

# Prayers.

holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, to be read during their Session.*

*for the people of these united States in general; so especially for their Senate and representatives in congress assembled;*

**M**OST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious King at this time assembled; That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their Consultations to the advancement of thy Glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and his Kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶ *A Collect, or Prayer for all Conditions of Men, to be used at such Times when the Litany is not appointed to be said.*

**O** God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased

to make thy ways known unto them; thy saving health unto all Nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body, or estate [\* especially those for whom our Prayers are desired] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

¶ *A Prayer that may be said after any of the former.*

**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.

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*\* This to be said when any that have been prayed for, desire to return Praise.*

# THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *A General Thanksgiving.*

**A**lmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men [† particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ *For Rain.*

**O** God, our heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter Rain to

descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; We give thee humble thanks, that it hath pleased thee in our great necessity to send us at the last a joyful Rain upon thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry, to the great comfort of us thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy Name, through thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *For Fair Weather.*

**O** Lord God, who hast justly humbled us by thy late plague of immoderate rain and waters, and in thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather; We praise and glorify thy holy Name for this thy mercy; and will always declare thy loving kindness from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *For Plenty.*

**O** Most merciful Father, how of thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout Prayers of thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into cheapness and plenty; We give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory, and our comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*Almighty who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.*