

A
FORM
of
INTERCESSION
with
ALMIGHTY GOD

on behalf of

HIS MAJESTY'S NAVAL AND MILITARY
FORCES NOW ENGAGED
IN WAR

to be used in

GRACE CHURCH, BRANTFORD

at

MORNING and EVENING PRAYER

on

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 1914

and

ON SUCH OTHER OCCASIONS

as may be appointed

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A Form of Intercession

All kneeling, the Minister shall say

GOD is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

O MIGHTY and merciful God, our Redeemer and our Judge: We come before thee confessing our many sins, and all our forgetfulness of thee in the time of our wealth. Pardon, we beseech thee, all these our offences, and cleanse us from our sins. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Then, all standing, shall be said one or more of the Psalms following :

God reigneth. Psalms 20, 146.

God our refuge. Psalms 25, 27, 46, 90.

God comforteth. Psalms 23, 34.

God helpeth. Psalms 42, 71, 91.

PSALM XX. God reigneth.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble ; the Name
of the God of Jacob defend thee ;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary : and strengthen
thee out of Sion ;

3 Remember all thy offerings : and accept thy burnt
sacrifice ;

4 Grant thee thy heart's desire : and fulfil all thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the
Name of the Lord our God : the Lord perform all thy
petitions.

6 Now know I, that the Lord helpeth his Anointed,
and will hear him from his holy heaven : even with the
wholesome strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in
horses : but we will remember the Name of the Lord
our God.

8 They are brought down, and fallen; but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven: when we call upon thee.

PSALM XXV. God our refuge.

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord : be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

11 What man is he, that feareth the Lord : him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

12 His soul shall dwell at ease : and his seed shall inherit the land.

13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him : and he will shew them his covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord : for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate, and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged : O bring thou me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery : and forgive me all my sin.

18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are : and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

19 O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me : for my hope hath been in thee.

21 Deliver Israel, O God : out of all his troubles.

PSALM XXIII. God comforteth.

THE Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PSALM XCI. God helpeth.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold: my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, Lord, art my hope; thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee; neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him: and shew him my salvation.

Then shall be read one of the Lessons following:

1 Kings viii. 54-62.
Isaiah lxiii. 7-16.

St. Matthew v. 1-12.
St. Luke xi. 1-13.
1 Timothy ii. 1-8.
1 Peter v. 6-11.

Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the prayers of the people be asked as followeth, and after each bidding silence shall be kept for a space.

Let us pray for the King and all in authority.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

O LORD God Almighty, guide, we pray thee, our Sovereign and all those to whom thou hast committed the government of our nation and empire; and grant to them at this time special gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength; that upholding what is right, and following what is true, they may obey thy holy will, and fulfil thy divine purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the sailors and soldiers of our King.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, the Father and Protector of all that trust in thee: We commend to thy fatherly goodness the men who through perils of war are serving this nation; beseeching thee to take into thine own hand both them and the cause wherein their

King and country send them. Be thou their strength when they are set in the midst of so many and great dangers. Make all bold through death or life to put their trust in thee, who art the only giver of victory, and canst save by many or by few; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the sick and wounded, whether our own or of the enemy, and for all who minister to them.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

ALMIGHTY God, who dost look down in fatherly love upon all who suffer: We beseech thee to hear our humble prayers for the wounded and the sick: give to each one of them thy help, in spirit and in body, according to his need; sanctify him, cheer him, and, if it be thy will, restore him; and in thy redeeming love have mercy on the fallen. All this we ask through the mediation of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OMERCIFUL God, whose blessed Son went about doing good: Uphold with thy strength and grace those who do service to the wounded and the sick: grant to the ministers of thy gospel faithfulness and love, to the physicians and surgeons wisdom and skill, to the nurses sympathy and patience; and we beseech thee to protect and bless them in all dangers, anxieties, and labours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who are in anxiety and in sorrow.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

ALMIGHTY God, who art afflicted in the afflictions of thy people: Regard with thy tender compassion the anxious and the bereaved; bear their sorrows and their cares; give them comfort and peace in thee; supply all their manifold needs; and help both them and us to learn the lessons of thy fatherly discipline; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who are in poverty and in need.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

O HEAVENLY Father, who by thy blessed Son hast taught us to ask of thee our daily bread: Have compassion on them who through this war are brought to poverty or hunger; relieve their distress; make plain the way of help; and grant thy grace unto us all, that we may bear each other's burdens according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray that peace may be restored.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

O ALMIGHTY God, the refuge of all them that put their trust in thee: We turn to thee in this time of trouble; direct the course of this world, we humbly beseech thee, in accordance with thy holy will; take

away whatsoever hinders the nations from unity and concord; prosper all counsels which make for the restoration of a rightful and abiding peace. And this we ask for thy mercy's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray that the present distress may be overruled for the advancement of God's kingdom.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

O ALMIGHTY God, who canst bring good out of evil, and makest even the wrath of man to turn to thy praise: We beseech thee so to order and dispose the issue of this war, that we may be brought through strife to a lasting peace; and that the nations of the world may be united in a firmer fellowship for the promotion of thy glory and the good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

NOTE. That any of the Collects herein contained may be used, at the discretion of the Minister, among the Special Prayers at Morning or Evening Prayer, or at other times