

World War I



A FORM  
OF  
INTERCESSION  
WITH  
ALMIGHTY GOD  
ON BEHALF OF

His Majesty's Naval and Military  
Forces now Engaged in War.

This Service of Intercession, ordered by His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and prepared by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for use in England, is issued from the office of the Lord Bishop of Toronto to be used by the Clergy in their several Churches throughout the Diocese as to them shall seem advisable. It is requested that SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, shall be observed as a Day of Special Intercession.

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I.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION.

*In the Order of Holy Communion these Collects shall be used after the Collect of the Day, with the Epistle and Gospel as followeth:*

○ GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

○ GOD, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men: Grant that, in the present time of warfare and distress of nations, our people may know thy presence, and obey thy will: Remove from us arrogance and feebleness; give us courage and loyalty, tranquillity and self-control, that we may accomplish that which thou givest us to do, and endure that which thou givest us to bear. O thou who art the hope of all the ends of the earth and of them that remain in the broad sea, hear us in thy mercy, for his sake who was lifted up on the Cross to draw all men unto him, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Epistle. Philippians iv. 6.*

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

*The Gospel. St. Matthew vii. 7.*

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.



*Before bidding the people to pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth, the Priest shall say:*

Let us pray for the help and guidance of God in this time of trouble.

Let us pray for those to whom is committed the government of the nation, that they may act with wisdom and courage.

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

Let us pray for the sick and wounded, whether our own or of the enemy; and let us commend to the mercy of God those who fall in the service of their country.

Let us pray that peace may be restored, and that the issues of the war may be over-ruled for the glory of God and the enlargement of his kingdom.

*Before the Blessing shall be said this Prayer following:*

Remember, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and, as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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II.

THE LITANY.

*In the Litany between the petition* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people *and the petition* That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, *shall be inserted the following:*

That it may please thee to give thy guidance and protection to all who bear command by sea or by land;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire the sailors and soldiers of our King with courage and endurance, with gentleness in victory and patience in reverses, and to shield those who are called to posts of special peril;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to comfort all that are in anxiety or sorrow, to cheer the sick and wounded, and to show thyself in mercy to the dying;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

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III.

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.

*Then shall be read one of the Lessons following:*

1 Kings viii. 54-62.

St. Matthew v. 1-12.

Isaiah lxiii. 7-16.

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.)*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.*

**O**MERCIFUL 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.*

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