

A FORM of PRAYER with FASTING, to be used yearly upon the Thirtieth of *January*, being the day of the Martyrdom of the blessed King *Charles I.* To implore the mercy of God, that neither the guilt of that sacred and innocent blood, nor those other sins, by which God was provoked to deliver up both us and our King into the hands of cruel and unreasonable men, may at any time hereafter be visited upon us, or our posterity.

¶ *If this day shall happen to be Sunday, this form of prayer shall be used and the Fast kept, the next day following. And upon the Lord's day next before the day to be kept, at Morning Prayer, immediately after the Nicene Creed, notice shall be given for the due observation of the said day.*

¶ *The Service of the day shall be the same with the usual Office for Holy-days in all things, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.*

The Order for MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *He that ministereth, shall begin with one or more of these Sentences.*

TO the Lord our God be long mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him. Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Dan. 9. 9, 10.*

Correct us, O Lord, but with judgement, not in thine anger, lest thou bring us to nothing. *Jer. 10. 24.*

Enter not into judgement with thy servants, O Lord: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psal. 143. 2.*

¶ *Instead of Venite exultemus, the hymn following shall be said or sung; one verse by the Priest, another by the Clerk and people.*

Righteous art thou, O Lord: and just are thy judgements. *Psal. 119. 137.*

Thou art just, O Lord, in all that is brought upon us: for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly. Neh. 9. 33.

Nevertheless, our feet were almost gone: our treadings had well nigh slipped. *Psal. 73. 2.*

For why? we were grieved at the wicked: we did also see the ungodly in such prosperity. ver. 3.

The people stood up, and the rulers took counsel together: against the Lord, and against his anointed. *Psal. 2. 2.*

The cast their heads together with one consent: and were confederate against him. Psal. 83. 5.

He heard the blasphemy of the multitude, and fear was on every side; while they conspired together against him, to take away his life. *Psal. 31. 15.*

They spake against him with false tongues, and compassed him about with words of hatred: and sought against him without a cause. Psal. 106. 2.

Yea,

King Charles the Martyr.

Yea, his own familiar friends, whom he trusted: they that eat of his bread, laid great wait for him. *Psal. 41. 9.*

They rewarded him evil for good: to the great discomfort of his soul. Psal. 35. 12.

They took their counsel together, saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him. *Psal. 71. 9.*

The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the Lord, was taken in their pits: of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall be safe. Lam. 4. 20.

The adversary and the enemy entered into the gates of Jerusalem: saying, When shall he die, and his name perish? *ver. 12. Psal. 41. 5.*

Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him: and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more. ver. 8.

Falsè witnesses also did rise up against him: they laid to his charge things that he knew not. *Psal. 35. 11.*

For the sins of the people, and the iniquities of the priests: they shed the blood of the just in the midst of Jerusalem. Lam. 4. 13.

O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man. *Gen. 49. 6.*

Even the man of thy right hand: the son of man whom thou hadst made so strong for thine own self. Psal. 80. 17.

In the sight of the unwise

he seemed to die: and his departure was taken for misery. *Wisd. 3. 2.*

They fools counted his life madness, and his end to be without honour: but he is in peace. Wisd. 5. 4. and 3. 3.

For though he was punished in the fight of men: yet was his hope full of immortality. *Wisd. 3. 4.*

How is he numbered with the children of God: and his lot is among the saints. Wisd. 5. 5.

But, O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth, thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth: be favourable and gracious unto Sion. *Psal. 94. 1. and 51. 18.*

Be merciful, O Lord, unto thy people, whom thou hast redeemed: and lay not innocent blood to our charge. Deut. 21. 8.

O shut not up our souls with sinners: nor our lives with the blood-thirsty. *Psal. 26. 9.*

Deliver us from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of our salvation: and our tongue shall sing of thy righteousness. Psal. 51. 14.

For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness: neither shall any evil dwell with thee. *Psal. 5. 4.*

Thou wilt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord abhors both the blood-thirsty, and deceitful man. ver. 6.

O how suddenly do they consume: perish, and come to a fearful end! *Psal. 73. 18.*

Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh: so didst thou make their