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A PRAYER MANUAL FOR THOSE ON
ACTIVE SERVICE

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This little book is dedicated (by permission) to the memory of Major-General Sir William Bridges, K.C.B., and the sons of Australia who have given their lives in the service of their God and King in this great war.

Others have laboured, and ye are entered into their labour. - *John iv .. 18.*

Let none forget how vast the debt
We owe to those who died.
Let none forge! the Others, marching
With steps we feel no more;
Whose bodies sleep.

-:S.ir E. Hastings Doyle.



These prayers and intercession have been compiled to help you to commune with God each day. As soldiers, you go forth in the name of Australia, to help the Empire in these days of war. Whilst we are proud of the response of our Australian manhood, we are deeply concerned to know and be assured, that no unworthy act of yours will sully the fair name of our country.

In the days of waiting, fighting and in the hours of solitude by day or night, this book will, I hope, be your companion, and in its words you will find the source of strength to endure, and of faith to believe, in Him Who has redeemed you from sin, and Who watches over you with love and care unceasing.

H. L. MELBOURNE.

Bishops Court Melbourne,
All Saints' Day 1915.

This very simple manual of prayers is offered to you who are on active service in the hope and with the earnest prayer that it may help you to pray regularly, and also to encourage you in the grim and serious task before you. It contains simple prayers for daily use, prayers for special needs, short prayers to be learned by heart; and on pages 25-32 you will find thoughts for each day for a fortnight. I trust the booklet will be helpful to you. Remember you are fighting for God, for honour and for liberty. That God Himself may be with you and that you may be brave and return with honour, is my humble prayer.

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October, 1915.

Messages—Old and New.

Put on the whole armour of God that ye may
be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
-Eph. 6: 11.

17V. 10s. 10 good soldier of Jesus
Christ.

I know you will do your duty nobly.
I pray that God may bless and guard
you. . . . Let 'duty' be your watch
word. . . . Your welfare will never be
absent from my thoughts.

-His Majesty the King.

"Do your duty bravely, fear God,
honour the King."

-Lord Kitchener.

"England needs not only good war
men and good craftsmen, but good prayer
men."

--King Alfred.

"I haven't time not to do right."

-Dulle of Wellington.

"Be chivalrous be unselfish be sober
be straight."

-Lord Charles, Beresford.

Morning Prayer

Place yourself in the Presence of God.

In the Name of the FATHER, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

LORD, have mercy upon me.
CHRIST, have mercy upon me.
LORD, have mercy upon me.

Silence . . .

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,
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.

Confession.

ALMIGHTY GOD, I confess to Thee
my many sins; truly repent of them, and
humbly ask Thee to pity and pardon me,
for Jesus' sake, and enable me to live
the rest of my life to the glory of Thy
Holy Name. Amen.

GRACIOUS GOD, I thank Thee for keeping me safe through the night, and bringing me to the beginning of another day. I thank Thee for my life, for health and strength, for the love of friends, but above all for the life and death of Thy dear Son, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Amen.

Thanksgiving.

PRAISE the LORD, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name. Praise the LORD, O my Soul, and forget not all His benefits.

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For Guidance.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou alone knowest the duties that lie before me this day, the dangers in my path, the temptation that may come to me. Give me, I pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit to help me to serve my country as Thee, to obey cheerfully my orders, and, by Thy Grace, to resist the devil for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

For Others.

BE pleased, O LORD, to remember all those who are near and dear to me (*my father and mother, my wife and children, brothers and sisters, friends and relations*), and all who pray for me. Give them Thy special grace in this time of trouble, and enable them to trust fully in Thee. Bless the Clergy, and especially the Chaplains, those who care for the sick and wounded, and bring all men to know and love Thee; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

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For Empire and: Allies.

BLESS, O LORD, our King and Empire and all our Leaders, Give courage and victory to us and our Allies. Comfort the mourners. Have compassion on the sick and wounded, Pardon and receive the dying. Be merciful to the fallen, and in Thine own time give peace; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

Dedication.

HEAVENLY FATHER, I again place myself, body, soul and spirit, in Thy hands. Help me to be pure and brave this day, and evermore Thy faithful soldier and servant; through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing.

May the ALMIGHTY God bless and defend us, now and evermore. Amen.

FOR DAILY USE AT NOON.

When the "Peace Bell" is rung.

*The Lord shall give strength unto His People.
The Lord shall give His People the blessing of peace.*

V. Give peace in our time, Lord.

R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.

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O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, whose power no creature is able to resist. Rejoice for succour on behalf of those who are now struggling in the war.

Bless our King and Empire and our Allies, prosper our navy and our armies, protect those who are in danger, give help to the wounded, recover the sick, rest and peace to the dying, comfort to the mourners, and, in Thine own good time, restore to Thy people the blessing of peace.

Grant this, O FATHER, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, OUR LORD. Amen.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us; Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, Lord.

Our FATHER, etc.

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Evening Prayer

'Place yourself in the Presence of God.

In the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST.

LORD, have mercy upon me.

CHRIST, have mercy upon me.

LORD, have mercy upon me.

. . . Silence . . .

Our Father.

Self-Examination.

Search me, O God. Try me, and examine my thoughts.

Try to remember all you have done wrong during the day, asking yourself questions like the following:

Have I forgotten God?

Have I said my prayers?

Have my thoughts been pure?

What have I done wrong?

Have I failed in duty?

Do I forgive all *whom* may have injured me?

Have I received the Holy Communion? If not, why not?

Confession.

I CONFESS to Thee, O God, that I have sinned against Thee this day; especially I have (*here tell to God all you have done wrong*). I have sinned in many ways which I cannot now remember. Forgive me; Good LORD, make me truly sorry, and give me grace to live a better life, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

For Others.

O LOVING FATHER, into Thy hands I commend *my father and mother, my wife and children, my brothers and sisters, my friends and relatives*. Bless them and grant them what Thou seekest them most to need for their souls' good. Let Thy Fatherly hand be over them this night. Guard, protect and keep them ever Thine. Bless the Clergy, especially the Chaplains. Bless also those who care for

the sick and wounded in field and base hospitals. Bless the heathen, and lead them to love Thee. Draw all men to Thyself. Finally, I pray for Thy whole Church, for pardon for our sins, and all other benefit of Christ's passion. This prayer I humbly offer, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD, Amen.

For Empire and Allies.

BLESS, O LORD, our King and Empire and all our Leaders. Give courage and victory to us and our Allies. Comfort the mourners. Have compassion on the sick and wounded. Pardon and receive the dying. Be merciful to the fallen, and in Thine own time, give peace; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen:

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HEAVENLY FATHER, I praise and magnify Thy Holy Name for all Thy great goodness to me and all my comrades this day. Every day will I give thanks unto Thee and praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Blessing.

May God the Father bless us. God the Son save us, and God the Holy Ghost sanctify us this light and for evermore.

On Lying Down to Rest.

INTO Thy Hands I commend my spirit. I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is Thy LORD, only, that makes me dwell in safety.

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An Act of Spiritual Communion.

To be used when unable to attend the Holy Communion.

In the Name, etc.
Collect for Purity (or Prayer page 23).
Confess your sins (see page 13).
According to time and opportunity, say those parts of the service which you can remember.

Act of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion.

O GOD, I humbly thank Thee for the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, whereby our souls are strengthened and refreshed. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD.

Act of Communion.

O LORD JESUS, though I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come into my soul spiritually, and to fill me with Thyself. I desire to be Thine only, and, through the merits of Thine own Great Sacrifice, I pray Thee to preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life.

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Far from Priest and Altar,
Christ, to Thee I cry;
Come to me in spirit,
Let me feel Thee nigh.

In my silent worship
Let me share the Feast;
Be Thy Love the Altar,
Be Thyself the Priest.

Knit my in Communion
With those spirits blest,
Whom Thy Body strengthens
In the land of Rest.

... Silence ...

Unite myself in spirit with the Faithful throughout the Church, and especially your Parish. Cite, and say, etc.

May God the Father bless us God the Son save us, and God the Holy Ghost sanctify us, now and evermore. Amen.

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Greater love bath no man than this that a man
la) down his life for his friends.-S. Joh1t IS: 13.

Short Prayers to be Remembered.

By Thy Cross and Passion, Good LORD, deliver us.

O Goo, be merciful to me a sinner.

Save, LORD, and hear us, O King of Heaven, when we call upon Thee.

O LORD, arise, help and d◊liver us, for Thy Name's sake.

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth, li.eep the door of my lips .

o LORD of Hosts, fight for us, that we may glorify Thee.

Thou, O LORD, art just and powerful: O defend our cause against the face of our enemies.

Prayer on Going Into Battle.

" O Goo, if in this day of battle I forget Thee, do Thou, O Goo, not forget me."

NOTE.-This was a private's prayer before Blenheim, also at Madder River, S.A., before action, the officer commanding the 65th Howitzer Battery gathered his men together, encouraged them, and then used the same prayer.

Special Prayers

For My Wife.

MOST LOVING SAVIOUR, bless abundantly my dear wife, and give her Thy special grace. Do Thou be her constant support and stay whilst we are separated, and protect her from all dangers and anxieties. Deepen our love for each other, and grant that we may be true to our promises, especially during our absence from each other, and, if it be Thy will, bring us safely together again; for Thy Name sake. Amen.

For My Children.

HEAVENLY FATHER, who hast given me the blessing of home and children, and who hast called me to leave my dearest for awhile to serve Thee in this war, I commend them to Thy keeping. Be very near to them. Make them obedient, loving and gentle. Grant that they may grow up in Thy faith and fear, and that I, together with them, may serve Thee truly all my days; through JESUS CHRIST our SAVIOUR. Amen.

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For My Parents.

HEAVENLY FATHER, bless, I pray Thee, my father and mother, and sustain them!" in this time of war comfort them in our separation and grant that, whether or not we meet again in this world, we may be re-united in Thy Heavenly Kingdom; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

For the Chaplains.

O JESU, the Good Shepherd, I humbly pray Thee to bless the ministers of Thy Gospel now serving at the front and in hospitals. Make them to be true shepherds of Thine, and give them love, wisdom and sympathy in their work. Give also to me and all to whom they minister, grace to benefit by their care for us, that we may be drawn closer to Thee O Saviour; for Thine own Name's sake. Amen.

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For Doctors, Nurses and Ambulance Workers.

BLESSED JESUS, who, when upon earth, didst go about doing good and healing all manner of sickness, be pleased, I pray Thee, to continue Thy gracious work amongst the sick and wounded in all field- and base hospitals and heal the sufferers. Grant to the doctors special skill, to the nurses sympathy and patience, to ambulance workers endurance and protection. Vouchsafe Thy blessing to Red Cross workers, and all those in their home lands who are helping in this work of mercy. Amen.

For Comrades.

O LORD GOD OF HOSTS, who alone canst give us victory, strengthen us against our enemies. Help each of us to play the man and thus encourage one another to fight bravely on. Be Thou Thyself our tower of strength in the midst of danger, midst shot and shell, and give to us unwavering trust in our Leaders and in Thee; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

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for Our Leaders.

ALMIGHTY GOD, -I humbly thank thee for the Leaders of our Nation, and our Navy, whom Thou hast raised up at this crisis. I beseech Thee to continue Thy blessing upon them. Uphold them in the awful responsibilities resting upon them. Give them the special grace and strength both of soul and body which they need, and so guide them that they may lead us on to victory and peace for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen

For Purity.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and all humbly brought, I beseech thee, O Lord, keep me from all impure thoughts and words. Suffer me never by any uncleanness to defile my body, his, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Guard my heart, that I may not harbour any unclean thoughts, and grant that, being kept pure and clean body and soul, I may be Thine for ever; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

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When Sick or Wounded.

O SAVIOUR, look with love and pity upon me Thy servant. Have mercy upon me, and help me to bear my sickness and my wounds patiently. Be ever with me and support my weakness. Bless and sanctify every pain, and enable me, through suffering, to learn to love Thee more and more. If it be Thy gracious will, restore me to health and strength, that I may yet again serve my country, and evermore glorify Thy HOLY NAME. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Recovery.

O MOST GRACIOUS GOD, who hast in Thy great mercy restored me to health and lengthened my days upon the earth, grant that I may devote the life which Thou hast spared, entirely Thy service. Let me never neglect Thy loving mercies and grant that I may henceforth live as a faithful soldier of the Cross and of the King, and love Thee day by day; for Thy dear Son's sake, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

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Thoughts for a Week.

SUNDAY: Pray for King and Empire.

This is the day which the LORD hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118: 24.

Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed. With us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. - 2 Chron. 32: 7, 8.

Be strong and work, all ye people. For I am with you, saith the LORD. Haggai 2: 4.

MONDAY: Pray for the Army.

Blessed be the LORD my strength! He teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to handle a bow. My fortress, my high tower, my deliverer, my shield. . . in whom I trust. Ps. 144: 1, 2.

It is God that girdeth me with strength of war. Ps. 18: 32; P.B.V.

The angel of the LORD round about them that fear him delivereth them. - Ps. 34: 7.

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TUESDAY: Pray for the Navy.

Goo is our hope and strength. . . .
Therefore will we not fear, though the
waters rage and swell. . . . The LORD
of Hosts is with us.-Ps. 46: 1 P.B.V.

The waves of the sea are mighty and
rage horribly: but yet the LORD, who
dwelleth on high is mighty. -Ps. 93,
P.B.V.

When thou passest through the waters
I will be with Thee.-Is. 43: 2.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for our Allies.

The watchword . . . victory is of
Goo.-2 Mace, 13: 15.

LORD, there is none beside Thee to
help. . . help us, O LORD our Goo; for
we rely on Thee, and Thy name are
we come out against this multitude. O
LORD . . . let not man prevail against
Thee.-2 Chron. 14: 11; R.V.

Through Thee will we overthrow our
enemies and in Thy Name will we tread
them under that rise up against us.
Ps. 44: 6; P.B.V.

THURSDAY: Pray for Chaplains,
Doctors, Nurses, Ambulance
Workers, etc.

O Remember not the sins and offences
of my youth; but, according to Thy
mercy, think Thou upon me.-Ps. 25: 6;
P.B.V.

Honour a physician with the honour
due unto him . . . for the LORD hath
created him.-Ecclus. 38: 1.

He giveth power to the faint, and to
them that have no might He increaseth
strength.-Is. 40: 29.

FRIDAY: Pray for the sick and dying:
for our enemies.

JESUS . . . healed all that were sick
. . . Himself took our infirmities and bare
our sicknesses.-S. Matt 8: 16, 17.

My son, despise not thou the chasten-
ing of the LORD For whom the LORD
loveth He chasteneth.-Heb 2: 5.

He that dwelleth in the secret place
of the Most High shall abide under the
shadow of the Almighty . . . A thousand
shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand
at thy right hand; but it shall not come
nigh thee.-Ps. 91: 1, 7.

SATURDAY: Pray for the suffering and bereaved.

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Thine hand: forget not the afflicted.-Ps. 10: 12; A.V.M.

Fear not; I am the Living One; I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death. Rev. 1: 17-19; R.V.

O death, where is thy sting? where is thy victory? . . . Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.-1 Cor. 15: 55-57.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.-Rev. 14: 13.

Thoughts of Chivalry.

Leave not a stain in thine honour. Eccles. 33: 22.

My strength is as the strength of ten: because my heart is pure.-Tennyson.

The glory of life is to love; to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served.-Anon.

What stronger breastplate than a heart untainted? Shakespeare.

Thoughts for Second Week.

SUNDAY: Pray for King and Empire.

The safest place in all this world is the place of duty. God's wings are over it, and His peace guards it.

My work is for a King.-Ps. 45: 1.

He exhorted his soldiers to light man fully, even unto death, for the laws the temple, the city, the country, and the commonwealth.-Mace. 13: 14.

MONDAY: Pray for the Army.

Every one of you stamped with the image of the King.-Tennyson.

Watch ye, quit you like men, be strong.-1 Cor. 16: 13.

O LORD God. . . Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.-Ps. 140: 7.

Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle.-Ps. 18: 39.

TUESDAY: Pray for the Navy.

It is the LORD that commandeth the waters . . . that ruleth the sea.-Ps. 29: 3, 4.

Thou rulest the raging of the sea; thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.-Ps. 89: 10; P.B.V.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt Thou answer us, O God . . . Who art the confidence . . . of them that are afar off upon the sea.-Ps. 65: 5.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for our Allies.

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.-Ps. 68: 1.

Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest!

All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.-Ps. 118: 10.

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THURSDAY: Pray for Chaplain.
Doctors, Nurses, Stretcher
bearer.s,etc.

I was thirsty and ye gave me drink
I was sick and ye visited me. . . . Inas-
much as ye did it unto one of these . . .
ye did it unto me.-S. Mau. 25: 35-40.

He healeth those that are brokeh in
heart, and giveth medicine to heal their
sickness.-Ps. 147: 3; P.B.V.

When JESUS saw their faith, He said
unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of
good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee...
Arise and walk.-S. Mark 2: 5, 9.

FRIDAY: Pray for the sick
For our enemies.

My son, in thy sickness be not negligent:
but pray unto the LORD, and He will make
thee whole.-Ecclus. 38: 9.

He shall cover thee . . . under His
wings sh, h! thou trust. . . Thou shalt
not be afraid for the pestilence; that
walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness
that destroyeth in the noonday.-Ps. 91:
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Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil
for Thou art with me.-Ps. 23: 4.

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S.,TURDAY: Pray for the sufferin11
and bereaved.

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
-S. -Matt. 11: 28.

JESUS said . . . I am the resurrection
and the life. . . Whosoever liveth and
believeth on me shall never die.-S. John
11: 25, 26.

Now is CHRIST risen from the dead
and become the first fruits of them that
slept.

Behold . . . the trumpet shall sound, and
the dead shall be raised incorruptible
Death is swallowed up in victory.-1 Cor.
15: 20, 51-54.

Thoughts on Victory.

Not unto us, O LORD, . . . but unto Thy
Name; give the praise.-Ps. 114; P.B.V.

If the LORD Himself had not been on
our side, when men rose up against us-
But praised be the LORD. Our help
standeth in the Name of the LORD.
Ps. 124; P.B.V.

With His own right hand, and with
His holy arm, hath He gotten Himself the
victory.-Ps. 98: 2; P.B.V.