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Prayers

OFFERED AT THE OPENING OF THE DAILY SESSIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resolved, That the prayers offered by the Chaplain, Henry N. Couden, at each morning's session of the Sixty-second Congress be printed in one volume, at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, to be compiled by the said Chaplain and to be placed at the disposal of Members of the Sixty-second Congress, in equal allotments, after reserving one hundred copies for the disposal of the Chaplain.

Passed the House March 1 (calendar day, March 4), 1913.
Attest:

SOUTH TRIMBLE, Clerk.

TO THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES THIS LITTLE BOOK IS DEDICATED, WITH THE FERVENT HOPE THAT IT MAY FIND A WARM WELCOME IN THE HOMES OF THOSE FOR WHOM IT IS INTENDED.

Henry N. Couden.

Foreword.

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Just before the Sixty-second Congress adjourned the House passed a resolution providing for publishing the prayers of Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., Chaplain, in book form.

This graceful action of the House was bottomed on two things—the personal affection of the Members for the Chaplain and the excellence of the prayers.

It is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Couden is a friend to every Member and that every Member is a friend to Dr. Couden.

The truth of that statement is fully attested by the fact that, though he is a Republican, he has been twice reelected Chaplain by Democratic Houses—unanimously reelected; and while the age of prophecy is past, it is not a wild guess to predict that he will be Chaplain of the House so long as he lives, unless he finds some position more desirable.

The nearest parallel to Dr. Couden's case is that of Dr. Milburn, a Democrat, who after being the Chaplain of several Democratic Houses was reelected by one Republican House, whereas Dr. Couden was reelected by two Democratic Houses.

Dr. Couden is a Universalist and has been elected Chaplain by ten Houses, in no one of which more than a dozen Universalists sat. So we have the strange case of a man elected eight times by a strict party vote by Houses not in accord with him religiously and twice unanimously elected by Houses differing with him in both religion and politics. That is a remarkable tribute to Dr. Couden and a splendid testimonial to the broad-mindedness of the House.

It is true, however, that though the Members of the House are fond of Dr. Couden as counselor, guide, and

friend, they would never have ordered his prayers printed in book form were not the prayers of excellent character in both form and matter. They are full of piety, sympathy, and philanthropy. They are earnest, helpful, hopeful. They are voiced in choice English and conform to the poet Montgomery's definition:

> Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
> Uttered or unexpressed,
> The motion of a hidden fire
> That trembles in the breast.

In publishing this little book we think we are rendering a public service, and we send it forth with our blessing upon "The Blind Chaplain," who occupies a warm place in our hearts.

CHAMP CLARK,
Speaker.

SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS
FIRST SESSION

Prayers

OFFERED AT THE OPENING OF THE DAILY SESSIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS.[1]

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TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1911.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, above all, through all, and in us all, from whom cometh all wisdom, power, and goodness. Open Thou our spiritual eyes, quicken our susceptibilities, and make us conscious of Thy presence. The past is ours by inheritance, the future depends upon our use of the present opportunities; make us therefore wise and strong and pure in our generation, that we may move forward to the larger possibilities which wait on the faithful. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Increase, we beseech Thee, our faith and confidence in that overruling Providence which hitherto has shaped and guided the destiny of our Republic, that each citizen throughout the length and breadth of the land may vie with each in a faithful and patriotic service to his country, and grant, O God our Father, that the coordinate

[1] Mr. ASHBROOK. Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there are any words uttered within this Chamber that are more worthy of preservation or of more benefit to those who read the Congressional Record than those which fall from the lips of our Chaplain every morning. It will take but a stickful of space in the Record to print the invocation of our beloved blind Chaplain, and I therefore ask unanimous consent that hereafter during the Sixty-second Congress the morning prayer be printed in the Congressional Record.

The SPEAKER. The Chair agrees with the gentleman and directs that the prayers be published in the Record.

branches of our Government may work in harmony together with Thee; that the sacred rights of the people, civil, political, and religious, may be safeguarded and every legitimate interest advanced till the desert places shall blossom as the rose and peace, prosperity, and happiness fill every home; that the genius of our Republic may find its full fruition in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

"Our Father, who 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1911.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we invoke Thy blessing upon the new Congress now convened. Impress, we beseech Thee, each Member of this House with the great responsibility resting upon him, that with high ideals of statesmanship he may give the best that is in him to his country. Let Thy blessing descend upon the Speaker, that with clear perceptions, noble endeavors, and lofty purposes he may preside over the deliberations of this House with justice and equity and lead on to the highest results; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, take away, we beseech Thee, from the individual heart all guile, that we may have the ideal home, the ideal Government, the ideal church; that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven, in the spirit of the Master. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1911.

Eternal and everliving God, our heavenly Father, from whom no secrets are hid, we freely confess our weakness, our sins, and most fervently pray for Thy forgive-

ness. Thou knowest the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Bear with us, O we beseech Thee, and create within us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within, that we may go forward from this moment taking up life anew to larger attainments under Thy leadership, supported by Thy strength. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, before whom we bow in adoration and to whom we would pour out our hearts in love and gratitude for life and all that makes it dear, teach us, we beseech Thee, the art of self-control, that we may meet all the duties, responsibilities, and conflicts of life with perfect urbanity, remembering that "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city," that we may quit ourselves like men and thus prove ourselves worthy of the dignity which Thou hast bestowed upon us. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1911.

Almighty Father, Maker of heaven and earth, enter Thou, we pray Thee, more completely into our hearts, that they may be enlarged by Thy grace, that our sympathies may have a wider sweep and go out to our fellow men in all classes and conditions of life; that, working together and working with Thee, we may hasten the coming of Thy kingdom; that evil may take wings and fly away; that war shall become a thing of the past, and peace and good will reign in every heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, whose love fills all space with rays divine, we hallow Thy name for that greatest of all events which demonstrates the power of life over death and which will be celebrated on the morrow with prayers of gratitude and anthems of praise throughout all Christendom; make

us worthy, we beseech Thee, of such love and power. May our spiritual eyes be opened, that we may penetrate the veil and behold our loved ones on the golden shore with outstretched arms to receive us.

So long Thy power has blest us, sure it still
  Will lead us on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
  The night is gone.
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which we have loved long since, and lost awhile.

And when the tongue is eloquent no more
The soul shall speak in tears of gratitude.

Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee that the English-speaking people all over the world are pausing at this time from the busy whirl and turmoil of life's activities to celebrate the tercentennial of the King James version of the Bible, a light which shone out of the darkness, the basis of our civilization, food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, strength for the weak, rest for the weary, comfort for the sorrowing, and hope for the dying, a very present help in every trouble.

Grant, O most merciful Father, that it may bind us so closely together that war between us will be forever impossible; that we may march forward shoulder to shoulder in the peaceful pursuits of life to the higher civilization which waits on those who serve the Lord. And Thine be the praise forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1911.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, ever ready to hear and answer the prayers of the faithful, help us to pray and work that we may become factors in the world's great fields of endeavor, workers in Thy vineyards, that we may build for ourselves characters Godlike, in imitation of the world's Exemplar, that Thy kingdom may come, and Thy will be done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, help us to appreciate Thy goodness and Thy wonderful works unto the children of men, that we may think nobly, feel deeply, and act worthily in the vocation whereunto Thou hast called us, and thus hallow Thy name. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1911.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth, who hast set Thy glory above the heavens. Open Thou our spiritual eyes, that we may behold the light of Thy countenance. Unstop our spiritual ears, that we may hear the music of Thy voice. Make more sensitive our hearts, that we may feel the fructifying influences of Thy love; that as we pass on we may strew our paths with the flowers of golden deeds, and at the end hear the words, which will be sweeter than all music, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, fountain of wisdom, source of all good, keep us, we beseech Thee, in touch with Thee through the remaining hours of this day, that we enter not into temptation, that we do wrong to no man, but with high resolves and noble purposes we may go forward with the work Thou hast given us to do. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for that broad, generous, Godlike spirit which is gradually coming into the world, the fruits of which are righteousness, truth, justice, mercy, peace, good will toward men, and which tends to solidify the peoples of all creeds and of all races into one great family, and which will finally bring the answer to that prayer which falls daily from the lips of thousands: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

And now, O God our Father, in whom are centered all our longings, hopes, and aspirations, be very near to the Member of this House who has been bereft of the companion who has walked lovingly and sympathetically by his side through many years, sharing his joys and sorrows. Comfort him and the rest of the stricken family by the blessed hope of the Gospel, that they may look forward to that realm where neither death nor sorrow ever comes; and Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, when we consider the works of Thy hand, the vast and stupendous universe, the wonderful adaptation of means to ends everywhere apparent, we are moved to wonder and awe; but when we feel the thrill of that everlasting fatherly love revealed in the heart of the Christ and poured out in agony in Gethsemane and on the Cross of Calvary we are moved to admiration, thanksgiving, praise, gratitude, and love. But, oh, how soon we wrap the mantle of selfishness about us and forget our duty to Thee and to our fellow men! Forgive us, we beseech Thee, and help us to be true followers of the Jesus of Nazareth, in thought, word, and deed; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1911.

O Thou Great Father, soul from whom all blessings flow, feed us with the bread of heaven, that we may be strong of mind, pure of heart, fearless of action, ever ready to follow wheresoever Thou dost lead in the spirit of Him who died that we might live. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1911.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, let Thy blessing descend copiously upon us, to broaden our views, quicken our sensibilities, that we may make worthy our acts in whatsoever our hands findeth to do, and thus grow daily into the likeness of our Maker. And honor and glory and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for all the seasons of the year, since each contributes its share to the wants and necessities of mankind; but when the winter is over and gone and the life currents are freed from its icy fingers; the grass springs beneath our feet; the trees take on their garments of green; the flowers bud, blossom, and exhale their fragrance; the birds sing; and the heart of man rejoices in the beauty and promise of it all, and our faith is enlarged in Thy goodness and Thy promises unto Thy children.

It is written, "For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and blossom, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth; it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." So may we be faithful and profitable servants unto Thee, O God our Father. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1911.

Eternal and everliving God, our Father, incline Thine ear and hear our petition. Thou art infinite; we are finite; Thou art all inclusive, while we are but integral parts of a stupendous whole. Hold us close to Thee, that we may feel the warm, life-giving currents of Thy loving heart, and believe that whatsoever thou dost order for us is better than anything we could desire for ourselves; that we may harmonize our thoughts with Thy thoughts, our ways with Thy ways, and submit our will to Thine. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1911.

Eternal God, source of all wisdom, strength, and purity, help us with increasing faith and confidence to draw copiously upon Thee for light to guide, strength to sustain, and purity to shield us from the polluting hand of sin, that we may love mercy, do justly, and walk humbly with Thee, our Father, as faithful servants, and bring forth the fruits of the spirit abundantly, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1911.

O Lord, our God and our Father, whose heart opens with love in response to those who seek Thee diligently, lift us by Thy grace into that purer atmosphere where spirit with spirit can meet, purify and ennoble the soul, that we may work in Thee, through Thee, with Thee, for the uplift of humanity, and, as we pass on toward the home of the soul, leave the world a little better for those who shall come after us. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1911.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, whose glory shines around about us with ever-increasing brightness and whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting poured out in a thousand blessings anew every morning, fresh every evening. Help us by the rectitude of our behavior and with unswerving devotion to duty to prove ourselves worthy of such love and devotion. And Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1911.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, for the beauty and simplicity of the Christian religion, which under the dispensation of Thy Providence has been revealed in the incomparable life and character of Thy Son, which has purified, ennobled, dignified life. Help us in His spirit, encourage by His sublime example, to press ever toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1911.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, our hearts go out in gratitude to Thee for this glorious spring day, token of Thy presence and continued care. Bring us, we beseech Thee, within the scope of Thy holy influence, that our thoughts may harmonize with Thy thoughts and our hearts beat in unison with Thy great loving heart, that our work may be in consonance with the eternal fitness of things, and so redound to the good of our fellow men. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we approach Thee with renewed faith and confidence in the things which make for righteousness in the soul. Inspire us, we beseech Thee, with broad and comprehensive views of life, quicken our conscience to do Thy will, that at the close of this day we may ask Thy blessing upon all our acts and lie down to peaceful slumber in the full consciousness of duty well done; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1911.

Out of the deeps of our being, O God our Father, we thank Thee for the gospel of love which poured itself out in all fullness on the Cross of Calvary, the very heart of God revealed, the crown of all humanity, so subtle, so profound, so gentle, so potent that the slightest touch purifies, enriches, ennobles the soul, and makes the whole world akin. Quicken, we beseech Thee, our susceptibilities that we may receive more abundantly, that we may become like unto the Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy spiritual gifts, and inspire us to seek Thee more diligently, that we may get nearer to Thee and empty ourselves of all selfish and ignoble desires; that we may bring our homes nearer the ideal; that the genius of our Government may more and more obtain; that by the force of our example we may lift the world to a higher standard of living, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1911.

With unfeigned love and gratitude we would sing Thy praise, O God our Father, for life and its far-reaching purposes. We bless Thee that under the Constitution of these United States of America each citizen is permitted to think his own thoughts, enjoy the fruits of his own honest industry, and worship Thee according to the dictates of his own conscience. Help us to remember that each is

but a unit in the great human family, bound together by ties so delicately adjusted that what helps one helps all, what hurts one hurts all; that we may think and act in consonance with the golden rule, striving earnestly day by day to do unto others as we would be done by. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for every great soul who has climbed the heights, caught a vision, evolved a truth, made a discovery, invented a machine, a device, caused two blades of grass to grow where one grew, wrote a book, a poem, a song, painted a picture, carved a statue, reared an altar to his God, founded a hospital, a school, a college, or gave greater freedom of thought and action to mankind. So may it be our desire and our good fortune. And Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1911.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for that silent yet potent influence ever going out from Thee to Thy children, leading them onward and upward to the things which make for godliness in thought and action. Make us more susceptible until we all come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1911.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, to whom we are responsible as rational beings, we thank Thee for all the strong, pure, noble, self-respecting men and women who have kept close to Thee and observed the laws which Thou hast ordained, and thus become masters in the art of living godly lives. But we most fervently pray for the poor, weak, insipid men and women who have forgotten Thee and lost all self-respect and become submerged by their own vicious acts and desires to the lowest depth. Have mercy, O God, we beseech Thee, upon them, and teach the strong how to impart strength unto

the weak, the pure how to impart purity unto the impure, the godly how to impart godliness unto the ungodly. We realize that the laws enacted by men may restrict, restrain, but they do not remove the disease. This must be done by personal contact, through sympathy, by the power and influence of love. Help us thus to rid ourselves of the cesspools and slums of our city, and all cities, for Christ's sake. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1911.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, for the preservation of our lives, the sanctity of our homes, the stability of our Republic, and for that spirit which is ever leading us onward and upward to larger attainments. Strengthen us for the duties of the hour that we may go about our Father's business, doing whatsoever we find to do. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1911.

Infinite and eternal presence, God, our heavenly Father, ever ready to hear and answer the prayers of Thy children, take us into Thy care and keeping and guide us through the remaining hours of this day, that we may fulfill the obligations resting upon us and thus satisfy our own conscience and merit Thine approbation. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1911.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, before whom millions daily prostrate themselves in adoration and praise, we humbly and reverently bow in Thy presence and acknowledge with unfeigned gratitude our indebtedness to Thee for all things; and we most humbly and fervently pray that Thou wilt continue Thy blessings unto us to uphold, sustain, and guide us, that we may fulfill to the uttermost our mission in this life and be fully prepared at the proper time to enter upon that other life where we shall serve Thee in a world without end; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1911.

[Rev. William Alexander Major, D. D., of Seattle, Wash.]

O Lord our God, Thou who art the Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in Thy being wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth, we look to Thee for all good. We are told that if a man lack wisdom, let him ask of God. We need Thy help, intelligence, instruction, discipline, growth.

Let Thy blessing fall upon these men who represent the greatest Government upon earth, help every man to be a good steward, faithful in the discharge of his duty, and may we all live and act so that what we do may commend itself to all the nations of the world.

We thank Thee for what Thou hast done for the individual. We bless Thee for his place in the world. We thank Thee for what Thou hast stamped upon him, and we come to-day to recognize that every act and perfect gift cometh from Thy hand. Lead us now into deliberations of the day, strengthen us for every duty which awaits us, and not unto us, O God, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and Thy truth's sake. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1911.

God of the ages, our fathers' God and our God, we bless Thy holy name for the spirit of seventy-six, which moved our forefathers and our foremothers to deeds of heroism and glory, which gave to us the precious heritage, a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; and for the spirit of sixty-one, which moved their sons and daughters to deeds of heroism and glory, which saved that Government from destruction. And grant, O most merciful Father, as these sacred Memorial Days recur, North and South, that the tears of the blue and the gray may mingle together over the graves of their precious dead; that if there were feelings of bitterness, animosity, hatred, they may be buried so deep that they never again can be resurrected; that Old Glory may float on in triumph, yet in peace, over a united country; one flag, one land, one heart, one Nation evermore; and glory and honor be Thine forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, draw us by Thy loving-kindness and tender mercies close to Thee, that we may partake of the bread which cometh down from above, drink from the fountain of all good, breathe the purer atmosphere of heaven, and feel the thrill of eternal life; be refreshed, purified, ennobled, strengthened for the daily tasks of life; measure up to the highest ideals of manhood and grow day by day into the likeness of our Maker. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we would hallow Thy name in thought, word, and deed; hence we wait upon Thee for the quickening of that spark which makes us Thine and the whole world akin and which inspires to great thoughts, clean living, and noble deeds. Speak to us that we thus go forward to the tasks of the hour in faith, hope, and love; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, author of our being and bestower of every good gift, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee for all Thy favors, and we most fervently pray that Thy spirit may so completely possess us that it may crowd out of our being all evil desires and sinful propensities, that we may hallow Thy name in all that we undertake this day, that no sorrows, no regrets shall follow in its wake to disturb our peace and happiness, and we will ascribe all praise to Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1911.

O Thou who art the life and light of men, the inspiration to every high ideal and worthy endeavor, broaden our intellectual conceptions, quicken every noble impulse, widen the sphere of our activities, that by the rectitude of our behavior we may become potent factors in the spread of Thy kingdom, that Thy will may be done in earth as in heaven. In the spirit of the world's great Exemplar. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we bless Thee for all the revelations Thou hast made of Thyself and for the hopes and promises of the future. Thou art an imminent God, ever working in and through Thy children. The last word has not been spoken, the last revelation has not been made. Make us, therefore, susceptible, that we may hear Thy voice, feel Thy presence, and go forward with unfaltering footsteps to larger attainments for ourselves and for all the world; and Thine be the praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, imbue us, we beseech Thee, plenteously with heavenly gifts, that with patience, meekness, gentleness, courage, fortitude, forbearance, and brotherly love we may meet the obligations of the hour and quit ourselves like men, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we are assembled here in memory of a departed Member of this House who served his State and Nation with fidelity and ability. Modest, yet firm; without ostentation, yet with patriotic zeal and fervor; a member of a Christian church; zealous in all good works; respected, esteemed, loved by all.

We mourn him, but not as dead; rather as living in another of God's many mansions, where, with the same patience, fidelity, and zeal in the service of the King, he is faring on. Help us to emulate his virtues that we may leave behind us a clean record. Comfort, we beseech Thee, his colleagues and friends, and let Thine everlasting arms be about those who were near and dear to him in the bonds of kinship to sustain and comfort them; and bring us all in Thine own good time to dwell with Thee in heaven. In the name of Him who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1911.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, whose goodness stands approved in a thousand beneficent acts day by day, which pass all unnoticed through our selfish and ignoble ambitions. Forgive us, O Father, and inspire us with clearer vision, nobler aspirations, larger life, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1911.

Infinite Spirit, Father of all souls, whose wisdom, power, and goodness are everywhere apparent, upholding, sustaining, guiding the works of Thy hands, a potent factor in shaping and guiding the destiny of men and of nations, help us to put ourselves en rapport with Thee, that we may become instruments in furthering Thy plans, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for our national ensign, a thing of beauty, which stands for law and order, liberty, justice, equal rights, peace and good will to all men; that it has become a national feature to celebrate in song and story its official birth and incomparable history in our public schools, by patriotic societies, and the people in general. Grant, O God, that the ideals which it represents may more and more obtain; that it may float on in peace over a happy, prosperous, God-loving people forever. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1911.

O Thou Great Spirit, Father, Soul, everywhere present, a potent influence in the affairs of men, we wait upon Thee with open minds and hearts, that the issues of this day may be in consonance with Thy holy will. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, imbue us plenteously, we beseech Thee, with heavenly gifts, that we may be guided to a faithful and conscientious service to Thee and our fellow men here, now and always. In the spirit of the world's great Exemplar. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1911.

Almighty Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, inspire us, we beseech Thee, with new devotion to those high and holy principles illustrated in the life and character of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may prove ourselves worthy of the dignity bestowed upon us as rational beings, sons of the living God, destined to immortal life, "for I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1911.

Infinite Spirit, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that in the dispensation of Thy providence Thou didst set apart one day in the seven for rest, reflection, and worship; that a large majority of our people appreciate its worth and feel the uplift of that spirit which makes for righteousness in the soul, in the home, in the State, or Nation through its observance. Grant that it may more and more obtain in the hearts of our people. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1911.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, for the men of old who climbed the heights of glory, dreamed dreams, and saw visions which illumine the present, to guide us on our way. Grant that the visions of the now may cast their light far out into the future, to guide those who shall come after us to larger life and grander achievements, that humanity may march on with steady and unfaltering footsteps until the ruling passion of men shall be love to Thee

and to their fellow men; that man's inhumanity to man may perish in the strife of men to overcome evil with good. And pæans of praise we will ever give to Thee, our God and our Father. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1911.

Infinite Spirit whose life-giving rays permeate all space and whose love reaches out to all mankind, we thank Thee for that strong, intelligent, and ever-growing faith which recognizes Thee as the Father of all men, which enhances, dignifies, and ennobles life, takes away the sting, the fear of death, and fills the heart with eternal hope, accentuates the sinfulness of sin, and inspires to holy living. Grant, O most merciful Father, that it may continue to grow until all men shall know Thee and worship Thee as such. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1911.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, above all, through all, and in all, to quicken, to inspire, to guide, amid the conflicting elements, the profound problems, the strenuous duties which appeal to every serious, strong-minded, noble-hearted man, we thank Thee for the special order of the day in memory of such a man who met life and its problems with the courage and fortitude of a great soul and distinguished himself wherever he was called to serve—on the field of battle, at the bar of justice, in the legislative halls of State and Nation. Quick to perceive, clear of judgment, wise in counsel, strong in action, eloquent of speech, a leader of men; patient, gentle, easy of approach, a friend of the friendless, a follower of the King of men; respected, honored, loved by all who knew him; called from a life of usefulness with a character full rounded out, a passport to the realms of eternal life; we thank Thee for what he was and for what he did, and we pray that his example may inspire us and those who shall come after us to earnest endeavor and purity of purpose. Be graciously near to all who mourn him, especially the bereaved wife and children, to uphold, sustain, and comfort them in the blessed promises of the Gospel. And glory and honor and praise be Thine forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1911.

Father in heaven, source of all wisdom, power, and goodness, look with compassion upon us, pardon our sins, illumine our minds, impart unto us strength sufficient for our needs, fill our hearts with love for Thee and our fellow men that we may measure up to the highest ideals of manhood in whatsoever we undertake this day, that we may prove ourselves worthy as children of the living God. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, ever ready to uphold, sustain, and guide those who seek to know and do Thy will, we wait upon Thee for light to guide, strength to sustain us, in every legitimate effort to right existing wrongs, remove unjust conditions, lift up the fallen, that we may fulfill the law of Christ, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them;" for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, whose changeless goodness pours itself out upon us in a thousand blessings day by day, receive our sincere thanks, pardon our sins, quicken our conscience, and strengthen us in every good resolution, that we may do the work Thou hast given us to do cheerfully, patiently, faithfully, and efficiently. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1911.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we bless Thee that in all the long march from savagery to civilization Thou hast never forsaken Thy children, but hast been with them to uphold, support, and guide to larger conceptions of Thee, duty, and destiny; that Thou didst pour Thyself out in light and love through Thy Son Jesus Christ in the Sermon on the Mount and on the Cross of Calvary, teaching the great truths, fatherhood, brotherhood. We thank

Thee for the strong, the noble, the true who caught that light and felt the warmth of that love and gave to us, a hundred and thirty-five years ago, the Declaration of Independence, which startled the world no less for its daring than for the principles it enunciated. Bold in its denunciation of wrong, clear in its declarations of right, it stands a masterpiece of civil, political, and religious liberty. God grant that, as American citizens, we may strive earnestly to fulfill in State and Nation the principles it proclaims. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1911.

[Rev. N. H. Holmes, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.]

O Lord our God, Thou who art the same to-day, yesterday, and forever, help us to worship Thee. We devoutly pray for Thy blessing to rest upon every section of our broad land, and upon these, its Representatives, and upon him who guides and presides over their deliberations. Grant, we beseech Thee, that they may all have wisdom and strength from on high to discharge their manifold duties—duties freighted with far-reaching responsibilities and consequences—as in the sight of God. Let Thy fatherly goodness, we pray Thee, and Thy kind providence be extended toward the friends and loved ones of this House, and grant that such as are separated one from another may be kept far from harm and danger and sorrow. O Lord God Almighty, visit this morning the stricken home in Kansas where has gone to his last home one of the Members of this House. Our Father, Thy word teaches us to pray for all in authority, and we gladly pray for all those in authority in every State and Territory in our Union, and for our President. God bless him and guide him in the Nation's affairs over which he presides, and prosper his measures for universal peace. And now, O Lord, take us all and keep us by Thy power through faith unto salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1911.

[Rev. Paul R. Hickok, pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.]

We praise Thee, O Lord our God, for the assurance we have that Thou art present, that Thou art the rewarder of those who diligently seek after Thee. We come before Thee now confessing Thy sovereignty over us and invoking Thy blessing. Pardon all our iniquities, we pray, and fill us with a stronger purpose after righteousness. May we know Thy will, and may we earnestly desire to perform Thy will.

Give Thy richest blessings unto all Thy servants everywhere, and especially to the Members and officers of this House in their deliberations and in their enactments. Give Thy very special and merciful blessing to all those who are ill or burdened or tempted or who are passing through tribulations. Particularly would we ask Thy blessing for the household of that one of the Members of this House recently deceased, and we earnestly beseech Thee that the comfort which cometh from the Most High may come to each one of them.

Mercifully preserve and protect, O God, the loved ones who are far away. Increase our own love for our country and our devotion to our institutions, and in all our comings and goings let the words of our mouths and the motives of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. We ask it in the Master's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1911.

O Lord, our God and our Father, be graciously near to us as individuals and as a people, and lead us by Thy spirit into green pastures and by the side of still waters. "Surely our lines have fallen into pleasant places." Thou hast possessed us of a land flowing with milk and honey. Our riches are almost beyond compare; but we realize that riches do not constitute the greatness of any people. Our schools and institutions of learning are turning out thousands of educated men and women; but education does not constitute the greatness of any people. It is the

moral and spiritual fiber woven into the warp and woof of the Nation's heart. So we pray for the heavenly gifts more abundantly that we may be great and glorious; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1911.

Eternal God, our Father, teach us the simplicity, beauty, and sublimity of the religious life apart from the creeds and dogmas of men, that we may walk together with Thee in faith, hope, and love; each for all and all for each; in the spirit of Him who taught us to pray:

Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee that the way is ever open to the improvement of conditions, that whosoever will may enter in and possess himself of the larger, intellectual, moral, and spiritual life which goeth before the betterment of the home, the state, the church. Grant, O most merciful Father, that we as individuals and as a people may go forward day by day to the higher ideals, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1911.

Infinite Spirit, Father of all souls, we thank Thee for that deep and abiding faith which through all the vicissitudes of life holds us close to Thee; for the star of hope which illumines our way and leads on to nobler life and endeavor; for that subtle, pure, mysterious something which we call "love," which binds us together into families and friendships which time nor space can sever. Once more the angel of death has visited the congres-

sional family and taken from this House a Member who, though modest and unassuming, promised a career of great usefulness to his State and Nation. Comfort his colleagues and friends, and be very near to the bereaved family; inspire them to look forward to a happy reunion somewhere, sometime, where sorrow and death never come. And we will ascribe all praise to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1911.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, who lives and reigns in the hearts of men, inspiring to clearer visions, purer motives, broader sympathies, nobler life, and larger attainments. Keep us, we beseech Thee, as individuals and as a people, in the vanguard of the onward march toward the final triumph of good over evil; and glory and honor and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1911.

Our Father who art in heaven, we thank Thee for that influence which is ever drawing us to Thee, that the Holy of Holies is ever open to Thy children, where they may receive light to guide and strength to uphold and sustain them in right thinking and clean living. So we come in faith and confidence, praying for light to guide and strength to sustain us, that we may be faithful servants unto Thee this day. Be graciously near to the Members of this House who are sick and afflicted, especially unto him whose life seems to be slowly ebbing away. Restore them, we beseech Thee, to us and their loved ones in health and strength, and Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1911.

O Thou who art the life and light of men, the giver of every good gift, the inspiration of all our longings, hopes, and aspirations, the God of our salvation, pour down upon us, we beseech Thee, Thy spiritual gifts and grant us every blessing which makes for righteousness, that we may be true to our better self and grow day by

day into the likeness of our Maker, until we all come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 31, 1911.

Almighty God, author of our existence, the inspiration of every great and good thought, of every high resolve and noble aspiration which leads on to the betterment of our social, political, and religious conditions, empty us, we beseech Thee, of all selfish and ignoble desires, that we may climb higher yet higher day by day, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in all our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1911.

O Thou great Jehovah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, mighty to deliver, come Thou and reign in all our hearts that the work of this day may be acceptable in Thy sight and redound therefore to the good of the people here represented. And Thine be the praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1911.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, source of every blessing, we thank Thee for the preservation of our lives, for the hopes and possibilities of this new day. Strengthen us for its duties; purify us, we beseech Thee, from all guile; imbue us plenteously with heavenly gifts, that we hallow Thy name in all that we undertake. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, help us to live strong, pure, noble, brave, generous-hearted Christian lives in all the complicated relationships of this existence. We pray, our Father, and then forget that we are brothers, and sometimes the strong oppress the weak, the rich grind the poor, the ambitious traduces and smirches the character

of a brother to blast his reputation. Forgive us, O we beseech Thee, for that. We pray hallowed be Thy name, and then take that holy name in profanity upon our lips. Forgive us, we beseech Thee, for that. We pray let Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven, then go about sowing the seeds of discord. Forgive us, we beseech Thee, for that. Help us to pray gold and live golden lives; to pray righteously and live righteous lives, after the similitude of the world's great Exemplar. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee for the advanced movement toward the higher and better civilization, witnessed by the peace pact of three great nations looking to the abolishment of war with all its horrors and to the establishment of a world-wide peace. God grant that the remaining nations may speedily follow the glorious example; that all the peoples of all the earth may join the angelic chorus which has been sounding down the ages, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," and æons of praise we will give to Thee. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, help us once more to dedicate all that is truest, purest, noblest, best in us to Thee in a faithful and conscientious service to our fellow men, that we may prove ourselves worthy of the dignity Thou hast bestowed upon us as rational beings, gifted with the power of choice; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we bless Thee for the onward march of civilization witnessed on every hand. Through the discoveries and ingenuity of man the elements have been harnessed and made to do the bidding of intelligence. The world is growing smaller; intellectual, moral, and

spiritual liberty is growing larger. The peoples of all the earth are becoming better acquainted with each other, and the things which make for righteousness are in the ascendancy. God grant that the time may speedily come when all men shall look up to Thee and worship Thee as Father and live together as brothers, each vieing with each to make this dear old world a better and happier dwelling place for all Thy children. And glory and honor and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the light of this new day, with its splendid opportunities to expand our minds and enrich our lives by a faithful and conscientious service to Thee and our fellow men. Inspire us to do this in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1911.

We bless Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that the world in general is beginning to appreciate and place the proper estimate on values. A little bit of selfishness is too much, while a whole lot of generosity is not enough. A little bit of war is too much, while a whole lot of peace is not enough. A little bit of hate is too much, while a whole lot of love is not enough. The world may have too much selfishness, but it can never have too much generosity; it may have too much war, but it can never have too much peace; it may have too much hate, but it can never have too much love. Hence we pray that the things which make for evil may diminish, while the things which make for righteousness may increase, that Thy kingdom may indeed come and Thy will be done in the hearts of all men, in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1911.

We rejoice, O God, our heavenly Father, that Thy footsteps may be traced by those who have eyes to see; that the works of Thy hands speak eloquently to those who

have ears to hear; that the pulsations of Thy heart may be felt by those who have hearts to feel; that no night of sorrow can obscure Thy presence from those who put their trust in Thee. Once more called upon to mourn the loss of a faithful and valuable Member of this House, we pray that those who knew and loved him, especially those who were bound to him by the ties of kinship, may be comforted by the thought that, his work fulfilled here, Thou hast called him to a larger life of usefulness, and though he may not return to them they shall surely go to him, in Thine own good time, to part no more forever. For this blessed faith and precious hope, we praise Thy holy name, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, from whom cometh all good, enrich our minds and hearts with heavenly gifts, that we may abhor evil and cleave to that which is good; that we judge not our brother, but do unto him as we would have him do unto us; that we may keep a conscience void of offense toward Thee and our fellow men; that Thy thoughts may be our thoughts and Thy ways our ways; that we go about our Father's business to-day and all days in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1911.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy blessings unto us as individuals and as a Nation. Inspire us by the holy spirit of truth to seek diligently the highest ideals in all that pertains to life and its far-reaching purposes. The night cometh when no man can work. Once more our hearts are filled with sorrow and grief by the death of a Member who for years was a conspicuous figure upon the floor of this House. Be very near to those who were near and dear to him and comfort them by the blessed hope of the gospel. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we need Thy guiding and restraining influence in all the intricacies of this strenuous and complicated existence; hence we pray for self-control, self-respect, self-reliance under Thee, that we may be strong, and pure, and noble in all our intercourse with our fellow men; that Thy purposes may be fulfilled in us, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1911.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, broaden, deepen, and make clearer in the minds and hearts of all men right and truth, justice and mercy, that where chaos reigns order may prevail, where lawlessness runs riot and turns men into fiends the strong arm of the law may assert itself, that the horrible spectacle of torturing and burning men at the stake in this twentieth century of Christian civilization may pass into oblivion. This we ask for humanity's sake, for Christ's sake, for God's sake. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, imbue us plenteously with the spirit of righteousness, that with patience, courage, and fortitude we may fulfill to the uttermost the obligations resting upon us now and always; that when we reach the end of the King's highway we may hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." And everlasting praise we will give unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, strengthen, we beseech Thee, our faith in the eternal verities, that we may not become completely absorbed in the things which are temporal, that we may have great thoughts and do noble deeds, and thus build for ourselves a character which shall stand the test of time and leave behind us a record worthy of all emulation, in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we most fervently pray that there may more and more obtain in the hearts of men the spirit of the Master, who reviled not when He was reviled, who bore with patience and fortitude all the persecutions heaped upon Him by wicked men, and died with the sublime prayer upon His lips, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"; that love may reign supreme in every home, and brotherly love prevail in all the world; that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1911.

O Thou who art supremely great and glorious, light-giving, life-sustaining Potentate, we humbly acknowledge our indebtedness to Thee for all that we are and all that we can hope to be. We realize our weakness, our frailty, our sins. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, and pardon our infirmities, and out of Thine abundance strengthen us for the remaining duties of life, that we may fulfill our mission upon the earth and pass serenely on at the appointed time, fully prepared for whatever awaits us in the great beyond. And Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1911.

We bless Thee, infinite and eternal Spirit, Father of all souls, for our Republic, the genius of which contemplates for each and every citizen the right to think his own thoughts, to worship Thee according to the dictates of his own conscience, and to enjoy the fruits of his own industry. Help us to cherish and hold these rights sacred, and with patriotic zeal and fervor guard them against all intrusions. Above all, help us to use them in the spirit of the Christian religion, which teaches us to do unto others as we would be done by; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1911.

O Thou great Jehovah, our God and our Father, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, upholding, sustaining, guiding those who are susceptible to Thy holy influence, incline our hearts to do Thy will by living in consonance with the physical, intellectual, moral, and spiritual laws which Thou hast ordained, that we may be profitable servants unto Thee. And now, O Father, let Thy richest blessing descend upon all the Members of this House, its employees, and their several families. Take them to their homes in safety. Keep them in health and strength, and at the appointed time bring us together again without the loss of any, in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us, when we pray, to say: Our Father, who 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1911.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever," shaping, guiding the destiny of men and of nations from darkness to light, from savagery to civilization, from despotism to liberty, exemplified in the incomparable genius and sacred institutions of our great and growing Republic. "Unto whomsoever much is given of him shall be much required."

Impress us, we beseech Thee, with the vast responsibilities resting upon us as a people, that we may prove ourselves worthy of the confidence reposed in us, and distinguish clearly between liberty and justice, freedom and license, purity and impurity in the things which make for good citizenship, that we may work together with Thee toward the higher and better forms of life in the spirit of the world's great Exemplar.

Imbue the minds and hearts of these Thy servants, now convened in Congress, with the highest ideals, that they may walk worthy of the vocation whereunto they are called. Impart unto those who sit at the bar of justice clearness of vision that they may judge wisely and impartially the intricate problems which confront them.

Let Thy favor be upon our President and his advisers. Quicken every noble impulse which makes for wise statesmanship that he may safeguard all the interests of our people, that righteousness, peace, and prosperity may reign throughout our land and in all the world.

And glory and honor and praise be Thine, the God of our salvation, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, we wait upon Thee with open hearts for the uplift of Thy spirit, that we may control ourselves, respect ourselves, think great thoughts, accomplish things worth while, do unto others as we would be done by in all the relationships of life, and so build for ourselves characters worthy of all emulation; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1911.

[Maj. Thomas J. Dickson, chaplain, United States Army.]

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. At the opening of this session we pause to pay unto Thee the tribute of respect that is due unto Thy sacred name. Bless this coming together. Grant that all that is said and done may be to Thy honor and Thy glory. To this end bless the President of the United States, the Speaker of this House, and all others in authority. May we realize our responsibilities; and at last wilt Thou save us into heaven, together with all those near and dear to our hearts; in the name of Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1911.

We bless Thee, infinite Spirit, for life, a precious boon, with all its hopes and promises revealed in the incomparable life and character of the Jesus of Nazareth; a sublime faith in God as the Father of all men; a well-poised mind; a clear conscience; pure motives; high ideals; and noble endeavors for the uplift of humanity. Help us, we beseech Thee, to follow in His wake, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1911.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, all wisdom, all power, all purity, whose essence is love, impart unto us freely of these inestimable qualities, that we may see clearly, think wisely, and act nobly in all the intricate relationships of life. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1911.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in." Help us to lift up our heads and open the doors of our hearts that the King whose glory shines round about us may come in and dwell with us, that we may render unto Him a faithful service to our fellow men through all that is purest, noblest, and best in us, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1911.

O God, the Father of all souls, help us with perfect faith and confidence in Thee as the inspiration of every great thought and noble deed to take up the work of the hour with brave, honest, generous, susceptible hearts and willing minds, that Thy purposes may be fulfilled in us; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1911.

Bend low, O God, our heavenly Father, and hold us close in Thine all-loving embrace, that we wander not from the paths of rectitude and duty, but as valiant soldiers, fighting under the banner of righteousness, truth, and justice, we may follow the lead of the great Captain of our salvation, looking forward with faith and confidence to the final victory of good over evil; and Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1911.

Eternal and everliving God, our heavenly Father, to whom we are indebted for life and all things and to whom we are responsible for all our acts, hear our petition and look down upon us with compassion, and pardon, we beseech Thee, our sins of commission and omission which are without number; create within us clean hearts and a right spirit that we may strive earnestly henceforth and forever to do Thy will as revealed in the life and character of the world's great Exemplar, our Lord and Master. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1911.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, whose infinite wisdom, power, and goodness are everywhere apparent in the wonderful adaptation of means to ends; in the overruling of His providence in the affairs of men; in the deep convictions of our souls which lift us to the realms of higher thought and action. Strengthen, we beseech Thee, our faith, quicken our convictions, "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1911.

O Thou who hast ever been our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, make us strong of mind, pure of heart, wise in our predilections, firm in our convictions, with ever a helping hand for the weak, full of that charity which suffereth long and is kind; that we may march onward and upward with unfaltering steps toward the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1911.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, our God and our Father, author of all good, and never far from any of Thy children, we would draw near to Thee that by the contact we may receive of Thy spirit and hallow Thy name in all that we do in private or in public this day; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1911.

Teach us, O Lord God, our heavenly Father, how to justly estimate our intellectual, moral, and spiritual status as individuals that we may get the beam out of our own eye before attempting to extract the mote from our brother's eye, and give us the grace to do unto others as we would be done by, that Thy kingdom may come in our own hearts and Thy will be done; in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1911.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whom all our longings, hopes, and aspirations are centered, fill our minds with wisdom, our hearts with grace, that we may do noble deeds and work out our appointed destiny with perfect urbanity, and when the silver cord shall be loosed and the golden bowl be broken we shall have left behind us something worth while, having builded for ourselves a character worthy of emulation, passing on with brave and manly hearts to one of our Father's many mansions, ready for whatever duties await us there; and Thine be the praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1911.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, for the wisdom, strength, and purity which have come down to us out of the past, which make for the betterment of present conditions; "that noble deeds never die," and the way is always open for the strong, the pure, the brave, which leads ever on to the higher and better conditions of life; that selfishness ends in defeat, while nobility of soul leads on to victory. Help us to profit by the past, to live nobly for the now, leaving the results to coming generations. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1911.

Our Father in heaven, once more under the dispensation of Thy providence we approach the advent of the Christ child, heralded by the angelic host "praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men,'" which has been sounding down the ages, growing in intensity and in volume. Open Thou our ears, that we may hear the inspiring strains, and our hearts, that the Christ spirit may come in and dwell with us and with all peoples; that the unholy strife and contentions of men may be swallowed up in brotherly love. And grant, O most merciful Father, that the world may never again behold the awful spectacle of men seeking to slay each other on the field of

carnage; that peace may reign in every heart, in every home, in every land in all the earth, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. And now, O God, our heavenly Father, as we separate to celebrate the marvelous event, fill our hearts with love and generosity, that we may make glad the hearts of our friends, and especially those who are less fortunate than we. Let the blessing of Heaven be upon the officers, Representatives, and employees of this House, and bring us together again without the loss of any, and the better prepared to do the work of the remaining session. And we will ascribe all praise to Thee, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1912.

Once more, Almighty God, in the onward sweep of time we are brought to the beginning of a new year. Grant, O most merciful Father, that it may hold in its grasp something better, something purer, something nobler for all Thy children than any of its predecessors; that the oppressed everywhere may go free; that the disparagements of life may give way to larger faith, brighter hopes in the eternal verities. That the hearts of selfish and designing men may be melted into brotherly love. That the sanctity of human life may increase and murder cease to be. That the purity and sweetness of the home may grow apace and divorce become a thing of the past. That sectarianism may be lost in the universal brotherhood of man. That creeds may be swallowed up in pure and undefiled religion. That Thy kingdom, which the devout of every age have prayed for, longed for, worked for, may indeed come and Thy will be done in every heart. In the Christ spirit, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912.

O Lord God of Hosts, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Father of all souls, whose life-giving currents thrill the hearts of men and quicken their minds to great thoughts and noble deeds, inspire us as individuals and as a people with the highest ideals that we may move on

to greater achievements. The heart of the Nation, O God, is touched by the sudden death of Rear Admiral Evans, whose long, conspicuous, and faithful public service has endeared him to all. Comfort, we beseech Thee, the hearts of those nearest and dearest to him, and help us all to emulate his faithful service; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1912.

Father of mercy, justice, love, and good will, we seek Thy presence that we may receive the uplift of Thy spirit, which shall mellow our hearts, illumine our minds, and strengthen our wills, that we may fulfill the obligations of this day and all days in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1912.

Infinite Spirit, our God and our Father, who holdest in Thy heart the secret of life and the mystery of death, Thou knowest the beginning and the end.

> Behold! we know not anything;
> We can but trust that good shall fall
> At last—far off—at least, to all,
> And every winter change to spring.

We bless Thee, O Father, for the profound faith, sublime hope, and imperishable love—qualities of soul which inspire the great thoughts, the heroic deeds, and bind us together into families and friendships which shall live on forever. We are met by a common impulse, a natural desire to record on the pages of history the rounded-out character and splendid achievements of a faithful public servant, that his example may be an inspiration to us and those who shall come after us to emulate his virtues. Let the everlasting arms be about the confiding and stricken wife, his children and friends, drawn to him by a loving and genial nature, that we may look forward with bright anticipations to a reunion in some fairer clime where changes never come. And blessing and honor and praise be Thine. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1912.

O Thou great Spirit, Father of our souls, humbly and reverently we would bow in Thy presence and with unfeigned love and gratitude pour out our hearts in praise for life and its far-reaching promises. Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, for the work Thou hast given us to do, that we may prove ourselves worthy of such preferment. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, whose influence is everywhere present, make us susceptible to those finer and nobler qualities of soul which lead on to grander attainments in science, literature, art, government, and religion, that hypocrisy, cant, self-seeking, may be lost in the solidarity of the human race and the golden rule become the supreme law in all the world; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, impress us, we beseech Thee, day by day with the beauty of holiness, that we may harmonize our thoughts with Thy thoughts and conform our will to Thy will, which is good will; and in an honest, faithful, and persistent effort to serve Thee and our fellow men we may at last receive Thy benediction; and glory and honor and praise be Thine, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1912.

Once more, O God, our heavenly Father, we would draw near to Thee in the sacred attitude of prayer, that by the contact we may receive wisdom, strength, courage; fortitude sufficient for the new duties of the new day, that at its close we may feel the thrill and satisfaction of duty well done. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, realizing our dependence upon Thee for all things, we seek Thy Spirit that it may possess our minds and hearts and guide us to a happy solution of all the problems which confront us as individuals and as a people; that selfishness and sin may be eradicated, and prosperity, peace, and happiness come in all fullness. Hear us and answer us, O God our Father. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, from whom nothing is hid, with bowed heads and uncovered hearts we stand in Thy presence. Thou knowest us altogether—our weaknesses, our sins, the foibles of our nature. Pardon, we beseech Thee, our infirmities, forgive our sins, clarify our minds, quicken our consciences, and strengthen us to do Thy will, that whatsoever our hands find to do this day may be done with an eye single to Thy glory. "If we can put some touches of golden sunset into the life of any man or woman, then we shall feel we have wrought with God." In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, let Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, descend upon us in full measure and imbue us plenteously with heavenly grace that we may put into our daily life the sublime principles enunciated in the Sermon on the Mount and lend the helping hand of the Good Samaritan to those less fortunate than we; that we may keep a conscience void of offense toward Thee and our fellow men and so fulfill the law of Christ. In His blessed spirit. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we bless Thee for that silent yet potent witness locked within our breast which sanctions and encourages every good thought and noble deed and enters its solemn protest against all evil. Increase its

strength and make us more susceptible to its holy influence that we may meet with calmness and serenity the complicated problems of civilization and solve them in accordance with Thy will; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1912.

O Thou great Father-soul, whose spirit is everywhere present to uphold, sustain, and guide Thy children in right living, help us to open wide the portals of our souls, that it may come in and dwell with us; that the issues of our life may be well pleasing in Thy sight, and thus satisfy the longings, hopes, and aspirations of our souls; and all praise shall be Thine. In the spirit of the Lord Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1912.

We come to Thee, O God, our heavenly Father, at the beginning of this new congressional day with renewed faith and confidence in Thee as the dispenser of all good. Make us clear in our conceptions, firm in our convictions, strong to do the right as it is given us to see the right, that we may be worthy of Thine approbation and the approbation of our fellow men; and glory and honor and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1912.

Take us, O God, our heavenly Father, into Thy care and keeping this day, and guide these Thy servants, the Representatives of a great people, by Thy spirit through all the intricate problems which may arise for solution, to the highest and best results, that the genius of our Republic may more and more obtain; and thus may we hallow Thy name in the spirit of the world's great Exemplar. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, as the years come and go which bring use nearer to the close of our earthly existence, make us wise and strong and pure, that with increasing

faith in Thee and unbounded hope in the immortality of the soul we may run the race set before us with patience, courage, fortitude, and in all the relationships of life quit ourselves like men, and be fully prepared to enter upon the work Thou hast prepared for us in the great beyond. And æons of praise we will ever give to Thee. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, give us the larger vision, the broader fields of endeavor, the finer sense of justice, abroad in the land, involved in the brotherhood of mankind, and help us to realize that no commercial enterprise, no legislative enactment, no philanthropic movement, no religious endeavor can fully succeed which is not based upon the broad principles of fatherhood and brotherhood; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1912.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Draw us close to Thee by Thy holy influence, O God, our heavenly Father. Take away from our hearts all guile and remove far from us all selfish and petty desires, that we may indeed dwell in the secret place of the Most High and ever abide under the shadow of the Almighty; that we may have the broadest conceptions of right and truth and justice; live for ideas and do things worth while, and thus prove ourselves worthy of the intellectual, moral, and spiritual gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, whose spirit pervades all space and enters into the hearts of those who are susceptible to uphold, sustain, and guide them in right thinking and right living, that man can not "live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," is demonstrated again and again by the men who go down

to defeat by a false estimate of their own puny strength. Help us to eat of the bread of heaven and drink freely of the fountain of life, that we may live to the larger life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee for life, health, strength, and all that makes it dear. Help us to prove ourselves worthy of these inestimable gifts by following the ideals illustrated in the life and character of the Jesus of Nazareth, that we may do noble deeds and merit the destiny of the faithful. That Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, everywhere present, we would approach Thee in the spirit of the King of men who taught us when we pray to say: Our Father who 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1912.

[Rev. Earle Wilfley, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, Washington, D. C.]

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for life, for liberty, for the right to do those things which shall please Thee and make for the good of our fellow men. We ask today for Thy guidance in all things, in word and in deed and in life; to help us to see the great things of life, the higher and the better things, and at all times to try to be worthy of Thee and of Thy care of us. Bless, we pray Thee, all in authority, all who have the responsibility of government in their hands; and may that responsibility

meet with an execution of laws, a devising of ways and means, and the doing of those things which shall make for better government, for broader and truer liberty, and for the mercy and the blessing of Almighty God. We ask it for Thy name's sake. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, possess us, we beseech Thee, with Thy spirit, that our minds may be illumined and our hearts quickened to the broader views of life and its far-reaching purposes; that we may widen the sphere of our activities through every legitimate channel and thus add somewhat to the sum of human happiness and develop the God that is in us until we all come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1912.

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" Help us to hope and aspire and pray with perfect faith and confidence, for in Thee we live and move and have our being, that the tangled web of life may be unraveled, all its misunderstandings made clear, for if we work and pray, pray and work, we shall at last appear in the likeness of our Maker, pure and strong and noble, just and wise. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1912.

We bless Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for Thy wonderful patience and tender mercies. Love waits upon us all. What we might have been we may always become through faith, penitence, and perseverance. Kindle, we beseech Thee, within our hearts the sacred flame and grant that it may burn brighter and brighter until we shall have reached the coveted goal, the perfected manhood. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

Hold us close to Thee, O God, our heavenly Father, as we pass through the remaining hours of this day; that, guided by Thy spirit, its issues may be in consonance with the eternal purposes Thou hast ordained, that we may hallow Thy name by a faithful service. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1912.

Almighty and everliving God, our heavenly Father, to whom we are indebted for life and all things, quicken, we beseech Thee, all that is purest, noblest, best in us; that with clear conceptions, pure motives, and high ideals we may strive earnestly to measure up to the principles enunciated by the King of men, and follow His illustrious example in all the transactions and relationships of a complicated life; that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1912.

We bless Thee, infinite Spirit, our heavenly Father, for the widespread and growing interest in the world-wide peace, and we most fervently pray that it may continue to grow until it possesses the minds and hearts of all the peoples of all the earth, that the vast expenditure of means, energy, and life may be conserved for the higher and nobler pursuits of life. This we ask in the name of humanity, in the name of the Prince of Peace, in the name of God our Father. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1912.

O Thou great Architect of the universe, Father of all souls, Dispenser of all good, in whose all-encircling love we live and move and have our being, draw us by Thy holy influence close to Thee, enlarge our spiritual vision that we may understand Thy purposes more clearly and work together with Thee for the betterment of mankind in all forms and conditions of life, and Thine be the praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1912.

O Lord, our God and our Father, teach us, we beseech Thee, as individuals and as a people, the art of self-respect; for if we covet the respect of others and dare to hope for Thy clemency we must respect ourselves. We welcome every just and wholesome criticism touching our individual and our national life. But we thank Thee for the larger faith in human nature which warrants the belief that the vast majority of our people, in private and in public, are honest and sincere; that the vast majority of our homes are pure and sweet. We acknowledge our imperfections, our shortcomings, our sins, and pray most fervently for the Christ spirit that it may possess and control our life; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1912.

O Thou who art supremely great and glorious, "life-giving, life-sustaining Potentate," fill our minds with wisdom, our hearts with love and gratitude, that we are Thy children involved in changeless love. As the heavens declare Thy glory, so may we, in lives of purity, high resolve, and noble endeavor. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1912.

Father in heaven, from whom cometh all wisdom, power, and goodness, imbue these Thy servants plenteously with these gifts, that their resolves and enactments may be in consonance with the laws which Thou hast ordained, thus making it hard for men to do wrong and easy for men to do right; that the evils which doth beset us may be diminished and good increased; that popular government may prove itself wise, just, efficient in statesmanship, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1912.

Be graciously near to us, O God, our heavenly Father, as we draw near to Thee in spirit and in truth. Help us to seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness. We are weak; Thou art mighty. Impart unto us strength. We know but little; Thou art wisdom. Impart unto us wisdom. We are selfish; Thou art gracious and kind. Make us magnanimous to all with whom we come in contact; and so may Thy kingdom come in all our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1912.

O Lord, our God and our Father, from whom nothing is hid, cleanse our hearts from all guile and open our eyes to the beauty of holiness, that we may resist the temptations which allure, that with firm and steadfast steps we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. In the spirit of the meek and lowly Jesus, author and finisher of our faith. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1912.

O God, our Father, how great are Thy mysteries, how inscrutable are Thy ways, yet Thy holy influence touches the hearts of men and inspires to deeds of heroism and glory. The day of miracles will never end. Abraham Lincoln, born as lowly as the Savior of men, with little or no opportunity for an education and few books to guide him, increased in wisdom and knowledge and became the exponent of all that is purest and best. Surely he was the man of God, chosen to guide our ship of state through the terrible storm which broke upon it to a safe harbor, "with malice toward none and charity for all." He has builded for himself a monument more grand and imposing than the mind of man has yet conceived, which reaches from the earth beneath to the heavens above. Grant as the years come and go it may grow more stately, shine more brightly, a beacon light to guide us and future generations till the genius of our Republic shall be fulfilled in a union of brain and brawn and heart, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, let Thy spirit, we beseech Thee, come mightily upon us, that with all diligence, perseverance, and firmness of purpose we may stand for our honest convictions with patience, humility, gentleness, and brotherly love; that in all our intercourse with our fellow men we may do unto them as we would have them do unto us, and so fulfill the law and the prophets. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, Author of our being and the Bestower of every gift, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee for all Thy favors, and we most fervently pray that Thy spirit may so completely possess us that it may crowd out of our being all evil desires and sinful propensities; that we may hallow Thy name in all that we undertake this day; that no regrets shall follow in its wake to disturb our peace. And we will ascribe all praise to Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for that providence which has shaped and guided the destiny of Thy children and which has led them, step by step, to the splendid civilization of our day; that we are privileged to live in this age of the world's history; that we are American citizens, blessed under our Constitution with civil, political, and religious liberty. Help us, we beseech Thee, to realize fully that as eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, so it is the price of everything sacred to our hearts. Inspire us, therefore, to use these gracious privileges to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1912.

Once more, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in the dispensation of Thy providence are we permitted to assemble within these historic walls. Grant, O most merci-

ful Father, that the history here enacted this day may reflect wisdom and the highest statesmanship upon the actors and redound to the good of the millions whom they represent and receive the stamp of Thine approval; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1912.

Father Almighty, before whom millions bow in adoration day by day and receive that uplift of the spirit which enables them to fight valiantly and successfully the battles of life, so we bow in Thy presence praying for that baptism of the spirit which shall enable us to discern more clearly the way and do more faithfully the duties devolving upon us that we may fulfill the obligations resting upon us, now and always. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, let Thy kingdom come in all our hearts, that we may think pure thoughts, speak kind words, do noble deeds.

"Charity thinketh no evil."

"A soft answer turneth away wrath."

A good deed touches the hearts of men.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Where love is, God is. Help us, therefore, we beseech Thee, to keep the eleventh commandment in our hearts this day. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, quicken, we beseech Thee, every noble impulse, every high ideal, every holy aspiration within us, that with patriotic zeal and religious fervor "we may render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and unto God the things that are God's," in whatsoever our hands findeth to do this day; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, by the sun which illumines the earth; by the stars which shine by night; by the change of seasons; by the wonderful adaptation of means to ends; by the holy ties which bind us together into families; by the patriotism which inspires to deeds of heroism; by the faith which has come down to us out of the ages; by the hope which shines brighter than day; by the love which time nor space can sever; by the still, small voice Thou dost speak to us, and bid us go forward to the things which make for righteousness in the soul which shall survive the wreck of time, help us to hear and obey. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1912.

Infinite Spirit, God over all, our Father, whose invisible hand may be traced in shaping and guiding the destiny of men and of nations, in every great crisis Thou hast brought forth the man panoplied in light to guide, strength to sustain, courage to overcome, every opposing force in the onward march of civilization.

To-day the heart of every lover of liberty throughout the length and breadth of our land—yea, in all the world—is going out in praise and gratitude for the peerless Washington. Great in war, great in peace, great in the hearts of his countrymen, pure, noble, generous, glorious, he lived a light to guide the patriot on his way, the statesman in his quest for the betterment of conditions—a Christian whose example inspires faith, confidence, hope in the eternal verities. Grant that the story of his life may be told round the fireside, in every school, in every hamlet, in every city throughout the world, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, draw us by Thy holy influence close to Thee, and make dominant in our hearts the angel song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," that we may be at one with Thee,

and enjoy a foretaste of the heaven which waits on the faithful. And songs of praises we will ever give to Thee. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1912.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, for the sublime faith which holds us close to Thee amid the sorrows and disappointments of life and which in times of peril and distress lifts us out of ourselves and makes us heroes. Increase, we beseech Thee, our faith in Thee, and especially in our fellow men, that we may discern beneath the rough exterior something noble, something divine; that we may throw our whole soul into the daily tasks of life, loving mercy, doing justly, and walking humbly with Thee our God and our Father. Amen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to Thee for the spark of divinity which Thou hast implanted in the breast of man which lifts him above the brute creation, binds him indissolubly to Thee, insures the immortality of the soul, and points the way to eternal bliss; hence "in the night of death hope sees a star and listening love catches the rustle of wings." "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial; we should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

We are met in memory of one who made his mark in the business world, served his country on the floor of this House, and has passed on to the larger life, leaving a void in the hearts of those who knew him best and will cherish his memory for what he was—a lover of men and ever ready to assist those who sought his aid and counsel. Comfort those, we beseech Thee, who mourn him, help them to copy his virtues, and especially be near to those who are near and dear in the bonds of kinship.

Prepare us all for the change that waits upon us, that we may go forward with brave and manly hearts.

We know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

Thus we believe, thus we trust in Thee, O God our heavenly Father, through Him who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1912.

God of the ages, everywhere present to uphold, sustain, and guide Thy children in right living, be with us lest we forget and wander from the paths of rectitude and duty and prove ourselves recreant to the trust Thou hast reposed in us as rational beings, gifted with the power of choice; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1912.

Father of light and love, justice and mercy, righteousness and peace, help us, we beseech Thee, to quell the tumult which sometimes surges within us and threatens the very citadel of the soul; that with patience, calmness, and serenity we may meet the conflicts which rage round about us and quit ourselves like men in the great battle of life, under the sublime leadership of the Lord Christ our Savior. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1912.

Father in heaven, look down from Thy throne of grace with compassion; forgive our sins; be gracious unto us; help us to be true to our better self in all that pertains to life, that we may have the good will of our fellow men and inherit Thy praise. So may Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done in all our hearts. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1912.

Our God and our Father, we bless Thee for the bright skies above us, for the firm earth beneath us, for the bright hopes that cheer us, for the pure homes that love us, for the sunny smiles that greet us, for the best Government on the round earth, for the flag that floats o'er us, for the strong arms and brave hearts that would defend it, for the miracle of faith, hope, and love, for the heaven that waits above us, and the good that we can do. Make us, we beseech Thee, worthy of these and the innumerable blessings which are showered down upon our pathways day by day; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we bless Thee for every movement which tends to solidify the human race into one great brotherhood, since whatever helps one people helps all peoples, in the commercial, scientific, literary, art, political, or religious fields of endeavor, for Thou art a Spirit and they that worship Thee must worship Thee in spirit and in truth, and to be at one with Thee is the highest attainment for the individual, for the Nation, and for all the world. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, while sin is a reproach to any people." Help us to live in Thee, through Thee, for Thee, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we would draw near to Thee in faith, hope, and love. Realizing our dependence upon Thee for all things temporal and spiritual, we most fervently pray for wisdom to guide and strength to sustain us in all our undertakings which may be in accordance with the laws Thou hast ordained. Help us, we beseech Thee, to pray as we work and work as we pray, lest we discredit our Maker and bring down the temple upon our own heads and thus ignominiously perish in the con-

flict 'twixt right and wrong. Hear us and make us Thine now and always. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, imbue us plenteously with heavenly gifts, that our minds may be clarified and our hearts made pure; that these Thy servants may see clearly, act wisely, and, with statesmanlike fervor, solve the problems which confront them with an eye single to Thy glory and uplift of our people; that good government may more and more obtain. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, open Thou our understanding and mellow our hearts, that we may know each other better and be ready to sympathize with each other's failings; that the Christ spirit may dwell in us and love become the ruling passion of men; that the strong may help the weak, the wise the foolish, the rich the poor, the good the bad; that peace and good will may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 1912.

Almighty Father, prepare us in Thine own way for the duties before us, for whether in the body or out of the body we face the unknown; the present alone is ours; we know not what the next moment, the next hour, the next week has in store. But Thou hast never failed us, even though we have proved recreant to the trust reposed in us. Help us, therefore, with renewed faith and confidence to do the things next to us, and do them in the spirit, leaving the results to Thee, who doeth all things well. And Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1912.

Father in heaven, let Thy smiles be upon us to cheer our hearts when we are seeking earnestly, honestly, and faithfully to do Thy will, as it is given us to see Thy will, but frown upon us and make our hearts heavy when we run counter to Thy will through our own selfish desires. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." "And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." So let Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, strengthen, we beseech Thee, our moral and spiritual fiber, that we may resist all the forms of temptation which assail us and with firm and steadfast reliance in Thee our God and our Father follow after the things which make for righteousness in the individual, in the home, in the State, the Nation, that we may exemplify in our daily life what we know to be right in Thy sight and in the sight of our fellow men, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1912.

[Rev. Royal A. Simonds, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Knoxville, Tenn.]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all the privileges of life. We thank Thee especially on this occasion for our native country. We remember the patriotism of the old Jewish nation and how Jerusalem was so dear to them, and how Palestine became the Holy Land because they lived holy lives upon that soil; and we know very well that it was no more holy land than America can be if we will live holy lives upon our native soil; if we will recognize that this is a chosen land; if we will recognize that Almighty God is our Jehovah and that He leadeth the Nation. We pray Thee, O God, that as Thou

didst lead that nation Thou wilt lead ours, and that Thou wilt lead the lawmakers of our Nation, and that Thou wilt bless individually each one of them with wisdom and foresight and caution and discretion. And, O Lord, we would not forget to ask Thee to bless abundantly the homes of Members and their families, some of whom are separated from them. Bless, we pray Thee, the districts from which they come, and keep us by Thy almighty power in Thine almighty hands, which are safe hands for us to rest in; kind hands, the hands of the Christ, in whose name we ask it all. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, inspire us with longing eyes, brave hearts, and dauntless courage to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Wealth, fame, power, honestly attained and wisely ministered to the good of mankind, are prizes to be sought, but a God-like character outshines them all. The former things pass away; the latter is eternal.

The stars shine over the earth,
The stars shine over the sea;
The stars look up to the mighty God,
The stars look down on me.
The stars have lived a million years,
A million years and a day;
But God and I shall love and live
When the stars have passed away.

So inspire us, so lead us to the coveted goal. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we bless Thee for the nobility of soul which Thou hast implanted down deep in the hearts of Thy children, which from time immemorial under Thy guidance has lifted men from darkness unto light, from animalism to spiritualism, from savagery to civilization, from slavery to liberty—civil, political, and religious. Grant that it may continue to assert itself until selfishness and self-seeking may give way to the broader views of fatherhood, brotherhood, illustrated in the life and char-

acter of the Jesus of Nazareth, "until we all come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"; that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, illumine our minds and make clean our hearts that we may be susceptible to the holy influences ever going out from Thee unto Thy children; that we may reflect Thy glory in thought, word, and deed; that no regrets may follow in the wake of this day; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1912.

Our Father in heaven,
  We can not always trace the way
Where Thou, Almighty One, dost move;
  But we can always, always say
That God is love.

There are no errors in the great eternal plan,
  And all things work together
For the final good of man.

Yet we know that wrong is wrong and right is right, and Thou hast laid upon us the stupendous responsibility of the power of choice. To do wrong is to retard the coming of Thy kingdom; to do right is to hasten the final good of man. Help us, therefore, as rational beings, to work together with Thee that we may hasten the coming of Thy kingdom. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, possess, we beseech Thee, our minds and hearts, that our motives may be pure, our aspirations noble, our acts just; that we may harmonize our lives with the highest conceptions of right and truth and duty; that our ways may be ways of pleasantness and all our paths be paths of peace. And Thine be the praise. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, be graciously near to us as we thus enter upon a new congressional day, that these Thy servants may be inspired and guided in the way of righteousness, truth, and justice; that their enactments may be in consonance with Thy holy will; that the dignity of law may be respected and upheld by the people, and lawlessness disappear; that life and property may be rendered more secure. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1912.

Father in heaven, our hearts go out in gratitude to Thee for all the great, the pure, the strong, the noble, self-sacrificing men whom Thou hast raised up in every age to be the bearers of righteousness, truth, and justice; and to-day we join our hearts in thanksgiving and praise with the thousands who are celebrating the birth of Ireland's patron saint. We thank Thee for his life and character, which have lived through the ages and become the inspiration of thousands to do the work of the good Samaritan under the spiritual leadership of the Master. Help us to emulate his virtues and to do the work Thou hast given us to do with the same courage and fortitude which characterized his life; and Thine be the praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, help us to hallow Thy name by consecrating ourselves anew to all that is best in life, that with pure motives, high ideals, and noble endeavors we may do things worth while and prove ourselves worthy of the intellectual, moral, and spiritual gifts with which Thou hast so richly endowed us, and thus develop for ourselves in full and symmetrical proportions a character after the similitude of the Master's. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1912.

Infinite Spirit, Father of all souls, ever ready to help those who seek Thee, increase our faith, hope, and love—blessings which leap like angels from the temples of our hearts and bring us on our way rejoicing.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Finds us farther than to-day.

So by these angels increase our usefulness to Thee by a faithful service to our fellow men, that at the end of the King's highway we may merit the "Well done, good and faithful servant"; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1912.

Father in heaven, let Thy blessing descend upon us. Open our eyes to the truth, and give us the courage and the fortitude to follow in its wake.

Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again—
The eternal years of God are hers;
But Error, wounded, writhes with pain,
And dies among his worshipers.

So may we know the truth, assimilate it, live it, and at last be glorified in it, with the Lord from heaven. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, our heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, our faith looks up to Thee in this hour of sorrow and grief. Surely Thou givest life and taketh it away, not in death but in the larger life which awaits us all. A great sorrow has fallen into our hearts because one of our number has been taken away from us who for many years held a conspicuous place in the committee room and on the floor of this House; strong, pure, aggressive, he served his State and Nation with untiring energy. Help us to keep his memory green and copy his virtues. Solace the bereaved family with the hopes and promises of a bright beyond when the voice which was music to their ears, the eyes which looked love into their hearts, and the strong arms

which upheld and sustained them shall receive them once more in a realm where there are no separations. "We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread out before us like the islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beautiful beings that here pass before us like visions will stay in our presence forever." Thus may we believe; thus may we hope in the promises of the Master. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1912.

O Thou great Father-soul, God of the living and of the dead, in the calm serenity of a perfect faith in Thee and the imperishable hope of the immortality of the soul, we stand with bowed heads and sorrowing hearts in Thy presence. Surely Thou hast laid a heavy hand upon us within the last week; the silver cord has been loosed, the golden bowl broken, and the spirits of two of our Members have taken their flight to the realms above. The well-remembered form, kindly face, and genial presence of him who had attained the distinguished honor of father of the House of Representatives has entered this historic Chamber and passed out for the last time—a patriotic citizen, a brave and gallant soldier, a wise councilor, a faithful servant of the people. Peace to his ashes, repose to his soul. How swiftly run the sands of life, how uncertain its tenure. Help us to close up the ranks and march forward to duty's call and be prepared to answer the summons, assured that Thy love encircles all; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, open Thou our spiritual eyes that we may discern beneath the rough exterior in every human heart the image of his Maker; that a profounder love, a broader charity may prevail, and the ties of fraternity have a broader scope, a deeper significance; that the genius of the Christian religion may find its full fruition in every heart and Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1912.

O Thou who art supremely great and good, our God and our Father, source of all our longings, hopes, and aspirations, kindle within our hearts a sacred flame which shall burn brighter and brighter as the years come and go until we have reached the light of the perfect day in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who fillest the heavens with glory and the earth with goodness, humbly we bow in Thy presence and acknowledge our indebtedness to Thee for all things, temporal and spiritual. Enrich our minds with wisdom and knowledge from on high and fill our hearts with grace divine, that with all diligence and perseverance we may discharge the obligations resting upon us, private and public. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1912.

[Rev. George Robinson, chaplain, United States Army, retired.]

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth, who hast set Thy glory above the heavens. When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and stars, which Thou hast ordained, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou visiteth him? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hath crowned him with glory and honor. Thou hast made him to have dominion over the work of Thy hand; Thou hast put all things under his feet. We rejoice in the fact, O God, in the high place Thou hast given to us in the order of creation and, although we have marred Thy image and defaced Thy likeness, we rejoice that Thou hast set to work spiritual redemptive forces to bring us back again to that high place. Enable us, O God, in thought, in word, and in deed to cooperate with those spiritual forces in our own souls for our own sake and for humanity's sake and for the glory of our God. We ask for the Lord Jesus Christ sake. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1912.

Father in heaven, increase our loving-kindness, that our hearts may expand and our sympathies go out in brotherly love to all mankind. We realize that the warm clasp of the hand, the sunny smile, the cheering word is easy if love is spontaneous and brings great reward, but if the heart is frigid the effort is hard and the returns meager. Increase, therefore, our loving-kindness, that we may be rich in the things which make for righteousness, peace, and good will, and Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1912.

We come to Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, with glad hearts, rejoicing in the possession of life with its splendid environment, its lofty hopes and glorious aspirations, which are ever moving us onward and upward to higher manhood. Strengthen, we beseech Thee, our faith in Thee, that when sorrows gather about us we shall not fail, when the storms of adversity burst upon us we shall be firm, and when temptations roll in upon us like the mighty waves of the ocean we shall be strong to resist, for " He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Touched by the sudden death of another one of the congressional family, whose smiles and cheering words brought sunshine into the hearts of thousands, comfort his many friends and bereaved family with the thought that he still lives to the larger life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we realize that we are indeed fearfully and wonderfully made. " The philosophy of 6,000 years has not searched the chambers and magazines of the soul; there has always remained in the last analysis a residuum it could not resolve." But Thou hast made it clear that we are here for action, and since Thou hast given us the power of choice, help us to act intelligently, wisely, discreetly, without prejudice, ever keeping our minds open to conviction, that we may with all dili-

gence and perseverance act in accordance with Thy will as revealed in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, the world's great Exemplar, and thus prove ourselves worthy of the trust Thou hast reposed in us; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1912.

O Thou great Spirit, everywhere present, we stand before Thee with uncovered hearts; Thou knowest us altogether, the motives which prompt our acts, the objects to be obtained which leave their impress upon our characters for good or bad, for weakness or for strength. Create therefore within us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within, that we may build for ourselves God-like characters and thus prove ourselves worthy sons of the living God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we bless Thy holy name for every social, political, and religious movement looking to the betterment of mankind and the solidarity of the human race into one family; that wrongs may be righted, injustice removed, and the evils which beset us be eradicated; that all Thy children may enjoy the God-given rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Impress us as individuals and as a Nation that if we shall enjoy the respect of others we must respect ourselves by living to the highest ideals illustrated in the life and teachings of the Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1912.

We bless Thee, Almighty God, that we may look up to Thee and call Thee Father and be assured of Thy care and solicitude; in our sorrows we may come to Thee and be comforted, in our weakness we may approach Thee and be strengthened, and in all the perplexities and vicissitudes of life we may call upon Thee and receive light. So let Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, come to all, that we may be comforted, strengthened, and guided through the busy whirl and turmoil of life's activities; and Thine be the praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1912.

[Prayer of Saturday, April 6, 1912, was delivered by Rev. N. H. Holmes, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa. It was accredited to Chaplain Couden by mistake.]

"Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place for all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God."

Thou hast commanded all men everywhere to worship Thee in spirit and in truth; help us, we beseech Thee, to do so here and now.

Cause Thy blessing, we pray Thee, to rest upon Thy servant the Speaker of this House, and upon all its Members and their families; may neither death nor any evil befall any of them, nor any harm come near their dwelling places.

"Our Father who art in heaven," help these eminent representatives of a great people in the discharge of their grave responsibilities, and so guide them in their deliberations that they may give proof of not forgetting their accountability to God.

God of infinite wisdom, who giveth of the same liberally to all men that asketh of Thee, and upbraideth not, be wisdom and strength to our President and his Cabinet, to the governors of the States and Territories, and to all in authority in the Nation. Cause them to let all the ends they aim at be their country's, their God's, and truth. For then shall their final award be, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and a grateful country shall hold them in everlasting remembrance.

Save our glorious land from the curse of intemperance, where awful wrecks of men and nations lie scattered adown the centuries of time. Help this generation to know and understand that no earthly power can deliver us from the "woe" of God hurled against the man "who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth and maketh him drunken also."

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for time to come, by the prayers and tears and the bloody sweat of heroic sires, and the unspeakable valor of their worthy sons, Thou hast raised up this Nation to be a great power and

inspiration in this world for righteousness and good government, and to incite men and nations to struggle against tyranny and oppression, hear our prayers for our Union, strong and great, for our glorious ship of state. O keep her a-sailing ten thousand years; and Thine shall be the glory and praise now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the beautiful and inspiring custom which obtains throughout the length and breadth of Christendom in celebrating at this season of the year the resurrection of the Christ, which proves the power of life over death, deepens our faith and confidence in Thee, our Father, kindles our hopes and aspirations anew, strengthens our convictions, and makes the whole world akin. Grant that we may be inspired by the uplifting services to better lives, purer motives, nobler endeavors. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, ever near to us and always ready to help those who put their trust in Thee, make us more susceptible to heavenly influences and incline our hearts to do Thy will, that with clear vision and firm, unfaltering footsteps we may go forward with undaunted courage as the duties of the hour unfold themselves, leaving the results to Thee, who doeth all things well; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, whose goodness stands approved, we thank Thee for the Christ spirit which came into the world nineteen hundred years ago, and which is coming more abundantly into the hearts of Thy children everywhere, in spite of the untoward circumstances of life which make for selfishness, the root of all evil. Free us, we beseech Thee, from its thralldom, that day by day we may rise to the sublime heights of the perfected manhood. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, let Thy kingdom come in all our hearts, that with clear perceptions of right and duty we may strive earnestly and sincerely to exemplify in our daily life and conduct the sublime principles enunciated by the Master and fulfilled in His incomparable life and character; and glory, and honor, and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for every great thought spoken or written, for every heroic deed enacted, for every spiritual uplift which has made for the betterment of mankind; and we pray most fervently that Thy spirit may come in all fullness and power to possess our minds and hearts, that we may add somewhat to the world's progress and so fulfill the law and the prophets. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, let the light of Thy countenance shine upon us to illumine our minds and quicken our conscience, that we may see clearly the way and with firm and steadfast footsteps walk therein, keeping a conscience void of offense toward Thee and our fellow men; that we may prove ourselves worthy of Thy care and protection and the marvelous gifts which Thou hast so abundantly bestowed upon us; and to Thee we will give all praise, our God and our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, glorify the service which brings us together on this peaceful Sabbath day by Thy holy presence, that we may be purified, exalted, ennobled.

We thank Thee for the life, character, and achievements of the Member in whose memory we are assembled. Grant that they may be written in characters of light on the pages of history, that others may read and be inspired to useful and noble lives. We mourn his loss, but are com-

forted in the thought that he still lives in some higher, nobler existence. Be this the solace to the bereaved wife and to those to whom he was bound by the ties of kinship:

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1912.

O Lord, our God and our Father, we wait upon Thee for the uplift of Thy spirit, which shall clarify our minds, quicken our conscience, and lead us in the way of righteousness, truth, and justice—virtues which crown the efforts of Thy children with success, and fill the heart with joy and gladness. Hear us, and thus guide us; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, appalled by the many shocking disasters which have followed one upon the other in the last few months, we most fervently pray that more stringent laws may be enacted and enforced, that those exposed to the dangers of fire and flood, the workers in mines and factories, and those who travel by land or sea, may be safeguarded from the selfishness and greed of the thoughtless. This we ask in the name of right and justice, truth and mercy, O God our Father. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we bless Thy holy name for the widespread sympathy going out from thousands of hearts to those who are suffering the untold agony of suspense, hoping it may be against hope. Comfort them, we beseech Thee, in the blessed truth that Thou art the God of the living and the dead, that nothing can separate Thy children from infinite and eternal love, and help us to learn well the lesson so dearly bought, that the nations may combine in measures which may avert such terrible dis-

asters. And everlasting praise we will ever give Thee, in the name of Him who taught us faith and hope in Thee our Father. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, help us over the rough places as we journey through this day, that with unselfish devotion to duty and the rectitude of our behavior we may find ourselves at its close a little nearer heaven. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee that though in the ordinary circumstances of life selfishness and greed seem to be in the ascendancy, yet in times of distress and peril then it is the nobility of soul, the Godlike in man, asserts itself and makes heroes; hence we may indulge in the fond hope that at last good shall overcome evil, and Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done in every heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1912.

O Thou who hast ever been our refuge and our strength, quicken every noble impulse within us, that we may control our passions, guard our lips, walk uprightly, keep our hearts free from guile and warm with brotherly love; that we may do unto others as we would be done by, and pass on our way rejoicing; and Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1912.

O Thou God and Father of us all, in whose changeless, boundless love we have our being, hold us close to Thee, that we may feel the warm, life-giving currents ever flowing out from Thee, that our faith, hope, and love may be strengthened.

We bless Thy holy name for the words which fell from the lips of the Master: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's

house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you."

The sands of life run swiftly; we know not when the silver cord shall be loosed, the golden bowl broken; but so long as faith, hope, and love live, so long the immortality of the soul is assured.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I can not drift
Beyond His love and care.

In this love our souls speed onward to the "Land of the Leal," where we shall dwell with our loved ones forever. Be this our comfort, the hope and comfort of the bereaved wife and children of the deceased Member in whose memory we are assembled, and pæans of praise we will ever give to Thee through Him who died that we might live. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, let Thy spirit come mightily upon us, to strengthen, encourage, and guide us in our struggles to attain the ideals that each is bound to contribute to his fellows, to the public weal, to the uplift of humanity, if Thy kingdom shall come and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Hear us and help us and answer our prayer. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, God our heavenly Father, from whom cometh all wisdom and goodness. It is written, "Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Pour out upon us, we beseech Thee, abundantly of these precious gifts, that amid the conflicting elements without and the contending forces within we may do Thy will as it is given us to know it, and thus measure up to the standard of manhood. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, imbue us plenteously with that wisdom which is above the price of rubies, which enables us to distinguish clearly the real values of life, lifts us above the sordid, puts a premium on high thinking and clean living, makes for righteousness in the soul, and leads heavenward; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1912.

How beautiful and how wonderful are the works of Thy hands, O God our Father. What wisdom, what power, what majesty back of it all. How exalting and ennobling to the contemplative soul. And what dost Thou require of man for all the wonders and powers Thou hast bestowed upon him, but to love mercy, do justly, and walk humbly before his God? Strengthen us in our weakness, that we may fulfill these requirements day by day. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1912.

We bless Thee, infinite Spirit, Father of all souls, for the dignity of life, the possibilities which Thou hast placed within the reach of man. "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honor; Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet." Help us to appreciate the dignity and the trust Thou hast reposed in us by developing day by day every faculty of the mind and every power of the soul, until we shall have reached that perfection illustrated in the life and character of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, our heavenly Father, be with us to sustain and guide in every legitimate effort to better the conditions of mankind. Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from the holier than thou attitude, lest our usefulness be

impaired in the social, political, and religious fields of endeavor. To minister, not to be ministered to; to serve, not to be served; to lend a hand where help is needed, that in all the relationships of life, private or public, we may follow the spirit of the Master. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the ideals enunciated by the Master, for the spirit of altruism exemplified in His holy life. Help us to understand and assimilate His precepts, to emulate His virtues, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in our hearts; to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1912.

O Thou infinite Spirit, source of worlds without end and of beings without number, in whose all-loving embrace we dwell and in whom all our longings, hopes, and aspirations are centered, control our spirits, guide our wandering thoughts to Thee, that by the inspiration of this sacred moment we may be prepared to meet the obligations which Thou hast laid upon us now and evermore. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, deepen our reverence for Thee and increase the divine within us, that it may dominate the human and bring us closer to Thee, that we may hallow Thy name in thought, word, and deed; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we bless Thee for the eternal principles revealed in the marvelous Sermon on the Mount, which inspires to holy living, comforts the sorrowing, soothes the dying, and makes clear the immortality of the soul. Help us to live those principles and prove ourselves worthy sons of the living God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1912.

Eternal and everliving God, our heavenly Father, we bless Thee for that deep and hidden spring within, which is ever urging us onward and upward to the heights of spiritual glory; that something, strange and mysterious, which will not be satisfied with less than the best makes us tractable to the holy influence, that our light may so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, life of our life, soul of our soul, spirit of our spirit, our God and our Father, we thank Thee for the blessed assurance that as the child born in the manger was an incarnation, so is every child born into the world an incarnation. And just so surely as the Jesus rose from the dead, so surely is death the resurrection for every man.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

"For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

"Now, He that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the spirit."

Blessed truth, which bridges the gulf and makes the continuity of life a living reality.

> Cold in the dust the perished heart may lie,
> But that which warmed it once can never die.

We thank Thee for the splendid personality of the Member in whose memory we assemble. Pronounced in his convictions, pure in his motives, an indefatigable worker, he served his State and Nation with fidelity and singleness of purpose. He may not return to us, but we shall surely go to him. Be this the comfort of those who knew and loved him.

Be graciously near to the bereaved wife and grandchildren, and help them to look forward with imperishable hope.

I walk with bare, hushed feet the ground
Men tread with boldness shod;
I dare not fix with mete and bound
The love and power of God.

In the spirit of Christ the Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the power and efficacy of prayer; that the way is open; that whosoever will may come to the fountain of life and drink freely. When the sky is black above us and the heart is bowed in sorrow, out of the deeps we may cry unto Thee, and deep answers deep and the heart is comforted. When the skies are bright above us and the heart beats high with fondest hopes, we may be cheered on our way to every good purpose. When doubts arise and temptations assail us, our faith may be strengthened and the power of resistance increased. Hence we pray for Thy blessing, that we may be guided and strengthened for the work of this day, that it may be in consonance with Thy will; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, quicken, we beseech Thee, the Godlike in us as individuals and as a people, and inspire us with greater zeal, greater energy, greater courage, a deeper patriotism, that the evils which doth so easily beset us may be diminished and the good accentuated; that strife may cease and harmony prevail in every home, in every State throughout our Union; that the genius of our Republic may more and more obtain. To the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, draw us by Thy holy influence into the higher realm of thought and action, that we may work together with Thee for the things

which make for righteousness, truth, justice, and good will among men. That as instruments in Thy hands we may hasten the coming of Thy kingdom in the earth as it is in heaven. In the spirit of the Lord Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, our God and our Father, so near to us, and yet so far away, open Thou our spiritual eyes, that we may behold the light of Thy countenance; our spiritual ears, that we may hear the music of Thy voice; our spiritual hearts, that we may feel the pulsations of Thy loving heart; that we may have life, and have it more abundantly in a closer walk with Thee; that Thy will may be done in us as it was done in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1912.

Father in heaven, without whom nothing is pure, nothing is strong, nothing enduring, be with us that we may think right and do right as it is thus given us to see the right, in all that pertains to the duties of this day that we may honor ourselves, our country, and our God. In Christ's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee from our heart of hearts that the people of this country have with one accord set apart a day called by the sweetest and most endearing of all names—mother. To-morrow we shall wear in sacred memory the white carnation, the white rose, the lily of the valley. To her the world owes a debt of gratitude which can never be canceled. It was mother who went down to the very gates of death that we might live. From her we drew the strength of life. It was mother who cradled us in her dear arms and comforted our childish sorrows. It was Thy love reflected in her which watched over us by day and by night and inspired in us the purest, the noblest thoughts of life. At her knee we learned to lisp the inspiring and uplifting words, " Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy

kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

So long as we revere her name will our homes be pure and the genius of our Republic be sacred.

Mother is in heaven for most of us. There she waits our coming, for heaven will not be heaven for mother until the pearly gates have opened for her children. Blessed be her memory forever, O God our Father. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1912.

O Love! O Life! our faith and sight
Thy presence maketh one;
As through transfigured clouds of white
We trace the noonday sun.

So, to our mortal eyes subdued,
Flesh-veiled, but not concealed,
We know in Thee the fatherhood
And heart of God revealed.

Blessed faith, hope, and love which Thou hast woven into the tissues of our being, which hold us close to Thee in joys or sorrows, in life or death. We know that the body dies but the spirit which animated it lives in some higher realm where its longings, hopes, and aspirations will be fulfilled. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living." We thank Thee for the strong, pure, noble, brave character possessed by the Member in whose memory we are assembled. Quick to perceive, strong in action, whether on the field of battle or in the quiet, peaceful pursuits of life, he fulfilled to a conspicuous degree the expectations of those who called him to service in State or Nation.

His work well done, the angel of death bore him to a higher service. The work of a true man lives after him, for nothing pure, nothing sublime, can perish. Comfort, we beseech Thee, his colleagues and friends and the dear wife who kept close to his side and shared his joys and

sorrows, victories and defeats; and bring her in Thine own time to dwell with him in love forever; and Thine be the praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1912.

Let Thy grace, O Lord God, our heavenly Father, possess our minds and hearts this day, that our paths may be bright, our ways gentle, our work efficient in Thy sight; and all praise shall be Thine, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, cleanse us, we beseech Thee, from all unrighteousness, and fill our hearts with the Christ spirit, that we may think clearly, speak wisely, and act nobly in all the duties pertaining to the hour; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, in whom is all wisdom, power, and goodness, bear with our infirmities, pardon our shortcomings, be graciously near to us, and guide our wandering footsteps into paths of purity and good will, that we may be profitable servants unto Thee and unto our fellow men, now and always. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee that we are created intelligent and industrious beings, that there are always problems to be solved, new fields to be explored, since idleness is a menace to the individual and to the Nation; we must move forward or retrograde. Help us therefore with new zeal and energy to meet the problems which confront us, that we may develop our intellectual, moral, and spiritual being and leave the world a little better than we found it. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, help us to realize the great responsibility of life, for "it is the truth of God, working through the personality of man, which has been the salvation of the world." Inspire us to put our personality into our work on the side of right and truth and justice, that we may enhance the real values of life and thus increase our efficiency for good, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1912.

O Lord our God and our Father, fit us for the new duties of the new day by bringing us en rapport with Thee, that forgetting self in an earnest and patriotic desire to do great things for a great people, these Thy servants may demonstrate the wisdom of popular government through its chosen Representatives in the Congress now assembled; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1912.

O Thou who art the source of life, the fountain of wisdom, the inspiration of all good, renew our life, imbue us plenteously with wisdom, and fill our hearts with purity, that we may choose wisely, act nobly, that our work may be well pleasing in Thy sight and redound to the good of mankind. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1912.

Father in heaven, be with us in the onward march of civilization, lest we forget that nothing endures which is not in accordance with the laws which Thou hast ordained; lest history repeat itself in the downfall of our Republic. Make us, therefore, wise, just, pure, noble in our conceptions, that Thy will may be done in us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1912.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we approach Thee with renewed faith and confidence in the immutability of Thy character, in the overruling of Thy providence, and the precious promises of Thy word. Create within us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within, that we may go forward with patience, courage, and fortitude wherever duty leads; that we may make for ourselves a record upon which we may look back without regret in the closing hours of this life and pass serenely on to the great beyond, fully prepared for whatever awaits us there. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the great thoughts, noble deeds, and splendid achievements which link the past to the present, making us rich in scientific, literary, art, governmental, and religious attainments, which make the world a better place in which to live, affording greater fields of endeavor, opening the way to larger life and nobler attainments. Help us to add something to coming generations which will enlarge their opportunities and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom. To the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever; creating, re-creating in Thy ministrations for the needs of Thy children, ever going forward to what, whitherward we know not, but with perfect faith and confidence in Thy wisdom, power, and goodness. We most fervently pray that we may be wise in our conceptions, firm in our convictions, moving ever onward in a straight line toward what we know to be right as revealed in the incomparable life and character of Thy son Jesus Christ, the world's great Exemplar. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1912.

Almighty God, in whom all our longings, hopes, and aspirations are centered, we approach Thee in the spirit of Him who taught us to pray—

" Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we realize that we have not lived to the highest ideals in the past. We have done many things which we ought not to have done and left undone many things which we ought to have done. But a new day is before us. Thou knowest our weakness, the foibles of human nature. We pray for Thy forgiveness, that we may spend no time in vain regrets, but with new zeal, energy, and courage we may press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1912.

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, make us conscious of Thy presence by quickening our minds and conscience, that we may walk in the light of Thy countenance, and, without taking ourselves too seriously, do the work Thou hast given us to do in humility, yet with courage and fortitude. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the great men who in thought and deed have contributed to the dignity of life. We do not build monuments to the evildoer; his acts we would forget. We build monuments to the men who think great thoughts and do noble deeds that we may perpetuate their memory and emulate their virtues. To wait on destiny is futile, since destiny waits on us. Do

the opportunity of to-day and we are prepared for the opportunity on the morrow. Live well to-day and we shall be prepared to live better to-morrow. Every good thought, every noble deed, weaves itself into our being and is its own reward. "For he that hath, to him shall more be given; and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath."

Help us, we beseech Thee, to build monuments for ourselves which shall survive the wrecks of time, that we may glorify ourselves by glorifying humanity and our Maker. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1912.

God of the universe, Father of our souls, cleanse our hearts from guile, and make straight our paths, that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called and fulfill our destiny, to-day, to-morrow, and always. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, in the broad fields of endeavor, in the complicated conditions of our civilization, in the mad rush for wealth, power, and influence help us to remember our dependence upon Thee; that Thy laws are imperative, and if we are saved from the impending dangers which threaten us it must be through loyalty to Thee and the laws which Thou hast ordained. Increase, therefore, our faith and make us susceptible to the heavenly influences, that right may prevail in the individual and in the powers which control the destiny of our Republic; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1912.

O Thou who art supremely wise, just, pure, and holy, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, create within us as a ruling passion the desire to mold our characters into the likeness of our Maker, that we may be wise, just, pure, holy in all that pertains to life, and

at last hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." And Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1912.

We thank Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that in the press and push of life's activities we may pause for a moment, enter the holy of holies, and commune with Thee. It is not what we pray for, since Thou knowest our needs better than we know them. It is the touch of spirit with spirit, the communion of soul with soul, which exalts, ennobles, purifies, and fits us for the work before us. So touch us with Thy spirit, so guide us, that our work may be efficient and well-pleasing in Thy sight now and always in the spirit of the Master.

And now, O Father, we are touched by the sudden death of another one of our Members. Help us and encourage us to go forward with new resolutions, that we may fulfill our destiny, and when the time comes we may be ready to enter upon that higher life. Comfort, we beseech Thee, the friends and family of the deceased Member, and help them to look forward with faith and confidence to a higher and better life. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, draw us by Thy holy influence close to Thee, and make us conscious of Thy presence, that with clear perceptions, high ideals, and noble endeavors we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, and thus satisfy the longings of our own hearts and reflect glory upon the God of our salvation. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, renew our faith and confidence in Thee; continue Thy favors unto us; quicken all our faculties and make us strong to do Thy will, that we may be faithful servants unto Thee and unto our fellow men. Let Thy blessing be upon the stricken wife and son of the Senator who has been called suddenly to the higher life,

that they may put their trust in the God of the living and the dead, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Prepare us for whatever awaits us in the dispensation of Thy providence, and Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1912.

O Thou, who hast ever been our refuge and our strength, without whom we are nothing, continue Thy blessings, that these Thy servants may be guided in their deliberations by Thy counsels, that the interests which they represent may be subserved in accordance with the eternal fitness of things; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all the strong, pure, noble, brave men who, by their heroic sacrifices and daring deeds, have contributed to the civilization of our day; that our Republic is ever ready to accord them a place in history and erect monuments to their memory as a testimonial of its gratitude; that to-day will be unveiled in our Capital a monument to the most daring and successful navigator of the unknown seas, who discovered in spite of every obstacle a new world, which he left to posterity. Grant that it may be not only a testimonial of our gratitude but an incentive to those who shall come after us to deeds of heroism and glory; that they may march on to a still higher civilization, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we come to Thee with unbounded faith and confidence in Thine infinite wisdom, power, and goodness. Realizing our dependence on Thee, we pray for light to guide us in the way of truth, for strength that we may resist evil, for energy that we may push forward unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. In His spirit. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1912.

O Thou who art the architect and builder of the universe, the life and light of men, the inspiration of every permanent movement toward the betterment of the conditions in the social, political, and religious life of Thy children, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy favors unto us as individuals and as a people, that we may continue the onward march toward the higher civilization. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1912.

O Lord, our God and our Father, how inscrutable is Thy providence. Thy ways are past finding out. But we thank Thee that Thou hast not left us without a witness. The light of reason is strong and leads us through many a tangled web, yet it does not satisfy the longings of our souls; but where it ends faith begins and lifts us into the realm of the eternal possibilities and hope comes, an angel to guide us on our way. The story of the stars is clearer. The affections which hold us together in bands of steel rejoice in the promises through the life, death, and resurrection of the Christ. Thou hast laid a heavy hand upon us in the removal of another one of the congressional family whose life was opening into the larger fields of usefulness. Young, strong, buoyant of spirit, gifted with a wealth of ability, schooled, by training well fitted for the path of life which he had chosen. Our hearts are filled with sorrow. Comfort us with the everlasting hope in that love which encircles all. Be with the young wife and child. Strengthen the mother for her task. Be with all to whom he was near and dear, and help us to look forward with faith and hope to the life everlasting. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee that the way is always open for the betterment of the conditions of life and its far-reaching purposes. Possess us, we beseech Thee, with Thy spirit, that we may see clearly the way, and walk fearlessly in consonance with the highest dic-

tates of conscience in all that pertains to the duties of the hour, that Thy will may be done in us, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, the inspiration of all that makes life dear, we thank Thee for our Republic, with its splendid traditions, sacred institutions, and incomparable genius; a precious heritage made possible by the heroic sacrifices and daring deeds of our fathers, which challenged the admiration of men everywhere and thrilled the hearts of the liberty-loving people around the world. We thank Thee that its national ensign, designed and carried to victory by our revered Washington, the Father of his Country, will be celebrated to-day with appropriate ceremonies in song and story. Grant, O most merciful Father, that it may continue to float in peace over a united country and with all the peoples of all the earth, forever and aye. In the spirit of the Prince of Peace, whose advent was heralded by the angelic host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1912.

We come to Thee, O God our heavenly Father, to renew our vows and consecrate ourselves to Thee, and by the uplift of prayer receive strength for the duties which wait upon us. We realize that whatever else is of value in life, character rises superior to all. Help us, therefore, to add day by day to our character until we reach that perfection in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee that it is not always easy to tell the truth, to be honest, to be just, to be pure; otherwise there would be no virtue in the power of resistance nor in the courage of our convictions. We realize that each day is a day of probation, each test a

crucial test. To meet the temptations of to-day successfully is to strengthen us for the conflicts of the morrow. If we live well to-day, we shall be prepared to live better to-morrow. "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, help us to think on these things." For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1912.

[Rev. John J. Van Schaick, jr., of the Church of Our Father, Washington, D. C.]

Almighty God, who hast brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same by Thy almighty power. Give to these Thy servants strength to bear their burdens, and wherever our citizens come together to think for the common good that there may be given to them increased devotion to our institutions and greater love for this Government of our fathers, that they and all of us, in the high places and in the humble places, may think and plan together for the increased good of this great Republic. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, fountain of wisdom and source of all good, keep us, we beseech Thee, in touch with Thee through the remaining hours of this day, that we enter not into temptation, but with pure motives, high ideals, and lofty purposes we may do the work Thou hast given us to do. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, Father-soul, never far from any of us, we would draw near to Thee with open minds and hearts, that we may receive of Thy spirit and be guided through the changing scenes of this new day, that at its close we may find ourselves in harmony with Thee,

at peace with ourselves and all mankind. And Thine be the glory and the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, let Thy kingdom come in our hearts, that we may be filled with wisdom and purity, justice and mercy, patience, courage, fortitude; that we may hallow Thy name and fulfill the law of Christ. "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them." This we ask in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for that never-failing providence which has shaped and guided the destiny of Thy children from savagery through barbarism to civilization; which in spite of the untoward circumstances of life, in spite of the efforts of men, unwittingly it may have been, to turn back the tide of civilization, it has steadily moved forward, and we most fervently pray that Thou wilt continue to protect, bless, and guide us, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1912.

Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the gift of life, the joy of living, the hopes and promises of its prolongation beyond the confines of the earthly existence. And we most fervently pray that each day, each year, may be the preparation for the larger life of to-morrow—a purer, nobler life for the year that is coming. Comfort, we beseech Thee, the friends, the bereaved wife and family of the officer of this House who has been summoned to another one of the Father's many mansions, and help them to look forward with faith and confidence to a reunion which shall never end, and "songs of praises we will ever give to Thee." In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1912.

O Thou who art supremely wise and strong and good, Father of our souls, dispenser of all its needs, fill our hearts with the Christ spirit, that Thy will may dominate our thoughts and acts, that whatsoever may confront us we may be able to say, "Nevertheless not my will but Thine be done." That Thy plans and purposes may be fulfilled in us to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 1, 1912.

[Dr. J. Lewenthal, rabbi, Vine Street Temple, Nashville, Tenn.]

Almighty God, may Thy loving-kindness be upon us and establish Thou the works of our hands, yea, the work of our hands, firmly establish Thou it. We pray Thee to look down in Thy infinite kindness upon the Members of this House; be graciously inclined toward them and endow them with a good heart, with wisdom and understanding, and with a just and willing mind, so that they may acquit themselves of and discharge their duties as fully as their hearts desire to do so. We thank Thee, O God, for the preservation of this great and glorious Republic, in its national integrity and unity, and humbly do we pray Thee for strength and courage that we may purge wherever it exists our citizen States of the deep causes of corruption which so often make sin profitable and uprightness hard. Do Thou grant unto our public men the faith and daring of the kingdom of God in their hearts so that they may enlist in the sacred warfare for the freedom and the rights of the people.

Into Thy keeping, O Father, do we commend the President of these United States and Members of this House and all the constituted authorities, so that through them order may be preserved and right and liberty be fostered. Do Thou strengthen the bonds of loyalty and friendship between all the inhabitants of our great country. Bless all mankind, Thy children, now and forevermore. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1912.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, let Thy blessing descend in all fullness upon us that our thoughts may harmonize with Thy thoughts, that our judgments may be in consonance with Thy judgment, and our acts conform to Thy will, that we may be the instruments in Thy hands for the furtherance of the plans which Thou hast ordained. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1912.

O Thou who hast never forsaken us, blessed be Thy name forever. Inspire us by Thy holy presence to be faithful servants unto Thee, rich in thought, noble in deed, giving ourselves to those things which seemeth best in Thy sight; and with perfect faith and confidence in the overruling of Thy providence help us to submit ourselves to all the vicissitudes of life, assured that all things work together for good to them that love God; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the spirit which moved our fathers to the high resolves and deeds of heroism which gave us a Government so wise in its conception, so broad in its construction, so lofty in its purpose that it would guarantee to every citizen life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We thank Thee that under Thy providence we have grown in all that tends to make a nation great, but we realize that with every step of progress, every advance in civilization, comes a greater responsibility.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Increase our religious fervor and make us vigilant, wise, pure, and inspire us with a holy patriotism that the genius of our Republic may be fulfilled. To the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, once more in the dispensation of Thy providence our hearts are bowed in sorrow and grief. Surely in "the midst of life we are in death." We know not the moment when the summons shall come; but with perfect faith and confidence in Thee who doeth all things well, help us to do the work Thou hast given us to do faithfully, conscientiously, going forward to meet the shadowy future with brave and manly hearts. Comfort us, the bereaved wife and children, in the blessed hope of the immortality of the soul. In the name of Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1912.

O Thou God and Father of us all, in whom we live and move and have our being, increase our faith and confidence in Thee, quicken our hopes and aspirations, comfort, we beseech Thee, the sorrowing, strengthen the weak, lift up the fallen, forgive the erring. Give light to those who sit in darkness, guide our wandering footsteps and make us faithful servants unto Thee and to our fellow men, that we may hallow Thy name. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1912.

[Rev. A. H. Thompson, pastor of the Waugh Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C.]

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, in humble recognition of our dependence upon Thee, we come to Thee this day for help and guidance. Upon these Representatives of this greatest Nation upon the earth rest grave and solemn responsibilities; the issues of the ages perhaps depend upon their decisions here. We pray Thy blessing upon them. Be consciously near to them, guide their deliberations, and so direct the decisions of this great body and of the American people that government by the people, of the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth. Graciously regard the Speaker of this House and each of its Members; bless them in their personal lives. Guard

and shield and protect their loved ones, and so guide us all that finally we may be gathered into the home above, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1912.

[Rev. John Compton Ball, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.]

Our heavenly Father, in the opening moments of this day's proceedings we stand in reverence before Thee, thanking Thee for past mercies and pleading that Thou will continue the same unto us. Let Thy benediction, we pray Thee, rest upon our land and every citizen thereof, and especially do we pray that Thy blessing rest upon this House of Representatives as its Members plan for the present and future betterment of the people.

We pray, O God, that the power of Thy spirit may be with us as a country and that we may ever stand before the nations of the earth as the exponent of the things that are right and pure and good. In the name of Christ our Master. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, above all, through all, and in us all, make us susceptible to Thy holy influence that under the trying weather conditions and untoward circumstances which may arise we may subdue our passions, control our will, and exercise all patience and forbearance; that we may do our work with credit to ourselves and reflect glory and honor upon our Maker. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1912.

O Thou Eternal One, in whose infinite wisdom, power, and goodness rests the destiny of men and of nations, make us wise, we beseech Thee, in our generation, that we may live to the full measure of Christian manhood, and thus round out to completeness our character and so fulfill our earthly mission that when the call comes we

may be prepared to enter upon the new life fully equipped for the duties which await us there; and Thine shall be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1912.

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, be graciously near to us and imbue us plenteously with heavenly gifts, that our minds may be illumined, our hearts mellowed; that the rectitude of our behavior may be in consonance with Thy will; that the opportunities which loom large for the betterment of conditions in the individual, the home, the State, the Nation, may be accentuated to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1912.

We bless Thee, O God our heavenly Father, that back of the vast universe of which we are a part, back of our joys and sorrows, our hopes and aspirations, and all the issues of life, are Thine infinite wisdom, power, and goodness. Yet Thou hast dignified Thy children with the gift of choice and holdest them responsible for their acts. Hence the seeds we sow to-day will be the harvest of the morrow. Help us, therefore, to sow good seed, that our harvest may be the fruits of joy and peace and righteousness. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1912.

O Thou great Spirit, the Father of men, through whom Thou hast poured wisdom, knowledge, strength, and purity in the ages, making the world bright with Thy presence, make us one with Thee in intent and purpose, that we may apply our knowledge unto wisdom, our strength unto purity, and thus reflect in our personality the likeness of our Maker. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, upon the profound faith, hope, and love personified in Thy Son Jesus Christ, who dignified and made sacred honest toil as the carpenter's son, spake as never man spake, lived like a king and died like a god, burst the bars of the tomb and exemplified the life and immortality of the soul, taught us the way, the truth, and the life, we base the longings, hopes, and aspirations of all that make life dear. And we most fervently pray that we may follow in our daily life His sublime example and prove ourselves worthy sons of our God and our Father. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1912.

O Thou great Creator, Father-soul, to whom we are indebted for all things, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy blessings unto us as individuals and as a Nation, that we may think clearly, act wisely, do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, remembering that "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." And Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1912.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Without Him we can do nothing; with Him we may accomplish all things. Fill our hearts with brotherly love, that we may enter into the work of this day with malice toward none and charity for all, doing whatsoever our hands findeth to do with might, leaving the results with Thee; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, fill our minds and hearts with the strength and purity of the Holy Spirit, that we may walk worthy of the vocation whereunto Thou hast called us,

and leave behind us a trail which others may follow with impunity and upon which we may look back with pardonable pride and feel the thrill of Thine approval. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1912.

O Thou who art supremely great, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, above all, through all, and in us all, to whom the rich, the poor, the high, the lowly, the good, the bad, may look up in faith and confidence and call Thee "Father," help us to rid ourselves of selfishness, which is the root of all evil, that we may become fit temples for the indwelling of Thy spirit, that righteousness may reign supreme in all the earth, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1912.

O Thou to whom we are responsible for every act, quicken, we beseech Thee, our conscience and clarify our spiritual vision, that we may make straight our paths by the absolute truth of our speech and the rectitude of our behavior, that peace and righteousness may possess our souls now and always. In the spirit of the world's great Exemplar. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1912.

O Thou God and Father of us all, whose essence is love, to whom discord, sin, and iniquity are abhorrent, teach us the art of living together in peace and harmony, that we may reflect Thy love in the home, in society, in the affairs of state, and be worthy of the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, Thy care and protection, boundless love and good will, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1912.

O Thou who art the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega; our God and our Father, whose patience is without end, whose mercy is from everlasting to ever-

lasting, who beareth our burdens, comforteth our sorrows, chastiseth us when we do wrong, maketh the heart rejoice with gladness when we do right; Thy laws are inexorable. To keep them is heaven; to break them is hell. Continue, we beseech Thee, Thy ministrations unto us and bring us at last in harmony with Thee; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1912.

Be very near to us, O Father; we need Thee every moment. Thou art infinite, we are finite. Thou knowest all things, we know only a little. Thou art almighty, we are very weak. Thou art divine, we are human. Sometimes our zeal displaces judgment; sometimes our desires dethrone reason. Sometimes our egotism makes us forget our dependence upon Thee and we wander far afield. Control our thoughts, direct our ways, that we may be profitable servants unto Thee our Father. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who fillest the heavens with glory and the earth with goodness, humbly we bow in Thy presence and acknowledge our indebtedness to Thee for all things temporal and spiritual. Enrich our minds with wisdom and knowledge and fill our hearts with grace divine, that with all diligence and perseverance we may discharge the obligations resting upon us, private and public. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, Father of all souls, we thank Thee for the precious thought taught and exemplified in the life and character of the Jesus of Nazareth which tends to solidify all nations into one family; that what hurts one nation hurts all the peoples of the world; what helps one helps Thy children everywhere; hence our hearts go out in sympathy for the stricken and mourning people of Japan in the loss of their beloved Emperor who has led them through all the vicissitudes attending their

country for forty years, ever onward and upward, to the betterment of conditions in the home, society, and government. Teach them that God lives and reigns in the hearts of men. Grant, O most merciful Father, that they may find in the new Emperor one who will lead them on to the betterment of conditions in the arts of peace, happiness, and good will; and Thine be the praise, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1912.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, that by the example of every pure, noble, self-sacrificing life, especially by that of the Jesus of Nazareth, which looms brighter and brighter as the years come and go, we are brought, if we will, in contact with the pure, life-giving currents ever flowing from the heart of the Father-soul.

I am come, said the Master, that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Make us, we beseech Thee, susceptible to Thy holy influence, that our lives may be pure, Godlike. In the spirit of the Lord Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1912.

[Rev. William Couden, of Norwalk, Ohio.]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, grant unto us, Thy children, consciences firm yet tender, and obedience true as the path of the daily sun. We thank Thee that Thou hast not made us irresponsible like the creatures of lower orders than we; we thank Thee that Thou hast given us work to do and problems to solve; and we bless Thee that Thou hast provided us guide, counsel, and equipment for life's responsibilities. Grant, O Lord, that what we do and say to-day shall be in accord with Thy commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, and the spirit of the Cross of Christ. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1912.

[Rev. William Couden, of Norwalk, Ohio.]

Again, O God, Thou layest upon us the solemn trust of a day. How fair it drops upon us from Thy hand! We pray that Thou wilt comfort us with the sense of Thine all-searching presence and never-failing strength. Illumine our minds and hearts and wills with the light that radiates through Thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Make us faithful to our Nation, our homes, our friends, our fellow men, and our own manhood, and enable us to put back into Thine eternal keeping these hours of service, all untarnished by sin. For Jesus sake. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1912.

Eternal and ever-living God, we would approach Thee in the spirit of Him who taught us to pray: "Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever." Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1912.

[Rev. William Couden, of Norwalk, Ohio.]

Thus far, dear Lord, Thou hast led us on. And after the sweet day of rest Thou gavest, we face the opportunities and duties of a new week. We thank Thee for all Thou hast done for us and bestowed upon us. We confide in Thee, because Thou art more interested in us than we are in ourselves, and Thy wisdom is infinitely transcendent. Help us, therefore, in all our thoughts and affairs to keep close to Thee, to fulfill Thy perfect will in love to God and love to man. Hear and answer our prayer according to the depth of our needs, and the reach of our hopes, and the love of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1912.

O Thou great Spirit, Father-soul, ever susceptible to the wants of Thy children and always responsive to those who seek Thee in faith and confidence, take away from us all guile; pour down upon us Thy spiritual gifts; and grant us every blessing, in Jesus Christ our Lord, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in all our hearts. Let Thy blessing be upon all who are in sorrow. Comfort, we beseech Thee, the wife of our President, who mourns the loss of her distinguished father. Grant that she and all those who mourn with her may be comforted in the blessed hope of Him who said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." And to Thee we will ascribe all praise now and evermore. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1912.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, that the way is always open for the betterment of life's conditions, but to turn to the right or to the left invites defeat, while a straightforward movement toward the things which make for righteousness promises victory for the individual, for the race. Keep us, we beseech Thee, in the straight and narrow way which leads to life everlasting. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the preservation of our lives, the activity of our minds, the excellency of our moral convictions, the lofty ideals of our religion, and we most fervently pray that we may heed these convictions and pursue these ideals until we all come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. And Thine be the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose presence is life, come now in all the fullness of Thy power and possess our minds and hearts that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth by the thoughts that we think,

the words that we speak, and the deeds that we do; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is pure, nothing enduring, since Thy laws are inexorable and Thy will is supreme, increase our faith and confidence in Thee, that we may be wise in our conceptions, firm in our convictions; that the purest, noblest instincts of our being may find their full fruition in obedience to the laws which Thou hast ordained, which express in full measure Thy will; and Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1912.

Father in heaven, be merciful unto us, bear with our infirmities, forsake us not, but punish us when we do wrong and make our hearts rejoice with gladness when we do right, that the trend of our lives may be ever upward and onward toward the goal of the perfected manhood. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1912.

Infinite and eternal Spirit, author of life, intelligence, and purity, help us with firmer grasp to lay hold upon those things which are eternal, that by an adequate use of things temporal we may be prepared for whatsoever awaits us in the life that now is and in the life beyond the confines of earth; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1912.

Eternal and everliving God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the sublime faith which in all the past has brought men to Thy feet in prayer, where they have found strength, consolation, hope, and guidance; for every thought evolved, for every truth discovered, which holds us close to Thee and makes for righteousness in the soul. Grant that each of us may be able to say, now

and always, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, from whom cometh life, thought, and action, cleanse our minds and quicken every noble impulse, that we may hallow Thy name in all our intercourse with our fellow men, and so fulfill the law and the prophets. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose spirit pervades all space with rays of divine, creating, re-creating, guiding intelligence to the highest and noblest conceptions of life, help us to subject ourselves to the holy influence, that we may think clearly, act wisely, and fulfill our destiny, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1912.

Almighty One, through whose gracious providence we have been brought to the present moment, we give Thee hearty thanks for all the rich and varied blessings of life. That we may use them wisely, define, we beseech Thee, day by day the pathway to duty, and impart unto us the desire, the strength, the fortitude to walk therein, that we may merit, moment by moment, Thine approbation; and Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1912.

As the heavens declare Thy glory, O God our Father, and the firmament sheweth Thy handiwork; as day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge; as Thy love was poured out through the heart of the Christ unto the children of men, so may we reflect Thy glory and Thy love in life's daily duties and in our conduct toward our fellow men, and thus prove ourselves worthy of Thy love and care. In the spirit of the Master, who died that we might live. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy blessings unto us, and guide us through the remaining hours of this day by the highest conceptions of manhood, illustrated and exemplified in the life and character of the Jesus of Nazareth, that at its close we may be in harmony with Thee, in obedience to the laws which Thou hast ordained; and Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1912.

[Rev. M. A. Matthews, D. D., pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, Wash.]

Kind heavenly Father, we are grateful to Thee for the preservation of our lives until this moment. Pardon every sin we have ever committed. Guide this House of Representatives through the duties and responsibilities of this day. Bless the officers and officials attached thereto. Cause everything to redound to Thy glory and the advancement of Thy kingdom; and when Thou hast finished with us in this world, gather us to that beautiful home above. We ask it for Christ's sake. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, help us to praise and magnify Thy holy name by the purity of our thought, the wisdom of our speech, the nobility of our acts, that we may be one with Thee. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Thus may we be indeed followers of Him who spake as never man spake, the paragon of perfection, who died like a God and opened the gates of heaven to every living soul; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1912.

O Thou who art infinite in wisdom, power, and goodness, our God and our Father, we would draw near to Thee in the spirit of the Master and receive that uplift of the soul which shall enable us with patience, fidelity, dignity, and courage to meet all the duties and responsibilities Thou hast laid upon us, that we may weave for ourselves out of the great loom of life's activities a character which shall stand the test of time and eternity; and to Thee we will ascribe all praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1912.

With profound faith in Thee, O God our Father, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, we come with blessings upon our lips for the past and hope in our hearts for the future, that under Thy guidance we may move forward as individuals and as a people to yet higher and grander attainments; that Thy kingdom may come, and Thy will be done, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1912.

Trusting in Thy loving-kindness, O God our Father, we draw near to Thee; not as we would, but as we are able, we bring to Thee our devout offerings. Let Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, descend in full measure upon us now, that these Thy servants may be guided by divine light in all the resolves and enactments of this day, that those whom they represent may be faithfully served, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1912.

God of the universe, Father of all souls, whose spirit divine pervades all space, the light of the world, the inspiration of men, source of all good, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy ministrations unto us as a people, that with patriotic zeal and religious fervor we may press forward to the higher altitudes contemplated by our fathers in a Government "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

That the full fruition of its genius may at last obtain to the betterment of mankind, so move upon the hearts of these Thy servants, now convened to conclude the work of the Sixty-second Congress, that their efforts may be well pleasing in Thy sight.

Imbue with wisdom, strength, and courage the Speaker of this House, that he may preside over its deliberations with justice and equity, that its resolves and enactments may redound to the good of the millions here represented.

Inspire, bless, guide the President of these United States and his counselors, that the laws of the land may be faithfully executed and the affairs of state amicably adjusted in consonance with the ideals of righteousness, truth, and justice. Let Thy wisdom guide the judiciary in their high and holy calling, that justice may fulfill its perfect work. So may the people, with their servants in the coordinate branches of the Government, strive for the ideals in all that makes a nation great and glorious, that the dear Old Flag may float its stars and stripes in graceful folds over a land of peace and plenty, now and evermore. In the spirit of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1912.

Be graciously near to us, O God our Father, as we thus try to draw near to Thee in spirit and in truth. Help us to seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, that all things may be added unto us. We are weak, Thou art mighty; impart unto us strength. Our knowledge is

limited, Thou knowest all things; impart unto us wisdom, that we may direct our knowledge aright. We are selfish, Thou art gracious and kind; make us magnanimous in all our relationships, that Thy kingdom may come in our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1912.

O Thou who art the life and light of men, the inspiration of every great thought, noble deed, and honest endeavor in the fields of activity which lead on to the higher and better forms of life, inspire us, quicken our activities, that we may be worthy sons of the living God, and leave behind us a record worthy of emulation, and merit at last Thine approbation; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1912.

O Lord our God, we come to Thee with glad hearts when we remember that amid the busy whirl and turmoil of life's activities we ofttimes forget Thee, yet Thou art ever mindful of us, and though by devious ways we ofttimes wander from the paths of rectitude and duty, Thou art constant in Thy ministrations to us.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, our shortcomings, our weakness, our sins, and hold us close to Thee and life's duties henceforth. And Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1912.

We approach Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in prayer, that we may renew our spiritual life and thus be enabled to resist evil and strengthened to do the right as the duties of life unfold themselves to us moment by moment. Hear us and thus bless us, that Thy kingdom may come in all its fullness and strength and possess our hearts as it possessed the heart of the Master. And blessing and honor and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1912.

Father Almighty, boundless the resources, infinite the mercies, plenteous the gifts poured out upon us. Help us as rational beings gifted with the power of choice to lay

hold upon these things, make them ours, that we may wisely use them to the uplift of our souls and the furtherance of Thy kingdom, that peace and good will may reign supreme. In the spirit of the Lord Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, on earth, and in the hearts of men, we approach Thee with profound gratitude for life, liberty, and all that makes life dear. Help us to realize that as "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," so it is the price of all that makes for righteousness in the soul. Make us, therefore, zealous in all good works, that we may all come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; and unto Thee we will give all praise. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1912.

Infinite Spirit, God over all, in whose sacred presence we continually dwell, take away all hindrances from our minds and hearts and draw us by that influence which is ever emanating from Thy heart nearer to Thee, that we may be able to fulfill in the daily walks of life that requirement which is to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before Thee our God. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1912.

We bless Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for the deep and abiding faith which Thou hast implanted in the hearts of Thy children, the inspiration of men to noble and heroic lives, to whom we are indebted for the civilization of our day. We most fervently pray that this faith may grow until it becomes universal, crowding out hate and revenge, doubt and uncertainty, bringing in brotherly love, until all men can say—

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I can not drift
Beyond His love and care.

This we ask in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1912.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, fill us with the holy spirit of truth, that Thy thoughts may be our thoughts, Thy ways our ways, Thy work our work, Thy life our life in intent and purpose, that we may further Thy plans and fulfill our destiny; for it is written "All things work together for good to them that love God"; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1912.

Father in heaven, draw us by Thy holy influence to that nobility of soul without which the ideal home can not be, without which the pure patriot can not be, without which the real statesman could not be, without which pure and undefiled religion could not exist; that our homes may be pure and holy, our Republic rich in citizenship, strong in statesmanship, and our faith be deep and ever abiding in Thee, O God our Father. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1912.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the gracious privilege of coming to Thee in prayer. May it be in the spirit of Him who taught us when we pray to say Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1912.

We invoke Thy blessing, Almighty Father, upon the people of our great Nation. Be with all who are in sorrow and distress to comfort them. Let Thy benediction be upon the President and all others in authority and upon this legislative branch of our Government. Let Thy spirit come mightily upon each individual Member, that all may be guided to the highest conceptions

of right and duty, that the interests of those whom they represent may be faithfully and efficiently served. In the name and spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1912.

Father of faith and hope and love, we wait upon Thee for the bread of heaven, the water of life, the light that makes bright the dark, smooths the rough way, and inspires to good thoughts and noble deeds, that we may contribute somewhat to the public weal and be reckoned among the benefactors of mankind, thus leaving our footprints along life's way for the inspiration of those who shall come after us. So may the peace that passeth understanding be ours, and glory and honor and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1912.

Our Father in heaven, keep us, we beseech Thee, in all our intercourse with our fellow men in touch with Thee, lest we forget the admonition, "Judge not, that ye be not judged; for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again"; that we may put into our daily life that sublime injunction, "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."

Thus may we hallow Thy name. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1912.

Father in heaven, we bless Thy holy name for the beautiful custom which obtains throughout Christendom in the Yuletide season, and we most fervently pray that the Christ spirit abroad in the land, knocking at the door of every heart, may be received with joy and gladness; that the affections of the home, ties of friendship, and brotherly love may be strengthened; that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. And now, O Father, as we separate in memory of the

advent of the world's great Exemplar, may Thy blessing be upon us to keep us in health and strength and bring us together again at the appointed time stronger, purer, nobler, the better fitted to do the work whereunto Thou hast called us; and we will ascribe all praise to Thee, in the name of Him who lived and died that the world might know Thy love eternal and everlasting. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1913.

Father of our souls, eternal and ever-present energy, the inspiration of every worthy thought and deed, we thank Thee for the riches which have come down to us out of the past, material, intellectual, spiritual; for the glory of life, the pleasure of possessing, the joy of serving, the heroism of sacrifice, the sympathy for the sorrowing, the charity for the unfortunate, the praise for the well-dones along life's rugged way, the faith that lifts above the stars, the hope that never dies; the love that sanctifies the home, insures the perpetuity of the Nation, and makes the world akin. So may we bring our possessions, our wealth of mind and soul, into the new year, a thank offering to Thee, O God our Father, making the world richer, brighter, more joyous that we have lived and wrought; and all praise shall be Thine forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1913.

Help us, O God our Father, to realize that we are Thine, that nothing in life or death can separate us from Thee. It is Thou who hast made us, and not we ourselves. Death comes all unbidden and touches the deeps of our hearts. Comfort, we beseech Thee, the families connected with this body into which the angel of death has so recently come, that they may look forward into the bright beyond without doubt or fear.

Be with the family of the Member who is sorely afflicted; restore him, we pray Thee, to health and strength, that he may pursue the useful walks of life. Keep us all and our dear ones close to Thee in the faith and hope of Thy ruling and overruling providence. In the spirit of the Lord Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1913.

Once more in the dispensation of Thy providence, Almighty Father, our hearts are bowed in sorrow.

> Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
> Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
> Change and decay in all around I see;
> O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

So may our faith be fixed in Thee; so may our hopes lead on to the brighter day. Let the everlasting arms be about the members of the stricken family to uphold and sustain them in the awful shock; assuage in Thine own way their grief and comfort their sorrows; help us to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Thus may we fulfill our destiny and pass on unperturbed into the somewhere prepared for Thy children. So we pray, so we hope, so we aspire through the faith once delivered to the saints. In the name of Him who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1913.

Our Father in heaven, source of life and light and love, mercy, justice, and truth, we wait upon Thee for that divine touch which shall enable us, amid the busy whirl and turmoil of life's activities, to hold our course to Thee and hallow Thy name, that at the close of this day we may lie down to peaceful slumber with the blessed assurance that whether we awake in this world or some other we are Thine, and that Thou wilt care for us there as Thou hast cared for us here; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1913.

Incline Thine ear, O God our Father, and hear our petition. Deliver us, we pray Thee, from the consuming fire of selfishness, the root of all evil, since it checks the growth of the soul, blights the love of the home, corrodes society, and despoils the State or Nation, that we may go about our Father's business in the spirit of altruism illustrated in the Sermon on the Mount and fulfilled in the incomparable life and character of the Master. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1913.

O Thou who hast ever been our refuge and our strength, our God and our Father, continue Thy blessings unto us as individuals and as a people, that we may press forward to greater victories and greater achievements, and thus prove ourselves worthy of the mental, moral, and spiritual gifts with which Thou hast endowed us. And Thine be the praise forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1913.

Father in heaven, quicken the good spirit within us, that it may respond to the call for service. The opportunities are great, the call is insistent. We may none of us become heroes, but we pray that we may fulfill the common daily duties of life patiently, promptly, efficiently, without ostentation, that we may thus ennoble and glorify ourselves in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1913.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, that though there are wide differences of opinion among men upon questions of theology, there is great unanimity of opinion upon pure religion and the questions of ethics. Since long before the ten great commandments were written on the tables of stone they were written in the hearts of men, so that above the value of wealth, of position, of everything else in this world a premium is set upon honesty, integrity, sobriety, and virtue. There is nothing stronger than faith, purer than virtue, warmer than love, nor more enduring than hope, and we pray that these things may live and grow until pure and undefiled religion shall be shed abroad in every heart. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1913.

[Rev. John J. Van Schaick, jr., pastor of the Church of Our Father, Washington, D. C.]

Almighty God, who art the giver of every good and perfect gift, we lift up unto Thee the voice of our thanksgiving. We praise Thee for the life which Thou hast given

us, for the service to which Thou hast appointed us, for the knowledge of Thy will and the inspiration of Thy love, for the work which our hands have found to do, for the truth which we are permitted to learn, for whatever good there has been in our past life, and for the hopes that lead us on to better things. Make us less unworthy of these Thy mercies and Thy blessings, and give us strength to do and dare Thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1913.

We come to Thee, O God our heavenly Father, to renew our allegiance to Thee, to add to our spiritual strength, for we realize that the crowning glory of each man's life is character. Strengthen us, that we may resist evil, and make us strong to overcome temptation, that we may fulfill the obligations of this day, and keep our character free from the contamination of sin by doing all things in accordance with Thy will. Hear us, and thus bless us, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1913.

Let Thy blessing be upon us, O God our heavenly Father, as we pass through the remaining hours of this day. As Thou hast reposed confidence in us, so may we put our confidence in Thee and in our fellow men, shunning the evil, holding fast to the good, doing faithfully and conscientiously the work Thou hast given us to do, leaving the results to infinite wisdom, power, and goodness; and glory and honor and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1913.

O Thou who knowest the beginning and the end, and who holdest in Thy grasp the destiny of men, prepare us with fortitude to meet whatever may come to us this day, in joy or sorrow, victory or defeat, and give to us the courage and the strength to do our duty as it is given us to see it. In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1913.

[Rev. William I. McKenney, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C.]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we come to acknowledge Thy sovereignty and express our thanksgiving and praise to Thee for Thy manifold blessings. Thou hast said, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." Give to these Thy servants wisdom and righteousness in the discharge of their duties, and breadth of sympathy and vision. We pray for God's blessing upon Thy servant our Chief Magistrate. Bless our President elect. Preserve his life and health to enter upon the duties of his great office, and God grant that his administration may be a conspicuous success and a blessing to all the people. Command Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servant the Chaplain of the House. Lay Thy healing hand upon him and restore him to health and strength. These blessings we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1913.

[Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, D. D., pastor of the Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C.]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we bow before Thee with reverence and with devotion. We realize our own weaknesses and our limitations, and we come to the God of wisdom and of power and of blessing and of guidance. We pray that Thou wilt peculiarily bless these Thy servants this day as they meet here together in deliberation. Give them a portion of the wisdom that Thou Thyself dost contain. Grant Thy peculiar blessings to these in Thy presence and to their homes, and bless the Chaplain in his sickness, and all Members of the House who may be detained for the same reason to-day.

Hear us for all the high interests that dominate and control us. Bless our own land and all in authority over us, from the one who sits in the chief place to the lowest in life's affairs; and all who have positions of trust, may they seek to live in Thy sight and move in Thy fear. Hear us for our own blessed land and for the lands of the earth, and hasten the time when men everywhere

will be found before Thee clothed in their right mind and dwelling as brothers everywhere. We ask for the pardon of every transgression in the name of our Lord and Master. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1913.

[Rev. Earle Wilfley, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, Washington, D. C.]

Almighty and most merciful God, in whose hands are all things, we bow in Thy presence this morning, weak and needy, and ask Thee to supply all our needs. We pray Thee that Thou wilt direct us in thought and deed and help us to do this day some worthy thing. And to Thee shall be all the praise. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1913.

Eternal and everliving God, our heavenly Father, out of the deeps we cry unto Thee, "Our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble." We thank Thee for all the disclosures Thou hast made of Thyself, which enables us to interpret the meaning of life and its far-reaching purposes; especially for that light which broke in splendor upon the world in the resurrection of the Christ, demonstrating the immortality of the soul and the unbroken continuity of life. We realize the fitness of this service in memory of one who served with distinction upon the floor of this House and left behind him an enviable record as a statesman, a Christian gentleman, a warm-hearted friend, a faithful husband, a loving father. Help us to cherish with his dear ones his memory, to copy his virtues, and leave behind us a record worthy of emulation; looking forward with bright anticipations to one of the Father's many mansions where all the longings, hopes, and aspirations of our souls shall find their full fruition, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1913.

Help us, O God our heavenly Father, to take up the work of the week with joy and gladness, praise and gratitude; putting our minds and hearts into each task, great

or small, that we may accomplish something for ourselves, for those we love, and our fellow men that will redound to the glory and honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1913.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting—

> That God which ever lives and loves;
> One God, one law, one element,
> And one far-off divine event,
> To which the whole creation moves.

Impart unto us of Thy grace sufficient unto the needs of this day, and help us by faith and confidence, by courage and fortitude, by the rectitude of our behavior, to hasten the coming of Thy kingdom upon the earth, that righteousness, peace, and good will may reign in every heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1913.

O Lord God, our King and our Father, from whom cometh life and all its attendant blessings, cleanse our hearts from guile; pour down upon us Thy spiritual gifts, that we may control our passions and direct our thoughts in conformity to our highest conceptions of right and truth and justice, touching all the complicated problems of life, that we may quit ourselves as God-fearing men, now and always. In the spirit of the Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1913.

Our Father in heaven, touch the dominant chords of our hearts with Thy skillful hand, that they may respond to the music of Thy love and good will, that we may make for peace and happiness to all with whom we come in contact as we pass along the King's highway, and at its end receive Thine approving smile; and songs of praises we will ever give to Thee. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1913.

Almighty Father, we draw near to Thee in the spirit of prayer and devotion, that we may feel the pulsations of Thy loving heart and be reassured in our quest for a life of godliness, the surety of individual and national progress. Inspire us, we beseech Thee, with high ideals, and give us the desire and the strength as individuals and as a people to attain; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1913.

We bless Thee, infinite Spirit, our heavenly Father, for the precepts enunciated and exemplified in the life of Thy servants, especially for those great precepts enunciated by the Jesus of Nazareth and exemplified in His incomparable life and character, the earnest for all who strive for the mastery of self in perfected manhood which fits us for the here and the there, the now and the then. And we most fervently pray for the victory for ourselves and all men, that we may satisfy the longings of our better self and reflect Thy glory in an unblemished character. This we ask in the spirit of the Master. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1913.

Our Father in heaven, we realize that there are problems of life which have not been solved by reason or the subtle methods of logic.

But we bless Thee for those qualities of soul—faith, hope, and love—which solve all doubt, all fear in an infinite Father who has never failed his children. We are here to-day because Thou hast taken from us a servant of the people.

Warm in his friendships, strong in his convictions, earnest in his endeavors to fulfill the obligations of life in his home, his State, and Nation.

> There are nettles everywhere,
> But smooth green grasses are more common still;
> The blue of heaven is larger than the cloud.

Strengthen our faith, quicken our hopes, glorify our love, that we, with his dear ones, may go forward with-

out fear to the larger life which waits on Thy children, where all questions will be solved, doubts dissipated, and harmony prevail in every heart; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1913.

Father in heaven, draw near to us as we draw near to Thee and fill our minds with clear perceptions, noble desires, pure convictions, and the courage to live them, that we may be one with Thee in the furtherance of every good, and thus be strengthened by imparting strength, wise by imparting wisdom, pure by imparting purity as we journey through life's rugged way, and so glorify Thee in a faithful service to our fellow men.

Once more in the dispensation of Thy providence death has entered our family and taken from us a faithful servant. Comfort us and his bereaved family by the blessed hope of the life eternal. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1913.

We recognize Thee, O God our Father, not only as the Creator of the universe, but the upholder and sustainer of all things, and that Thy will is not only supreme but is good will. Help us, therefore, we beseech Thee, to " work out what Thou art working within us, that the hidden man of the heart may be visible in our daily life." In the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1913.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we realize that we are involved in a moral order which Thou hast ordained; that we can do nothing without Thee; yet we may set ourselves against that order and bring harm to ourselves and others; hence we pray for wisdom to guide us, strength to sustain us in a willingness to work with Thee, that we may hasten the coming of Thy kingdom upon the earth. And glory and honor and praise be Thine forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1913.

We bless Thee, O God our heavenly Father, that back of the vast universe of which we are a part, back of our joys and sorrows, our hopes and disappointments, back of all the issues of life are infinite wisdom, power, and goodness. Yet may we not forget that Thou hast dignified Thy children with the gift of choice, and holdest them responsible for their acts; that the seeds we sow to-day will be the harvest of the morrow or some subsequent morrow.

Help us, therefore, to sow good seed, that our harvest may be the fruits of joy. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1913.

Once more, Almighty God our Father, we are brought face to face with the inevitable in the death of another Member of this House. Increase our faith in the immutability of Thy character and in the prolongation of life, that we may be comforted with his dear ones in the overruling of Thy providence for the eternal and everlasting good of Thy children. And help us to be ready when the summons comes, that we may pass serenely on to the larger life; and Thine be the praise. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1913.

Out of the deeps where the purest and sweetest affections have their birth and from which spring spontaneously faith, reverence, worship, we cry unto Thee, O God our Father, for help, strength, guidance in the onward march of time, that our lives may be worthy and our acts in consonance with Thy will; that at the end of our earthly sojourn we may merit Thine approval; and everlasting praise be Thine. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1913.

Our God and our Father, whose presence pervades all space with rays divine, humbly, reverently we wait on Thy blessing. Open Thou our spiritual eyes, that we may see the glories round about us; our spiritual ears, that

we may hear "the rustle of wings," the song of angels; our spiritual hearts, that we may feel the warm currents of Thy love and be reassured in our longings, hopes, and aspirations. Time and space are nothing, life in Thee alone is life, so we believe, so we aspire, so we pray. Our coming together to-day in memory of a great man is the earnest of that immortality which springs spontaneously from the soul and lifts us to the realms of high heaven, source of all good. His deeds speak more eloquently than tongue or pen of his worth to State and Nation. It is well thus to commemorate them, that he may live again in those who shall come after him.

Comfort those who knew and loved him, his bereaved wife and family, in the undying hope of the eternal and everlasting life in a risen and glorified Christ; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1913.

O Lord, our God and our Father, we approach Thee in the sacred attitude of prayer in faith and confidence that by the uplift of the moment we may receive that spirit which knows no anger, turmoil, nor strife, but which is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits," that we may leave behind us a record clean, pure, after the similitude of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1913.

O Thou who art the God and Father of all men, who hearest and answerest prayer, take away from us unrighteous thoughts, ignoble desires, selfish ambitions, that we may dwell with our fellow men in the spirit of brotherhood, striving in our daily life to do unto them as we would have them do unto us. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1913.

Father in heaven, stir the divinity within us, that it may dominate our lives and bring us into a closer relationship with Thee and our fellow men in the furtherance

of every good work, that our names may be written in the Book of Life and our souls filled with the peace which passeth understanding. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1913.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, help us with renewed confidence in Thee and in the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, to go forward to the tasks of the new day, that we may work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, assured that it is God which worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure; and Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1913.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, for this new day, with all its hopes and promises. Thou hast created us for action and inspired us with high ideals. Illumine our minds and quicken within us the highest and best impulses, that we may add as individuals to our parts and strive to better the conditions of our fellow men, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1913.

O Thou who holdest the stars to their courses and fillest the earth with glory and maketh it yield abundantly to the labor of Thy children, guide us, we beseech Thee, as a people, by the light of Thy wisdom, the strength of Thy might, the justice of Thy judgment, the purity of Thy holiness, the benevolence and kindness of Thy love, that peace, prosperity, and good will may reign supreme, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1913.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, in whose all-encircling love we dwell, through whose never-failing ministrations our existence is continued moment by moment, hour by hour, guide us, we beseech Thee, by the Holy Spirit of Truth to do Thy will, that we may build each for him-

self a character which shall be an everlasting memorial to Thee. We are here in memory of three great men whose lives have become a part of the Nation's history. We can not add to or detract from their glory, but we may exalt ourselves by recording faithfully their service to State and Nation. Comfort, we pray Thee, their friends, colleagues, and those near and dear to them by the bonds of kinship with the blessed hope of the immortality of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day.

Inspire us with courage, zeal, and fidelity, that we may be worthy and pass on to the reward of those who, true to themselves, reflect in thought, word, and deed the character of Him who taught us to pray: "Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever." Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1913.

Almighty Father, Author and Finisher of our faith, renew our confidence in Thee, that we may go forward with unfaltering footsteps to the work of the hour with an increasing consciousness of Thy presence to uphold, sustain, and guide us in right thinking and in right living, that we may walk worthy of the vocation whereunto we are called. In the spirit of the Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1913.

Infinite Spirit, God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that in the eternal fitness of things virtue is its own reward, while sin is its own condemnation; that defeat calls for explanation, while victory explains itself. Help us, therefore, to abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good, that Thy kingdom may come and

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1913.

God of the ages, our fathers' God and our God, who hath never forsaken Thy children, continue to bless, guide, and protect us. We thank Thee that the name of Abraham Lincoln, the world's great commoner, will not only be hallowed to-day by the people of his country, but by all the liberty-loving people around the world. We can not exalt him, but we may exalt ourselves by keeping his memory green and by striving earnestly to follow his illustrious example. We thank Thee for the special order of the day, which illustrates in a preeminent degree the integrity of the American people in selecting a President and Vice President. Let Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, follow the outgoing President, that he may continue to be a faithful servant wherever he is called to serve. And we most fervently pray that the incoming President may be attended by Thy grace, mercy, justice, and truth; that the laws of the land may be faithfully executed and the affairs of state wisely administered; that the ties of peace between us and other peoples may be strengthened and peace and prosperity reign throughout our borders; and everlasting praise be Thine. In the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1913.

Father in heaven, we thank Thee that the time has come in the onward march of progress when we do not in the last analysis measure a man's life by his political or religious creed, by the position he may chance to hold, by his earthly possessions, nor by the circle in which he moves, but by what he has contributed to the common weal, the motives which prompted action, the character he has woven into the tissues of his soul. Touch us by the majesty of Thy wisdom, power, and goodness, that we may measure up to the ideals as we know them. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1913.

Our Father in heaven, lead Thou us on by the light of Thy grace. We do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for us. Each day brings its own duties and responsibilities. Help us to discharge them in accordance with the light Thou hast given us, and give us strength to bear each burden, that we may be prepared for the next step; and all praise we will give to Thee. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1913.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee that our Republic is not ungrateful, but holds in sacred memory the men who laid her foundations deep and strong and wide. The brave men who have fought her battles, the statesmen who have breathed their spirits into her sacred institutions and kept them inviolate, as evinced by the special order of the day in memory of a noble son who proved himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow countrymen. May his life be an incentive to faithful service and nobility of soul to those who survive him.

Be Thou solace to those who knew and loved him, and let Thy everlasting arms be about the bereaved wife and children, that they may look forward with confidence to the unchanging love of a heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1913.

We bless Thee, infinite Spirit, our heavenly Father, that we may touch hearts with Thee and feel the influx of Thy spirit mingling with our spirit and thus consciously renew our relationship with Thee, be strengthened, purified, ennobled, and led forward to new victories, new achievements in the work Thou hast given us to do; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1913.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, to whom our thoughts and ways are as an open book, strengthen every worthy ambition, discourage every ignoble desire, that the pages of this day's transactions may be free from stains or blots, that at its close we may read them with an approving conscience and feel deep down in our hearts the approving smile of heaven. Hear us and answer our petition, O God our Father. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1913.

Almighty God, Father of all souls, whose blessings are beyond compare and outnumber the sands of the sea, the stars that reflect Thy glory in the heavens, help us to express our appreciation and gratitude for Thy loving-kindness by living to the high-water mark of Christian manhood day by day, that we may be indeed faithful citizens of the kingdom of heaven on earth, assured if we live well now we shall be prepared to live well then, when we shall have joined the innumerable throng beyond the confines of earth.

E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1913.

O Thou who didst call us into being and hast endowed us with marvelous faculties of mind and soul, we realize the great responsibility which comes with these precious gifts, and we most humbly and devoutly pray for wisdom, strength, and grace, that we may use them for the uplift of humanity and the betterment of our individual life, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in every heart as it was in the heart of the Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1913.

Speak to us, O God our Father, source of all wisdom, power, and purity, that we may be inspired and guided in the resolves of the hour, that they may be well pleasing in Thy sight and redound to the good of those here represented. If God is with us, who can be against us? If God is in us, who can thwart His purposes? If God is around about us, He shall deliver us from evil. So we believe, so we trust, so we pray. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1913.

We thank Thee, our Father in heaven, that time has not diminished the admiration, gratitude, and reverence for the "Father of his Country"; that he still lives in the hearts of all true men, the ideal patriot, soldier, statesman, Christian gentleman. "Taking him for all in all, we shall not look upon his like again." Wise, strong, pure, noble, brave, his deeds live in a Republic which has become the admiration of all peoples. We thank Thee that millions of hearts still beat in unison with his great heart, for so long as his influence shall thus live our Nation shall live and liberty widen its sweep among the peoples of the earth, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1913.

"Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For Thou hast been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Thy tabernacle forever; I will trust in the covert of Thy wings."

From time immemorial, O God our Father, men's hearts have turned instinctively to Thee in great crises for help, in sorrow and grief for comfort, in every contingency for inspiration and guidance; so our hearts turn to Thee as we assemble in memory of men who by faithful service in State and Nation gained for themselves the respect and confidence of the people, wrought well among us, left the impress of their personality upon our minds, and made a place for themselves in our hearts which time nor space can erase. "For we know that if our

earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"We leave this and straightway enter another palace of the King more grand and beautiful."

We mourn their going, but not without hope. We are cast down, but not overwhelmed; dismayed, but not confounded.

> For the love of God is broader
> Than the measures of man's mind,
> And the heart of the Eternal
> Is most wonderfully kind.

Enter Thou, O God our Father, into the desolate homes and bind up the bruised and broken hearts with the oil of Thy love, that they may look through their tears to the rainbow of hope and follow on without fear and doubting into that realm where all mysteries shall be solved, all sorrows melted into joy, soul touch soul in an everlasting communion; and æons of praise we will ever give to Thee. In the spirit of the Lord Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1913.

O God our Father, our life, our salvation; whose favor follows the faithful to uphold, sustain, and guide them in every good work; may we be faithful in the work Thou hast given us to do, that we may reach the highest and best results and thus add somewhat to the progress of the world. And Thine be the praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1913.

Our Father in heaven, draw us by Thy holy influence close to Thee, that we may receive of Thy substance the qualities of soul which make men great in the daily duties of life; that we may be the instruments in Thy hands for the promotion and furtherance of Thy kingdom upon the earth; that evil may be diminished, wrongs righted, and the things which make for righteousness increased; that we may thus pass from glory to glory under the spiritual leadership of the King of men, the Holy One of Israel. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1913.

Infinite Spirit, Father Almighty, maker of the heavens and the earth, we would pour out our hearts in love and gratitude for the faith which binds us to Thee. An inspiration in the struggle for existence, a potent factor in the civilization of the world, a shield against the temptations which assail, it purifies and ennobles, comforts and sustains us in sorrow, lights the dark valley.

Faith is the rainbow's form
Hung on the brow of heaven,
The glory of the passing storm,
The pledge of mercy given.

Increase and strengthen it in all our hearts, that we may be true to Thee, to ourselves, and to our fellow men. In the spirit of Him who personified it in life and death. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1913.

O Lord our God and our Father, whose tender mercies and loving-kindness have been over Thy children from the beginning, shaping, guiding their destiny, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy care over us; give us plenteously of Thy grace, that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee, and hallow Thy name day by day. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1913.

We bless Thee, our Father in heaven, that, though the Members of this legislative body come from widely different sections, representing widely different interests and political views, respect and courtesy each for the other prevail in a large degree; that friendships are formed which lift them above party affiliations, sectional differences, commercial interests. Grant that these manly qualities may prevail in each successive Congress; that the spirit of brotherly love, patriotism, and statesmanship may ever be in the ascendancy, and thus reflect credit upon a representative Government, and we will ascribe all praise to Thee, our God and our Father. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1913.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, let Thy spirit come mightily upon us to illumine our minds and cleanse our hearts from guile, that we may be with Thee in thought and purpose and have our portion with those who love God and their fellow men; that all our ways may be ways of pleasantness, and all our paths be paths of peace; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

