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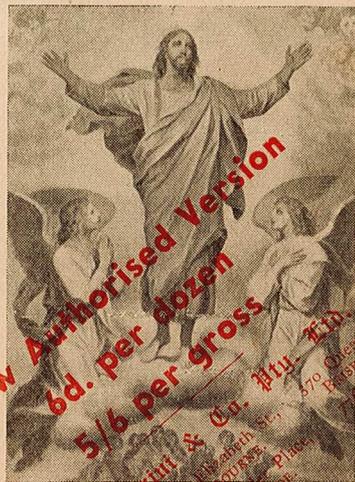
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May the Almighty and Merciful Lord graciously hear us.

And protect us at all times. Amen.

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O God, our Refuge and our Strength, our Helper in the tribulations of the present, look down with mercy upon us, as we humbly send up our supplications to Thee. Knowing that sin makes nations miserable and brings the chastisements of heaven upon them, we confess, with contrite hearts, our own sins and the sins of the nation to which we belong. Spare, O Lord, spare Thy People, and be not angry with us for ever. The war that has come upon us, according to the inscrutable designs of Thy Providence, was not our making. Hence, though we have sinned in many ways and have done evil before Thee, we lift up our hearts, with particular confidence, to the throne of Thy mercy, and implore Thee, the God of battles, to be with us; give strength to our arms on land, on sea, and in the air, that, peace being established through the victory of justice, we may ever praise and glorify Thy name. Amen.

- V. Scatter the nations that delight in war.
- R. Let them fail in their counsels.
- V. Arise, O Lord and help us.

- R. And deliver us for the sake of Thy name.
- V. Be to us a tower of strength.
- R. Before the face of the enemy.
- V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY:

O God, Thou makest wars to cease, and takest up, against their aggressors, the victorious defence of them that hope in Thee; help us, Thy servants, who implore Thy mercy; that we may see the defeat of our terrible enemies, and unceasingly give praise and thanks to Thee.

O God, Thou art offended by sin, and appeased by penance: look with favour on the prayers of Thy people suppliantly imploring Thy mercy; and turn away the scourges of Thine anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O God, it is from Thee that holy desires, rightful counsels, and just works come; give therefore to Thy people that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be devoted to Thy commandments, and (once the fear of our foes is taken away) our days be tranquil under Thy protection.

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