

Prayers

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Introduction



WHICH three books have had the deepest influence on the English language? Everyone, of course, who plays this sort of Desert Island game is likely to come up with a different list of titles, but the most obvious candidates are surely *The Book of Common Prayer*, the King James version of the Bible, and the works of Shakespeare. It is probably no accident that all three books were published within a span of less than a century (the first edition of the Prayer Book was issued in 1549, the Bible in 1611, and the First Folio of Shakespeare in 1623) at a time when our language was entering into a phase of rapid development and immense vitality.

The Prayer Book was to have an especially potent effect, because for nearly half a millenium congregations throughout the English-speaking world have heard its beautiful, dignified cadences uttered from pulpit and lectern every Sunday. Before it appeared, the English Church worshipped both publicly and privately in Latin, the universal language of Western Christianity, though there had been a gradual attempt, during the final years of the reign of King Henry VIII, to add at a least few prayers and scriptural readings in English to the Latin Mass. But suddenly, in the middle of the sixteenth century, the men and women of England found themselves for the first time praying to God in their own tongue. It must have been a startling experience.

What surprises us today, looking back on that remarkable moment, is how little we know of the circumstances under which the first *Book of Common*

Prayer was written. It is clear, however, that Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and his anonymous collaborators miraculously succeeded in creating a liturgical book that established the language of devotion in English. The vocabulary of the prayers may occasionally seem slightly old-fashioned to modern readers, but at the same time we recognize these petitions to God as the ultimate model, emulated by Protestant and Catholic believers everywhere, of how we ought to speak in the presence of our Creator.

The Book of Common Prayer has gone through many editions and transformations, and the various national churches of the Anglican communion are still energetically revising it at the present moment; yet that book, especially in its earliest form, remains a central part of the spiritual and literary heritage of every speaker of English. In the following pages I have transcribed (from a copy of the 1549 Prayer Book in the Folger Shakespeare Library) the distinctive short prayers, known as “collects,” that constitute an essential part of the three chief services of the Church of England: Holy Communion, Matins (or Morning Prayer), and Evensong (or Evening Prayer). I have omitted repetitions and a handful of prayers that seem too dated, and have modernized spelling and punctuation. Obsolete forms are altered and in a very few instances explanations added in brackets. With these modifications, Cranmer’s collects, written a very long time ago, sound extraordinarily fresh and contemporary; they serve as a reminder of how timeless the language of prayer can be.

The Prayers



The First Sunday in Advent

ALMIGHTY God, 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 thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick & the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth & reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday in Advent

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, & comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday in Advent

LORD, we beseech thee, give ear to our prayers, and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our heart, by our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are

sore let and hindered, thy bountiful grace and mercy, through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, may speedily deliver us; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honor & glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Christmas Day

GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ, grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

Saint Stephen's Day

GRANT us, O Lord, to learn to love our enemies, by the example of thy martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed to thee for his persecutors; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

Saint John Evangelist's Day

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it, being lightened by the doctrine of thy blessed apostle & evangelist John, may attain to thy everlasting gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Innocents' Day

ALMIGHTY God, whose praise this day the young innocents thy witnesses hath confessed and shown

forth (not in speaking but in dying), mortify and kill all vices in us, that in our conversation [dealings with others] our life may express thy faith, which with our tongues we do confess; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sunday after Christmas Day

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him and this day to be born of a pure Virgin, grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The Circumcision of Christ

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised and obedient to the law for man, grant us the true circumcision of thy spirit, that our hearts and all our members, being mortified from all worldly & carnal lusts, may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epiphany

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Sunday after Epiphany

LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that for man's frailness we cannot always stand uprightly, grant to us the health of body and soul that all those things which we suffer for sin, by thy help we may well pass and overcome; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion, that they who do lean only upon hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sunday Called Septuagesima

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people, that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth & reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The Sunday Called Sexagesima

LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do, mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sunday Called Quinquagesima

O LORD, who dost teach us that 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 all virtues, without the which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee; grant this for thy only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Ash Wednesday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The First Sunday in Lent

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights, give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued by the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness & true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday in Lent

ALMIGHTY God, who dost see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep thou us both outwardly in our bodies & inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday in Lent

WE beseech thee, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are worthily punished, by the comforts of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

WE beseech thee, almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sunday before Easter

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love toward man hast sent our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, mercifully grant that we both follow the example of his patience and be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Good Friday

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for the which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented [willing] to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy congregation, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Easter

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious redemption hast delivered us from the power of our enemy, grant us so to die daily from sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who through thy only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing [anticipating] us, thou dost put in our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the

same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thy only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday after Easter

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thy holy Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life, give us the grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. *Amen.*

The Third Sunday after Easter

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to all men that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they eschew [avoid] those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

ALMIGHTY God, who dost make the minds of all faithful men to be of one will, grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest and desire that which thou dost promise; that among the sundry & manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

LORD, from whom all good things do come, grant us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Ascension Day

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only begotten Son our Lord to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend and with him continually dwell. *Amen.*

The Sunday after the Ascension

O GOD, the king of glory, who hast exalted thy only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven, we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless but send us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour

Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

Whitsunday

GOD, who as upon this day hast taught the hearts of thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Trinity Sunday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the unity; we beseech thee that through the steadfastness of this faith, we may evermore be defended from all adversity, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The First Sunday after Trinity

GOD, the strength of all them that trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers, and because the weakness of our mortal nature can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Second Sunday after Trinity

LORD, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, for thou never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast love. Grant this for thy only Son Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

The Third Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us, & unto [us] whom thou hast given a hearty desire to pray, grant that by thy mighty aid we may be defended; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

GOD (the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy), increase & multiply upon us thy mercy, that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.
Amen.

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

GRANT, Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance that thy congregation may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

GOD, who hast prepared to them that love thee such good things as pass [surpass] all man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward thee that we, loving thee in all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graff [engrave] in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

GOD, whose providence is never deceived, we humbly beseech thee that thou wilt put away from us all hurtful things & give those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are rightful; that we, who cannot be without thee, may by thee be able to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants, and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity, give unto us abundantly thy grace, that we, running to thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY & everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont [likely] to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid and giving unto us that which our prayer dare not presume to ask; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service, grant, we beseech thee, that we may so run to thy heavenly promises, that we fail not finally to attain the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY & everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity, & that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou does command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy, and because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy congregation, and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent [go before] and follow us, & make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to avoid the infections of the Devil, and with pure heart and mind to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, grant that the working of thy mercy may in all thing direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY & merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may with free hearts accomplish those things that thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful God, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness, that through thy pro-

tection it may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness, be ready to hear the devout prayers of thy Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences, that through thy bountiful goodness we may be delivered from the bands of all those sins which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this for thy only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Saint Andrew's Day

ALMIGHTY God, who has given such grace to thy apostle Saint Andrew that he counted the sharp and painful death of the cross to be a high honour and a great glory, grant us to take and esteem all troubles & adversities which shall come unto us for thy sake as things profitable for us toward the obtaining of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Thomas the Apostle

ALMIGHTY, 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 so perfectly & without all doubt to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight never be reprov'd; hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour, now and ever. *Amen.*

The Conversion of Saint Paul

GOD, who hast taught all the world through the preaching of thy blessed apostle Saint Paul, grant, we beseech thee, that we who have his wonderful conversion in remembrance may follow and fulfill the holy doctrine that he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we humbly beseech thy majesty that, as thy only begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so grant that we may be presented unto thee with pure and clear minds; by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Mathias's Day

ALMIGHTY God, who in the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Mathias to be of the number of thy twelve Apostles, grant that thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary

WE beseech thee, Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known Christ thy Son's incarnation 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Mark's Day

ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy evangelist Saint Mark, give us grace so to be established by thy holy Gospel that we are not like children, carried away

with every blast of vain doctrine; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Philip and James

ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, & the life, as thou hast taught Saint Philip and the other Apostles; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Barnabas the Apostle

LORD almighty, who hast endowed thy holy apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of thy Holy Spirit, let us not be destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint John Baptist

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 penance, make us 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Peter's Day

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast given to thy apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts & commandest him earnestly to feed thy flock, make, we beseech thee, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Mary Magdalene

MERCIFUL father, give us grace that we never presume to sin through the example of any creature, but if it shall chance us at any time to offend thy divine majesty, that then we may truly repent & lament the same, after the example of Mary Magdalene, and by lively faith obtain remission of all our sins; through the only merits of thy Son our Saviour Christ. *Amen.*

Saint James the Apostle

GRANT, O most merciful God, that as thine holy apostle 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, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Bartholomew

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given grace to thy apostle Bartholomew truly to believe & to preach thy word, grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church both to love what he believed and to preach what he taught; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Saint Matthew

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom [taxes] to be an apostle and evangelist, grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow thy said son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost now and ever. *Amen.*

Saint Michael and All Angels

EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of all angels and men in a wonderful order, mercifully grant that they who always do thee service in heaven may by thy appointment succour and defend us in earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost now and ever. *Amen.*

Saint Luke Evangelist

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the physician, whose praise is in the Gospel to be called a physician of the soul, may it please thee by the wholesome

medicines of his doctrine to heal all the diseases of our souls; through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Simon and Jude Apostles

ALMIGHTY God, who hast builded the congregation upon the foundation of the Apostles & prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All Saints

ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thy elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord, grant us grace so to follow thy saints in all virtues and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for all them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



The Holy Communion

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life,

they may ever be defended by this most gracious and ready help; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord and everliving God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruits of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREVENT [go before] us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name and finally by the mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking, we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name, we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee, and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessities and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Latin

O GOD, who are author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that [which] is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evensong

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto thy ser-

vants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments and also that by thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

