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A Forme of  
COMMON-P R A Y E R,

To be used upon the Solemne Fast,  
appointed by His *Majesties* Proclamation upon  
the Fifth of *February*, being *Wednesday*.

For a blessing on the *Treaty* now begun, that the end of it may  
be a happy *Peace* to the *King* and to all his *People*.

Set forth by His *Majesties* speciall Command, to be used in  
all Churches and Chappels.



O X F O R D,

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## The Order for Morning Prayer.

*First the Minister shall say,*

**C**ORRECT us (O Lord) and yet in thy judgement, not in thy fury, lest we should be consumed, and brought to nothing.

*Then shall follow the Exhortation.*

**D**Early beloved Brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places, to acknowledge and confesse our manifold finnes and wickednesse, and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the Face of Almighty God our heavenly Father, but confesse them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtaine forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodnesse and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our finnes before God: yet ought we most chiefly so to doe, when at such a time and occasion as this is, we assemble and meet together, to cast our selves downe at the throne of his heavenly Grace, and to poure out our humble supplications, for the averting of his heavie Judgements now upon us, the ceasing of this present bloody and unnaturall War, and restoring a happy Peace in this Kingdome. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as be here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voyce, unto the Throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me.

The Confession to be said of the whole Congregation, kneeling.

**A**lmighty and most mercifull Father, we have erred and strayed from thy wayes like lost Sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our owne hearts, we have offended against thy holy lawes, 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; And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders, Spare thou them, O God, which confesse their faultis, Restore thou them that be penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most mercifull Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a Godly, Righteous, and a Sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name, Amen.

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*The Absolution to be pronounced by the Priest alone.*

**A**lrightie God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turne from his wickednesse and live, and hath given power and commandement to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their finnes: he pardoneth and absolveth all them which truly repent, and unfeignedly beleve his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we doe at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternall joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest shall begin, and say,*

**O**ur Father which art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our dayly bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evill: for thine is the Kingdome, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Priest.*

○ Lord open thou our lips.

*Answer.*

And our mouth shall shew forth thy prayse.

*Priest.*

○ God make speed to save us.

*Answer.*

○ Lord make hast to help us.

*Priest.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Prayse ye the Lord.*

In stead of the *Venite exultemus*, shall be us'd this Psalm, composed out of severall passages in the Book of Psalmes.

**U**nto thee will I crye, O Lord my strength: thinke no scorne of mee, lest if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that goe downe into the Pit.

(4.)

2. *Hear the voyce of my humble Petitions, when I cry unto thee: when I hold up my hands towards the Mercie-seat of thy holy Temple.*
- Psal. 74.* O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?
- v. 1.*
- Psal. 79.* Lord, how long wilt thou be angry: shall thy jealousie burne like fire for ever?
- 5.
- Psal. 77.* Hath God forgotten to be gracious: or will he shut up his loving kindnesse in displeasure?
- 9.
- Psal. 89.* Lord, where are thy old loving kindnesse: which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
- 48.
- Psal. 74.* O think upon thy Congregation: whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.
- 2.
3. *Thinke upon the tribe of thine Inheritance: and mount Siou, wherein thou hast dwelt.*
- Psa. 102.* Thou shalt arise, and have mercie upon Siou: for it is time that thou have mercie upon her, yea, the time is come.
- 13.
14. *And why? thy servants thinke upon her stones: and it pittieeth them to see her in the Dust.*
- Psal. 26.* Be thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently: my trust hath been also, in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.
- 1.
2. *Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: trie out my reins, and my heart.*
- Psal. 17.* Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: and let thine eyes looke upon the thing that is equall.
- 2.
7. *Shew thy mercifulons loving kindnesse, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee: from such as resist thy right hand.*
- Psal. 25.* Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving kindnesse which hath been ever of old.
- 5.
10. *For thy Names sake, O Lord, be mercifull unto my sin: for it is great.*
16. The sorrowes of my Heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles.
- 27.
- Psal. 65.* Look upon mine adversitie and miserie: and forgive me all my sinne. Thou shalt shew us wonderfull things in thy Righteousnesse, O God, of our salvation: thou that art the Hope of all the ends of the Earth, and of them that remaine in the broad Sea.
- 5.
7. *Which stilleth the raging of the Sea: and the noise of his waves, and the madnesse of his people.*
- Psa. 106.* Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation.
- 4.
3. *That I may see the felicitie of thy chosen: and joyce in the gladnesse of thy People, and give thanks with thine Inheritance.*

(5.)

- O let the sorrowfull sighing of the Prisoners come before thee: *Psal. 79.* according to the greatnesse of thy Power preserve thou those that are appointed to die. 12.
- Comfort us againe now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and Psal. 90.* for the yeares wherein we have suffered adversitie. 15.
- The fiercenesse of man shall turne to thy praye: and the fiercenesse of them shalt thou refrain; *Psal. 76.* 10.
- For God will save Siou, and build the Cities of Juda: that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.* 36.
- O carry thou the Lords leisure: be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord. *Psal. 27.* 16.
- And the glorious Majestic of the Lord our God be upon us: Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.* *Psal. 90.* 17.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the Holy Ghost.
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalmes for Morning and Evening Prayer.

	For Morning.	For the Evening.		
Psalmes	{	Psalmes		
			42.	77.
			46.	80.
			61.	85.
	80.	126.		
	122.	132.		
		133.		

The first Lesson for Morning Prayer, *Isay 51.* from the 9. verse to the end of the Chapter.

*Te Deum laudamus.*

For the second Lesson, *Rom. 12.* from the beginning of the 9. verse to the end of the Chapter.

*Benedictus.*

The first Lesson for Evening Prayer, *Isa. 54.*

*Magnificat. Luke 1.*

The second Lesson, *1 Epist. John. c. 4.*

*Nunc dimittis. Luk. 2. 29.*

The rest to goe on as it is in the former Fast-Book,  
with the addition of some prayers.

The Epistle, *Heb. 12.* from the middle of the fifth verse;

*My Son,* &c. to the end of the 15. verse.

The Gospel, *Mat. 5.* from the first verse to the  
end of the 12. verse.

*A Prayer drawn by His Majesties speciall  
Direction and Dictate.*

**O** Most mercifull Father, Lord God of Peace and Truth, wee a  
People sorely afflicted by the Scourge of an unnaturall War, do  
here earnestly beseech Thee, to command a Blessing from Heaven  
upon this present Treaty, begun for the establishment of an happy  
Peace. Soften the most obdurate Hearts with a true Christian desire  
of saving those mens blood, for whom Christ himselfe hath shed His.  
Or if the guilt of our great finnes cause this Treaty to break off in  
vaine, Lord let the Truth clearly appeare, who those men are, which  
under pretence of the publick good doe pursue their owne private  
ends, that this people may be no longer so blindly miserable, as not  
to see, at least in this their Day; the things that belong unto their  
Peace. Grant this gracious God, for his sake who is our Peace it  
selfe, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Peace.*

**A** Almighty God, terrible in thy Judgements, but more wonderfull  
in thy Mercies, who turnest man to Destruction, and againe,  
thou saist, *Come againe ye childrea of Men;* wee miserable sinners  
prostrate this day before thee, humbly confesse with Horror in our  
Hearts, and Confusion in our Faces, that every one of us hath, more  
or lesse, contributed to that vast heap of crying sins, which hath now  
in so high a measure drawne down thy vengeance on us, that we have  
abused thy Patience so long, till wee have at last turned it into Fury,  
compelling thee, by our often provocations to visit us in blood, to  
make us teare out our own bowels, and by a strange unnaturall War,  
rayed we know not why, (thy Justice and our Sinnes excepted) to  
become executioners of our selves, and so to sinne afresh in the very  
punishments of sinne. But alas! what profit is there in our Blood?  
or what Glory can come to thee by our Ruine? Let it suffice, O  
God, that thou hast thus farre rebuked us in thine Anger, but con-  
sume us not utterly, for we are all thy people. Say to the destroying  
*Sword,*

*Sword, It is enough,* and let it be no longer drunke with the blood  
of thine Inheritance: But looke downe upon our unfained Humilia-  
tion, hear the Prayer which in the bitterness of our souls we poure  
out this day before thee, accept of our Repentance, and wher it is de-  
fective, let thy Holy Spirit make it up with Groans that cannot be ex-  
pressed. Look upon thy Moses who standeth in the gap, beseeching  
thee to turne thine anger from thy people; remember what hee hath  
suffered, and the heavy things that thou hast shewen him; and in the  
day, when thou makett Inquisition for Blood, forget not his desires of  
Peace, the endeavours which he hath used and the Prayers which hee  
hath made to Thee for it. Returne all this, O Lord, with comfort  
into his Bosom. And since thou hast already wrought so much for him,  
as to bring thee unhappy entangled differences to a Treaty, take not  
off thine Hand, till thou hast unyted every knot, and cleared every dif-  
ficulty. Send thy Spirit into their Hearts who are entrusted with this  
great worke, give them Bowels of compassion, toward their bleeding,  
and expiring Country, strike a Sense into them of the Blood already  
shed, and the Desolation to come, which threatneth all if they prevent  
it not. But above all, let thy Feare run through all their consultations,  
that remembering the sad account, which in the last great day will be  
required of them, they may lay aside every Sin, and every Interest,  
that may divert them from the wayes of Peace, and by the guidance  
of thy Wisdome (for in this all humane wisdome fails) find out  
those blessed Expedients as may restore the voyce of Ioy and Peace  
into our Dwellings, in such a way, as may be most to the Glory of thy  
Great Name, the settlement of the true Religion so long professed a-  
mong us, the Honour and Safety of the Kings sacred Person, and the  
God of all His people. Hear these our prayers, and perfect this great  
work, through the mediation of thine own dear Son Iesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer.*

**O** Most just and powerfull Lord God, to whom vengeance be-  
longeth, we cannot but acknowledge that the manifold mi-  
series which have befallen us are the due reward of our  
deeds, and that wee have deserved that the things which belong to  
our peace should still be hid from our eyes. For when of thy owne  
free mercy thou wert pleased to grant us a long time of plenty and  
prosperity, more than thou gavest to any of the Nations that are a-  
bout us, wee became weary of our happinesse, and by our ingratitude  
pulled upon us those judgements which now threaten desolation to  
this

this late flourishing Kingdome. And since the time of our affliction thou hast given us space to repent, and we repented not, Iniquity hath still more and more abounded. As heretofore thy mercies did not allure us, so now thy judgments have not humbled us to a serious consideration of our misdeavourings. Now, O Lord, we find our selves intrangled and wearied by our own counsels: The troubles of our heart are enlarged; Our iniquities, and the punishments which attend upon them, are a burden too heavy for us to beare. And therefore in the anguish and bitternesse of our soules we returne unto thee, humbly beseeching thee, in whom alone is our help, to have respect unto the prayers of thy servants. O shut not up thy loving kindnesse in displeasure, let not thine anger burn against the sheep of thy pasture: But bind up the breach of this people. Let the sighing of the prisoners come before thee; Behold the tears of the distressed Orphans and widows, and of all such as are oppressed, and have no comforter. How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou forbear to command deliverances? Remember thy tender mercies which have been ever of old, and save us as thou hast done heretofore. Remember thy promise of deliverance to those who call upon thee in the day of trouble. And when the blood that hath been shed by oppression calls aloud for vengeance, O then hearken unto the voice of thy Sons blood, which speaks better things; behold the Lambe of God, who was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. And to this end regard the sinceritie of thine Anointed, maintaine thy owne cause, and preserve unto him that power which thou hast given him: bind his soule in the bundle of life, let mercy and truth preserve him, and let his Throne be established for ever before thee. Bless them that are peaceable and faithfull in the land: And as for those that have risen up against him, we beseech thee melt and mollifie their hearts to the entertainment of compassion and love: reclaime them to obedience, lay not their sin to their charge, but guide their feet into the way of peace. Give to those that have done wrong the grace to repent, and to those that have suffered wrong, minds ready to forgive. And if any shall be averse from peace, O thou that art the wonderfull Counsellor, turne their wisdom into foolishnesse, confound their practises, and let their mischief return upon their own heads. And when thou hast vouchsafed to give us that tranquillitie which we beg at thy hands, give us grace to embrace it with all thankfulness, to obey our Governours, to live at unitie among our selves, evermore blessing thy glorious Name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*FINIS.*