

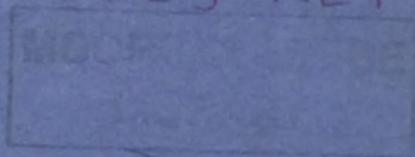


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A Prayer for each one to say when he comes in.

O GOD our Father, be with us when we pray to Thee and praise Thee in Thy house ; pour into our hearts such love for Thee, that we loving Thee more than all things may ask those things that please Thee ; hear us in heaven, and when Thou hearest forgive us and bless us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before each one goes out.

O GOD our Father, forgive us if we think of other things when we pray to Thee. We thank Thee for Thy help. Send us out strong for our work, ready for our rest ; that we may praise Thee by our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING.

O GOD, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Hymn.

(A Lesson may be read here.)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

WE confess to God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, through our own fault, and we pray God to have mercy on us.

Reader—

ALMIGHTY God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, make us strong in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy almighty 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 guided by Thee, to do always what is right in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Other prayers can be said here)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE Lord bless us and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

EVENING.

THE Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Brothers, be steady and watch, because your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, walks about seeking someone to devour, but resist him, holding fast the Faith.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

COME you to Me, all you who labour and have a heavy load, and I will give you rest.

Thanks be to God.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I give my spirit.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I give my spirit.

For Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, the true God.

I give my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I give my spirit,

Hymn.

(A Lesson may be read here.)

KEEP us, O Lord, while we are awake and guard us while we sleep, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in Him.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

LORD, now let Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For my eyes have seen : Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the heathen : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

KEEP us, O Lord, while we are awake and guard us while we sleep, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in Him.

All say together the Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost : born of
the Virgin Mary ;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate : was crucified,
dead, and buried,

He descended to the place of spirits ;

The third day He rose again from the dead,

He ascended into heaven : and sits on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty ;

From there He will come to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ;

The holy Catholic Church : the Fellowship of
Christians ;

The forgiveness of sins ;

The rising again of the body ; and the life ever-
lasting. Amen.

All Kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be
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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 kindom, The power, and
the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Blessed art Thou, Lord God of our fathers,
To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

THE Almighty and Everlasting God keep us and give us His blessing. *Amen.*

VISIT, we pray Thee, O Lord, this School (*or Plantation or Ship or Place*) and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Thy holy angels be with us here to keep us in peace, and Thy blessing be on us always. *Amen.*

SHINE on our darkness, we pray Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy keep us from all troubles and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

BY Thy mercy, O Lord, keep us in the quiet hours of this night, so that we who are tired with all the changes of men, may rest on Thee with Whom no change can come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Other prayers can be said here.)

We will lie down and take our rest;
For it is Thou, O Lord, who makest us safe.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us for ever. *Amen.*

SOME PRAYERS.

O LORD, support us all the day long in the troubles of our life, until the shadows grow long, and the evening comes, and the busy are quiet, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, give us a safe place, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

REMEMBER, O Lord, what Thou hast done in us, and not what we deserve, and as Thou hast called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET us pray for this School (*or Plantation or Ship or Place*).

There shall no evil happen to you ;
And no harm come near your home.

O LORD our heavenly Father, we pray Thee to keep this School (*or Plantation or Ship or Place*) from all evil, that all who live together here may believe in Thee, work for Thee, share Thy love, and come to Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET us pray for the King and Government.

O Lord our Governor,

How high is Thy Name in all the world.

ALMIGHTY God, we pray Thee to bless our King, the Resident Commissioner, the Judge, District Officers, and all members of the Government in these islands, that they may keep all things in order wisely and rightly for the honour of Thy holy Name and the good of Thy Church, and that the men of different races and languages and customs may here come together, carrying each other's loads and working with one another in true brotherhood; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Spirit rulest in the kingdom of men for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LET us pray for all workers.

The eyes of all wait on Thee;

And Thou givest them their food in its proper time.

BLESS, we pray Thee, O Lord, all those who work in the gardens or fish in the sea, that we may safely gather in the crops of the earth and the food of the waters; and grant to all planters and traders, and to those who sail in ships or work on plantations, that they may receive a fair reward of their work, and may praise Thee by living according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET us pray for the Church.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

They will prosper that love Thee.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, send down the health-giving Spirit of Thy grace on our Bishop, on our priests, deacons and teachers, and on all people of our Church ; and that they may truly please Thee, pour on them always the dew of Thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Helper and Peacemaker, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LET us pray for the heathen.

Declare His Name unto the heathen.

And His wonders unto all people.

O GOD of all the nations of the earth, remember those who were created in Thy likeness but are ignorant of Thy love, and grant that by the prayers and work of Thy Holy Church they may be converted to Thee, through Him whom Thou hast sent to be our salvation, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET us give thanks.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALMIGHTY God our Father, we give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness to us and to all men (and at this time too we thank Thee for . . .). We praise Thee for creating us, keeping us in health, and for all the good things

of this life, but above all for Thy wonderful love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for all Thy help, and for the hope of glory. And we pray Thee to make us so to understand Thy goodness, that our hearts may be truly thankful, and that we may praise Thee not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to work for Thee, and by living holy and good lives all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost we honour and praise for ever. *Amen.*

The souls of the faithful are in the hand of God ;
And there shall no evil touch them.

ALMIGHTY God, we praise Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who have finished their life in faith, and now rest from their work (remembering to-day Thy servant . . .), and we give Thee great thanks for all Thy Saints who were the lights of the world in their days, in the first place the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God, and all the Saints before Thy throne, Apostles, Prophets Martyrs, our Leaders and our Fathers in the faith ; and we pray Thee to help us to follow them in the way of life, that at the last we and all true servants of Thy Son may be set on His right hand and hear His joyful voice saying, Come, you children of My Father, into the Kingdom made ready for you from the beginning of the world. Hear us, O Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMNS.

1.

A. & M. 1 ; E.H. 254

Now that the daylight fills the sky,
 We lift our hearts to God on high,
 That He, in all we do or say,
 Would keep us free from harm to-day.

So when once more shall sink the sun
 And evening comes, and work is done,
 To God Who keeps us day by day,
 Our hearts will turn, our lips will pray.

For He our God makes all things new,
 Our Father and our Saviour too,
 His Spirit fill us more and more
 Till we in heaven His face adore. Amen.

2.

A. & M. 5

My Father for another night
 Of quiet sleep and rest,
 For all the joy of morning light,
 Your Holy Name be blest.

Now with this new-born day I give
 Myself, O God, to You,
 That as You wish, Your son may live,
 And what You wish, may do.

So what I do, things great or small,
 It will be still the same,
 Your glory may I seek in all,
 Do all in Jesus' Name.

My Father, for His sake, I pray,
 Your son receive and bless ;
 And lead me by Your help to-day
 In paths of righteousness. Amen.

3.

A. & M. 27 ; E.H. 363

Abide with me ; fast falls the eventide ;
 The darkness deepens ; Lord, with me abide ;
 When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, Lord, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day ;
 Its joys grow dim, its glories pass away ;
 Change and decay in all around I see ;
 O Lord, Who changest not, abide with me.

I need Your Spirit every passing hour ;
 What but Your help can kill the tempter's power ?
 Who like Yourself my guide and strength can be ?
 Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with You at hand to bless,
 No trouble hurts, tears have no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting ? Where, grave, your
 victory ?
 I shall not fear, if You abide with me.

Hold up Your Cross before my closing eyes ;
 Shine through the dark, and point me to the skies ;
 Heaven's morning comes, and this world's shadows
 flee ;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

4.

A. & M. 13 ; E.H. 265

As now, O Lord, the sun has set,
 The hours of dark descend,
 So life's short day is sinking down
 And coming to its end.

Lord, on the Cross Your Arms were stretched
 To draw Your people nigh ;
 O help us then that Cross to love,
 And in those Arms to die.

All glory to the Father give,
 All glory to the Son,
 Who with the Holy Spirit live
 When all our days are done. Amen.

5.

A. & M. 220 ; E.H. 420

Jesus shall reign, His will be done
 In every land beneath the sun ;
 His kingdom go from shore to shore,
 Till moons shall rise and set no more.

People and lands of every tongue
 Sing of His love in sweetest song,
 And children's voices shall proclaim
 Their blessing on His Holy Name.

Blessings are found where Jesus reigns :
 The prisoner leaps to lose his chains ;
 The tired find in Him their rest,
 And all the sons of men are blest.

Let every island rise and bring
 Its praise to Jesus Christ our King ;
 Our brothers sing His praise again,
 While we repeat our loud Amen. Amen.

6.

A. & M. 391 ; E.H. 643

Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the Cross of Jesus
 Going on before.
 Jesus Christ our Captain
 Leads against the foe ;
 Forward into battle,
 See, His banners go ;
 Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the Cross of Jesus
 Going on before.

At the sign of Jesus
 Satan's armies flee ;
 On then, Christian soldiers,
 On to victory.
 Walls of hell are falling
 At the shout of praise ;
 Brothers, lift your voices,
 Loud your voices raise.
 Onward . . .

Like a mighty army
 Moves the Church of God ;
 Brothers we are treading
 Where the Saints have trod ;
 We are not divided,
 All one body we,
 One in hope and teaching,
 One in charity.

Onward

Kings may go to battle,
 Kingdoms lose or gain,
 But the Church of Jesus
 Stronger will remain ;
 Powers of hell can never
 'Gainst that Church prevail :
 We have Christ's own promise,
 And that cannot fail.

Onward

Onward, then, you people,
 With us march along,
 Add to ours your voices
 In the victory song ;
 Glory, praise and honour
 Unto Christ the King,
 This through endless ages
 Men and Angels sing.

Onward Amen.

7.

A. & M. 569 ; E.H. 589

Do no sinful action,
Speak no angry word ;
You belong to Jesus,
Servants of the Lord.

Christ is kind and gentle,
Christ is pure and true ;
And His Christian servants
Must be holy too.

There's a wicked spirit
Watching round you still,
And he tries to tempt you
To all harm and ill.

But you must not hear him,
Though it's hard for you
To resist the evil,
And the good to do.

For you promised truly,
To give up his ways,
And to fight the Devil,
All your earthly days.

You must follow Jesus,
You must learn to fight
With the bad within you,
And to do the right.

Christ is your own Master,
He is good and true,
And His Christian people
Must be holy too. Amen.

8.

A. & M. 166; E.H. 365

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice ;
Serve Him with fear, His praises tell,
Come you before Him and rejoice.

The Lord you know is God indeed ;
Without our help He did us make :
We are His folk, He does us feed,
And for His sheep He does us take.

O enter then His doors with praise,
Come near with joy His house unto ;
Praise you and bless His Name always,
For that is good for us to do.

For why ? the Lord our God is good ;
His mercy is for ever sure ;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall in all times still endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To God Whom Heaven and earth adore.
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

9.

[SUNDAY.]

A. & M. 134; E.H. 133

Jesus Christ is risen to-day,	Alleluia !
Our triumphant holy day,	”
Who did once, upon the Cross,	”
Suffer to redeem our loss.	”

Hymns of praise then let us sing,	Alleluia !
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,	”
Who endured the Cross and grave,	”
Sinners to redeem and save.	”
But the pains that He endured	Alleluia !
Our salvation have procured ;	”
Now above the sky He’s King,	”
Where the Angels ever sing.	”
	Amen.

10.

A. & M. 332; E.H. 106

There is a green hill far away,
 Outside a city wall,
 Where the dear Lord was crucified
 Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
 What pains He had to bear,
 But we believe it was for us
 He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
 He died to make us good :
 That we might go at last to heaven,
 Saved by His precious Blood.

There was no other good enough
 To pay the price of sin ;
 He only could unlock the gate
 Of heaven and let us in.

O, dearly, dearly has He loved,
 And we must love Him too,
 And trust in His redeeming Blood,
 And try His works to do. Amen.

11.

A. & M. 194 ; E.H. 416

Jesus, meek and gentle,
 Son of God most high,
 Pitying, loving Saviour,
 Hear Thy children's cry.

Pardon our offences,
 Loose our sinful chains,
 Break down every idol
 Which our soul detains.

Give us holy freedom,
 Fill our hearts with love,
 Draw us, holy Jesus,
 To our home above.

Lead us on our journey,
 Be Thyself the Way
 From our earthly darkness
 To the heavenly day.

Jesus, meek and gentle,
 Son of God most high,
 Pitying, loving Saviour,
 Hear Thy children's cry. Amen.

12.

A. & M. 160 ; E.H. 162

Holy, Holy, Holy ! Lord God Almighty !
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee ;
 Holy, Holy, Holy ! Merciful and mighty !
 God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity !

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the Saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;

Cherubim and Seraphim, falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not
see,

Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity. Amen.

13.

A. & M. 300 : E.H. 364

All hail the power of Jesus' Name;
Before Him prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, you morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the strength of Israel's might,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, you Martyrs of your God,
Who from His Altar call;
Praise Him Whose way of pain you trod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

You seed of Israel's chosen race,
 You ransomed from the fall,
 Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
 And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, you heirs of David's line,
 Whom David Lord did call :
 The God made Man, the Man Divine,
 And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 Your sin and bitter fall,
 Go, lay your victories at His feet,
 And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
 Jesus their Saviour call,
 Lift high to Him the joyful song,
 And crown Him all of all. Amen.

14.

A. & M. 215 ; E.H. 489

The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord ;
 She is His new creation
 By Water and the Word :
 From heaven He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride,
 With His own Blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

Chosen from every nation,
 Yet one through all the earth,
 Her message of salvation
 One Lord, one Faith, one Birth !

Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blessed,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
 With God the Three in One,
 And she hath sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won :
 O happy ones and holy !
 Lord, give us grace that we
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 On high may rest with Thee. Amen.

15.

A. & M. 221 ; E.H. 428

Let saints on earth together sing
 With those who rest have won :
 For all the servants of our King
 In earth and heaven are one.

One family we live in Him,
 One Church above, beneath ;
 Though now divided by the stream,
 The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,
 To His command we bow ;
 Part of His host hath crossed the stream,
 And part is crossing now.

Jesus, be Thou our daily Guide ;
 Then, when the word is given,
 Let Jordan's narrow stream divide,
 And bring us safe to heaven. Amen.

16.

A. & M. 161 ; E.H. 372

Bright the vision that delighted
 Once the sight of Judah's seer ;
 Sweet the countless tongues united
 To delight the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
 Cherubim and Seraphim
 Filled His temple and repeated
 Each to each the heavenly hymn ;

“ Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven ;
 Earth is with its fullness stored ;
 Unto Thee be glory given,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord ! ”

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
 Earth takes up the Angels' cry,
 “ Holy, Holy, Holy, ” singing,
 “ Lord of hosts, Lord God most high ! ”

With His Angel host before Him,
 With His holy Church below,
 Thus unite we to adore Him,
 Thus to Him our praises flow :

“ Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven ;
 Earth is with its fullness stored ;
 Unto Thee be glory given,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.” Amen.

17.

A. & M. 184 ; E.H. 477

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee ;
 Let the Water and the Blood,
 From Thy riven side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure,
 Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
 Can fulfil Thy law's demands ;
 Could my zeal no respite know,
 Could my tears for ever flow,
 All for sin could not atone ;
 Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
 Simply to Thy Cross I cling ;
 Naked, come to Thee for dress ;
 Helpless, look to Thee for grace ;
 Foul, I to the fountain fly ;
 Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
 When mine eyes are closed in death,
 When I soar through tracts unknown,
 See Thee on Thy judgement throne ;
 Rock of ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee. Amen.

18.

A. & M. 8

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I go,
 My daily labour to pursue ;
 Thee only Thee, 'tis mine to know,
 In all I think, or speak, or do.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost thoughts can see,
And labour on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

For Thee most happily employ
Whate'er Thy plenteous grace has given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to Heav'n. Amen.

19.

A. & M. 26

God, that madest earth and heaven,
Darkness and light ;
Who the day for toil has given,
For rest the night ;
May Thine Angel-guards defend us,
Slumber sweet Thy mercy send us,
Holy deeds and hopes attend us,
All through this night.
Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And, when we die,
May we in Thy loving keeping
All peaceful lie :
When that last loud call shall wake us,
Do not Thou our God forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With Thee on high. Amen.

20.

A. & M. 108

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the Cross of Christ my God ;
 All the vain things that charm me most
 I sacrifice them to His Blood.

See from His Head, His Hands, His Feet,
 Sorrow and love are flowing down ;
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were an offering far too small ;
 Love so amazing, so Divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

To Christ, Who won for sinners grace
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,
 Be praise from all the ransomed race
 For ever and for ever more. Amen.

21.

A. & M. 217

Thy kingdom come, O God,
 Thy rule, O Christ, begin ;
 Break with Thine iron rod
 The awful chains of sin.

Where is Thy reign of peace,
 And purity and love ?
 When shall all hatred cease
 As in the realms above ?

When comes the promised time
 That war shall be no more,
 And lust, oppression, crime
 Shall flee Thy Face before ?

We pray Thee, Lord, arise,
 And come in Thy great might,
 Revive our longing eyes
 Which languish for Thy sight.

Men mock Thy sacred Name,
 And wolves devour Thy fold ;
 By many deeds of shame
 We learn that love grows cold.

O'er heathen lands afar
 Thick darkness broodeth yet :
 Arise, O morning Star.
 Arise and never set. Amen.

22.

A. & M. 242

We love the place, O God,
 Wherein Thine honour dwells ;
 The joy of Thine abode
 All earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer,
 Wherein Thy servants meet ;
 And Thou, O Lord, art there
 Thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred Font ;
 For there the Holy Dove
 To pour is ever wont
 His blessings from above.

We love Thine Altar, Lord ;
 Oh, what on earth so dear ?
 For there, in faith adored,
 We find Thy presence near.

We love the Word of life,
 The Word that speaks of peace,
 Of comfort in the strife,
 And joys that cannot cease.

We love to sing below
 For mercies freely given ;
 But, oh, we long to know
 The triumph-song of Heav'n.

Lord Jesus, give us grace
 On earth to love Thee more,
 In Heav'n to see Thy Face,
 And with Thy Saints adore. Amen.

23.

A. & M. 261

Bless'd are the pure in heart,
 For they shall see our God ;
 The wisdom of the Lord is theirs,
 Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, Who left the heavens
 Our life and peace to bring,
 To dwell in lowliness with men,
 Their Pattern and their King ;

Still to the lowly soul
 He does Himself impart,
 And for His dwelling and His Throne
 Chooses the pure in heart.

Lord, we Thy Presence seek,
 May ours this blessing be ;
 Give us a pure and lowly heart,
 A temple meet for Thee. Amen.

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Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a Mother laid her Baby
 In a manger for His bed ;
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from Heaven,
 He is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
 And His cradle was a stall ;
With the poor, and weak, and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour Holy.

At the last our eyes shall see Him,
 Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in Heav'n above ;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
 With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him ; but in Heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high ;
When like stars His children crown'd
All in white shall wait around. Amen.

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