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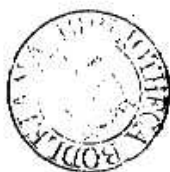
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FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

He is risen! The everlasting doors have opened, and the King of Glory has passed in. He is risen! This, Lord, has been the triumphant song of Thy redeemed people for eighteen hundred years, and we come to celebrate Thy praises again on our Lord's day. How can we forget, oh Lamb of God, that our salvation is secure; Thou hast gained the victory over hell and the grave. Let the people praise Thee, oh God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Grant that we may enter Thy gates with thanksgiving, and Thy courts with praise. Lord, baptize Thy people with the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost; let the fruits of the heavenly harvest be abundant this day. May we enter Thy house expecting to meet with Thee.

Lord, come down to us in love and power, and let Thy glory fill Thy temple as in days of old. Fill us with a holy joy, let us, blessed Saviour, feel Thee so near, such sweet communion with Thee, that our heart may burn within us, while we say, it is the Lord. Oh let not our prayers be idle words with wandering thoughts dishonouring Thee, and sealing our own condemnation. Let the Sabbath be a delight to us, and may we walk with Thee all the day. Oh Lord, pardon Thine enemies, those who openly profane Thy day; those who neglect it, and forget Thee, who do their own ways, and find their own pleasure in defiance of Thy commands: oh Saviour, show them that the way they walk is the way that leads to death. Be with Thy people at sea, give them a sense of Thy presence and protection. In every land may Thy name be honoured, and Thine eye see, as Thou regardest us from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, a little band assembled to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Let Thy day be loved in our home by master and servants; pardon whatever Thy holy eye sees amiss in us, and keep us from sinning against Thee. Bless our relatives and friends, breathe on them that they may live. Let not any whom we love neglect or misspend Thy day. We ask all for our dear Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

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.*

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

Oh Thou Holy One, dear Redeemer, every place is light when Thou art near. Thou hast permitted us, this day, to go to Thy house. Thou hast been there, Lord, Thy servants have seen Thee, and felt Thy sweet presence, let it remain with them. How unworthy we are of Thy love. This is the Lord's day, Thy resurrection day: Holy Saviour, we know that all Thy redeemed people shall rise and stand before Thy throne, free from sin, and never more to leave Thy presence. These wonderful realities are too high for us, we cannot understand them; but Lord, we know when Thou shalt appear the second time, we shall be like Thee, for we shall see Thee as Thou art.

We know and believe this, for it is Thine own gracious promise. Thou hast triumphed over sin and death, therefore we shall arise, this mortal shall put on immortality. What manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness, with this hope, Lord, of everlasting life set before us? Holy Spirit, impress these truths on our hearts, let us not pass them by as idle tales, but live on them, and bring forth fruit unto holiness. Water with Thy blessing, heavenly Father, the seed sown this day. Thou hast promised Thy word shall not return to Thee void. We rest on Thy promise, in faith and hope. Pardon the careless, the Sabbath breaker, the professing christian, who has only a name to live. Pour Thine abundant blessing on the young, on the little ones, train them early for Thy service; bless our own family and household; give Thy grace to each one, and then we shall see Thy glory. Forgive whatever we have done to offend Thee, in thought or deed; wash us, blessed Jesus, in Thy precious blood, and receive us again. Look on our native land with love; send many faithful labourers, Lord, among the people. Preserve our Queen, prepare her, through faith in Jesus, for Thy heavenly kingdom. Protect our soldiers and sailors in all perils and dangers, but

above all earthly blessings, oh, our God, we ask Thee to turn their hearts. All our desires are before Thee. We know, Lord, Thou wilt grant those things that are for our eternal welfare. We ask all in the name of our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

From the glorious throne of Thy Majesty, Heavenly Father, look on us, and for our Redeemer's sake hear and accept our prayers. We have slept in comfort and safety, and bend before Thy mercy-seat with prayer and praise for Thy loving-kindness and tender mercies. How solemn it is, Holy Saviour, that Thine eye sees us; that every thought is known to Thee. May we begin the day with Thee, dwell in us, walk with us, be our God, and make us Thy children. Are any before Thee unconverted? Lord God, Thou knowest: reveal Thyself to them, teach them how to pray; dear Saviour, it is for Thy glory that sinners should turn and live, bring them to Thyself, we pray Thee. We bless and praise Thee for all the blessings we enjoy, for food and raiment,