Introduction to Morning to Evening Prayer

Christ is risen! He is risen Indeed! The resurrection affirms the victory of Jesus over Satan, sacrifice over sin, life over death, and hope over despair. In the resurrection, we have a foretaste of future resurrection of the believer's body and the world. We celebrate the season of Easter for seven weeks of joy until Pentecost because His resurrection perfectly finished the work of salvation for us. Alleluia, Christ has won. Alleluia, Christ reigns!

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; ² to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, ³ to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. ⁴ For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy."

As we pray in the morning, we pray with the assurance of God's love and seek His loving guidance each day. We seek direction from the Word of God as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). This Word of God dwells richly inside us as we pray it in the morning. Midday we continue to seek the Lord in order to make the most of our remaining time with insight and wisdom.

We end the evening with thankfulness for God's faithfulness, reflecting on all His work throughout the day. Remembering God's faithfulness, we often realize our unfaithfulness. As we confess our sins, God forgives and cleanses us through Christ's atoning work, His sacrifice for our sin. We respond with thankfulness for His mercy.

In the Rhythm for Morning to Evening Prayer, you will see the different elements of the Morning, Midday, and Evening Prayer Guides. The bullet points under each element describe how to practice each one. There is a daily prayer guide which you repeat weekly for the season: morning, midday, and evening. Daily there is a new morning and evening Psalm, morning Scripture, and midday Proverb. The Catechism can be found in the index section in the back (pp. 48ff). You may use this guide individually or with a family or other group by having a leader read the plain text and everyone read the bold. Click the blue text to hyperlink to the index and the day abbreviations to return to the daily pattern of prayer. This pattern of prayer helps us to be glad in the work of the Lord and to sing for joy in His presence as we seek His guidance.

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Rhythm for Morning to Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer Guide:1

PSALM PRAYER: Ephesians 5:18-20 (see <u>Psalm Index</u>)

- Praise God for His character and work in the Psalm.
- Seek God based on the words of the Psalm.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (see <u>Scripture Index</u>)

- Meditation: Read and consider key phrases, prepositions, people, plots, connections, and redemptive themes.
- Adoration: Read and adore God for His great character and kingdom as clarified in the reading.
- Confession: Read and confess ways you do not reflect God's character and kingdom in the reading.
- Thanksgiving: Read and give thanks for God's grace, forgiveness, and help in or around the verse.
- Application: Read and seek God's guidance in applying the reading. Write down the application.

† THE GLORIA Ephesians 1:3

- Sing praise to our Triune God for His holiness, greatness, and presence.

† THE CREED Titus 1:9

- Hold firm to the trustworthy Word and sound doctrine taught.

†THE LORD'S PRAYER Luke 11:1-4

- Recite the Lord's Prayer so that your personal prayer might be shaped by the structure of the Lord's Prayer.

PERSONAL PRAYER Colossians 4:2

(Pray Forward into the day)

- Pray forward into the day, focusing on your schedule, concerns of the day, and updated prayer list.

PROMISE FOR THE DAY 2 Corinthians 1:20

- Trust in God's promise of His daily presence and provision as you live out God's mission for the day.

¹ For Shortened Prayer: Scripture Reading, Lord's Prayer, Personal Prayer, Promise for the Day

Midday Prayer Guide

PSALM PRAYER Ephesians 5:18-20

- Praise God for character/work & seek God based on the Psalm.

PROVERBS PRAYER Psalm 90:12 (see *Proverbs Index*)

- Pray for God's wisdom to guide you for the rest of the day.

*ABIDING PRAYER

- Draw near to God and delight in His presence.

Evening Prayer Guide²

*PSALM PRAYER Ephesians 5:18-20 (see Psalm Index)

- Praise God for character/work & seek God based on the Psalm.

†CONFESSION 1 John 1:9

- Consider your daily activities, attitudes, and interactions and confess sinful ways you broke or failed to fully obey God's law.

† GOSPEL PROMISE Psalm 32:5

- Remember the promise of Christ's forgiveness through His life, death, and resurrection.

† THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Psalm 136:1

- Rejoice in Christ's forgiveness, reflect on your day, and give thanks for the many blessings and opportunities of the day.

† SONG OF PRAISE Psalm 103:1-3

- Sing praise to God because all blessings come from Him.

CATECHISM Titus 1:9 (see <u>Catechism Index</u>)

- Hold firm to the trustworthy Word and sound doctrine taught.

PERSONAL PRAYER Colossians 4:2

(Pray Backward over the day)

- Pray back over your day concerning events and interactions you experienced throughout the day.

PROMISE FOR THE NIGHT 2 Corinthians 1:20

- Trust in God's promise of rest and care for the night hours

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² For Shortened Prayer: Psalm Prayer & Personal Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer Guide (Resurrection)

*PSALM PRAYER (see Psalm Index)

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed

Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life!

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths will declare Your praise.

(Read Psalm and pray)

† SCRIPTURE READING (see Scripture Index)

In Your steadfast love give us life, that we may keep the testimonies of Your mouth. (Psalm 119:88)

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Your law.

(Read Scripture: Meditate, Adore, Confess, Give Thanks, Apply)

† THE GLORIA "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (*Llanfair*)

Sing we to our God above Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

† THE CREED 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER Ephesians 1:16-19

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him,

¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Forward into the day*)

"Blessed Savior! Many waters could not quench Your love! No pit could overwhelm it. Though the streams of Your blood carried through darkness, grave, and hell, yet You rose triumphant, and so made us victorious.

But Your love does not stay here. For You have committed the Word of Your rich peace and reconciliation not to thunder or angels, but to weak and sinful people.

Blessed be the God of heaven and earth, Who only does wondrous things. Awake all my powers to glorify You! We praise You! We bless You! We magnify You forever!

And now, O Lord, we stand in the power of Your victories, in the way of Your ordinances, and in the truth of Your love.

Bless Your Word, wherever it is spoken today throughout the universal church. Make it a word of power and peace, to convert those who are not yet Yours, and to confirm those who are." (George Herbert)

PROMISE FOR THE DAY Ephesians 3:20-21

Resurrect our hope in Jesus, renew our character, and restore our world!

"20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Sunday Midday Prayer Guide (Resurrection)

PSALM PRAYER (see *Psalm Index-Morning Psalm*)

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to You do we cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of Your servants, for to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.

(Read portion of Morning Psalm and pray)

† PROVERBS PRAYER (see <u>Proverbs Index</u>)

So teach us to number our days

that we may get a heart of wisdom.

(Read Proverbs and pray)

† ABIDING PRAYER (Be still, breathe, and pray)

Lamb in the midst of the throne, shepherd us toward springs of living water.

Satisfy us in Your love that we may hunger nor thirst anymore.

Sunday Evening Prayer Guide (Resurrection)

*PSALM PRAYER (see Psalm Index)

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give Him glory.

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

Christ will come again to save those who wait eagerly for Him.

As we lay in the darkness of this night, awaken us by the light of Your resurrection and guide our feet into the way of peace. (Read Psalm and pray)

† CONFESSION

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory.

(Confess personal sin)

Forgive and raise us from sin, that we may be faithful to You; obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. Amen.

† GOSPEL PROMISE John 11:25-26

†THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Psalm 92:1-2

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

and Your faithfulness by night."

† SONG OF PRAISE "In Christ Alone"
"In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

† CATECHISM (see <u>Catechism Index</u>)

PERSONAL PRAYER Ephesians 1:16-19

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O LORD, Make haste to help us!

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Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Backward over the day*)

"Risen and exalted Jesus, send down Your ascension gifts. Or better, come down Yourself and dwell among us. Set up Your church in the earth, and in the hearts and souls of Your people. Reign and rule here, Lord of life and glory... Precious Lord Jesus! Take away all remaining darkness, ignorance, unbelief, and whatever comes in the way of seeing You clearly, or enjoying You. And let the covering which is cast over all people, and the darkness over all faces, be removed for the full enjoyment of You, in grace here and in glory to all eternity, amen (Robert Hawker)

PROMISE FOR THE NIGHT Romans 8:37-39

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." We rejoice in Your victory and rest in Your steadfast love.

Monday Morning Prayer Guide (Creation)

* PSALM PRAYER (see Psalm Index)

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed

Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life!

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths will declare Your praise.

(Read Psalm and pray)

† SCRIPTURE READING (see Scripture Index)

"Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. ⁴⁷ For it is no empty word for you, but your very life." (Deut. 32:46-47)

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Your Law.

(Read Scripture: Meditate, Adore, Confess, Give Thanks, Apply)

† THE GLORIA "Gloria Patri" (*Greatorex*)

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! A—men, A—men!

† THE CREED Colossians 1:15-20

"15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. 19 For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross."

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER Colossians 3:1-2

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the righthand of God.

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Forward into the day*)

"O Lord, teach me to pray, that I may call upon Your name. Prepare my heart to seek, and open Your ears mercifully to hear me.

Almighty and eternal Lord God, You are the Creator and Continual Preserver of all things, both in heaven and earth. By Your gracious providence I was at first fearfully and wonderfully made, and even now You keep me and preserve me.

I am the workmanship of Your hands, and I desire to humble both soul and body before Your heavenly majesty.

So here in your presence, Lord, I confess my own unworthiness to come before You, to call upon You, or to perform the least duty that will concern Your worship and glory.

Because my heart is polluted and unclean, I beg You to be gracious to me for Jesus Christ Your Son's sake. For the sake of His promise, truth, and mercy, have mercy upon me.

Pardon and forgive all the sins, iniquities, and trespasses I have ever committed against You, in what I have said or what I have done. Amen. (Robert Parker)

PROMISE FOR THE DAY 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Resurrect our hope in Jesus, renew our character, and restore our world!

"11 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Monday Midday Prayer Guide (Creation)

*PSALM PRAYER (see <u>Psalm Index-Morning Psalm</u>)

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to You do we cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of Your servants, for to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.

(Read portion of Morning Psalm and pray)

† PROVERBS PRAYER (see Proverbs Index)

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

(Read Proverbs and pray)

† ABIDING PRAYER (Be still, breathe, and pray)

The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy,

Jesus, grant to us Your life and life abundant!

Monday Evening Prayer Guide (Creation)

* PSALM PRAYER (see Psalm Index)

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give Him glory.

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

Christ will come again to save those who wait eagerly for Him.

As we lay in the darkness of this night, awaken us by the light of Your resurrection and guide our feet into the way of peace. (Read Psalm and pray)

† CONFESSION

Father, You have transferred us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Though Your kingdom is glorious and good, we confess that we busy ourselves building our own kingdom.

Rather than speaking of the glory of Your kingdom and power, we boast of our own accomplishments and rely on our own strength.

Rather than seeking to advance Your kingdom in love towards others.

we feel inconvenienced by their needs and become angry when their needs disrupt our plans.

Rather than trusting and submitting to Your agenda for our life, we pursue our own agenda with our relationships, our words, our finances, and our time.

(Confess personal sin)

Forgive us for our selfish living and prideful rebellion.

Transform us by Your Spirit to become Your imitators of love through Christ, the King. Amen

GOSPEL PROMISE Colossians 1:13-14

† THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Psalm 118

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ³ Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. ⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

† SONG OF PRAISE "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

† CATECHISM (see <u>Catechism Index</u>)

† PERSONAL PRAYER Psalm 46:1 Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the righthand of God.

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Backward over the day*)

"Great Eternal Original, Author of all created beings and happiness: I adore You—You Who have made us capable of faith. You Who have bestowed this dignity and eloquence on our nature, that it may be taught to say, "Where is God our Maker?"

But I lament that degeneracy has spread over the whole human race, which has turned our glory into shame. The forgetfulness of God, unnatural as it is, has become a common and universal disease.

Holy Father, we know that only Your presence and teaching can reclaim Your wandering children. Impress a sense of divine things on the heart, and make that sense lasting and effectual.

From You proceed all good purposes and desires—and this desire, above all, of spreading wisdom, piety, and happiness in this world.

Though we are sunk in such deep apostasy, Your infinite mercy has not utterly forsaken us. Amen." (Philip Doddridge)

PROMISE FOR THE NIGHT Romans 8:37-39

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Tuesday Morning Prayer Guide (Covenant)

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O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths will declare Your praise.

(Read Psalm and pray)

† SCRIPTURE READING (see <u>Scripture Index</u>)

"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good." (1 Peter 2:2-3)

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Your Law.

(Read Scripture: Meditate, Adore, Confess, Give Thanks, Apply)

† THE GLORIA "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Nicaea)

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!

† THE CREED Deuteronomy 26:5-9

"A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. 7 Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. 9 And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

†THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER Psalm 17:6-7

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"6 I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me; hear my words.

⁷ Wondrously show Your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at Your right hand."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Forward into the day*)

"You, God, came to redeem us as a people for Yourself. You have confirmed us to Yourself, to be a people for You forever; and You, Lord, have become our God. Wonder, O heavens, and be moved, O earth, at this great thing!

Look, here is the wonder of wonders: for You, Jehovah, have betrothed Yourself forever to Your hopeless captives, and You declare the marriage before all the world. You have become one with us and we with You.

You have bequeathed to us the precious things of heaven above, and the precious things of the earth beneath, and You have kept back nothing from us.

And now, O Lord, You are that God, and Your words are true. You have promised this goodness to Your servants, and have left us nothing to ask from Your hands except what You have freely granted already.

Establish forever the word which you have spoken concerning Your servants. Do as You have said; and let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The Lord of hosts, He is the God of Israel.'Amen, hallelujah!" (Joseph Alleine)

PROMISE FOR THE DAY 2 Thessalonians 2:16

Resurrect our hope in Jesus, renew our character, and restore our world!

"16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, Who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word."

Tuesday Midday Prayer Guide

*PSALM PRAYER (see <u>Psalm Index-Morning Psalm</u>)

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Help us to behold Your face in righteousness;

Awaken us that we may be satisfied with Your likeness.

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As we lay in the darkness of this night, awaken us by the light of Your resurrection and guide our feet into the way of peace. (Read Psalm and pray)

† CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.

(Confess personal sin)

Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

† GOSPEL PROMISE Romans 5:16-17

† THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Psalm 105:1-3

"Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! 5Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!"

† SONG OF PRAISE "Rejoice the Lord is King"
Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:

Chorus:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Savior reigns, The God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains He took His seat above:

Chorus:

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n: Chorus:

He sits at God's right hand Till all His foes submit, And bow to His command And fall beneath His feet: Chorus:

† CATECHISM (see Catechism Index)

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⁷ Wondrously show Your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at Your right hand."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Backward over the day*)

"Because I love You, I want to be near You. I want to be Yours. I want to lead my life with You, to dwell in Your presence. I love You, O Lord, my strength, because Your own perfections highly deserve it—and because You have heard my voice. You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

Lord, here I am, wholly Yours. I come to surrender myself, my whole life and being, to be entirely and always at Your disposal, and for Your use. Accept a devoted, self-resigning soul.

I have here brought You back a stray, a wandering creature my own self. I heard what the Redeemer has done and suffered to reconcile us. Against Your known design, I can no longer withhold myself from Your plan for me.

And I yield myself to You, because I love You. I make an offer of myself to be Your servant—Your servant, O Lord. You have loosed my bonds, and now I desire to bind myself in new ones to You, that are never to be loosed. Amen." (John Howe)

PROMISE FOR THE NIGHT Romans 8:37-39

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths will declare Your praise.

(Read Psalm and pray)

† SCRIPTURE READING (see <u>Scripture Index</u>)

"7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; 8 they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness." (Psalm 111:7-8)

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Your Law.

(Read Scripture: Meditate, Adore, Confess, Give Thanks, Apply)

† THE GLORIA "Glorify Your Name" (*Adkins*)

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your Name in all the earth! Glorify Your Name, glorify Your Name, glorify Your Name in all the earth!

(Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

† THE CREED Philippians 2:4-11

"4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

† PERSONAL PRAYER James 5:16

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Forward into the day*)

"Grant, Almighty God, that as You have adopted us for this end, that we may show brotherly kindness one toward another, and labor for our mutual benefit—O grant that we may prove by the whole tenor of our life, that we have not been called in vain by You, but that we may so live in harmony with each other, that integrity and innocence may prevail among us. May we so strive to benefit one another that Your name may be thus glorified by us, until having at length finished our course, we reach the goal which You have set before us, that having at last gone through all the evils of this life, we may come to that blessed rest which has been prepared for us in heaven by Christ our Lord. Amen." (John Calvin)

PROMISE FOR THE DAY Jude 1:20

Resurrect our hope in Jesus, renew our character and restore our world!

"²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life."

Wednesday Midday Prayer Guide (Community)

PSALM PRAYER (see <u>Psalm Index</u>-Morning Psalm)

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to You do we cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of Your servants, for to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.

(Read portion of Morning Psalm and pray)

† PROVERBS PRAYER (see <u>Proverbs Index</u>)

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. (Read Proverbs and pray)

† ABIDING PRAYER (Be still, breathe, and pray)

We count all things a loss for Your sake, O Christ.

Help us to know Your surpassing worth, Your great gain, Your righteousness and the power of Your resurrection!

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Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give Him glory.

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

Christ will come again to save those who wait eagerly for Him.

As we lay in the darkness of this night, awaken us by the light of Your resurrection and guide our feet into the way of peace. (Read Psalm and pray)

† CONFESSION

Our faithful God of covenant love, You have saved us as Your people to be a community of love.

But we confess we so often fail to love as Your people.

You call us to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us for the glory of God.

But we have shut our hearts and our doors to those You love.

You call us to strengthen the bonds of unity.

But we break apart those bonds with gossip, jealousy, envy, slander, criticism and harsh words.

(Confess personal sin)

God of endurance and encouragement, forgive us our sins and failure to love.

Grant us grace to live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.

† GOSPEL PROMISE 1 Peter 1:3-5

† THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Psalm 100:4-5

"4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! 5 For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."

† SONG OF PRAISE "To God Be the Glory"
To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that we may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done! O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. Chorus

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Chorus

† CATECHISM (see <u>Catechism Index</u>)

PERSONAL PRAYER Psalm 55:22

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Backward over the day*)

"O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to take to heart the grave dangers we are in through our many divisions. Deliver Your Church from all enmity and prejudice, and everything that hinders us from godly union. As there is one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so make us all to be of one heart and of one mind, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love, that with one voice we may give You praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God in everlasting glory. Amen." (#4 BCP 2019)

PROMISE FOR THE NIGHT Romans 8:37-39

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths will declare Your praise.

(Read Psalm and pray)

*SCRIPTURE READING (see Scripture Index)

"29 Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29)

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Your Law.

(Read Scripture: Meditate, Adore, Confess, Give Thanks, Apply)

† THE GLORIA "Come Thou Almighty King" (*Trinity*)

To the great One in Three eternal praises be Hence evermore.

His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

† THE CREED The Nicene Creed

We 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 and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER Deuteronomy 4:29

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find Him.

if you search after Him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Forward into the day*)

"Is it not so much better that the people of Jesus are what they are, that they may be better suited for Your glory, and that their wants may give an opportunity for grace?

Almighty Sovereign! If I were always poor, needy, or feeling my nothingness, it would motivate me to come to You. Every day's necessities would offer a fresh chance to crown You Lord of all in a day of grace, until I come to crown You, with the whole church, the everlasting Lord of all in heaven, to the glory of God the Father.

Almighty Father! Let my poor soul ever praise You, love You, obey You, and adore You. I praise You that You have fulfilled this covenant promise to Your dear Son. And You have indeed subdued the natural stubbornness of my nature, and made me willing to be saved, Your way." (Robert Hawker)

PROMISE FOR THE DAY 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Resurrect our hope in Jesus, renew our character, and restore our world!

"25 Now to Him Who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen."

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(Read portion of Morning Psalm and pray)

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So teach us to number our days

that we may get a heart of wisdom.

(Read Proverbs and pray)

ABIDING PRAYER (Be still, breathe, and pray)

Direct our eyes to You, Lord Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith.

Help us run with endurance and finish the race before us.

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As we lay in the darkness of this night, awaken us by the light of Your resurrection and guide our feet into the way of peace. (Read Psalm and pray)

† CONFESSION

Righteous God, Your eyes are too pure to look on evil and Your holiness too great to look at wrong.

We confess our hearts are too impure to see good and our sin too great to discern holiness. We have corrupted hearts and minds which have corrupted our actions. We wear filthy garments outside because we have filthy hearts inside. Though we try to wash ourselves, the stain of our guilt is still before us. We acknowledge our guilt before You, that we have rebelled against the LORD our God. Lord, have mercy.

(Confess personal sins)

Forgive our many sins and take away our guilt through Christ. Remove our filthy garments of sin and clothe us with Christ's righteousness on the inside and outside.

GOSPEL PROMISE 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

† THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Psalm 86:8-13

⁴⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me. ⁸ There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. ⁹ All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. ¹⁰ For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God."

†SONG OF PRAISE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been Granted in what He ordained?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew What the Almighty will do, If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief Hath not He brought thee relief, Spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

† CATECHISM (see <u>Catechism Index</u>)

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"Set apart to me this night's rest, Lord, that I may enjoy Your sweet blessing and benefit.

With this refreshing sleep, enable me to walk before You, doing the good works You have appointed. And while I sleep, You who are the keeper of Israel, You who neither slumber nor sleep, watch over me in Your holy providence.

Protect me from all dangers, so that neither the evil angels of Satan nor any wicked enemy may have any power to do me harm. Let Your holy angels pitch their tents around me, for my defense and safety.

Knowing that Your name is a strong tower of defense to all who trust You, I commit myself and all that belong to me to Your holy protection and custody.

Perfect in me every day that good work which You have begun, to the glory of Your name and the salvation of my sinful soul. Amen. (Lewis Bayly)

PROMISE FOR THE NIGHT Romans 8:37-39

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O Lord, open our lips,

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(Read Psalm and pray)

† SCRIPTURE READING (see <u>Scripture Index</u>)

"The sum of your Word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever." (Psalm 119:160)

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Your Law.

(Read Scripture: Meditate, Adore, Confess, Give Thanks, Apply)

† THE GLORIA "Alleluia! Alleluia" (Ebenezer)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.

Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

† THE CREED 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep."

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER 1 John 5:14-15

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"14And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him."

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Pray Forward into the day*)

"May we derive relief from His sufferings without ceasing to abhor sin, or to long after holiness; feel the double efficacy of His blood, tranquilizing and cleansing our consciences; delight in His service as well as in His sacrifice; be constrained by His love to live not to ourselves but to Him; cherish a grateful and cheerful disposition, not murmuring and repining if our wishes are not indulged, or because some trials are blended with our enjoyments, But sensible of our desert, and impressed with the number and greatness of Thy benefits, may we bless and praise Thee at all times." (Valley of Vision)

PROMISE FOR THE DAY Isaiah 41:10

Resurrect our hope in Jesus, renew our character, and restore our world!

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Friday Midday Prayer Guide (The Son's Atonement)

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† ABIDING PRAYER (Be still, breathe, and pray)

By You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

So equip me with strength and lead me in love.

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Christ will come again to save those who wait eagerly for Him.

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† CONFESSION

Lord of hosts, You have called us to render true judgments, to show kindness and mercy to one another, and to not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner or poor, and to not devise evil against another in our heart.

But we have thrown off justice and righteousness, we have acted harsh and hurtful, and have schemed wickedness. Forgive us for refusing to pay attention, for turning a stubborn shoulder, and for stopping our ears that we might not hear. We have made our hearts as hard as diamonds. Lord, have mercy on us.

(Confess personal sin)

Forgive us our sin through Christ's blood and renew our hearts by the Spirit's presence.

Cause us to walk in Your statutes and to be careful to obey Your rules.

† GOSPEL PROMISE Romans 6:5-7

† THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Psalm 108:3-5

"3 I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. 4 For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!"

†SONG OF PRAISE "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To our fathers in distress; Praise Him still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless; Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes; Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Widely as His mercy goes.

† CATECHISM (see <u>Catechism Index</u>)

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"O Lord our Saviour, God and man! Who, having assumed our nature, by Thy sufferings, and death, and burial, wast made a ransom to take away the sins of the world; Who being raised from the dead, ascended and glorified, art made head over all things to the Church, which Thou gatherest, justifiest, sanctifiest, rulest, and preservest, and which at Thy coming thou wilt raise and judge to endless glory. We beseech Thee to hear us, miserable sinners, make sure to us our calling and election, our unfeigned faith and repentance; that being justified, and made the sons of God, we may have peace with Him, as our reconciled God and Father." (Richard Baxter)

PROMISE FOR THE NIGHT Romans 8:37-39

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O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths will declare Your praise.

(Read Psalm and pray)

† SCRIPTURE READING (see Scripture Index)

¹⁴ In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.

¹⁶I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget Your Word. (Psalm 119:14-16)

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of Your Law.

(Read Scripture: Meditate, Adore, Confess, Give Thanks, Apply)

† THE GLORIA "Praise and Glory to the Father" (Regent Square)
Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

† THE CREED Titus 3:3-7

"3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

†THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

†PERSONAL PRAYER Psalm 86:6-7

Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

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"6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me."
Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
(Pray Forward into the day)

"Oh blessed Spirit, to Whom I owe such unspeakable mercies, let me, Lord, contemplate You today as the gracious, kind, compassionate Comforter.

For You are the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. And with mercy You sympathize with all the followers of Jesus in our afflictions, both of soul and body.

How tenderly You show us our sins, and lead us to the blood of Jesus to wash them away.

How sweetly You visit, encourage, strengthen, instruct, lead, and guide us into all truth.

And how powerfully at times, by Your restraining grace, You enable us to put to death the deeds of the body, that we may live. Holy, blessed, almighty Comforter! Continue Your visits to us. Come, Lord, and abide with me, and be with me forever. Prove that You are the Sent of the Father, and of the Son, by coming to me in the name of Jesus, by teaching me all the precious things concerning Jesus, and by acting as the one who reminds us of Jesus.

In You and by Your blessed work, I may know and live in the sweet enjoyment of fellowship with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ, through the influence of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Amen. (Robert Hawker)

PROMISE FOR THE DAY Philippians 1:6

Resurrect our hope in Jesus, renew our character, and restore our world!

"And I am sure of this, that He Who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Saturday Midday Prayer Guide (The Spirit's Renewal)

PSALM PRAYER (see <u>Psalm Index-Morning Psalm</u>)

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to You do we cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of Your servants, for to You, O Lord, do we lift up our souls.

(Read portion of Morning Psalm and pray)

† PROVERBS PRAYER (see Proverbs Index)

So teach us to number our days

that we may get a heart of wisdom.

(Read Proverbs and pray)

† ABIDING PRAYER (Be still, breathe, and pray)

We present our bodies to You, our Resurrected Savior.

Make us an instrument of righteousness as those brought from death to life.

<u>Saturday Evening Prayer Guide (The Spirit's Renewal)</u> † PSALM PRAYER (see <u>Psalm Index</u>)

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give Him glory.

Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

Christ will come again to save those who wait eagerly for Him.

As we lay in the darkness of this night, awaken us by the light of Your resurrection and guide our feet into the way of peace. (Read Psalm and pray)

† CONFESSION

We rejoice greatly and shout aloud that You, Jesus, have come in humility to save us from our sin.

We groan greatly and lament deeply our sin that crucified our Savior.

You save us as Your flock, and You lead us as our Shepherd.

But we reject Your grace too often and go astray to our own way. How great is Your goodness and how great is Your beauty.

How great is our wretchedness and how ugly is our sin. Lord, have mercy on us.

(Confess personal sin)

Forgive us and cleanse us of our sin through Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us, have compassion on us, and restore us in Your righteousness.

GOSPEL PROMISE 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

† THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Psalm 28:6-9

"6 Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. ⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. ⁸ The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed. ⁹ Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever."

† SONG OF PRAISE "Jesus I am Resting, Resting" Vss. 1-3
Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
As Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art; I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.

O how great Thy lovingkindness, Vaster, broader than the sea! O how marvelous Thy goodness Lavished all on me! Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, Know what wealth of grace is Thine, Know Thy certainty of promise And have made it mine. Chorus

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art, And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, Satisfies my heart; Satisfies its deepest longings, Meets, supplies its every need, Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed. *Chorus*

†CATECHISM (see <u>Catechism Index</u>)

† P,ERSONAL PRAYER Psalm 86:6-7 Make haste, O God, to deliver us! O LORD, Make haste to help us!

"6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.
 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me."
 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
 that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
 (Pray Backward over the day)

"Lord, may I be more and more under the rich influences and glorious outpourings of the Spirit, that I may be an able minister of the new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit.

I pray that you may always find an everlasting spring and an overflowing fountain within me, which may always make me faithful, constant, and abundant in your work.

May I live daily under those inward teachings of the Spirit that enable me to speak from the heart to the heart, from the conscience to the conscience, and from experience to experience. Let me be a burning and a shining light.

I pray that everlasting arms may be always under me, that while I live, I may be useful for your glory and your people's good, and that no discouragements may keep me from my work.

And when my work is done, help me to give up my account with joy, not with grief. Amen." (Thomas Brooks) over this life's sea of perils, I have invoked to my assistance, may I be guided without shipwreck to the harbour of eternal peace." (Thomas Brooks)

PROMISE FOR THE NIGHT Revelation 7:10 & 11:15

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We rejoice in Your victory and rest in Your steadfast love.

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Instructions: The Westminster Confession of Faith is divided by multiple topics (e.g. Of the Holy Scripture) indicated by the chapter number. The theology is then explained in confession statements broken down into different roman numeral points. For each Roman numeral confession statement, you will find various Bible texts which support the statement. Read the roman numeral confession statement and then explore the support verses for the specific date indicated.

4/17-4/23 Chapter 13

Of Sanctification.

- I. They who are once effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection,(a) by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them:(b) the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed,(c) and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified;(d) and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces,(e) to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.(f)
- (a) I Cor. 6:11; Acts 20:32; Phil. 3:10; Rom. 6:5, 6.
- (b) John 17:17; Eph. 5:26; II Thess. 2:13.
- (c) Rom. 6:6, 14.
- (d) Gal. 5:24; Rom. 8:13.
- (e) Col. 1:11; Eph. 3:16, 17, 18, 19.
- (f) II Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:14.
- **II.** This sanctification is throughout, in the whole man;(g) yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part:(h) whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war; the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.(i)
- (g) I Thess. 5:23.
- (h) I John 1:10; Rom. 7:18, 23; Phil. 3:12.
- (i) Gal. 5:17; I Pet. 2:11.
- **III.** In which war, although the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail;(k) yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome;(l) and so, the saints grow in grace,(m) perfecting holiness in the fear of God.(n)
- (k) Rom. 7:23.
- (l) Rom. 6:14; I John 5:4; Eph. 4:15, 16.
- (m) II Pet. 3:18; II Cor. 3:18.
- (n) II Cor. 7:1.

- VI. Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God, and contrary thereunto,(n) doth, in its own nature, bring guilt upon the sinner;(o) whereby he is bound over to the wrath of God,(p) and curse of the law,(q) and so made subject to death,(r) with all miseries spiritual,(s) temporal,(t) and eternal.(u)
- (n) I John 3:4.
- (o) Rom. 2:15; Rom. 3:9, 19.
- (p) Ephes. 2:3.
- (q) Gal. 3:10.
- (r) Rom. 6:23.
- (s) Ephes. 4:18.
- (t) Rom. 8:20; Lam. 3:39.
- (u) Matt. 25:41, II Thess. 1:9.

4/24-4/30 Chapter 14

Of Saving Faith.

- I. The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls,(a) is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts;(b) and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word:(c) by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened. (d)
- (u) (-) TT-1
- (a) <u>Heb. 10:39</u>.
- (b) II Cor. 4:13; Eph. 1:17, 18, 19; Eph. 2:8.
- (c) Rom. 10:14, 17.
- (d) <u>I Pet. 2:2; Acts 20:32; Rom. 4:11; Luke 17:5; Rom. 1:16, 17.</u>
- II. By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein;(e) and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands,(f) trembling at the threatenings,(g) and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come.(h) But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.(i)
- (e) John 4:42; I Thess. 2:13; I John 5:10; Acts 24:14.
- (f) Rom. 16:26.
- (g) <u>Isa. 66:2</u>.
- (h) Heb. 11:13; I Tim. 4:8.
- (i) John 1:12; Acts 16:31; Gal. 2:20; Acts 15:11.

- III. This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong;(k) may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory;(l) growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ,(m) Who is both the author and finisher of our faith.(n)
- (k) Heb. 5:13, 14; Rom. 4:19, 20; Matt. 6:30; Matt. 8:10.
- (l) <u>Luke 22:31, 32; Eph. 6:16; I John 5:4, 5</u>.
- (m) Heb. 6:11, 12; Heb. 10:22; Col. 2:2.
- (n) Heb. 12:2.

5/01-5/07 Chapter 15

Of Repentance unto Life.

- **I.** Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace,(a) the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the Gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ. (b)
- (a) Zech. 12:10; Acts 11:18.
- (b) <u>Luke 24:47</u>; <u>Mark 1:15</u>; <u>Acts 20:21</u>.
- **II.** By it, a sinner, out of the sight and sense not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, as contrary to the holy nature and righteous law of God; and upon the apprehension of His mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, so grieves for, and hates his sins, as to turn from them all unto God,(c) purposing and endeavoring to walk with Him in all the ways of His commandments.(d)
- (c) Ezek. 18:30, 31; Ezek. 36:31; Isa. 30:22; Ps. 51:4; Jer. 31:18, 19; Joel 2:12, 13; Amos 5:15; Ps. 119:128; II Cor. 7:11.
- (d) Ps. 119:6, 59, 106; Luke 1:6; II Kings 23:25.
- III. Although repentance be not to be rested in, as any satisfaction for sin, or any cause of the pardon thereof,(e) which is the act of God's free grace in Christ;(f) yet is it of such necessity to all sinners, that none may expect pardon without it.(g)
- (e) Ezek. 36:31, 32; Ezek. 16:61, 62, 63.
- (f) <u>Hosea 14:2</u>, <u>4</u>; <u>Rom. 3:24</u>; <u>Eph. 1:7</u>.
- (g) Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30, 31.
- **IV.** As there is no sin so small, but it deserves damnation,(h) so there is no sin so great, that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent.(i)
- (h) Rom. 6:23; Rom. 5:12; Matt. 12:36.
- (i) Isa. 55:7; Rom. 8:1; Isa. 1:16, 18.
- V. Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man's duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins, particularly.(k) (k) Ps. 19:13; Luke 19:8; I Tim. 1:13, 15.

- VI. As every man is bound to make private confession of his sins to God, praying for the pardon thereof;(l) upon which, and the forsaking of them, he shall find mercy:(m) so, he that scandalizeth his brother, or the Church of Christ, ought to be willing, by a private or public confession, and sorrow for his sin, to declare his repentance to those that are offended,(n) who are thereupon to be reconciled to him, and in love to receive him.(o)
- (1) <u>Ps. 51:4, 5, 7, 9, 14; Ps. 32:5, 6</u>.
- (m) Prov. 28:13; I John 1:9.
- (n) James 5:16; Luke 17:3, 4; Joshua 7:19; Ps. 51 throughout.
- (o) II Cor. 2:8.

5/08-5/14 Chapter 16

Of Good Works.

- **I.** Good works are only such as God hath commanded in His holy Word,(a) and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men, out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention.(b)
- (a) Micah 6:8; Rom. 12:2; Heb. 13:21.
- (b) <u>Matt. 15:9</u>; <u>Isa. 29:13</u>; <u>I Pet. 1:18</u>; <u>Rom. 10:2</u>; <u>John 16:2</u>; <u>I Sam. 15:21</u>, <u>22</u>, <u>23</u>.
- **II.** These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith:(c) and by them believers manifest their thankfulness,(d) strengthen their assurance,(e) edify their brethren,(f) adorn the profession of the Gospel,(g) stop the mouths of the adversaries,(h) and glorify God,(i) Whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto;(k) that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.(l)
- (c) James 2:18, 22.
- (d) Ps. 116:12, 13; I Pet. 2:9.
- (e) <u>I John 2:3</u>, <u>5</u>; II Pet. 1:5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
- (f) II Cor. 9:2; Matt. 5:16.
- (g) <u>Tit. 2:5, 9, 10, 11, 12; I Tim. 6:1</u>.
- (h) I Pet. 2:15.
- (i) I Pet. 2:12; Phil. 1:11; John 15:8.
- (k) Eph. 2:10.
- (1) Rom. 6:22.
- III. Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ.(m) And that they may be enabled thereunto, besides the graces they have already received, there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will and to do of His good pleasure:(n) yet are they not hereupon to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty, unless upon a special motion of the Spirit; but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.(o)

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- (m) John 15:4, 5; Ezek. 36:26, 27.
- (n) Phil. 2:13; Phil. 4:13; II Cor. 3:5.
- (o) <u>Phil. 2:12</u>; <u>Heb. 6:11</u>, <u>12</u>; II Pet. 1:3, 5, 10, 11; <u>Isa. 64:7</u>; II Tim. 1:6; <u>Acts 26:6</u>, <u>7</u>; Jude ver. 20, 21.
- **IV.** They, who in their obedience attain to the greatest height which is possible in this life, are so far from being able to supererogate, and to do more than God requires, as that they fall short of much which in duty they are bound to do.(p)
- (p) <u>Luke 17:10</u>; <u>Neh. 13:22</u>; <u>Job 9:2</u>, <u>3</u>; <u>Gal. 5:17</u>.
- V. We cannot, by our best works, merit pardon of sin, or eternal life at the hand of God, by reason of the great disproportion that is between them and the glory to come; and the infinite distance that is between us and God, Whom, by them, we can neither profit, nor satisfy for the debt of our former sins,(q) but when we have done all we can, we have done but our duty, and are unprofitable servants;(r) and because, as they are good, they proceed from His Spirit;(s) and as they are wrought by us, they are defiled, and mixed with so much weakness and imperfection, that they cannot endure the severity of God's judgment.(t)
- (q) Rom. 3:20; Rom. 4:2, 4, 6; Eph. 2:8, 9; Tit. 3:5, 6, 7; Rom. 8:18; Ps. 16:2; Job 22:2, 3; Job 35:7, 8.
- (r) Luke 17:10.
- (s) Gal. 5:22, 23.
- (t) Isa. 64:6; Gal. 5:17; Rom. 7:15, 18; Ps. 143:2; Ps. 130:3.
- VI. Yet notwithstanding, the persons of believers being accepted through Christ, their good works also are accepted in Him,(u) not as though they were in this life wholly unblamable and unreproveable in God's sight;(w) but that He, looking upon them in His Son, is pleased to accept and reward that which is sincere, although accompanied with many weaknesses and imperfections. (x)
- (u) Eph. 1:6; I Pet. 2:5; Exod. 28:38; Gen. 4:4 with Heb. 11:4.
- (w) Job. 9:20; Ps. 143:2.
- (x) Heb. 13:20, 21; II Cor. 8:12; Heb. 6:10; Matt. 25:21, 23.
- VII. Works done by unregenerate men, although, for the matter of them, they may be things which God commands, and of good use both to themselves and others:(y) yet, because they proceed not from a heart purified by faith;(z) nor are done in a right manner according to the Word;(a) nor to a right end, the glory of God;(b) they are therefore sinful, and cannot please God, or make a man meet to receive grace from God.(c) And yet, their neglect of them is more sinful, and displeasing unto God.(d)
- (y) II Kings 10:30, 31; I Kings 21:27, 29; Phil. 1:15, 16, 18.
- (z) Gen. 4:5 with Heb. 11:4; Heb. 11:6.
- (a) I Cor. 13:3; Isa. 1:12.

- (b) Matt. 6:2, 5, 16.
- (c) Hag. 2:14; Tit. 1:15; Amos 5:22, 23; Hosea 1:4; Rom. 9:16; Titus 3:5.
- (d) Ps. 14:4; Ps. 36:3; Job 21:14, 15; Matt. 25:41, 42, 43, 45; Matt. 23:23.

05/15-5/21 Chapter 17

Of the Perseverance of the Saints.

- **I.** They, whom God hath accepted in His Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither totally, nor finally, fall away from the state of grace: but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.(a)
- (a) Phil. 1:6; II Pet. 1:10; John 10:28, 29; I John 3:9; I Pet. 1:5, 9.
- II. This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father;(b) upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ;(c) the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them;(d) and the nature of the covenant of grace:(e) from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.(f)
- (b) II Tim. 2:18, 19; Jer. 31:3.
- (c) <u>Heb. 10:10</u>, <u>14</u>; <u>Heb. 13:20</u>, <u>21</u>; <u>Heb. 9:12</u>, <u>13</u>, <u>14</u>, <u>15</u>; <u>Rom. 8:33</u> to the end; John 17:11, 24; Luke 22:32; Heb. 7:25.
- (d) John 14:16, 17; I John 2:27; I John 3:9.
- (e) Jer. 32:40.
- (f) John 10:28; II Thess. 3:3; I John 2:19.
- III. Nevertheless, they may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins;(g) and, for a time, continue therein:(h) whereby they incur God's displeasure,(i) and grieve His Holy Spirit,(k) come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts,(l) have their hearts hardened,(m) and their consciences wounded, (n) hurt and scandalize others,(o) and bring temporal judgments upon
- (g) Matt. 26:70, 72, 74.
- (h) Ps. 51 title and ver. 14.
- (i) <u>Isa. 64:5, 7, 9</u>; II Sam. 11:27.
- (k) Eph. 4:30.

themselves.(p)

- (l) Ps. 51:8, 10, 12; Rev. 2:4; Cant. 5:2, 3, 4, 6.
- (m) <u>Isa. 63:17</u>; <u>Mark 6:52</u>; <u>Mark 16:14</u>.
- (n) <u>Ps. 32:3</u>, <u>4</u>; <u>Ps. 51:8</u>.
- (o) II Sam. 12:14.
- (p) Ps. 89:31, 32; I Cor. 11:32.

5/22-5/28 Chapter 18

Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation.

- **I.** Although hypocrites and other unregenerate men may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes, and carnal presumptions of being in the favour of God, and estate of salvation;(a) which hope of theirs shall perish:(b) yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love Him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before Him, may, in this life, be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace,(c) and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, which hope shall never make them ashamed.(d)
- (a) Job 8:13, 14; Mic. 3:11; Deut. 29:19; John 8:41.
- (b) Matt. 7:22, 23.
- (c) I John 2:3; I John 3:14, 18, 19, 21, 24; I John 5:13.
- (d) Rom. 5:2, 5.
- II. This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion, grounded upon a fallible hope;(e) but an infallible assurance of faith, founded upon the divine truth of the promises of salvation,(f) the inward evidence of those graces unto which these promises are made,(g) the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God:(h) which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption.(i)
- (e) Heb. 6:11, 19.
- (f) Heb. 6:17, 18.
- (g) II Pet. 1:4, 5, 10, 11; <u>I John 2:3</u>; <u>I John 3:14</u>; II Cor. 1:12.
- (h) Rom. 8:15, 16.
- (i) Eph. 1:13, 14; Eph. 4:30; II Cor. 1:21, 22.
- III. This infallible assurance doth not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and conflict with many difficulties before he be partaker of it:(k) yet, being enabled by the Spirit to know the things which are freely given him of God, he may without extraordinary revelation, in the right use of ordinary means, attain thereunto.(l) And therefore it is the duty of everyone to give all diligence to make his calling and election sure; (m) that thereby his heart may be enlarged in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience, the proper fruits of this assurance:(n) so far is it from inclining men to looseness.(o)
- (k) I John 5:13; Isa. 50:10; Mark 9:24; Ps. 88 throughout; Ps. 77 to ver. 12.
- (l) I Cor. 2:12; I John 4:13; Heb. 6:11, 12; Eph. 3:17, 18, 19.
- (m) II Pet. 1:10.
- (n) <u>Rom. 5:1, 2, 5; Rom. 14:17; Rom. 15:13; Eph. 1:3, 4; Ps. 4:6, 7;</u> Ps. 119:32.
- (o) <u>I John 2:1, 2; Rom. 6:1, 2; Tit. 2:11</u>, <u>12</u>, <u>14</u>; II Cor. 7:1; <u>Rom. 8:1</u>, <u>12</u>; <u>I John 3:2</u>, <u>3</u>; <u>Ps. 130:4</u>; <u>I John 1:6</u>, <u>7</u>.

IV. True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by negligence in preserving of it, by falling into some special sin, which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation, by God's withdrawing the light of His countenance, and suffering even such as fear Him to walk in darkness and to have no light:(p) yet are they never so utterly destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart, and conscience of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due time, be revived;(q) and by the which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair.(r)

(p) <u>Cant. 5:2, 3, 6</u>; <u>Ps. 51:8, 12, 14</u>; <u>Eph. 4:30, 31</u>; <u>Ps. 77:1</u> to 10; <u>Matt.</u> 26:69, 70, 71, 72; <u>Ps. 31:22</u>; <u>Ps. 88</u> throughout; <u>Isa. 50:10</u>.

- (q) I John 3:9; Luke 22:32; Job 13:15; Ps. 73:15; Ps. 51:8, 12; Isa. 50:10.
- (r) Mic. 7:7, 8, 9; Jer. 32:40; Isa. 54:7, 8, 9, 10; Ps. 22:1; Ps. 88 throughout.

5/29-6/04 Chapter 19

Of the Law of God.

- I. God gave to Adam a law, as a covenant of works, by which He bound him and all his posterity to personal, entire, exact, and perpetual obedience; promised life upon the fulfilling, and threatened death upon the breach of it: and endued him with power and ability to keep it.(a)
- (a) <u>Gen. 1:26</u>, <u>27</u> with <u>Gen. 2:17</u>; <u>Rom. 2:14</u>, <u>15</u>; <u>Rom. 10:5</u>; <u>Rom. 5:12</u>, 19; <u>Gal. 3:10</u>, 12; <u>Eccles. 7:29</u>; <u>Job 28:28</u>.
- II. This law, after his fall, continued to be a perfect rule of righteousness, and, as such, was delivered by God upon Mount Sinai, in ten commandments, and written in two tables:(b) the four first commandments containing our duty towards God; and the other six our duty to man.(c)
- (b) <u>James 1:25</u>; <u>James 2:8</u>, <u>10</u>, <u>11</u>, <u>12</u>; <u>Rom. 13:8</u>, <u>9</u>; <u>Deut. 5:32</u>; <u>Deut. 10:4</u>; Ex. 34:1.
- (c) Matt. 22:37, 38, 39, 40.
- III. Beside this law, commonly called moral, God was pleased to give to the people of Israel, as a church under age, ceremonial laws, containing several typical ordinances, partly of worship, prefiguring Christ, His graces, actions, sufferings, and benefits;(d) and partly holding forth divers instructions of moral duties.(e) All which ceremonial laws are now abrogated, under the new testament.(f)
- (d) Heb. 9 chap.; Heb. 10:1; Gal. 4:1, 2, 3; Col. 2:17.
- (e) <u>I Cor. 5:7</u>; <u>II Cor. 6:17</u>; Jude ver. 23.
- (f) Col. 2:14, 16, 17; Dan. 9:27; Eph. 2:15, 16.

IV. To them also, as a body politic, He gave sundry judicial laws, which expired together with the State of that people; not obliging any other now, further than the general equity thereof may require.(g)

(g) Ex. 21 chap.; Ex. 22:1 to 29; Gen. 49:10 with I Pet. 2:13, 14; Matt. 5:17, with ver. 38, 39; I Cor. 9:8, 9, 10.

V. The moral law doth forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof;(h) and that, not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it:(i) neither doth Christ, in the Gospel, any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.(k)

- (h) Rom. 13:8, 9, 10; Eph. 6:2; I John 2:3, 4, 7, 8.
- (i) James 2:10, 11.
- (k) Matt. 5:17, 18, 19; James 2:8; Rom. 3:31.

VI. Although true believers be not under the law, as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified, or condemned;(1) yet is it of great use to them, as well as to others; in that, as a rule of life informing them of the will of God, and their duty, it directs, and binds them to walk accordingly;(m) discovering also the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts, and lives;(n) so as, examining themselves thereby, they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred against sin;(o) together with a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and the perfection of His obedience.(p) It is likewise of use to the regenerate, to restrain their corruptions, in that it forbids sin:(q) and the threatenings of it serve to show what even their sins deserve; and what afflictions, in this life, they may expect for them, although freed from the curse thereof threatened in the law.(r) The promises of it, in like manner, show them God's approbation of obedience, and what blessings they may expect upon the performance thereof;(s) although not as due to them by the law, as a covenant of works.(t) So as, a man's doing good, and refraining from evil, because the law encourageth to the one and deterreth from the other, is no evidence of his being under the law; and not under grace.(u)

- (l) Rom. 6:14; Gal. 2:16; Gal. 3:13; Gal. 4:4, 5; Acts 13:39; Rom. 8:1.
- (m) Rom. 7:12, 22, 25; Ps. 119:4, 5, 6; I Cor. 7:19; Gal.
- <u>5:14</u>, <u>16</u>, <u>18</u>, <u>19</u>, <u>20</u>, <u>21</u>, <u>22</u>, <u>23</u>.
- (n) Rom. 7:7; Rom. 3:20.
- (o) <u>James 1:23, 24, 25; Rom. 7:9, 14, 24</u>.
- (p) Gal. 3:24; Rom. 7:24, 25; Rom. 8:3, 4.
- (q) Jam. 2:11; <u>Ps. 119:101</u>, <u>104</u>, <u>128</u>.
- (r) Ezra 9:13, 14; Ps. 89:30, 31, 32, 33, 34.
- (s) <u>Lev. 26:1</u> to 14 with II Cor. 6:16; <u>Eph. 6:2</u>, <u>3</u>; <u>Ps. 37:11</u> with <u>Matt. 5:5</u>; <u>Ps. 19:11</u>.
- (t) Gal. 2:16; Luke 17:10.
- (u) Rom. 6:12, 14; I Pet. 3:8, 9, 10, 11, 12, with Ps.
- 34:12, 13, 14, 15, 16; Heb. 12:28, 29.

VII. Neither are the aforementioned uses of the law contrary to the grace of the Gospel, but do sweetly comply with it;(w) the Spirit of Christ subduing and enabling the will of man to do that, freely and cheerfully, which the will of God, revealed in the law, requireth to be done.(x)

(w) Gal. 3:21.

(x) Ezek. 36:27; Heb. 8:10 with Jer. 31:33.

06/05-06/11 Chapter 20

Of Christian Liberty, and Liberty of Conscience.

- I. The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the Gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, and condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law;(a) and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin;(b) from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grace, and everlasting damnation;(c) as also, in their free access to God,(d) and their yielding obedience unto Him, not out of slavish fear, but a child-like love and willing mind.(e) All which were common also to believers under the law.(f) But, under the new testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish Church was subjected;(g) and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,(h) and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.(i)
- (a) Tit. 2:14; I Thess. 1:10; Gal. 3:13.
- (b) Gal. 1:4; Col. 1:13; Acts 26:18; Rom. 6:14.
- (c) Rom. 8:28; Ps. 119:71; I Cor. 15:54, 55, 56, 57; Rom. 8:1.
- (d) Rom. 5:1, 2.
- (e) Rom. 8:14, 15; I John 4:18.
- (f) Gal. 3:9, 14.
- (g) Gal. 4:1, 2, 3, 6, 7; Gal. 5:1; Acts 15:10, 11.
- (h) Heb. 4:14, 16; Heb. 10:19, 20, 21, 22.
- (i) John 7:38, 39; II Cor. 3:13, 17, 18.
- II. God alone is Lord of the conscience, (k) and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in any thing contrary to His Word; or beside it, if matters of faith or worship.(1) So that, to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commands, out of conscience, (m) is to betray true liberty of conscience: and the requiring of an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience is to destroy liberty of conscience, and reason also.(n)
- (k) Jam. 4:12; Rom. 14:4.
- (1) Acts 4:19; Acts 5:29; I Cor. 7:23; Matt. 23:8, 9, 10; II Cor. 1:24; Matt. 15:9.
- (m) Col. 2:20, 22, 23; Gal. 1:10; Gal. 2:4, 5; Gal. 5:1.
- (n) Rom. 10:17; Rom. 14:23; Isa. 8:20; Acts 17:11; John 4:22; Hos.
- 5:11; Rev. 13:12, 16, 17; Jer. 8:9.

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- III. They who, upon pretense of Christian liberty, do practice any sin, or cherish any lust, do thereby destroy the end of Christian liberty, which is, that being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, we might serve the Lord, without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life.(0)
- (o) Gal. 5:13; I Pet. 2:16; II Pet. 2:19; John 8:34; Luke 1:74, 75.

IV. And because the powers which God hath ordained, and the liberty which Christ hath purchased, are not intended by God to destroy, but mutually to uphold and preserve one another; they who, upon pretense of Christian liberty, shall oppose any lawful power, or the lawful exercise of it, whether it be civil or ecclesiastical, resist the ordinance of God.(p) And, for their publishing of such opinions, or maintaining of such practices, as are contrary to the light of nature, or to the known principles of Christianity, whether concerning faith, worship, or conversation; or, to the power of godliness; or, such erroneous opinions or practices, as either in their own nature, or in the manner of publishing or maintaining them, are destructive to the external peace and order which Christ hath established in the Church, they may lawfully be called to account, and proceeded against by the censures of the Church,(q) and by the power of the civil magistrate.(r)

- (p) Matt. 12:25; I Pet. 2:13, 14, 16; Rom. 13:1 to 8; Heb. 13:17.
- (q) Rom. 1:32 with I Cor. 5:1, 5, 11, 13; II John ver. 10, 11, and II Thess.
- 3:14, and <u>I Tim. 6:3</u>, <u>4</u>, <u>5</u>, and <u>Tit. 1:10</u>, <u>11</u>, <u>13</u>, and <u>Tit. 3:10</u> with <u>Matt. 18:15</u>, <u>16</u>, <u>17</u>; <u>I Tim. 1:19</u>, <u>20</u>; <u>Rev. 2:2</u>, <u>14</u>, <u>15</u>, <u>20</u>; <u>Rev. 3:9</u>.
- (r) <u>Deut. 13:6</u> to 12; <u>Rom. 13:3</u>, <u>4</u> with II John ver. 10, 11; <u>Ezra</u>
- 7:23, 25, 26, 27, 28; Rev. 17:12, 16, 17; Neh.
- 13:15, 17, 21, 22, 25, 30; II Kings 23:5, 6, 9, 20, 21; II Chron.
- 34:33; II Chron. 15:12, 13, 16; <u>Dan. 3:29</u>; <u>I Tim. 2:2</u>; <u>Isa. 49:23</u>;
- Zech. 13:2, 3.