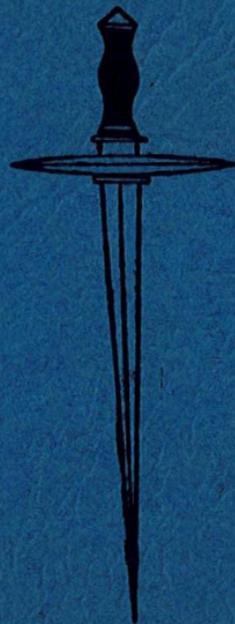


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(A Prayer Book for Men)



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PREFACE.

The Compilers of this little Book of Devotion have asked me to write a few words by way of Preface. I have very willingly complied with this request and the purpose which they have in publishing the book has my warmest commendation. There is no art more worth acquiring than the Art of Prayer. "Lord teach us to pray" ought to be the aspiration of us all, as it was of Christ's first Disciples. It was because He, as man, had so thoroughly mastered the Art of Prayer and steeped himself in the written word of God that our Lord Jesus Christ was able to live and die as he did. Even when he was dying in agony on the Cross it was the words of the Scripture which came most naturally to his mind and the language of prayer which rose most naturally to his lips. In this, as in all else, he has left us an example that we should follow in his steps. Prayer is the most truly human act we can perform. The higher animals have a physical nature which is very like our own: they eat, move and breathe and sleep as we do. They have an intelligence which may differ from ours in its quantity, but not in its quality. It may be that they have the rudiments of a conscience and a moral sense. But only men can pray and worship. Therefore, to neglect the duties and privileges of prayer and worship, is to neglect to develop the most manly part of our nature and to deprive ourselves of the greatest help which is available to us for the living of a truly human life. This little book is intended to help those who use it, to pray and worship better. No one can, of course, compile a book of devotion which is completely satisfactory to everyone else and I might have wished to express myself rather differently in some of the detailed statements if I had been compiling the book on my account. But with its general purport and purpose I am naturally in complete agreement and I join with its compilers in prayer for its success.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Is that branch of the Catholic church in which British people both in England and later in the colonies have worshipped since the first days of Christianity.

The Catholic church was founded by Jesus Christ who chose and taught the Holy Apostles and sent them forth so that they and their successors should teach Christianity to all nations.

So that they might teach this aright without adding their own ideas or removing facts which they did not like, Christ promised the Holy Spirit to his Apostles and their successors (the clergy) so that they might teach the truth.

The word "Catholic" means universal, thus it is that the sun never sets on the Church of England, it is as wide as the empire.

(Other branches of the Catholic church are the Roman Catholic and the Greek Orthodox.)

FACTS OF THE FAITH.

Anglicans believe in

One God

Who is the eternal creator of everything both seen and unseen, on this earth and in the life beyond.

In God there are three persons, the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost.

God the Father

Made the world by a gradual process of development culminating in man, a creature to whom he gave a part of himself called the soul.

Man is thus dust and divinity.

God the Son,

Who allowed himself to become man, who died for our salvation and rose from the dead on first Easter day.

(1) Because of the sins which man had inherited from the past and
(2) Because of the sins which man had committed, he was cut off from God.

In this way he had offended the Holy God. As man, he could never pay the debt he owed him, only God himself could do that. Yet it had to be man who paid the debt.

Thus it was that Jesus, who was God, was born of the Virgin Mary on Christmas day and eventually killed on a cross on Good Friday. Thus the debt was paid by One who was both God and Man.

This tremendous fact has to be taught to the men of every race and age, so Christ founded the Church for that purpose so that they might hear His teaching and gain salvation for their souls.

God the Holy Spirit.

Is God working in the world, guiding His Church and through our consciences helping us to tell right from wrong.

We also believe that **our souls are saved by grace.**

The chief way in which grace comes to our souls is through the sacraments commanded by Christ; these are:

Baptism. By which we enter the Christian Church, receiving grace which forgives our past sins. Here we become children of God and inheritors of heaven.

Holy Communion. At which our souls are strengthened for their

fight against evil, because Christ comes to us in this service to give us His life.

Other sacramental rites:

Confirmation. By which we receive the Holy Ghost which helps us to keep our promise to be Christians, and to strengthen us.

Absolution. At which we are assured of God's forgiveness for our sins. Your chaplain will give you advice and help to overcome them.

Matrimony. Which makes holy the civil contract of marriage.

Anointing with Oil. For the sick, through which God often grants the grace of healing.

Holy Orders. By which the clergy of the church are ordained receiving grace to carry out their sacred work.

Your Padre is there to help you to receive grace and strength through any of these sacraments, make him your friend and ask him about them.

To be an active Christian

You should

Do your duty to God and your neighbour by

- i. Going to Holy Communion at least once each week.
- ii. Praying daily, and reading your Bible if possible.
- iii. Using any of the Sacraments available to you.
- iv. Avoiding a mixed marriage.

About saying our prayers. . .

“O Lord thou knowest how busy we must be this day. If we forget thee, do not forget us. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.”

Thus prayed Sir John Astley, the royalist commander before the battle of Edgehill, and thus all soldiers might pray, because in the rush of the day there is little time to think about God. It is important then in the morning, before the day begins, to ask God for His protection and help, asking Him to keep you safe in body and to help you in those times when you are tempted by the Devil working through the world or through your flesh.

Prayers need not be long, but they must be real, and to be real, you must try to be still and reverent—at least in mind. Speak to

God as you would speak to a friend. Do not try to dictate to Him.

A plan which helps many people to pray when they have a quiet moment is to remember the work **ACTS**.

A for Adoration—Praising God.

C for Confession—Telling God your sins.

T for thanksgiving — thanking God for all his gifts.

S for supplication—asking God for what we need.

MORNING PRAYERS.

The Lord's Prayer.

A. ADORATION.

Glory be to the Father who created me.

Glory be to the Son who saved me.
Glory be to the Holy Ghost, who keeps me Holy.

Blessed be God now and for evermore. Amen.

C. CONFESSION.

Father forgive me for my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

T. THANKSGIVING.

O God, I thank Thee for keeping me safe through the past night, for my comrades, and for friends, for sleep and peace of mind through thee. Amen.

S. SUPPLICATION.

O God, help me to-day to live bravely, to act kindly and to speak truly.

Help me to do my duty; Christ did and I want to be like him.

Help me to put work before pleasure, others before self, no one before Thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

God be with mine and with me, to-day and always.

EVENING PRAYERS.

A. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C. I Confess to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, that to-day I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed by . . . (Here mention sins). Therefore I ask Thee to forgive me, make me hate all evil and help me to do better to-morrow. Amen.

T. For all those ways in which thou hast helped me to-day, I thank Thee O Lord my Saviour.

S. I commend to Thee this night O Lord, all those whom I love, watch over them through the hours of darkness and let Thy blessing rest upon them with returning day. Amen.

O my Lord, uphold me all through my life in the arms of Thy Church. Let my sins be forgiven me and my soul strengthened through Thy Sacraments, that in and through them I may live as I desire to die, in Thy faith and in Thy love. Amen.

O Lord support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work done. Then of Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us and all those we love, now and for ever more. Amen.

What is Holy Communion ?

Man is composed of body and soul. The body is made of animal substance, the soul being made of Divine substance.

So that the body may live and grow, man takes into it the same substances of which it is composed. Thus in our food we find the fat, iron, water and lime which are absorbed and become the flesh, blood, serum and bone.

In just this same way, so that the soul may live and grow, man must take into his soul the same substance of which it is composed; that means we must take God into ourselves. This happens in the Holy Communion, for here Christ is present to infuse His Grace into our souls.

It was our Lord's dying command that we should "Do this in remembrance" of Him, thus it is our Christian duty to go to Communion at least once a week.

How to Prepare.

So that your soul may be ready to receive God, it is only right that you should clear it of sin. To cleanse our souls of sin we must

- i. Discover what our sins are.
- ii. Confess them to God.
- iii. To seek forgiveness of any who have suffered through our sins.
- iv. Resolve to avoid them in future.

To discover what our sins are, the following self-examination list will help.

Before you begin, say this prayer:

"O My God send forth Thy light into my soul, that I may discover the sins I ought to confess, and grant me grace to declare them fully with a humble heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Self-Examination.

SINS AGAINST GOD.

- Have you stayed away from Communion wilfully?
- Have you prepared for your Communions correctly?
- Have you omitted your prayers?
- Have you been ashamed of your religion?
- Have you laughed at Religion, the Bible, the Church?
- Have you tried to find out the teaching of the Church in matters you do not understand?
- Have you marked Sunday by some religious observance?

SINS AGAINST OTHER PEOPLE.

- Have you carelessly talked of the faults of others?
- Have you been respectful to others?
- Have you been jealous and glad when others were blamed?
- Have you quarrelled with others unnecessarily?
- If married, have you lived in peace with your wife? Have you seen that your children were taught the Christian Faith?
- Have you behaved badly towards your parents?
- Have you committed adultery?
- Have you received stolen goods?

SINS AGAINST YOURSELF.

- Have you been boastful or conceited?
- Have you fallen into anger without just cause?
- Have you told lies or broken promises?
- Have you thought of, talked of or wilfully read impure things?
- Have you indulged in impurity either alone or with others?

Now confess these sins to God in the following way:

I confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit that I have sinned in thought, word and deed, especially by . . . Wherefore I pray to God Almighty to pity and pardon me; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Should you find certain sins appearing each week, then speak to your Padre, who will advise you from his experience of the best way to overcome them.

One other point in preparation:

Since the very early days of the Church, Christians have not eaten before going to Holy Communion. They have done this so that the blessed sacrament might be the first thing of the day, and also because it is wise to go before the mind is filled with the distractions of the breakfast table.

Thus, having prepared your soul by examination and confession, prepare the body by not eating before Communion—though the difficulties of war naturally make this sometimes impracticable.

About Certain Sins.

Usually we find that we sin when we abuse the gifts which God has given, thus drunkenness and immorality are the abuses of drink and sex, both of which God has created for a purpose.

Becoming drunk is foolish because it makes us unable to act as human beings. Psychologists will tell you that drink cuts off the higher layers of the brain from the body, without these higher layers through which the soul works, we are but animals falling into every temptation which comes before us.

Immorality seems to be the hardest sin to avoid in the Forces. Remember first of all that everybody feels temptation, we have a sex instinct within us, put there that the race may continue, and the fact that it surges up at times is in no way wrong. Remember also that those who do fall victims of immorality spend time trying to persuade others to do as they do, thus seeking to ease their conscience. This persuading they do in many ways, they tell the old, old lies:

"Everybody does it these days."
"It is only healthy to do it."
"You are only half a man until you have indulged in it."

We have been given a soul, so that it may direct our bodies, yet those who speak in this way would have us think that we are only animals. They will say, "It is only natural", yet the natural result of such an act is the birth of a child, the very last thing they wish for.

The man who indulges in this, gains nothing but fleeting pleasure followed by sorrow and fear. The man who has self-control has the peace of a good conscience plus no fear of infection or discovery.

One thing which lowers the moral tone of a man is the constant flow of obscene language throughout the day. Do not be alarmed by this, everybody knows these expressions exist, but even though you hear them, there is no need to use them yourself.

The Service of Holy
Communion.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY
COMMUNION.

KNEEL.

Whilst waiting for the priest to begin, try to recollect those things you have done wrong in thought, word or deed and resolve to overcome your faults in the days to come.

Remember that this service is not only for good people, but for those who want to be good and for those who seek power to maintain holiness in life.

The Lords' Prayer.

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. Amen.

A Prayer for Purity.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy

Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then may the Ten Commandments be said, the summary of them by Our Lord is often substituted as follows:

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

“Hear O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self: there is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Answer: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite; have mercy upon the whole church; and so rule the heart of Thy chosen servant **GEORGE** our King and governor, that he (knowing whose minister he is) may above all things seek Thy honour and glory: that we

and all His subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in Thee and for Thee, according to Thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.
Then the Priest says

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY.

After which is read

THE EPISTLE.

Then the Priest shall say

“The Holy Gospel is written in the ——— chapter of ———

STAND.

The Congregation respond

“Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the end the congregation say

“Thanks be to Thee, O God.”

The Nicene Creed.

STAND.

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord JESUS Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Here shall follow the address, if any.
After the Sermon the Priest says this sentence:

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Bread and wine are now prepared by the Priest to be used in the Blessed Sacrament.

KNEEL.

The Prayer for the Church.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

ALMIGHTY and ever living God, who by Thy holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to accept (our alms and oblations) and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the

truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially Thy servant GEORGE our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and clergy, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments: And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this

transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Priest then says to those who are coming to receive the Holy Communion:

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

And all say the Confession, remembering your sins and asking God to forgive them.

The Confession.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please Thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest then gives God's answer to your Confession, telling you that God has forgiven you.

The Absolution.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to Him.

COME unto Me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.
This is a true saying, and worthy
of all men to be received, That
Christ Jesus came into the world to
save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith.
If any man sin, we have an Advo-
cate with the Father, Jesus Christ
the righteous; and he is the pro-
pitiation for our sins.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up unto
the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks unto
our Lord God.

PEOPLE: It is meet and right so
to do.

PRIEST: It is very meet, right,
and our bounden duty, that we should
at all times, and in all places, give
thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy
Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.
Therefore with Angels and Arch-
angels, and with all the company of
heaven, we laud and magnify Thy
glorious name; evermore praising
Thee, and saying,

Everyone joins in

The Sanctus.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of
hosts, heaven and earth are full of
Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O
Lord most High. Amen.

Here the following is often inserted:
"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of
the Lord. Hosannah in the highest."

The Prayer of Humble Access.

WE do not presume to come to this
Thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in Thy manifold and great
mercies. We are not worthy so
much as to gather up the crumbs
under Thy Table. But Thou art
the same Lord, whose property is
always to have mercy: Grant us
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat
the Flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus
Christ, and to drink His Blood, that
our sinful bodies may be made clean
by His Body, and our souls washed
through His most precious Blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in
Him, and He in us. Amen.

Then follows the most important part of the Service, namely,

The Prayer of Consecration.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by His one oblation of Himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death, until His coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee; and grant that we receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood:

Who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took Bread; and, when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is My Body which is

given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the Cup; and, when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. Amen.

Whilst you are waiting to partake of the Blessed Sacrament, say silently:

Soul of Christ, Sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inspire me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hide me.
Within Thy wounds, hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

After you have received the Sacred Elements, go back to your place and kneel down quietly, asking God to give you grace to be strong and courage to be brave.

After the Communion all say

The Lord's Prayer.

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 for-
give us our trespasses, As we for-
give 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.

The Prayer of Oblation.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we
Thy humble servants, entirely
desire Thy fatherly goodness merci-
fully to accept this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving; most
humbly beseeching Thee to grant,
that by the merits and death of Thy
Son Jesus Christ, and through faith
in His blood, we and all Thy whole
Church may obtain remission of our
sins, and all other benefits of His
passion.

And here we offer and present
unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our

souls and bodies, to be a reasonable,
holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee;
humbly beseeching Thee, that all
we, who are partakers of this Holy
Communion, may be fulfilled with
Thy grace and heavenly benediction.
And although we be unworthy,
through our manifold sins, to offer
unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we be-
seech Thee to accept this our
bounden duty and service; not
weighing our merits, but pardoning
our offences, through Jesus Christ
our Lord; by whom, and with whom,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all
honour and glory be unto Thee, O
Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis.

STAND.

GLORY be to God on high, and
in earth peace, good will towards
men. We praise Thee, we bless
Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify
Thee, we give thanks to Thee for
Thy great glory, O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son
Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, that takest

away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All kneel while the Priest pronounces

The Blessing.

KNEEL.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

While the Priest is cleansing the vessels, say silently:

Lord, now lettest Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared: before the face
of all people;
To be a light to lighten the gentiles: and to
be the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

Or this prayer:

Teach us good Lord to serve Thee as Thou deservest.

To give, and not to count the cost.

To fight and not to heed the wounds.

To toil and not to seek for rest.

To labour and not to seek for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do Thy will.
Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father,
Who madest all men for Thyself,
May all Christians who believe in
Thy dear Son
Rally round his cross in loyalty.
May those who know him not
Behold him in his majesty and
beauty;
That yielding heart and will to him
in loving service,
They may find in him
Their joy and freedom.

PART III.

BURIAL PRAYERS.

Prayers which may be used by any soldier when a Padre is not at hand.

(An English service authorised by the Deputy-Chaplain General).

(When the body has been made ready for burial, the conductor of the service shall say one or more of the following sentences.)

I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

(Then shall be said this canticle of the departed from the book of Wisdom.)

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God;
And there shall no torment touch them;
they are in peace,
Having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded;

For God proved them and found them worthy
for Himself.
In the time of their visitation they shall
shine forth;
And their Lord shall reign over them for
evermore.
They that are faithful through love shall
abide with Him.
For grace and mercy are to His chosen; and
He hath care for His elect.
The righteous live for evermore and in the
Lord is their reward;
And the care of them is with the Most High.
Amen.

In the midst of life we are in
death; of whom may we seek for
succour but of Thee, O Lord, whom
all souls do live and hope?

*(Then while earth shall be cast
upon the body by some standing by,
the conductor shall say):*

We commend unto Thy hands O
most merciful Father, the soul of
this Our brother departed, and we
commit his body to the ground, earth
to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
in sure and certain hope of the
resurrection to eternal life through
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who shall
fashion anew the body of our low
estate that it may be like unto His
glorious body, according to the
mighty working whereby He is able
to subdue all things unto Himself.

Blessed are the dead who die in
the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit,
for they rest from their labours.

*(Then shall the conductor say
these prayers):*

The Lord's Prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, we
bless Thy holy name for the memory
of our Brother, who having fought
a good fight, has finished his course
Do Thou, O Lord, crown the gift of
his matchless courage with the gift
of eternal peace; and grant that we,
encouraged by his example and
strengthened by his fellowship, may
with him be found worthy to be
partakers of the inheritance of the
saints in light, through the mercies
of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

O Father of all, we pray to Thee
for those who we love but see no
longer. Grant them Thy peace, let
light perpetual shine upon them; and
in Thy loving wisdom and almighty
power work in them the good pur-
pose of Thy perfect will, through
Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Love of God, and the
Fellowship of the Holy Ghost be
with us all ever more. Amen.

GOING ON LEAVE.

When going on leave, you will be confronted with a number of temptations to which it may seem easy to surrender.

Chiefly because:

- (a) You are not known in the town.
- (b) There is amongst men a mistaken idea that leave means pleasures of a fleshly kind.
- (c) You have money and time to spend it.
- (d) What you have been doing is monotonous and irksome, and you want to have your fling.

In spite of this you will meet with no temptation which you will be unable to withstand . . . that is, if you quickly ask God's help, keep your head and act wisely.

There are three usual temptations for soldiers on leave:

(a) Gambling.

Gambling is not good business, and as a business man it would be foolish to indulge in it. The best way of winning is never to start. The loser may be weak and unable to bear the loss honestly.

(b) Drink.

To get drunk is the surest way of losing your money and the respect

of your fellows, because as you know, there are thieves waiting in almost every town for drunken fools.

(c) Women.

Every man needs the company of women and should try to find some home where he can enjoy their society. Never think that all women are immoral.

If a woman has turned herself into a sink for man's passions, she is often in this state through foolishness or poverty and no man has any right to push her further into her sin. No woman is really happy at heart when she knows she is doing wrong.

Then too, most men have a girl whom they hope one day to marry, and they would be filled with loathing and horror to hear that their girl had lowered herself to the level of the streets. Treat other women as you expect your girl to be treated. There is not one law for men and another for women.

The best way to answer a woman who solicits you is to refuse, you have no right to assist in the damning of any soul.

MIXED MARRIAGES.

Your church is opposed to mixed marriages because they do not work in practice.

If you marry a non-Anglican, and your children are taken by your wife to her church, they will be taught certain things which you do not either believe or do. The children will therefore say either:

- (a) "I am taught to do this at Church; father does not do it, thus the Church is wrong", which will cause your children to grow up without a religion,
or
- (b) "I am taught to do this at Church; father does not do it, thus father is bad", which may cause family ill feeling, and in time even divorce.

To either break up the family life before it really begins, or condemn your children to a life without religion is obviously neither fair nor right.

If you marry a Roman Catholic

You have either to

- (a) Become a Roman Catholic (which of course no Good Anglican can do).

- (b) Remain an Anglican; be married in the vestry of a Roman Church, sign a promise that all children of both sexes will be baptised and brought up as Romans, also promise that you will not interfere with the religious belief of your partner. Your wife on the other hand makes a promise that every effort will be made to convert you to the Roman Church.
- (c) Remain an Anglican; be married in the church of England; then know that your wife is taught by her church that you are not married in the sight of God, and that unless she secures a remarriage, she is deprived of the sacraments of her church.

The Solution.

The best solution is for your wife to become an Anglican, and after instruction from your clergymen to be admitted to the Church. Then you can base your married life upon the only firm foundation, a common faith in God.

PRAYERS YOU HAVE
FOUND.

A SERGEANT'S PRAYER.

Almighty and all-present Power,
Short is the prayer I make to Thee.
I do not ask in battle hour
For any shield to cover me.

The vast, unalterable way,
From which the stars do not depart,
May not be turned aside to stay
The bullets flying to my heart.

I ask no help to strike my foe,
I seek no petty victory here.
The enemy I hate, I know
To Thee is also dear.

But this I pray: Be at my side
When death is drawing through
the sky;
Almighty God, Who also died,
Teach me the way that I should die;

—H. Brodie.

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