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SHORT PRAYER FOR THE MORNING.

Great God; Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the Universe; in the morning I lift up my heart unto thee, for thou art the tenderest of fathers; to thee I owe my life and all the blessings I enjoy; in thee my hope and confidence are placed. I give thee thanks that thou hast preserved me during the past night, and that thy goodness is renewed towards me this day. Grant this day whatever thou knowest to be truly beneficial to me; preserve me from distressing accidents; enable me to fulfil every duty, and add thy blessing to the pains bestowed on my instruction. Conduct me in the path in which I should go; that as I advance in age I may grow in knowledge, in

virtue and in piety; and that whilst I am laboring for my advantage in the present life, I may prepare myself for the life which is to come. Bless my parents; be the protector of my country and of the church. I invoke thee in the name of Jesus Christ my Saviour. *Our Father, &c.*

SHORT PRAYER FOR THE EVENING.

I thank thee, O my God, that thou hast preserved me through this day, and hast provided for all my wants. Pardon the sins by which I have offended against thee. Help me to correct my imperfections and to perform my duties more fully. Cover me with thy protection through the approaching night; preserve and protect my [parents and] friends; pity all who stand in need of thy supporting hand. Listen to my prayer, I beseech thee, through thy son, and our redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Our Father, &c.*

MORNING PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful Father, thou keepest me from harm by night and by day, and art always doing me good. I thank thee that thou hast taken such care of me the last night, and that I am alive and well this morning.

Save me from evil all this day; and where-soever I am, let me always remember that thou God seest me, that so I may not dare to sin against thee.

Bless all my friends, as well as myself; do good to them at all times, and in all places, and help me always to serve them in love.

And when I have done thy will here on earth, by thy grace assisting me, then give my soul a place in heaven, to dwell with thee there, and with thy son Jesus Christ; for heaven and earth, and all things in them are thine, for evermore. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYER.

O Lord God, thou knowest all things. Thou seest me by night as well as by day; and art acquainted with all my words, and with all my thoughts.

Make me thankful for all the mercies I have received this day, and every day of my past life; and may I ever consider thee as the great author of all the good things I enjoy.

Bless all my friends and relations. May they be continually under thy protection and care. Make me affectionate towards them. May I love them for their kindness to me.

Pardon whatever thou hast seen amiss in my temper or behavior this day, and take me under thy care and protection this night. While I am asleep let nothing terrifying or destructive befall me ; but may I rest in security beneath the shadow of thy wings, and awake in the morning refreshed with the repose of the night.

As I pass from one day to another, may thy grace enable me to serve and honor thee in this world ; and I entreat thee to receive me at last into thy glorious presence in heaven, through Jesus Christ, who died to save me from sin and ruin. Through him to thee be honor and praise forever. *Amen.*

MORNING PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful Father, I adore thee as the former and upholder of all things ; as the author of my being, the fountain of all my past and present mercies, and the foundation of all my hopes for the future.

Blessed be thy name for the repose of the last night, and for causing me to see the light of another day in comfort. Keep me this day in thy fear and love ; and wheresoever I may go, or in whatever occupations I

may be engaged, let me not forget thee, or be drawn aside from the path of my duty into the ways of sin or folly.

From the occurrences of the day, may I learn some profitable lessons; in all my converse with others, may I aim at doing and getting good. Let my views be always directed heavenwards while I am passing through this world; and, finally, grant me a joyful admission into thy glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life; for whom I praise thee, and to whom I would ascribe the glory of his gracious undertaking in behalf of our sinful race, forever and ever. *Amen.*

EVENING PRAYER.

Great and good God, in whom I live and move; another day hast thou now added to my forfeited life, and most gratefully would I acknowledge thy unwearied care and kindness in keeping me from dangers, and providing for the supply of all my wants from day to day. With grief and shame must I at the same time confess and bewail the many errors, imperfections, and offences of my past life, and particularly any instances wherein I have this day transgressed thy