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THIS little book of Family Prayers, which has hitherto been privately printed, having been found useful for some years in several households, I have been asked to recommend it, which I gladly do. The arrangement is of the simplest possible character, consistent with the preservation of the congregational form of worship. The prayers are taken almost entirely from ancient sources. It is presumed that on every day, except Sunday, some short Lesson from the Bible, chosen at the discretion of the Reader, will be read to the family before the Psalm.

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## FAMILY PRAYERS.

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### Sunday Morning.

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

Psalm cxxii. *Letatus sum.*

*The Psalm to be said in alternate verses, by the Reader and the Household, all standing.*

**I** WAS glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the LORD.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.

For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the LORD our GOD : I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Or,

Ps. lxxviii. 18. *Ascendisti in altum.*

**T**HOU, LORD, art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men : yea, even for Thine enemies, that the LORD GOD might dwell among them.

Praised be the LORD daily : even the GOD Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

He is our GOD, even the GOD of Whom cometh salvation : GOD is the LORD, by Whom we escape death.

It is well seen, O GOD, how Thou goest : how Thou, my GOD and King, goest in the sanctuary.

The singers go before, the minstrels follow after : in the midst are the damsels playing with the timbrels.

Give thanks, O Israel, unto GOD the LORD in the congregations : from the ground of the heart.

Glory be to the FATHER, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

*To be read on the First Sunday in Advent, and First Sunday in Lent, and at intervals throughout the year. The Psalm to be then omitted.*

Hebrews xli. 22.

**Y**E are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the Living GOD, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of Angels, to the general assembly and Church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to GOD the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to JESUS the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused Him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven : Whose voice then shook the



earth: but now He hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve GOD acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our GOD is a consuming fire.

*Then let the Reader say,*

Blessed be the Holy, Undivided TRINITY,  
*Henceforth, and for ever.*

Let us pray.

*To be said by all together.*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, we most humbly draw near unto Thee, remembering our many and grievous offences. We confess to Thee that we have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed. Have compassion upon us; and grant that all the sins, offences, and neglects, of the days already gone, be freely pardoned, and entirely done away, through the precious Blood of Thy dear SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD.  
*Amen.*

**T**HE Almighty God grant us true repentance, and bring us safe to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Our FATHER, &c.

*(Collect for the Day.)*

**W**E praise Thee, O LORD our GOD, for this Thy holy day. Grant that it may be to us a day of rest from worldly toil and care. Refresh our souls with Thy heavenly gifts. Enable us to worship Thee, in Thy house of prayer, in spirit and in truth. Bless the ministers of Thy Church; especially those who

labour in this parish; make Thy word, in their mouth, powerful to the conversion of sinners, and to the building up of Thy people in the faith of Thy Blessed SON. Grant that all who confess Thy Holy Name, may be of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. *Amen.*

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

**O** LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy HOLY GHOST, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee: Grant this for Thine only SON JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
*They shall prosper that love Thee.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, we most humbly beseech Thee, shed Thy saving grace abroad among all people. May a double portion of Thy Spirit rest upon the ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments, (especially the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese,) and bless all congregations committed to their care. Vouchsafe Thy special blessing to all who are near and dear to us, (especially —,) and unite us in one faith and one hope; that having washed our robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, we may hereafter together dwell with Thee in heaven; through the merits of JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. *Amen.*

*When there is Holy Communion.*

**G**RANT, O LORD, we beseech Thee, that whosoever of us is this day admitted to receive the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy CHRIST, may partake thereof with true repentance, steadfast faith, and ardent charity, and be filled with the fruits of His most blessed redemption; through the same JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

LORD, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

LORD, have mercy upon us.

**T**HE LORD bless us and keep us; the LORD lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*