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Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, source of all being, and fountain of all good; we, thy children, created by thee, continually preserved by thee, and indebted to thee for all that we possess and all that we enjoy, would come before thee this morning, to express our sense of thy goodness to us, to acknowledge our dependence upon thee, to adore thy greatness, and commend ourselves to thy care.

Glory be to thy name that thou hast made us capable of holding communion

with thee, the Father of our spirits, and of receiving the revelations of thy word and will. Glory be to thy name for the heavenly doctrines, precepts, and promises of the gospel of thy Son. We make it our earnest prayer to thee, that our hearts may be touched by its holy influences, that our characters may be formed by its spirit, that our lives may be governed by its laws. Oh guide us, we beseech thee, in the ways of its truth to the everlasting home which it promises to the righteous.

Let our attendance this day on thy public worship, and the services and instructions of thy house, conduce to our spiritual improvement and our eternal good. Let us enter thy gates with thanksgiving, and thy courts with praise, and take with us our best af-

fections and resolutions to the temple of the Lord. Suffer not our minds to be distracted, nor our devotions to languish. Let not our thoughts, which ought to be engaged in the holiest offices, be still returning to the cares, pleasures, and follies of a transitory world; neither let us take thy name upon our lips when our hearts are far from thee. But let our prayers and meditations exalt and purify us, and assist us to discharge our duties in this life, and contribute to prepare us for that eternal world to which we are rapidly hastening.

Bless all who call upon thy name this day. May they approach thee in sincerity, humility, and love. May all denominations of Christians, however divided in opinion, be joined together in the bond of peace and an

earnest regard for the interests of true religion and virtue. And oh, let the name and the gospel of thy Son be known and glorified more and more, till the whole world shall come to the perfect light, and embrace the truth as it is in Jesus. In his worthy name, and as his disciples, we offer these our petitions; ascribing to thee, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, all glory and honor, might, majesty, and dominion, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

OUR Father who art in heaven ; accept, we beseech thee, our grateful acknowledgments for thy goodness to us this day ; for preserving our lives ; for shielding us from danger ; for supplying our daily bread ; for permitting our attendance on the ordinances of thy house. Let it not be in vain that those of us who have united with thy people in public worship, have lifted up our thoughts to God and listened to the voice of instruction. We fervently pray that whatever good impressions may have been made upon us may be durable ; that whatever

good resolutions we may have formed may be steadfastly kept ; that the errors which we have confessed may be reformed ; that every devout aspiration we may have breathed in the sanctuary may be remembered in the world, to guard us against temptation, and preserve us holy and undefiled. Help us all to set our affections on things above. Keep ever in our minds a lively sense of our responsibility to thee. May we constantly live as in thy world, in thy sight, as thy subjects, thy creatures, thy children. Let it be our study at home and abroad, by day and by night, to love and fear thee as we ought, and to do those things which are well pleasing in thy sight.

We acknowledge, O thou Father and judge of men, that we have sinned against thee ; that notwithstanding we