

King Charles the Martyr.

by our sins have worthily deserved: Grant this, for the all-sufficient merits of thy Son our Saviour Jesus-Christ. *Amen.*

Blessed God, just and powerful, who didst permit thy dear servant, our dread Sovereign King Charles the First, to be, as upon this day, given up to the violent outrages of wicked men, to be despitefully used, and at last murdered by them: Though we cannot reflect upon so foul an act, but with horror and astonishment, yet do we most gratefully commemorate the glories of thy grace, which then shined forth in thine anointed; whom thou wast pleased, even at the hour of death, to endue with an eminent measure of exemplary patience, meekness, and charity, before the face of his cruel enemies. And albeit thou didst suffer them to proceed to such a height of violence, as to kill him, and to take possession of his throne; yet didst thou in great mercy preserve his Son, whose right it was; and at length by a wonderful providence bring him back, and set him thereon, to restore thy true religion, and to settle peace amongst us: for these thy great mercies we glorify thy Name, through Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Immediately after the Collect*
[Lighten our darkness, &c.]
shall these three next following be used.

O Lord, we beseech thee, &c.
O most mighty God, &c.
Turn thou us, O good Lord, &c.
as before, at Morning Prayer.

¶ *Immediately before the Prayer of S. Chryostom, shall this Collect, which next followeth, be used.*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose righteousness is like the strong mountains, and thy judgements like the great deep; and who, by that barbarous murder, as on this day, committed upon the sacred person of thine Anointed, hast taught us, that neither the greatest of kings, nor the best of men, are more secure from violence than from natural death: Teach us also hereby so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. And grant, that neither the splendor of any thing that is great, nor the conceit of any thing that is good in us, may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes: but that according to the example of this thy blessed Martyr, we may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, in faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial, charity and constant perseverance unto the end: And all this for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ his sake; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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A FORM of PRAYER with THANKSGIVING to Almighty God, for having put an end to the Great Rebellion, by the Restitution of the King and Royal Family, and the Restoration of the Government after many years interruption: which unspeakable mercies were wonderfully completed upon the Twenty ninth of May, in the year 1660; and in memory thereof, that day in every year is by Act of Parliament appointed to be for ever kept holy.

¶ *The Act of Parliament made in the twelfth, and confirmed in the thirteenth year of King Charles the Second, for the observation of the Twenty-ninth day of May yearly, as a day of Publick Thanksgiving, is to be read publickly in all Churches at Morning Prayer, immediately after the Nicene Creed, on the Lord's day next before every such Twenty-ninth of May, and notice shall be given for the due observation of the said day.*

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

¶ *If this day shall happen to be Ascension-day, or Whit-sunday, the Collects of this Office are to be added to the Offices of those Festivals in their proper places; if it be Monday or Tuesday in Whitsun-week, or Trinity-Sunday, the proper Psalms appointed for this day, instead of those of ordinary course, shall be also used, and the Collects added as before; and in all these cases the rest of this Office shall be omitted: But if it shall happen to be any other Sunday, this whole Office shall be used as it followeth entirely. And what Festival soever shall happen to fall upon this solemn day of Thanksgiving, the following Hymn appointed instead of Venite exultemus, shall be constantly used.*

¶ *Morning Prayer shall begin with these Sentences.*

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

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.*

It is of the Lord's mercies that we were not consumed: because his compassions fail not. *Lam. 3. 22.*

MY song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be shewing forth his truth, from one generation to another. *Psal. 89. 1.*

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance. Psal. 111. 4.

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