on earth, so they may prevent Thy Majesty in our behalf in heaven, that we may be found worthy of Thy bounties. Through.

O GOD, Who by Thy blessed Apostles Simon and Jude, hast suffered us to come to the knowledge of Thy Name; grant us, we beseech Thee, that by their prayers we may be defended against all spiritual wickedness. Through the merits.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, JESUS CHRIST Himself being the head corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that by their prayers we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee. For the sake.

S. MATTHIAS.

O GOD, Who didst choose the Blessed Matthias into the number of Thine Apostles ; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his prayers we may continually feel ourselves encompassed by Thy tender mercy. Through.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose Thy faithful Servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles ; grant, by the intercession of the same Thy Servant, that Thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors. Through.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that as Thou didst by lot cause Thy Blessed Matthias to be numbered with the eleven Apostles ; so, by his intercessions, do Thou vouchsafe to make us partakers of the inheritance of Thy Saints in light. For the sake.

S. LUKE.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy holy Evangelist Luke pray for us, who continually bore in his own body

the mortification of the Cross, for the honour of Thy Name. Who livest.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul; may it please Thee, that, by his prayers and the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed. Through.

O LORD, we pray Thee, that the prayers of the Blessed Luke may afford us continual help; that, following the teaching of the same holy Evangelist, we may have our conversation as it becometh the Gospel of CHRIST. For the sake.

S. MARK.

O GOD, Who hast exalted Blessed Mark, Thy Evangelist, by the grace of preaching the Gospel; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may both profit by his teaching, and ever be defended by his prayers. Through.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evange-

list S. Mark ; give us grace that, by his intercession, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel. Through.

O GOD, Who hast ordained that the truth of the Gospel should be made known unto us by the ministry of Blessed Mark ; grant that, what through his instruction we have been taught, by Thy grace and his prayers we may indeed perform. For the sake.

S. BARNABAS.

O GOD, Who makest us to rejoice in the good deeds and prayers of Blessed Barnabas, Thy Apostle ; mercifully grant that, by his intercessions, we who with him beg for Thy blessings, may obtain them by the gift of Thy grace. Through.

O LORD GOD Almighty, Who didst endue Thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the HOLY GHOST ; leave us not, we beseech Thee, through his prayers, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to Thy honour and glory. Through the merits.

O LORD, Who didst by Thy HOLY SPIRIT command Thy servants to separate Barnabas to the work for which Thou hadst called him ; graciously look upon Thy great harvest, and by the intercession of the same blessed Apostle, send into it labourers who may feed Thy people with the Bread of life. Who livest.

S. STEPHEN.

GRANT to us, LORD, we beseech Thee, that, imitating that which we reverence, we may learn to pray for our enemies after the example of Blessed Stephen ; and that we may ever be defended by his intercessions who knew how to pray even for his persecutors. For the sake.

GRANT, O LORD, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth, we may stedfastly look up to Heaven ; and being filled by the HOLY GHOST, and aided by the prayers of Thy just Martyr S. Stephen, may learn to love and bless our persecutors. Through.

GRANT, O LORD, to us, who have the death and sufferings of Thy Martyr Stephen in remembrance, ever

to walk in his steps ; that, being strengthened by his example, and aided by his prayers, we may receive the blessing from the SON of MAN, Whom he saw standing at Thy right hand. Who liveth.

S. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Almighty GOD, that Thy family may walk in the way of salvation : and by following the exhortations of Blessed John the Forerunner, may, by the prayers of the same holy Baptist, in all safety attain unto Him Whom he foretold, our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Who liveth.

ALmighty GOD, by Whose providence Thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Thy SON our SAVIOUR, by preaching of repentance ; make us, by his intercession, so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching ; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, that the prayers of S. John the Baptist, Thy Forerunner and Martyr, may obtain for us Thy help towards the attainment of our salvation. Who livest.

ALMIGHTY and Merciful GOD, Who, in Thy providence, didst appoint Blessed John Baptist to prepare the way of the LORD ; grant, we beseech Thee, to us Thy people, by his worthy intercession, that giving heed to the herald of Thy WORD, they may be cleansed from all their sins and be brought to Him Whom he foretold.

O GOD, Who madest Blessed John, Thy Forerunner, a burning and shining light in Thy Temple, that the flame of his works may flow, and the light of his words may shine, upon others also ; grant us, by his intercession, so to possess the glow of Thy sweetness, and the light of Thy eternity, that our souls, being made lamps in Thy Kingdom, Thou mayest fill them with the oil of Thy sweetness, and comfort them with joys to come.

BRING, O LORD, our souls out of prison, Who didst bear for us the

spitting and the scourge; that, by the prayers of the righteous John Thy Baptist, brought forth from the prison of this world, we may, after our death, with fitting honour celebrate the glory of Thy Cross. Who livest.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O FATHER, that by the intercession of the blessed Baptist, Thy grace may bring us to Him Whom the holy Fore-runner both prophesied to be at hand, and declared was come, the SAVIOUR of the World. Who livest.

O GOD, Who in the days of John Baptist didst accomplish both the ordinance of the Law, and the sayings of the Prophets; grant, we beseech Thee, that the shadow of good things to come being done away, He Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, may, by the devout prayers of the same holy Baptist speak unto us by the manifestation of Himself. Who livest and reignest.



HYMNS.

All Saints and Angels.

FATHER, CREATOR, GOD
most High,
Maker of all in earth and
sky,

Thou GOD of Love and Majesty ;
Oh, save Thy creature, I implore,
For whom Thine Own-begotten wore
The weeds of frail humanity.

O JESUS, Thou didst Heaven forsake
On Thee our human flesh to take,
And pour Thy Blood on Calvary,
Whatever stain of sinful clay
Our hearts have caught, Oh, wash
away
Within that fount of purity.

O HOLY SPIRIT, LORD of Grace,
Our inmost soul's most secret place,
Burn with the fire of charity :
Make clean our hearts, and then infuse
Rich largess of Thy heavenly dews,
To gift them with fertility.

In Persons three, in Substance one,
In gifts inseparate, FATHER, SON,
And SPIRIT, Blessed TRINITY—
Oh, bear our fainting steps along,
And make us out of weakness strong,
In faith, and hope, and charity.

O Mary, Heaven is bright with thee,
Earth's Queen, and Lady of the sea,
Imperial next to DEITY :
Behold to thee ourselves we vow ;
Our suit in grace vouchsafe us thou
A spirit nerved for victory.

Mother of GOD, thy Maker, we
No less a Mother find in thee,
Poor children of iniquity :
Oh, plead for us by sin forlorn :
Thus art thou Mother, thus is born
Of thee a countless progeny.

O Virgin, glorious, full of might,
Virgin of Virgins, passing bright,
Made brighter by maternity ;
That so to both thy SON and thee,
Well-pleasing may our service be,
Win for us inward purity.

Hail ! Michael, Captain in the fight,
By whom, dashed headlong from the
height,

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Down fell that dragon enemy :
Lest we through pride be cast away,
Oh, make us lowly, so one day
To join thy heavenly company.

Hail ! Gabriel, who to Mary's ear
Didst wondrous salutation bear,
Thou herald of the mystery ;
Grant us to praise our GOD above,
And with our undivided love
Repay His love's immensity.

O Raphael, who didst guide aright
The young Tobias, and with light
Didst gift the blind abundantly :
I too am blind—Oh, might I see :
A wanderer I—Oh, might it be
That thou my steps accompany.

Hail ! glorious Angel Guardian, bound
To GOD's high service ; creature
crowned
With excellent nobility ;
Oh, be thou still my faithful guide,
Ever to aid me at my side
In trembling hour of jeopardy.

O Seraphim, with love on fire,
May your celestial flames inspire
Our hearts with kindred fervency ;
That we may love requite with love,
And praise with you our GOD above,
Both now and everlastingly.

Hail ! holy, radiant Cherubim,
Illume, we pray, our spirits dim,
 With knowledge of the DEITY :
By you may grace afford us light
To know our nothingness aright,
 Aright to know His Majesty.

Ye Thrones, commend us to the Blood
Of CHRIST, our ransom on the wood,
 Poured in His passion's agony :
So may we use these gifts, that we,
Absolving Judge be placed by Thee
 On throne of bliss eternally.

Dominions, may your prayers abound,
To fence us with dominions round,
 Against our threefold enemy :
Satan, the world, the flesh must fall,
Where CHRIST is part and lot, and all,
 Treasure, and hope, and sovereignty.

Princedom, to us a PRINCE is born,
For us hath died the death of scorn,
 The ransom of our slavery :
Then, Oh, may this world's prince
 depart,
Our Prince the palace of our heart
 Swaying in sole supremacy.

Ye Powers, bring succour, lest we fail ;
For Oh, how many foes assail,

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By violence or subtlety :
But CHRIST, Thy sweat, Thy precious
Blood,
The stripes, the thorns, the nails, the
wood,
Shall overcome the enemy.

Ye Virtues, hail ! to you 'tis given,
Things wrought on earth, and signs in
Heaven,
To sway with wondrous potency :
Be yours this fragile wall of clay,
Which, self-sustained, must sink away,
To guard with faithful custody.

Archangels, who in presence stand
Of GOD most High, with helping hand
Uplift me from my misery :
While in temptation here I sigh,
Oh, might I, wafted from on high,
But feel your succouring ministry.

O Choir of Angels, one and all,
Who round the throne adoring fall,
In ever-wakeful loyalty :
Your prayers be with us, that by grace
We may be kept to fill the place
Made vacant by apostacy.

Ye Patriarchs and Prophets, hail !
By your protecting aid prevail,

To gift our souls with fervency :
That we one day may feast with you
On what we now from distance view,
In Heaven's undreamt felicity.

Hail ! ye, who threefold gifts did bring,
Ye Kings, to Him of kings the KING,
To greet His new-born Infancy :
May chastened flesh the myrrh impart,
The frankincense a lifted heart,
And gold the deeds of loyalty.

All hail ! CHRIST'S great Precursor, He,
Our Shepherd, called the Lamb by thee,
Hath borne the world's iniquity :
To Him for us poor exiles pray,
Far from our fatherland away,
That He may guide us tenderly.

Hail ! Peter, thine the keys of Heaven :
Patrons of sinners, thine is given,
The grace of CHRIST transcendently :
Oh, grant us penitence, we pray,
Our stains of sin to wash away
In contrite tears unceasingly.

Hail ! Vessel of election, Paul,
On thee what showers of blessings fall,
Gifts from GOD'S wondrous clemency :
Oh, for CHRIST'S love in mercy pray,
That I be not a cast-away,
Seduced by worldly vanity.

Andrew, 'twas thine thy blood to pour,
E'en as thy MASTER died before,
The Cross embracing eagerly :
Oh, make us count all things but loss ;
In thee, O life-bestowing Cross,
Alone let all our glory be.

O Blessed John, to CHRIST so dear,
That Mother mild, without a peer,
Was trusted to thy custody :
Oh, in the fight of death, I pray,
With that sweet Mother, near her stay,
To foil my raging enemy.

James, sharer of thy MASTER'S reign,
Able, with Him, in love to drain,
The self-same cup of agony :
To tread the path of life Divine,
With undivided heart be mine,
And spirit loosed from vanity.

All hail ! ye Princes of the earth,
Ye radiant lights of heavenly birth,
Apostles' glorious company ;
Oh, may your prayers unwearied rise,
That CHRIST may draw us to the skies
With cords of kindred charity.

Hail ! Stephen, consecrated thou,
The first to wear on bleeding brow
The martyr's crown of victory :

May fervent love our spirits fill,
Not to be overcome of ill,
And free to spare an enemy.

All hail ! ye blood-empurpled band
Of holy Martyrs ; now ye stand
Beside your LORD triumphantly ·
By force have ye the kingdom won ;
In vain have evils, many a one,
Withstood your spirit's constancy.

Nor yet do persecutions fail :
Satan, the world, the flesh, assail
Our hearts in dread confederacy :
Though tortures sleep, more dire than
they
Are blandishments which lure to slay :
Oh, be we kept by charity.

Hail ! Confessors, in zeal and faith,
By CHRIST'S own gift, unto the death
Ye persevered in fervency :
So will we, too, confess our LORD,
Ever in heart, and work, and word,
If you will aid our constancy.

All hail ! ye choir of Virgins, ye
Dead to the world, have learned to flee
The flesh and all its luxury :
Oh, may the Spouse, for Whom we live,
To us, for your deservings, give
Spotless robes of purity.

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Hail ! all Elect ones, ye who stand,
Angels and Saints, one glorious band,
We hail your blessed company :
Oh, guard us ever, that we may
Still follow CHRIST, along the way
That leads to immortality.

Ye Saints, triumphant now above,
Pouring from hearts of joyous love,
Strains of perennial jubilee :
Oh, offer unto GOD our prayer,
And keep us true, as on we fare,
And strong in grace unchangeable.

Ye Saints, who share your SAVIOUR'S
reign,
And chant His praise in glorious strain,
Far from your trampled enemy :
By you be this, our mortal state,
To GOD'S own glory consecrate ;
Be ours your crown of victory.

Your aid we crave, poor pilgrims we ;
But Oh, how graced by GOD are ye,
Beatified in radiancy :
To Him be glory ; songs of praise,
To Him let every creature raise,
Sole Source of all felicity.

S. John the Baptist.

OUR KING'S Precursor from
above,
Thee, Herald of redeeming
love,

Heaven's crowning rays adorn :
If dear to memory is thy birth,
Not less is dear to sons of earth,
O'er earth thy victory's morn.

'Tis marvel, and that aged sire,
An Angel's token must require,
That heaven's gift will be won :
For how should age and nature brook,
With faith's mysterious onward look,
To expect that infant son ?

The doubting father disbelieves
What confirmation yet receives,
But not his tongue can teach :
The parent disobeys the word,
Till Heaven for punishment accord
A sign in loss of speech.

Ere yet the womb have been unsealed,
Ere the precursor yet revealed,
Forth Heaven's bright mystery
gleams:

While yet from nature's sun shut out,
The one true SUN that child about
Hath shed its mystic beams.

And that true day he knows before
Upon him opes from nature's store,
The vision of our days ;

He yet unborn, is natheless known,
Born twice is one unborn, to own
The unborn MESSIAH'S praise.

A Virgin's womb encloses GOD ;
Behold the enclosed the Enclosed
applaud

Within their prison gloom:
Hence, then, ye tongues give gesture
place,
Before you gestures in the race,
Hail ! Infants in the womb.

Born now the son, the sire believes,
And, with returning faith, receives
His speech that son to name :

Oh, happy mother's happy pains,
Whereby the father speech regains,
The mystery to proclaim.

A birth in sooth the mother's gain,
Atones the unfruitful mother's stain,
Her long-expected boy ;

Precursor ushered in with fears,
To grief of many he appears,
But natheless kindling joy.

Purely he dwells in the impure throng,
Pure is preserved the impure among,
For all his youthful days ;
Soon from men's converse to retire,
For shelter, sustenance, attire,
To seek the roughest ways.

Where strictest rule by rock and fell,
And honey from the wild bees' cell,
And locust fare his state ;
By worldlings spurned, in desert lair,
With garment rough of camels' hair,
He to his GOD is great.

Filled with bright glow of light from
heaven,
Lamp of the true Light he is given,
Of the true Sun the star ;
Of the new law the herald new,
The new King's standard-bearer new,
When forth He goes to war.

On more than prophet's mission sent,
O'er prophets super-eminent,
By virtue of his call ;
Whom coming they, he present shows ;
Whom promised they, he living knows,
Proclaiming LORD of all.

By life that shines, by word that burns,
Blest myriads to the light he turns,
Voice that true LIGHT to preach ;

Oh ! way to learn most excellent,
Where o'er them scholars humbly bent,
Their Master's footsteps teach.

For he, in sooth, that Light is not,
To bear to Thee, O CHRIST, his lot,
The witness of the Light ;
No light, but only lamp is he ;
For CHRIST the eternal Light must be,
Creating all that's bright.

When CHRIST around the waters close,
By him baptized, CHRIST then bestows
On these a greater dower ;
Lo, both are heaven's peculiar care,
Baptizer and Baptized are there,
Avowed by heav'n with power.

Gains the baptizer dignity,
But the Baptized no purity,
In Whom is nought impure ;
Cleansed is the cleansing element,
For who its potency hath lent
Can all corruption cure.

Gaze we on him, on whom amazed,
As though on CHRIST the throng hath
gazed,
By virtue of His Word ;
Who lifted not his head on high,
But deemed he was too vile to untie
The sandal of his LORD.

Of him hath CHRIST the witness given,
Than he no greater hath arisen,
Of woman e'er produced ;
So, CHRIST Himself excepting, said,
Who, flesh of woman's flesh was made,
No carnal aid induced.

Oh, pillar of the truth indeed,
Not here some lightly quivering reed,
Confounding ill with good ;
He lasheth scribes and doctors too,
The law's transgressors drags to view,
Envenomed viper's brood.

By Herod now, convict of sin,
The prophet, bound in chains within
Dark walls is unsubdued ;
Bears unjust punishment the just,
Detesting all the incestuous lust
Of king with crime imbrued.

Groweth the praise of John apace,
Increasing with the king's disgrace,
From the hour his wrath was moved ;
Slave to the wise is e'er the fool,
Just sternly by the impious rule
Of his injustice proved.

Upon King Herod's natal feast,
From earthly combat John released,
The tyrant's foul behest ;

The swordsman to the dancer sped,
The wanton held his trunkless head,
Her mother's ruthless guest.

CHRIST'S exaltation by the Cross,
John's diminution by the loss
Of head denoted is ;
Oh, precious is the just man's death,
When memory, in life's fleeting breath,
Of glorious deeds is his.

In honour thus, O CHRIST, of Thee,
The Baptist, Thy precursor, we
Recall with hymns of praise ;
From this drear vale where death is rife,
Thy guidance grant us on to life,
In his bright steps to raise.

S. Peter.

I.



H, sing the great Apostle,
In memory of the Rock,
The basis of that fabric
Which fears not tempest's shock.

To our CREATOR'S glory,
That festal chant shall burst ;
We praise the second shepherd
To glorify the first.

O Peter, light of doctrine,
And torch of holy love ;
The very type of fervour
And wisdom from above ;
Type too, of sad transgression,
The fruit of faithless fears,
And from thy lapse uprisen,
Of penitential tears.

The grace of the Great Fisher
Called thee, a fisher then,
To ply a nobler calling,
And search the depths for men.

And He Who bade thee venture
Thy nets into the sea,
Will save the draught they capture
For immortality.

He called, He bade thee follow,
Nor marvel showed, nor sign ;
But thou, at once believing,
Didst own the voice Divine.

Earth's vanities despising,
Thou didst obey the call ;
For heavenly truth forsaking
Thy nets, thy bark, thy all.

Blessed art thou, Barjona,
For CHRIST hath pledged to thee
His wealth of heavenly treasure,
And throne of victory.

'Twas thine to tread the waters,
And when about to sink,
His hand of help sustained thee,
Close on destruction's brink.

So when our faith is shaken,
And tossed by storms of ill,
May CHRIST, for ever present,
Bid winds and waves be still.

Thou to thy Master's question
Didst venture brief reply,
Enclosing all the substance
Of faith's deep mystery.

For in that one confession
Were both avowed by thee,
Diversity of Natures,
And Person's unity.

That which no flesh can compass,
Nor thought of man descry,
To thee did GOD reveal it,
By teaching from on high.

Wherefore that holy structure,
Which riseth day by day,
By care of heavenly builder,
Stands fixed beneath thy sway.

A power replete with wonder,
To thee by CHRIST was given :
Whom thou shalt bind or loosen,
Are bound or loosed in heaven.

The keys, by CHRIST committed,
Within thy keeping dwell,
Which sway the heavenly portals,
The dreadful gates of hell.

At CHRIST'S Transfiguration,
His love vouchsafed to thee,
With Moses and Elias—
Mysterious colloquy.

Oh, were it thine for ever
Upon the Mount to rest,
In that celestial converse
Should we not deem thee blest ?

But Oh, how far more blessed,
In worlds beyond the sky,
Rapt in perennial glory,
To gaze on DEITY.

Amid so many bright ones
To dwell absorbed in bliss ;
Oh, better far than thousands,
One day of light like this.

Thou unto CHRIST our SAVIOUR,
Companion full of faith,
Didst turn with earnest longing,
To share thy Master's death.

Zeal is the spur of loving ;
But be thy mournful fall
A healthful admonition
Of holy fear to all.

Thy LORD, All-knowing, warned thee
Such grievous fall should be,
Lest pride should be thy ruin,
And vain security.

One look amid His Passion
That sin to thee revealed ;
His glorious Resurrection
Thine anxious spirit healed.

Thrice sinning by denial,
What may that sin remove ?
By simple love 'tis cancelled,
By thrice confessing love.

And Oh, be sinners ever
Pursued and thus restored ;
Oh, thus may the repentant
With tears pursue their LORD.

His flock so dearly purchased,
CHRIST trusted unto thee ;
First laying on His people
The law of Charity.

Beloved wert thou in loving ;
But, trembling at the call,
Scarce daredst to confess it,
In memory of thy fall.

Though lacking gold and silver,
Yet marvels wrapt thee round ;
The bond 'twas thine to loosen,
Wherewith the lame was bound.

One from his couch upraising,
Who lay in palsy there ;
The power of GOD was present,
In answer to thy prayer.

When Dorcas lay for burial,
That prayer was not in vain,
For straight, her breath returning,
She lived and moved again.

By faith thy very shadow
Dispelled the power of ill ;
The fierce diseases healing,
Which baffled human skill.

Thou, o'er thy flock presiding,
With shepherd's watchful care,
Didst strike with death in judgment,
That false defrauding pair.

GOD hateth lies and liars ;
Wherefore, as scattering fire,
Down swept them to destruction
The fierceness of His ire.

By Herod kept in prison,
The monarch's wrath was vain,
Despite of guards and keepers,
An Angel burst thy chain.

By thee of Simon Magus
The sorceries were unveiled ;
He wrought the work of Satan;
But his devices failed.

He spread the venturous pinions ;
But fell and perished then :
So strikes the bolt of vengeance
Upon presumptuous men.

On thee his wrathful fury
The cruel Nero hurled,
Beneath whose sway lay groaning
The city and the world.

For thee the Cross preparing,
Came ministers of crime ;
And CHRIST proclaimed him ready
To die a second time.

That cross at last approaching,
Thy heart with hope beat high ;
What joy for the disciple,
The Master's death to die ;

But deeming thee unworthy
In death with CHRIST to be,
Thou badst the torturer bind thee
On an inverted tree.

Thou from the Cross didst follow
Thy Master to the skies ;
And Oh, be thou our leader,
That we too there may rise.

Unto thy flock fling open
The glorious gates of heaven,
Of thy high office mindful,
By GOD our SAVIOUR given,

By our good Shepherd's merits,
And by His saving prayer,
Thy trespass-laden people,
Eternal Shepherd, spare !

II.

SEEK ye a patron to defend
Your cause ? Then, one and all,
Without delay upon the Prince
Of the Apostles call.

Blest holder of the heavenly keys,
Thy prayers we all implore ;
Unlock to us the sacred bars
Of heaven's eternal door.

By penitential tears thou didst
The path of life regain ;
Teach us with thee to weep our sins,
And wash away their stain.

The Angel touched thee, and forthwith
Thy chains from off thee fell ;
Oh, loose us from the subtle coil
That binds us fast to hell.

Firm Rock whereon the Church is
Pillar that cannot bend, [based,
With strength endue us, and the faith
From heresy defend.

The weapons, which our ancient foe
Against us doth prepare,

Crush thou, nor suffer us to fall
Into his deadly snare.

Guard us through life ; and in that hour,
When our last fight draws nigh,
O'er Death, o'er Hell, o'er Satan's power,
Gain us the victory.

Blest holder of the heavenly keys,
Thy prayers we all implore ;
Unlock to us the sacred bars
Of heaven's eternal door.

S. Paul.

I.

LL ye who groan beneath
A load of ills oppress'd,
Intreat S. Paul, and he will
pray

The LORD to give you rest.

O victim, dear to heaven,
O Paul, thou teacher true,
Thou love and joy of Christendom,
To thee for help we sue.

Pierced by the flame of love
Descending from on high,
'Twas thine to preach the Faith which
once
Thou soughtest to destroy.

Nor toil, nor threatened death,
Nor tempest, scourge, or chain,
Could from the Assembly of the Saints
Thy loving heart detain.

Oh, by that quenchless love
Which burnt in thee of yore,
Take pity on our miseries,
Our fainting hope restore.

True champion of the LORD,
Crush thou the schemes of hell,
And with adoring multitudes
The sacred temples fill.

Through thy prevailing prayers,
May Charity abound,
Sweet Charity, which knows no ill,
Which nothing can confound.

To earth's remotest shores
May one same faith extend ;
And thy Epistles through all climes
Their blessed perfume send.

Grant us the will and power
To serve Thee, GOD of Might,
Lest wavering still, and unprepared,
We sink in depths of night.

O victim dear to heaven,
O Paul, thou teacher true,
Thou love and joy of Christendom,
To thee for help we sue.

II.

LEAD us, great teacher Paul, in
wisdom's ways,
And lift our hearts with thine to hea-
ven's high throne ;
Till Faith beholds the clear meridian
blaze, [alone.
And sunlike in the soul reigns Charity

SS. Peter and Paul.

BATHED in Eternity's all-beau-
teous beam,
And opening into heaven a
path sublime,
Welcome the golden day which heralds
in [all time.
The Apostolic chiefs whose glory fills
Peter and Paul, the Fathers of great
Rome,
Now sitting in the senate of the skies,
One by the Cross, the other by the
Sword, [eternal prize.
Sent to their homes on high, and life
O happy Rome, whom that most glori-
ous Blood
For ever consecrates while ages flow ;
Thou, thus empurpled, art more beau-
tiful [tiful below.
Than all that doth appear most beau-

S. John the Divine.

I.



SACRED of the Sacred Heart,
Sweet teacher of the Word,
Partner of Mary's woes,
And favourite of thy LORD.

Thou to whom grace was given
To stand when Peter fell ;
Whose heart could brook the Cross
Of Him it loved so well !

We know not all thy gifts,
But this CHRIST bids us see,
That He who so loved all,
Found more to love in thee.

When the last evening came,
Thy head was on His breast,
Pillowed on earth, where now
In heaven the Saints find rest.

Thy long fair hair hung down ;
His glance spoke love to thine,
While love's meek freedom owned
The human and divine.

His heart with quickened love,
Because His hour drew near,
Now throbbed against thy head,
Now beat into thine ear.

He nursed thee in His lap,
He loved thee to make free ;

What Mary was to Him,
He made Himself to thee.
GOD and His friend, so free
To touch, to rest, to move ;
The Angels wondering gazed,
And envied human love.
Dear Saint, I stand far off,
With vilest sins opprest ;
Oh may I dare, like thee,
To lean upon His breast ?
His touch could heal the sick,
His voice could raise the dead ;
Oh, that my soul might be
Where He allows thy head.
The gifts He gave to thee,
He gave thee to impart ;
And I, too, claim with thee
His Mother and His heart.
Ah, teach me then, dear Saint,
The secrets CHRIST taught thee,
The beatings of His heart,
And how it beat for me.

II.

THE life which GOD'S Incarnate
WORD
Lived here below with men,
Three blest Evangelists record
With Heaven-inspired pen.

John penetrates on eagle wing
The FATHER'S dread abode ;
And shows the mystery wherein
The WORD subsists with GOD.

Pure Saint, upon His SAVIOUR'S breast
Invited to recline ;
'Twas thence he drew, in moments blest,
His knowledge all Divine.

There, too, with that angelic love
Did he his bosom fill,
Which, once enkindled from above
Breathes in his pages still.

O dear to CHRIST, to thee upon
His Cross, of all bereft,
Thou Virgin Soul, the Virgin SON
His Virgin Mother left.

On the Festival of any Saint.

THE festal morn begun,
When our brother's race was
run,
And his rich robe was won.

Bright the robe already his,
But a brighter far than this,
Waits he yet in realms of bliss.

Now his faith, his works, his ways,
Nights of watching, toilsome days,
Borne for CHRIST, 'tis meet we praise.

He, by word and sign of might,
Marked by grace, and pure and bright,
Filled the world with shining light.

All the present things of earth
Unto him were nothing worth,
Burning for his heavenly birth.

Force in vain and treacherous wile,
Torture, and seducing smile,
Sought his spirits to beguile.

Wealth and power he counted dross,
All the flowers of earth but loss,
Trampled underneath the Cross.

Through this desert, day by day,
Wandered not his steps astray,
Treading in the royal way.

Sword and spear he might not wield,
But, with faith his heart to shield,
Marched he to the battle-field.

Scant in speech, in sleep, in food,
Such the arms his foes subdued,
Arms of holy hardihood.

Oh, what festal morn was this,
When the LORD with wreath of bliss,
Crowned his champion's faithfulness.

Soon the conflict hour was done,
But the wreath that moment won,
Blooms while endless ages run.

Flesh no more shall burden them
Who have won the royal gem,
CHRIST'S unfailing diadem.

All is won—revealed at last ;
All that erst was overcast,
In a dark enigma glassed.

Labour, conflict, toil, and strife,
Ended with his mortal life,
But the peace with blessing rife.

Now, O CHRIST, bestowed by Thee,
Guerdon of his victory,
Ends not with eternity.

Past is now the time of pain ;
Grief that city may not stain,
Seat of fadeless beauty's reign.

Brother, dear, to thee is given,
In that cloudless light of heaven,
Radiant morn that knows not even.

Thou hast found that Guiding One,
Into light who led thee on,
CHRIST, the Sole-begotten SON.

Following him with purpose pure,
Erred not thy footsteps sure,
In the heavenly road secure.

In thy tearful wanderings,
Thou didst pant for heavenly things,
As the hart for water springs.

Now in bliss that passeth measure,
Thou art filled with boundless treasure,
Bathed in torrent-streams of pleasure.

Angels thronging round the gate,
Thine approach to gratulate,
Hail thee partner of their state !

Sing, exult—O blessed thou,
Bright the crown upon thy brow,
Measureless thy glory now—

Now that thou art throned on high,
'Mid the senate of the sky,
To our Judge for mercy cry.

Win, by thy protecting prayer,
Though our sin might bid despair,
Our avenging GOD to spare.

Wash our sins, our flesh refrain :
Save us from eternal pain,
For thy prayer is not in vain.

So shall we not bootless pine,
Rooted in the living Vine,
For the prize of life Divine.

Holy Angels.

LET our love burst forth in
praise ;
Sing we while we lift our gaze,
To yon celestial company :

Praise is grateful, song is sweet,
When pure hearts with voices meet
In full responsive symphony.

Praise ye then the Angel choir,
Whosoe'er on earth aspire
To join their blest society :
Oh, now meet for glorious lay
Were the triumphs of that day,
When Angels won the victory.

When the vanquished dragon fled,
And in rout discomfited,
Fled all that fierce confederacy :
Troubled was the troubler, driven
Headlong from the heights of heaven,
The throne of his nobility.

Under Michael's sway had birth,
Peace in heaven and peace on earth,
With festal pomp and jubilee :
Oh, how glorious in his might,
For the common weal in fight,
Yet stands he forth triumphantly.

Chased from light to middle air,
Ever wandereth here and there
The tempter to iniquity ;
Pouring poison, weaving toils,
But each blunted shaft recoils
By Angels' watchful custody.

Classed in hierarchies three,
Worship they the mystery
And vision of the TRINITY :
Ceasing not, though evermore,
Rapt they stand the throne before
Their man-befriending ministry.

Oh, that city of the sky,
With its threefold company,
How marvellous in charity :
Us they guard, in hope to view
Filled their broken ranks anew
From our redeemed humanity.

As gradation rules our race
Here on earth, nor gifts of grace
Are measured in equality;
So it fareth with the blest :
Such diverseness tending best
To praise of GOD'S supremacy.

As the sun exceedeth far
Lesser lights, and star from star
Is different in radiancy ;
So amid the blest in heaven,
In degree is honour given,
And portioned out in equity.

Yield the old man to the new,
Earth in earthiness imbue,
With Angel's spotless purity ;

Their coequal soon to reign,
And if not yet free from stain,
Still hope may grasp the victory.

We the while will homage pay,
So they guard us on our way
And service winged with loyalty :
We, too, emulous in love,
Would be knit to GOD above
With Angel's zealous fervency.

Heavenly secrets unrevealed,
Be awhile in silence sealed :
But our suppliant hearts and hands
Lift we to yon Angel bands :
Guard they through our mortal strife,
Us, their fellow-heirs of life ;
That with them our song may be,
Praise to GOD eternally.

The Archangels.



CHRIST, the Beauty of the
Angel world,
Of man the Maker and Re-
deemer blest,
Grant us one day to mount the path
of light,
And in Thy glory rest.

Angel of Peace, thou, Michael, from
above,
Come down amid the home of man
to dwell ;
And banish wars, with all their tears
and blood,
Back to their native hell.

Angel of strength, thou, Gabriel, cast
out
Thine ancient foes, usurpers of Thy
reign ;
The temples of thy triumph round the
globe,
Revisit once again.

And Raphael, Physician of the soul,
Let him descend from his pure halls
of light,
To heal the sick, and guide each
doubtful course,
Through all our life aright.

Thou, too, O Virgin, with the Angel
choirs,
Mother of Light and Queen of Peace,
descend,
And bring with Thee the radiant court
of Heaven
Thy children to befriend.

Guardian Angel.

I.

HAIL ! mine Angel, pure and
bright,
Hail ! thou blessed Spirit,

Fulness of celestial light
Thou who dost inherit ;
Viewing e'er in perfect joy
GOD's unclouded vision,
And of Him, without alloy,
Hast complete fruition.

When thy brethren, proud of will,
Were to ruin driven,
Grace Divine preserved Thee still
Loyal unto Heaven ;
And with virtues firm and free,
Wondrously anointed ;
And a Guardian unto me,
Frail and weak, appointed.

Now I bend my knees, and haste
Reverently to greet thee ;
And with suppliant hands upraised,
Fervently entreat thee,
That this day with keeping sure,
Thou wouldst be my warder,
And from ghostly foes secure
All my doings order.

From all perils be my frame
By thy prowess guarded,

Blemishes of sin and shame
From my soul discarded ;
In each place and time of need
From the foe protect me ;
And in thought, and word, and deed,
And in act, direct me.

For my welfare kindly pray,
Let not sloth enslave me ;
O restore me when I stray,
And from falling save me :
All rebellions of the sense,
Past and present quelling ;
And from heart and flesh offence
Now and e'er expelling.

Aid and cheer me, and condole
With me, when in sadness ;
Kindle, cleanse, illumine my soul,
With all holy gladness ;
Teach, assist me, and incite
To endure temptation ;
Guide me in life's path aright
Till I reach Salvation.

Grace asks for me when I pray,
For forgiveness yearning ;
And joy with me in the way,
When from error turning ;
So shall I, till life's last close,
Be GOD's faithful servant,

And a trust in Him repose
Ever sure and fervent.

When I die, to soothe me speed,
Sweetest comfort giving ;
And from every peril freed,
Bring me, with the living,
Heavenward to the Courts of Day,
Where without cessation
GOD is praised, and where for aye
Is true consolation.

II.

SWEET Angel of Mercy,
By Heaven's decree,
Benignly appointed
To watch over me ;
Without thy protection,
So constant and nigh,
I could not well live ;
I should tremble to die.
All thanks for thy love,
Dear companion and friend,
Oh, may it continue
With me to the end :
Oh, cease not to keep me,
Blest guide of my youth,
In the ways of religion
And virtue and truth.

Support me in weakness ;
My spirit inflame ;
Defend me in danger ;
Secure me from shame :
That safe from temptation,
Or sudden surprise,
I may mount the straight path,
That ascends to the skies.

When Satan his snares
For my ruin shall lay,
Be thou, gentle comrade,
My comfort and stay ;
And in every event
That may happen to me,
Make all my desires
With thine to agree.

When I wander in error,
My footsteps recall ;
Remove from my path
What might cause me to fall :
Preserve me from sin ;
And in all that I do,
May GOD and His glory
Be ever in view.

O thou, who didst witness
My earliest breath,
Be with me, I pray,
In the hour of death ;

Console me in sadness ;
Refresh me in pain ;
And teach me how best
I may mercy obtain ;

That, cleansed by confession
Complete and sincere,
From every defilement
Afflicting me here ;
All glowing with love,
I may gladly depart,
With faith on my lips,
And with hope in my heart :

Nor, then do thou leave me,
Angelical Friend,
But at the tribunal
Of Judgment attend,
And cease not to plead
For my soul, till forgiven
Thou bear it aloft
To the Palace of Heaven.

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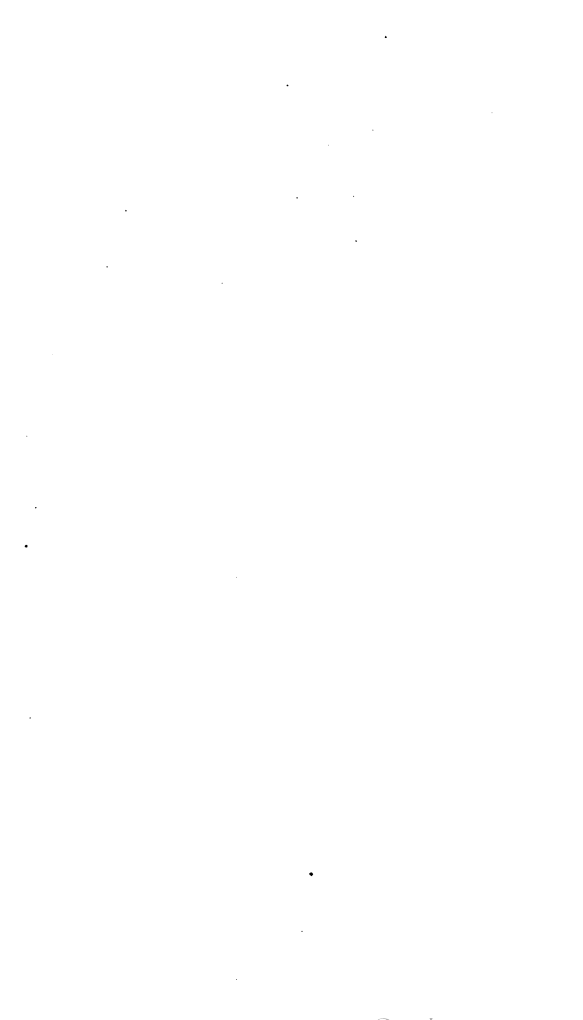
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