

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(Praises, Consecration and prayers)

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**Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and
pleasing to God *Romans. 12:1.***

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A BRIEF NOTE OF THE TRANSLATOR

In this translated text, we have employed certain old English pronominals referring to God, not observed in the present day English circles, such as Thee, Thou, Thy, etc. As it was the tradition of the old English to employ reverence-rich expressions, it has become conventional among certain Christian circles to preserve the old norms, pertaining to their high spiritual reflections as elaborated in this text. To facilitate the present English reader with the corresponding expressions, the following pairs of words are listed.

Old English

Modern English

Thou	You
Thy	Your
Thine	Yours
Thee	You
Thou art	You are
Thou wert	You were
Thou dost	You (do)
Thou didst	You (did)
Thou hast	You have
Thou wilt	You will
Thou shalt	You shall
Thou wouldst	You would
Thou canst	You can

FORWARD

St. M. Devadas to whom God revealed the 'Bible Mission' is much known for his inherent prayer life. He even prayed for the salvation of the whole world. In his life time, he conducted several intense and innate prayers and introduced the order of prayer in the form of "The Prayer Steps". In this prayer order 'Consecration' is a great step. It can be comprehended as consecrating to the Lord our body, mind and spirit and all that we have. St. Devadas has reached the pinnacle of this consecration step where this brief compilation is only a fraction of it.

If we examine the Scriptures, we find many saints who reached greater spiritual heights through their humble submission to the Lord's cause. Many of the Old Testament saints such as Enoch, Abraham, Samuel, David, Elijah and Daniel have received their allotted spiritual portions because of their complete submission to the will, purpose and work of the Lord. In the New Testament, our Lord Jesus has completely consecrated His will to the will of His Father and became the only Saviour of mankind. The same way in the Church Period also, as St. Paul had consecrated his all for the Lord's cause, he was able to turn many people towards Christ.

Since St. Devadas had completely consecrated himself to the will of his "Bridegroom", he was able to pen down these prayers for the Church to grow to the state of the "Bride". Those who offer these prayers, to them the will of the Lord will be manifested and they shall accordingly receive the double blessings both here and there through these prayers.

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May the Triune Father bless the readers to offer these prayers with all the devotion and accordingly commit themselves to the Lord's cause.

In soon-coming Lord Jesus
Rev. Dr. John Selvaraj,
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(PRAISES, CONSECRATION AND PRAYERS)

I. PRAISES

God, our Father, who hast created all things for my sake, who dost provide all that I require everyday, who dost give me without ceasing despite my being a child unable to receive, who hast created me, Father dear to me, God my Father, my Lord, my Sustainer, my Protector and my all! I offer Thee many praises. Father, as Thou didst choose me as Thy child, not only through Thy creation but also through Thy Son, I give Thee grateful thanks.

I Praise Thee for the love Thou art showing me through Thy gifts, Thy patience, Thy guidance, Thy actions in removing my hardships and Thy benevolent deeds done to me. Yet, what is my praise compared to Thy love! What is my gratitude coming from my heart before Thy infinite love! If I keep on praising Thee without doing any other job, even that would be very small before Thy compassion. As Thou art receiving such small praises with Thy willing hands, I thank Thee. Remembering Thy power with which Thou hast been protecting me till now and guiding me into prosperity, I laud Thee. I trust Thou wilt perform such deeds in my case in the days to come, for which I exalt Thee. My hope is that Thou wilt surely admit me into heaven at the end of my life and I salute Thee for it.

2. (i) O God without beginning, God eternal, God that art, and God not created! I exalt Thee for Thy magnificence.

(ii) O infinite God, Thou art everlasting. So I give Thee ever-living praises. As Thou shalt be forever, my endless praises to Thee.

(iii) O God of life, when my life becomes weak and enervated Thou shalt pour a new life into me for which I give my ever-living praises.

(iv) O powerful God, as Thou canst make possible in my case any difficult work of impossible task, I give thanks to Thee with all my strength.

(v) O Omniscient God, as Thou art full of wisdom, Thou dost know about my hardships and my desires, even before I place them before Thee. Hence, Thou canst fulfil

my desire. Even if there are many hindrances to have my desires fulfilled, Thou dost have the wise way to remove all complications for their fulfillment. Hence, all my thanks to Thee that I know of, and all the praises that my understanding is aware of.

(vi) O Holy God, Thou didst create me and all other things holy, but as sin entered, I became unholy. Yet, on account of Thy holiness, Thou canst renew my holiness for which I laud Thee with pure and sanctified mind.

(vii) O Father, love incarnate, as Thou art loving me much more deeply than the earthly parents love their children, I give Thee my salutations.

(viii) O God of justice, as Thou art admonishing me justly whenever I am in the wrong, it is proper that I offer my thanks. Hence, I applauded Thee.

(ix) O God without form, even if I am not able to see Thee on account of my debility, Thou art seeing me. Although Thou art formless, Thou hast given me a useful physical form, and also a spirit without form. Hence, I exalt Thee with my body and spirit.

(x) O Father omnipresent, Thou dost exist in heaven, the earth and all places. Hence, I glorify Thee. Thou canst be present wherever I go and be my companion helping me. Thou canst remove from me any thought of feeling lonely. Hence, I give my thanks in all places.

(xi) O the independent Lord, I salute Thee, for Thou art the Father capable of accomplishing all things by Thyself, Thou canst also give me the strength to do things independently. Thou hast granted me the capability to render things on my own depending upon Thee alone. Hence, my praises to Thee spontaneously offered. I desire to praise Thee freely without being compelled. By granting me all Thy qualities, Thou hast endowed me with the form of Thy characteristics and Thy desire. After giving me all Thy qualities except the quality of free will, it would be futile to have all the others. Hence, I praise Thee for granting me the quality of freedom.

(xii) O triune God, revealed as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, I give Thee many praises for Thy manifestation. Thou art not the God that is hidden but One who

doth reveal Thyself. As Thou art the God revealing to me Thy qualities, Thy deeds and Thy greatness, I bless Thee. Thou art revealed as One and Three persons at the same time. We cannot understand the mystery, yet we believe I can understand it when I reach heaven. How can I understand Thy infinite wisdom with my limited knowledge? I shall be learning a new the things about Thee, into endless time. As there is no end to Thy revelation and my learning of it, I offer my endless praises to Thee.

(xiii) O glory incarnate! O the incarnation of bliss! I believe that Thou wilt give me the blissful state of spending my time always in Thy presence, in Thy fellowship, and in beholding Thy face for Thy glory, and I laud Thee accordingly.

(xiv) O God, who hast endowed us with body! We exalt Thee. Thou art transforming this body which is sinful into a holy one. Finally, Thou shalt give me a glorious body and receive me to Thyself. Hence, I give Thee my thanks. Thou didst reveal Thyself in three ways. Likewise. Thou hast given me three kinds of state which are life, body and spirit, and for them I give my veneration. I praise Thee for uniting these three to make me one person. On one hand I am like Thy child, while on the other, I count for three individuals. For this unique creation I give my praises. Father, I believe that Thou wilt help me retain all the things Thou hast given me and I glorify Thee.

3. Father, who can describe Thy state, Thy deeds, Thy divine qualities, Thy treatment of me and Thy glory? So, I give Thee many salutations.

4. O Father the generous Giver, I exalt Thee for Thy free-gifts. The air is freely given and I pay no tax. Even, in case I pay, it won't be enough. I praise Thee for all Thy free gifts as long as they last. Since the time Thou didst create the world, till the end of it, Thou hast been giving freely, to all the human beings, both the unfaithful and the faithful, all the animals, all the vegetation and all the living things. If we try to acquire them ourselves, we cannot secure even a bit. Thou art giving us innumerable fruits and vegetables. Many are left after we have consumed them. So we exalt Thee. The waters also remain unused. There are many minerals and metals Thou hast kept underneath the earth.

Men have not utilized them still. They are using only a few of them. The air is not getting exhausted. The things Thou hast placed on the table before us are not being consumed fully. As we keep on using them from one side, Thou art continuously giving anew on the other. Who can describe Thy giving nature? We are not able to utilize all of them on account of our foolishness. If all men have the ability to receive Thy gifts, all would be rich without exception and none would be left poor. There is nothing that is useless in the things created by Thee. Thou art spending much in my care everyday. Can I pay if Thou dost prepare bill? For Thy gifts given every minute, I offer my grateful thanks to Thee.

5. O Father, of all the gifts that Thou hast given, the gift of Thy Son is the most significant and infinite. The reason why I should praise Thee is that I am duty bound to venerate Thee every moment. There is no greater gift than Thy Son. And for that I bless Thee. What can I say to Thy injunction that I should discard sin, be baptized, receive Salvation, partake of Thy holy communion, do service in the salvation of others, have Thy holy Book imprinted in my heart and that I should reach Thy holy presence at the end of my life! If I sit up to count Thy gifts, my life-time will not be enough. Although our faith, our understanding and our praise is very little in Thy sight, it is amazing that Thou dost accept it. What can I say, and how can I describe! With whatever care I praise Thee, it still falls short. Yet, Thou art delighted, for which I laud Thee. There is no gift beyond the gift of Thy Son, no grace beyond the grace Thou dost show, and no salvation outside Thy Church. Hence, I give Thee countless praises for Thy magnanimity.

6. However pure my birth and my life have been, If I am not ready for heaven at the time of death, all my life is a waste. In case, I am ready at the time of death, I can have the blessedness of entering heaven. There is another time of blessedness which is still greater. For that time, that moment of blink, which is the Second Advent of our Lord, if I am not prepared, I shall have to remain to suffer tribulations on the earth. If I live with faith all the time, believe everything but not the Second Coming, or even believing in the Second Coming but not prepared for it, how wretched a state will befall me! As Thou hast placed before us a life of devotion, a righteous death and the ascension (the Rap-

ture) with the faithful group of the living, I give Thee many salutations. If it is not so, what profits our lives? Father, Thou canst keep me from falling into such a useless state, and I bow down to Thee.

II. CONSECRATION

1. O the most holy Father! even after Thou didst create the first parents in a holy state, they fell into sin resulting in tis entering into us all. O Father, Thou hast placed in us the strength needed to discard sin. But, I am not able to be free from sin. I am trying, yet am falling. Again I confess before Thee. The brilliance of the sun, moon and stars together pales before Thy holiness. Also, the holiness of the holy angels falls far below Thy divine holiness. Then how can we the sinners, be blameless? But for Thy forgiveness, we should have perished already. My Lord, whenever sin has entered my thoughts, words, efforts and deeds, I have tried to dismiss it. Thou wilt give me Thy help in the matter. When any bad is discovered, I resolve to resist Satan saying 'O Satan, this is your doing. You have no power over me. Go away'. I try to purify myself by confessing my sins before Thee from time to time.

2. God sin is not confined to itself. It is entering into human beings and causing diseases. At that time I resolve to implore Thee for healing. I try to find the cause of the disease, and get relief from it by confessing that sin before Thee. In case, I fail to get healed, I pray to Thee and take the medicine with Thy blessing. Didst Thou not use water as medicine in the case of Naaman! Knowing beforehand that man would fall into sin and consequently become sick, Thou didst create herbs and other medicinal plants, giving some people the knowledge to turn them into medicines, by the use of which Thou art healing many people. This is Thy wonderful grace. Yet, I desire that those that have taken Thy name secure healing from diseases through prayer, praises and faith, avoiding medicines.

3. Father! hardships, poverty and falling into debts are caused by sin. If they happen to me, I try to get rid myself of them through faith.

4. Apart from these difficulties there are many more, to get rid of which I make effort through prayer.

5. Sin generates another sin-disbelief, cowardice, worry, indecision, annoyance, misunderstanding Thy guidance, inability to understand Thy silence. I resolve to acquire courage through Thee by refusing to fear satan, adversaries, stormy weather, heat, rain, lightnings, evil dreams, false visions, wars, famines, contagious diseases, poisonous creatures, death, hell, etc.

6. I am prepared to believe in the promises as recorded in John. 14:14, Eph. 3:21, and the exhortation given in Mark 11:24.

7. God the Holy Spirit, who hast advised me to be holy as Thou art holy, I give Thee many praises. Keep me away from every sin. Let me not get into temptation. I have decided to avoid every sin known to me. I am making effort to avoid committing the sins such as, forgetting Thee, getting annoyed with Thee, being ungrateful to Thee, being slack in going to the worship, showing disrespect to elders, beating people, having evil desires towards men and women, coveting other's property, failing to return what is stolen from others, creating rumours against others and defaming them telling lies, making fabrications, indulging in false arguments, feeling jealous, scolding improperly, hating others, rebuking, conspiring against others, writing anonymous letters, partaking of the sinful acts of others and all other such transgressions.

8. I have decided to think every time of hardship as meant for my good, and also to perform all customary practices. I determine to have thought of Thee every time, everyday and resolve not to fail in doing good. I have also undertaken to praise Thee immediately after waking up and learn all things from Thy Holy Book and pray for myself and all others. I also undertake to sing songs, witness Thee to others, go to Church, read good journals and books, give alms to the poor, be kind to all living beings, offer prayers immediately on encountering every needy situation, pray while eating, drinking and going anywhere, conduct family prayers, pray whenever I wake up at night, and all such practices without fail. Also, I am decided to be honest in whatever things I have to do for my livelihood and in the matter of my profession.

9. (1) O God, Thy will is my will. In the event of my will contradicting Thy will, I will give up my will.

(2) God, If thou dost tell me to go to a certain place even if I am not inclined to go there or I do not have the ability or possibility to go, still I resolve to go without a question as Abraham did.

(3) God, if Thou wilt entrust me with a difficult task and ask me to do it without fail, I will do it even if I get discouraged and feel indisposed to it.

(4) God, if thou dost command me to convey Thy words to someone I dislike, I will give up all the timidity entrenched in me and undertake to talk to him,

(5) God, if Thou wilt require me to go to another person to testify to Thee, I am determined to do so even if I do not know what to speak.

(6) God, if Thou dost ask me to cross the forest infested with wild animals, stand in a village beyond and preach Thee, I will go there without fear.

(7) God, if Thou dost ask me to go to the cannibals living in the Naga hills near Assam and preach to them I will go without asking a question and do so; but will not say "Provided I am given strength".

(8) God, if Thou dost tell me that Thou wilt send me to a land where I am not familiar with the local language, I resolve to go without argument and preach Thee.

(9) God, if Thou dost ask me to go to some land saying that people there will pierce me with spears and kill me, I decide to go there well-dressed. (you will acquire the crown of a martyr).

(10) God, if Thou dost ask me to go to yonder hill and go on fast for forty days, I am determined to do it saying that there is no greater privilege.

(11) God, when somebody dear to me is on the verge of death and many people are praying for him, if Thou dost not hear their prayers still I will rejoice and praise Thee.

(12) God, if Thou dost ask me to announce the poorfeeding on the next day when I do not have a pie¹ in my hand, still I shall undertake to do it.

(13) God, even when Thou dost ask me to perform any impossible thing, I am decided not to say 'no'.

1. The smallest unit of Indian currency, like the 'cent' of England

(14) (i) God, it is written in Thy Word that in Lord Jesus Christ there is no difference between man and woman. So, give me power to make myself acquainted, which is to treat the small girls as younger sisters, older girls as elder sisters, small boys as younger brothers, older boys as elder brothers, elderly women as mothers and elderly men as fathers. I am prepared to exhibit a sense of respect when I see people in authority, elders and teachers.

(ii) My Father, whenever I think of anybody or see people. I resolve to say this two-word prayer in my mind "Bless them".

(iii) God, I am determined to feel pity in my heart when I remember or see people in distress.

(iv) God, I am resolved to pray for every country and every island when I happen to peruse the world map.

(v) O God, I am prepared to pray some times for those who practice mono-theistic worship, the Jews, the Buddhists, the Jains, the Zorastrians and the Atheists.

(vi) God, I am determined to pray sometimes for the living creatures, the vegetation, the cursed earth and all which that are in the sky above.

(vii) God, I am resolved to pray that Thou bless all that Thou hast created.

(viii) God, I have decided to place before Thee all the items which I have forgotten to pray for.

(ix) O God, I am determined to pray for the things that men have designed for their use such as, schools, hospitals, handicraft institutes, all professions and all useful articles.

15. God, I place some petitions before Thee.

(1) I believe that Thou wilt soon fulfil the things mentioned in the lyric "O Christian Church! The time has come for accomplishing great things".

(2) I trust that Thou wilt accomplish the contents of the song, "When the eternal God is on my side, what can man do to me?"

(3) I also trust that Thou wilt have realized the things written in the song "Mental distress is not for you but only the thoughts of glory".

(4) I believe that Thou wilt bless still more greatly the song "Recite the name of Jesus".

III. PRAYERS

These are the prayers to be said by the members of the Bible Mission and its admirers.

(1) Father, tell the whole world that Thou alone hast revealed the Bible Mission. Many may not believe, yet I implore Thee to tell them so.

(2) God, we also would proclaim that Thou hast founded the Bible Mission. Bless these our proclamations. Let those who are our members but still are away from our convictions be made to know of their mistakes in their dreams and enable them to rectify themselves.

(3) God, turn the minds of our opponents i.e., those who have deserted us, those who are against us and those who are hostile to us in the other denominations.

(4) God, prevent us from asserting wrong doctrines.

(5) God, let the books and tracts that we publish be distributed through the Bible Mission.

(6) O God, spread Thy news to all through our meetings, healing conventions, poems of salvation and the order of service.

(7) God, fulfil all the thoughts that Thou hast been intending (to accomplish) through the Bible Mission.

(8) God, bring into the Bible Mission only those that are pleasing to Thee.

(9) O God, we give Thee our special thanks for calling us into the Bible Mission despite our being unworthy.

(10) O God, implement the special purpose with which Thou hast revealed the Bible Mission.

(11) O God, help our conduct rather than our preachings to be widely known.

(12) God, banish all the irregularities that are present in our mission.

(13) Lord, remove all of our spiritual debilities.

(14) God, the members of the other denominations are mocking at us saying that we do not have schools, hospitals, destitute homes, handicraft institutes, printing presses, libraries, big prayer halls, great books, big incomes, fat salaries, lands, cemeteries, Christian foreign aid and mission compounds. We pray to Thee to cast Thy eyes on them.

(15) Lord, many people are laughing at our doctrines on hearing them. So, cast Thy glance on them also.

(16) God, help the children of our mission become students and professionals. Comfort the men, the women, the poor, the sinful, and those who are caught in troubles and all such others.

(17) God, grant Thy 'gift of vision' to all those who are in our mission.

(18) God, some people heckle at us saying that we, while stating that we are depending on God alone, are depending upon the people, medicines and offerings. Grant us the grace not to give room to such statements. We are giving them one reply. "Elijah did not depend on the ravens; Moses' mother did not depend on the pharaoh's daughter. But Thyself hath provided them the required things. Likewise, we also depend only on God who doth provide us these amenities".

(19) God, we declare that the only great thing is that Thou didst reveal the Bible Mission and that in all other things,, we also possess the weaknesses found in other denominations. Bless this statement.

(20) God, those who believe, shall say, "Oh! the Bible Mission was specially a revelation of God" and accordingly rejoice. Likewise, inspire the faithful of the other denominations and our well wishers express the same feeling of delight about us also saying, "Oh! these are the believers received into the Bible Mission."

(21) God, if there are any open mistakes or secret transgressions in us, do Thou forgive us without handing us over to the devil, or enemies or good people or the people in authority. Didst Thou not do according to David's wish who besought Thee in this manner!

(22) Father, if there are any other items to be added to this prayer do Thou add them; if any to be taken away, do Thou remove them.

(23) God, completely root out all our misdeeds from the memory of the people.

(24) God, prepare us for Thy Rapture.

(25) God, send the secret sages out even before Thy Second Advent. Revive the dead as Thou didst do in Thy First Coming. Make the birds and beasts propagate Thy Gospel. Appear to all people in the world in their dream simultaneously, on a certain day and talk to them.

We beseech Thee to hear these our praises, consecration and prayers, beholding the face of Thy only begotten Son. Amen.

PRAISES TO BE OFFERED ON SUNDAYS

1. God, thou didst create light on the 'first day' and didst conclude the creation on the seventh day which was the last day. We learn from the Biblical history that Saturday is the seventh day. Therefore, the first day on which Thou didst command "Let there be light" must be Sunday. The day that came first into world history was Sunday which was the day of light. Therefore, praises to Thee.

2. Thou hast allowed us the Christians to observe Sunday, the day of light as the day of worship. Therefore, our day of worship is the day of brightness. So we glorify Thee.

3. Till the time the Lord Jesus came and ascended into heaven, the seventh day which was the day of Sabbath was observed as the day of rest for which we laud Thee.

4. Lord Jesus, Saturday was a day of mourning for Thy disciples. It was a day of darkness for them. It was not a day of light. Because Thou, their Saviour wert absent, having been laid in the grave. The disciples were greatly dispirited saying "Alas, we thought that the Lord Jesus would up-hold us, but He allowed His enemies to kill Him. What will be our fate?". Hence, Saturday was a day of great grief, the day of New Moon darkness, and the day on which

all the disciples were scattered. The Church did not gather. Lord Jesus, as Thou didst allow thy death to happen to Thee, Thou didst cause the day of sorrow to Thy disciples. This was the day that was appointed to prepare them for the 'day of light'. Relief follows hardship; joy follows grief. As this is the course of history in this world, we give Thee our praises of exultation.

5. Lord Jesus, as it is recorded in Mark 16th chapter., Thou, didst come out of the grave on Sunday when the guards fainted unable to stand Thy radiance. That first day was the bright day of creation. Likewise, this day (of resurrection) also was the day of brightness. Hence, we give Thee our praise offerings.

6. From then onwards the disciples worshipped Thee. They praised Thee on Sunday. That worship is still being continued in the Church, into the present. Going to the Church on Sunday is to worship thee which is to praise Thee. Sunday is the day of exaltation. Hence, we have to commemorate Thy resurrection on the fifty two Sundays of the year, but not just on the Easter Sunday. Therefore, our salutations to Thee.

7. Lord Jesus, whenever Thy disciples gathered on Sundays, Thou didst go to their gatherings and partook of their fellowship. Since it is pleasing to Thee to have the worship on Sunday we Christians are observing it. Hence, we laud Thee.

8. Thou didst not chide Thy disciples saying "O my disciples, you have observed Saturday for the past four thousand years as the day of worship and why have you switched over to Sunday?". Therefore, not observing Saturday as the day of worship is according to Thy wish. So we bow down before Thee.

9. As sin ruled for thousand years, the earth was enveloped in darkness. Again, through Thy resurrection a new creation took place. Moreover, those who are baptized in Thy name will be Thy new creation. For them it is a day of light. Therefore, we laud Thee.

10. When a sinner repents, for him that day is the day of light which is like Sunday but not Saturday.

11. As St. Paul the Apostle wrote, 'We have to acquire the power of resurrection'. In order to get victory over Satan, devils, sins death and the results of sin, Thou hast shown the power of Thy resurrection. As the guards fell into a swoon, the devils which provoke sinful acts fell down. The adversaries fell down. Who can stand before Thy radiance? Who can withstand Thy power? Who can refrain from submitting to Thee? The death has no hope; who else can prevail before Thy power? Such a great power, grant to us every Sunday. Hence, praises to Thee.

12. We have to praise Thee on Sunday from morning through evening till night. Going to the market is not our job, nor is taking up any worldly work, neither should we be sorrowful. Lord Jesus, it is not for us not to think of the event of Thy resurrection, the power of Thy resurrection and light of Thy resurrection. If we do so, forgive us. For those who observe fasting with real perseverance, Sunday is the day of true fasting, joyful fasting and the day of enjoying the food that we are not aware of. It is the day of satisfying the true appetite. Such a great day, the Christian Church is ignoring. If we manage to observe the programme of fasting throughout this day either in the Church or at home or at both the places, Thou canst dictate to us messages running into thousands of note books. But who wants them! Far above the preaching that a pastor delivers in a Church, Thou dost teach at the place of fasting. So, my praises to Thee. Yet, we have to gather at the Church as per the convention. Then the powers of hell cannot prevail against us. Therefore, our eternal praises to Thee.

13. O Lord, when we reach heaven, we leave the six days back here and Sunday alone accompanies us. There, it is all day, all brightness, all the power of Thy resurrection and all Thyself. It's all Sunday into eternity, all worship, all rest and all fellowship. Give us Thy grace here, to get used to the blessed practice of Sunday even before we join that great bliss in heaven. Hence, we magnify Thee.

14. Sunday is the first day. If we have faith throughout our lives, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday are all Sundays. All the years are the years of Sundays. So, we should never dismiss Sunday from our

minds, our hearts and our lives. That day is the sign of triumph. Our exaltations to Thee, both here on earth and there in heaven.

15. When Christians indulge themselves in doing small chores on Sunday, the Lord is sparing them. But, if the Jews undertook any work on the day of Sabbath, the Law of Moses punished them. If the Lord Jesus punishes us every Sunday in such manner, nobody will come into Christianity. But, as the commandment of the Law became extinct like Saturday, Sunday, bringing the law of Grace into action came into practice. (John. 1:18). According to the law of Grace man can conduct himself according to his convenience. The convenient way should be in accordance with the loving code of the Christian faith.

16. (A) The Trinity said on Sunday, (the first day) "Let there be light". So, it became the Father's day of work. (B) The day of resurrection was Sunday. So, it was the Son's day of work. (C) The Pentecost happened on Sunday. So it turned to be the Holy Spirit's day of work. These three days were Sundays. Thus Sunday is the day on which we remember as the three working days of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Is there any greater day of joy than this? Hence, our eternal praises of rejoicing to Thee

PRAYERS SUITABLE TO VARIOUS TIMES

1. Prayer to be offered on waking up in the morning.

(A) Loving Father, I give my praises to Thee for giving us a new day, waking us up this morning having protected us from the dangers of the past night. Amen.

(B) O Father the Creator, be Thou my fellow-working Father to be with me in whatever the things I have to do today. Amen.

(C) Lord, create in me the strong conduct enough to make this day holy through my behaviour. Amen.

(D) God, tell me whatever Thou wouldst convey to me today. Amen.

(E) God our Saviour, save us from whatever the dangers that Thou wouldst protect us today. Amen.

(F) Lord our Shepherd, lead us in whatever way Thou wouldst take us today. Amen.

(G) O generous Lord, grant us the ability to receive whatever Thou wouldst give us today. Amen.

2. Prayer to be offered before reading the Scripture:

(A) O Father, the inspirer of the written Word, I am now going to read it. Speak to me through this Book and make me hear Thy voice. Amen.

(B) O Holy God, whatever Thou hast got written in Thy Holy Book, let it be written in my heart also. Amen.

(C) O Father, the creator of good thoughts, when I read Thy Holy Book, cause only the thoughts that are inspired by Thee, but not any irrelevant imaginations. Amen.

(D) O Father, desirous of appearing to us, manifest Thyself from Thy Word, and display Thy heart to our hearts Amen.

(E) O Father, wisdom incarnate, when I have read portions in Thy Scripture, give me the ability to treasure them in my heart without forgetting them. Amen.

(F) O Father Eternal, even if the heavens and the earth cease to exist, Thy Word will not become extinct. Enlighten us with Thy Holy Spirit that the whole Word may be disseminated in our lives. The Holy Spirit has made known to Thy saints, Thy Scripture and the words in Thy Book, and had it written as the unique piece of writing. Just as the students prepare their final written note books, prepare our accepting nature also to have Thy Holy Spirit work in us, in the same way. Amen.

(G) O Father our sustainer, the human preachers are teaching Thy Scriptures in different ways leading to many doctrines. Therefore, teach us the correct interpretation of it. Amen.

3. The prayer to be offered as prelude to the main prayer:

(A) O Father, who art our father, now I want to talk to Thee. Teach me the familiarity to talk to Thee with as much intimacy as the children talk to their father. When I place before Thee my pains and pleasures, remove from

me the hesitation, fear and doubt that Thou wilt be angry with me. Amen.

(B) Father, as Thou hast talked to me through Thy Word, I make bold to talk to Thee through my prayer. Let my prayer be completed being filled with praises, apart from mere supplications. Amen.

(C) Father, who hast created all for us, as it was written in Thy Holy Scripture that Thou art powerful enough to grant us more than we ask for, bring into our possession all that Thou dost intend to give. Amen.

(D) Father, that art ever ready to give, Thou didst have it written that whatever things we ask for in prayer, will be ours, if we believe that we have already received them. So we praise Thee. To experience what is written above, we need the wondrous strength of faith, which do Thou create in us. Amen.

(E) O Father the triune God, Thou didst have it written in the Epistle of John that Thou wouldst certainly give us what we ask for according to Thy will. So, turn our will to submit to Thy will so that our will may be made known to Thy will in prayer. Amen.

(F) O God manifested through Thy Son, Father, Lord and Saviour, I thank Thee because Thou hast promised that Thou wilt give us whatever we ask for in Thy name. This appears to be the essence of all the promises together. Hence, I laud Thee. Put in us the required diligence to remember John. 14:14, Mark 11:24 and I John 5:14, whenever we offer prayers. Amen.

Note:- (All prayers will be fulfilled if the Three verses given above are remembered while praying).

4. Prayer to be offered at the time of preaching the Gospel

(A) O God, the master of all the peoples, Thou dost wish to save all, not only me. As Thou didst save me, provide me with the time to preach the Gospel that the others may be saved. Amen.

(B) O Lord, our leader, grant me the Grace to use my intellect to go to the places where I should go, according to the time and situations. Amen.

(C) O Father, who dost teach us to speak, when we preach to the other people, give us the ability to speak only the words that are proper to Thy heart without giving room for either silly talk or the words that we like. Amen.

(D) Father, that doth provide proper expressions at apropos times, when we preach Thy speech, it may not bear fruit in some people, while it does in some people,. Yet, give us Thy speech, because for those who are stubborn it will stand as punishment while for the obedient it will be like heavenly feast and sound celestial. Amen.

(E) Father, there are virtuous people who have never known Thy Word, Send me to such people. As their ignorance is being eliminated, let the flow of explaining Thy Word gush out like a fountain from me. Amen.

(F) O Father who dost grant me the Spirit to think carefully, like a teacher tell through us the proper replies to the difficult questions which confront us in great numbers while preaching. Nobody could stand the power of Stephen's words. Similarly, give us and the people we face, Thy grace so that they may listen to our replies to their queries, and feel delighted without contradicting us. Amen.

(G) May those who are knowledgeable of Thy Word realize their ignorance on hearing us interpret Thy Word to them. Do Thou smoothen their way to get enlightened, feeling the burning in their hearts as in the case of the disciples of Emmaus. Amen.

5. Prayer to be offered before retiring to bed.

(A) O God my Creator, that didst work on six days and rest on the seventh day, I salute Thee. Thou hast provided rest for us also in this world. Thou hast given us the night time to have rest as we toiled the whole day. We are now going to bed. Give us comfortable sleep. Amen.

(B) Thou hast appointed the eternal rest for us in heaven after we have toiled the whole life time in this world. We are now going to bed with this thought as the last thought in our minds. So, hear our prayer and bless us. Amen.

(C) My beloved Father, I am going to bed committing my body, my Spirit and all that I have to Thee. Do Thou take care of all. Amen.

(D) O the Father of all peoples, as I and my people are sleeping, keep Thy holy angels to guard around us. Amen.

(E) O Father, my Father, my loving Father, I remain beholden to Thee, and so if Thou dost take me to heaven even before I wake up in the morning, that is Thy love alone. Hence, my grateful Thanks to Thee. Amen.

(F) O Father the Protector, Father the Redeemer, protect us from the ants, mosquitoes, flies, centipedes, scorpions, snakes, beasts, thieves and the devils that harm us. Amen.

(G) O Father, that dost keep Thy eyes open, watching us while we close our eyes, I bow down to Thee. Amen.

(H) Grant us Thy grace to happen good thoughts, good dreams and good visions to us, if it be Thy will. Grant us also Thy grace to wake up happily in the morning, well refreshed. Amen.

6. Grace to be said before taking food.

(A) Father our Provider, as Thou hast given food as a means for us to live, we thank Thee. We desire that Thou shouldst be glorified as we eat. Amen.

(B) Father our Sustainer, if Thou dost give us the bodies capable of securing our bread, we can have the food items meant for us. Grant us Thy blessing that we may have them in abundance. Amen.

(C) O Father our Patron, grant us the two-fold benefit through this food; firstly, removal of ill health and secondly the strength, energy, wisdom and longevity required for sound health. We pray that Thou grant us these things. Amen.

(D) Father, who dost feed us, while we eat this food remind us of the spiritual food Thou art giving us. Then we have two-fold joy. Amen.

(E) Father, our Benefactor, as we eat this food, prevent from entering our minds sorrow, fear, worry, suspicion and anything that creates disgust, but allow only the thoughts which delight us. Amen.

(F) O Father our Giver, there are many poor people in this world. They don't have enough food. Show Thy con-

cern for them. Prosper the organizations feeding the poor. Amen.

(G) 'What do I lack when my Lord is with me' is the song to be sung at the time of eating. The verse "Thou preparest a table before me to the shame of my enemies" should also be sung.

PRAYER :- Father, some people, particularly the poor, feel gratified on being provided a little food. Some people are not satisfied with any amount of food. Some people are not satisfied with any amount of food. Lord, likewise grant us Thy grace to feel contented with whatever message Thou hast given us today. Amen.

Note:- *I have given the above as model prayer. You may add such expressions and complete prayers. You have to conclude every prayer in the name of the Lord and with Lord's prayer.*

(1) "Listen to all these our prayers through Thy dear Son, our Saviour, and the Bridegroom soon to come, that they may be fulfilled". This should be used at the conclusion of every prayer.

(2) "Hear these our prayers, in the presence of Thy Son, reigning with Thee and the Holy Spirit as one God". Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CREATION

1. Father, every minute, keep on blessing every item and every creature Thou hast created, Is. 27:3.

2. Father, give human expression to the whole creation Thou hast made, and impart to every one in the world the news about the Lord Jesus Christ in dream or vision.

3. We praise Thee for hearing all our prayers. Let the whole creation resound Thy praise along with the praises of Thy qualities. Amen.

PRAYER REGARDING THE 'ARYA SAMAJ'

1. Father, they say that there are many mistakes in the Bible. Therefore, reveal to them the divinity in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Father, they say that there are many mistakes in Christ. So, manifest to them the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. They say that the Christian Church has many mistakes. Open their eyes. Enlighten them of the fact that there are defects in the Christians, but not in the Church. Also, forgive them and turn them into Christian preachers. As Thou didst transform the devil possessed lunatic at Gadarenes into a native missionary, do likewise in their case also.

PRAYER TO STOP WARS

1. Father, Thou didst have it written in the Psalms of David that Thou dost make wars cease (Ps. 46:9). Hence, stop all wars. Otherwise, many will perish and it will mean a great expense.

2. They have manufactured the weapons of war and the ammunition to kill people. Destroy all such weapons.

3. It is a matter of regret for Christians to fight wars. The believers of other religions accuse the Christians that as God caused the wars in the Old Testament, the Bible itself is teaching the people to fight. In those days the Gentiles were persecuting the Jews because Satan entered them and provoked them to kill the Jews so that Christ might not be born among them as was promised. Hence, the wars became necessary. Yet, let those who are killed in the wars and go to Hades, be preached to. Cause repentance in them and take them to heaven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES

O God, Thou hast given many children to the families. It is a glad thing. But we pray that Thou give them good character. Also give the parents power to bring up their children in the devout manner. Teach the parents how to mould their children in the proper way when they go astray. It is easy to guide them when they are good, and the parents do not have any problem. But when the children deviate from the right way, the parents have a great task to turn them back, and this is the proper time for the parents to utilize their devotion, wisdom, conscience and physical strength. Hence, give them all such an ability. Abraham was not said to be angry with anybody. As those who were with him were proper, there was no need to admonish or correct them. The children of these days have gone out of order. The parents have to make big effort to set them right. Grant them such an ability. Thou hast made

St. Paul wrote that "The children are disobedient to their parents" and it is happening now. So, even setting them right should also happen. As parents are responsible for their children, they should discharge their duties themselves. O the powerful Lord, O El-Shaddai, grant them Thy power. Give them the strength to walk and to guide. Amen.

When an adverse power enters a house, the power from El-Shaddai will not fail to come from heaven to defy it.

1. Merciful Father, children in family belong to a group and it is called the group of exclusive freedom. Therefore, they act according to their own will without listening to the words of their parents. Thus, it grieves the parents. This is happening frequently. We pray that Thou prevent such a thing from happening in these our families.

2. *Another group:-* When asked about anything, some children, instead of stating facts, affirm falsehood as the real truth. Root out this practice.

3. They go about visiting places of their interest without staying indoors. Eliminate this also.

4. Some children, saying that they have to attend school, go elsewhere and on returning home they say that the school is just over. Remove this bad nature from them.

5. If they fail on account of being irregular in studies, they speak against Thee. Wipe out even this.

6. They steal some things from the house and sell them or distribute them to their friends. They visit other places without their parents' knowledge. When asked why they have done so, they say, they have heard a voice asking them to go. It is true that they heard a voice, but they do not know that it is the voice of the devil. Let it be known to them.

7. When the parents punish them, they become hardened. Remove this stubbornness from them.

8. If the parents tell them to be in prayer, read the Bible, and sing songs, they reply "We do not feel like doing what you tell us to do". Root out this wrong attitude also.

9. They will not accept when they are told that there is iniquity in them. O Lord, in these days Satan is creating

mental aberration in some people. Some, he takes to far off places and makes them lie down. They are not aware of it. Moreover, if the devil appears to some Christians like a mendicant and tells them deceptive words, they are deluded into thinking that he is Jesus Christ. It is not good to give alms without proper examination. Moreover, Satan creates fear for no reason. So, one should be alert.

PRAYER FOR DAILY USE

1. O the omnipotent God, thou hast healed many sick people. Heal us also.
2. Thou hast given health to many unhealthy people. Grant us also the health.
3. Thou hast rooted out the disease from many people. Likewise, root out the disease from us.
4. Thou hast made Thy message heard by many people. Make us also hear it and teach us.
5. Thou hast given many people the strength to follow Thy Word. Give us also such strength.
6. Thou hast given some gift to many people. Grant us also the gift that is pleasing to Thee.
7. Thou hast given many people the time and energy to do Thy Service. Grant us also such time and energy.
8. Thou hast granted many people the time to pray for all items in Thy presence. Grant us also such opportunity.
9. Thou hast received great honour through many people. Receive the same through us also.
10. Thou hast delivered many people from enemy harassment. Do for us likewise.
11. Thou hast saved many people from poisonous creatures and wild animals. Save us also from them.
12. Thou hast delivered many people from insult. Deliver us also.
13. Thou hast protected many people from different climatic conditions. Also protect us.
14. Do Thou not desert us till the fulfillment of the purpose with which Thou hast created us.
15. Thou hast removed the obstacles of many people. Do likewise for us also.
16. Give peaceful death to those among us for whom death is necessary.

17. Keep ready from among us those who are to be prepared for Thy Rapture.
18. Fulfill all our visions and also our good thoughts and desires.
19. Fill our whole life with thoughts of Thee.
20. Prevent from entering into us cowardice, unbelief, fear and temporary faith.
21. We submit to Thee all the items which we have failed to mention in our prayers.
22. Also protect us, the whole mankind, the whole animal kind, birds, the vegetation and all Thy creation.
23. Destroy all the works of Satan then and there itself.
24. Provide the help of Thy angels throughout our lives.
25. Eliminate our ignorance, unworthiness and our sinful state, now and here itself. Establish us in the holy state.
26. Protect us from foregoing anything given by Thee.
27. The Triune God, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit.
28. Register our names in heaven through Thy Son, even while we are on this earth.
29. We beseech Thee with much humility to accept in His name the praises pertaining to the times of the beginning, middle and end of our existence, the times of difficulties, the times of joy, the times of ignorance and indecision. And also the praises of our mortal coil, the praises we owe to Thee from the beginning till the last moment of our earthly existence and our praises due in heaven. Amen.

SWITCH PRAYER (BINDING PRAYER)

Lord Jesus, we offer this switch prayer soon after waking up today (Matt. 18:18).

We must have completed all the prayers that we have to offer. The tube light will not glow soon after we on the switch. Yet, we do not press the switch again but wait for the light. There is no need to press it again. We who are close to the Second Advent should offer prayers relevant to the times and be watching. Then, just as the Israelitis who were delivered from the attack of the enemies at the Red Sea, we also will be delivered. Whatever we bind on the earth, the Lord will bind in heaven. Whatever we loose on

the earth, the Lord will loose in heaven. In these two lines we find our will, as well as our choice, according to our freedom. What a blessing it is! Many devotees deprived themselves of this blessing. Just as there is radiance in heaven, our prayer will be as radiant, in our prayer room.

SPECIAL PRAYER (Matt. 6:6)

If we read the Scripture portions familiar to us, according to the context, a new light will emanate from them.

1. Father, the triune God, we have come to Thee with joy to place before Thee our supplication at the time of trouble. This is the time of sorrow, fear and lack of freedom. Yet, this is also the time when we should, according to the promise of Thy Word, have to possess joy, courage, freedom and intensity in ministry. In the first century, the emperors of the whole world intended to destroy this Church to the roots, but could do nothing to the holy Roman empire. Therefore, this Church has been flowing like a river for the past twenty centuries. This is Thy power for which we exalt Thee.

2. Many people of our times in our country, who have been enjoying in many ways the good things provided by Thy Church and our churches in general, are now arguing that when there is the native religion (Hinduism), why the alien religion (Christianity) should come? And that the Christians should join the native religion; with a view to obstructing the growth of Thy Church. They also speak with contempt about many things in the Bible, and accordingly they are publishing tracts and books against it. Therefore, God, bind up their thoughts, bind up their speeches, close their publications, stop their other attempts which are aimed at causing harm to us. But, first quicken us to bind all of them in our prayer room. Remove from us the fear and lack of confidence. Then we can bind them up.

3. Thou didst kept silent when the enemies rose in attack against the Israelites. Likewise, Thou art keeping silent when our enemies are rising against us in order to prompt us to pray. Therefore, we exalt Thee.

4. Grant us the peaceful mind and enlightenment in order that we may make efforts with good intention surpassing whatever attempts those who oppose us are making.

5. Moreover, we are praying to Thee while they are praying to deities. While they are propagating their teachings, strengthen our mouths also to spread Thy good ings, strengthen our mouths also to spread Thy good teachings. As they are indulging in serious and slanderous speeches in the open meetings, give strength to our hearts, power to our wisdom, and proper expression to our memory that are capable of giving solid reply, so that we may convince them through our speeches in a just manner according to Thy Word "Give answer to every one that asks you". This is because, Thou didst have it written, "It is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you (Matt. 10:19,20)". Therefore, show us the favour of Thy Spirit and appear to those who have the gift of vision. Give efficiency to our hands to write proper replies to their tracts and books and provide the necessary finances to get our replies printed. Create in us the good thought to express kind sentiments while they are conspiring against us.

6. Lead us into a state of forgiveness in order that we may also pray for them in the manner that our Lord on the cross prayed "Father, forgiven them, for they know not what they do". Moreover, Father, it is not them, but do Thou destroy their evil attempts up to the root. Inspire our countrymen now to write to the Bible Society for Bibles as it happened in China. Create in all the people the clamorous power to demand for the Christian preachings, tracts and books.

7. O God, God of infinite grace, praises to Thee. Finding that he has not much time, Satan is launching an attack on the faithful. Do Thou not allow his plans to be executed. Let not his attempts be successful. Spoil his evil designs. Thou didst bind the four demons at the river Euphrates (Rev. 9:14). So also bind all the devils roaming around the whole world and their activities.

Note:- (1) We must pray in the manner given above, thinking of them who are in bondages. (2) See the rule No. 9. On page 6 the book "Lines to resist Satan".

INJECTION PRAYER

O gracious Lord, in these end times, unlike the earlier days, whenever the Church opens the Bible and reads any portion anywhere, make Thy power coming from that

verse penetrate into the body of the Church like an injection. The way we read earlier is different from the way we read once in these last days, and now the way is different again after Father Devadas has explained. Wherever we turn the pages and read, and even if we read about the stories of Achan, Judas, Ananias and Sapphira, Cain and Sodom, we must read them without thinking of them as inauspicious. In God's Word there are no bad omens. There are no injections which drive out all weaknesses and strengthen us.

Lord Jesus, turn into good injections not only them but also the persecutions caused to Thy Church. Lord Jesus, today also give us a new message. May it also become a power - supplying injection. May glory be to Thee, victory to Thy Church and destruction to the works of Satan. Transfuse Thy Blood into the Church through the holy communion. Let Thy blood alone be injected into Thy Church. Amen.

ASSORTMENT OF PRAYER VEINS

1. Prayer :- O gracious Father, we praise Thee knowing that Thou dost give ear to prayers when we come to Thy presence and place before Thee any supplication, and intercede for anything. Although Thou dost know my requirements even before I ask Thee, I place before Thee my petitions, because Thou hast said "Ask and it shall be given unto you".

O Father, grant me whatever Thou dost intend to give me. Continue to establish me as Thy child who can freely move in Thy presence. Grant me the courage to stand on Thy behalf in times of trouble and also in times when I do not understand the things. Let not my good understanding about Thee be changed. Continue to protect me from sin, and the results of sin. Keep on teaching me Thy Word everytime. Keep talking to my spirit always. Also, establish me as Thy loyal servant working with gratitude towards Thee. Let me not deviate from the line of the Bride. When I intend to ask for things against Thy will, let them not find mention in my prayer. Moreover, let not the time lapse when I have to pray for a certain item. Grant me the proper mode of prayer. Send preachers who can carry Thy message to all people. Multiply all the efforts in preaching Thy Gospel.

Prosper the charitable activities to be performed on behalf of the sinners, the suffering, the poor and those who are being treated with injustice. Hear this prayer beholding the face of Thy Son. Amen.

2. CONSECRATION :- O God! I am dedicating to Thee all that Thou hast given me. I also commit to Thee my body, my spirit and all that I have; specially my life-time in the past, present and future. Whatever be Thy will is my will. Even if Thy will is sour to my taste many times, help me to admit it from today. I place at Thy disposal whatever good deed I am not able to perform and whatever deed I am doing against my will and Thy will. I hand over to Thee my relatives, friends, enemies, officials and those who do not like me. I submit to Thee the creatures, the animals, the birds and all other such things which harm us, likewise, I place in Thy power the devils and Satan that afflict us, and all such related things. I offer to Thee all the trees and rocks that pain us. I yield to Thee the five elements that cause harmful effects. Accept this our consecration beholding the radiant face of Thy Son. Amen.

3. ADVENT PRAYER:- Once there was fighting among all the people in a village. On a certain day a man came to see his daughter who was ill, and on hearing about the terrible fighting in the village, he took his daughter home. This world is a filthy world, a world of diseases, a world of poisonous creatures, a world of death, a world of devils and a world of people yielded to the influence of devils. Therefore, our God, the Father takes us into the heavenly abode without keeping us here. He will come soon. This is the Second Coming. When the Father takes his daughter away, she will not say, "I will not come". Likewise, we also should not say "We will not come into the clouds". We should say, "Lord, Father, I am ready". O Lord, give us the grace to be able to say like it. Amen.

MARANATHA. (I Cor. 16:22)