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A SPIRITUAL ALMANAC FOR SERVICE MEN having but little to say relative to astronomical and meteorological matters, but like all good Almanacs presenting a choice collection of general information of religious and patriotic significance to wide-awake Service Men; together with apt selections from the Bible and worthy prayers and hymns; supplemented by homely bits of time-tried wisdom from experienced men and women on subjects related to the daily business of keeping cheerful and kind, of achieving the best in manhood and moral character; having, however, as its major purpose the direct and definite helping of every busy Service Man to a satisfying and sustaining sense of God wherever he may happen to be; arriving at this much desired end through a sympathetic and understanding presentation of the fundamentals that undergird a truly Christian life in the Service and everywhere else; in the hope that all will minister to the daily needs of each man who devotes himself to a thoughtful and open-minded reading of the Almanac; begun by WILLIAM CHALMERS COVERT; left unfinished at his death, and completed by many friends of Service Men working together.

Those who have shared the making of it hope that it may also commend itself to defense workers generally and to the many groups which in any way seek to serve the nation today.

They hope too that it may prove a bond between the service men and the homes from which they have gone out "not knowing whither they go." The thought that day by day the members of families separated by so many distances are noting the same events, using the same prayers and reading together what so many wise and good have said or sung, may thus become a bond of unity distance cannot sever and a source of comfort to them all.

For here are the things we all hope and believe together.



THIS BOOK has been in the making for over a year. The idea of a *Spiritual Almanac* came from the fertile mind of William Chalmers Covert, who in the First World War prepared one of the most popular of the devotional booklets for men in uniform, and whose long service of the youth of the Church after that time gave him an unusually understanding mind. Unfortunately his death early in 1942 ended his labors on the *Almanac*, when only a portion of the material had been assembled. At that point the work was taken up by Gains Glenn Atkins, whose wide acquaintance with the literature of devotion and whose mature and penetrating wisdom made him a logical successor in the task. Both men have had active co-operation from various friends of the service men, and the resulting book represents the contribution of many minds and hearts.



THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The following is the Christian Year as outlined by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America:

	1943	1944
ADVENT begins Sunday	Nov. 29, '42	Nov. 28, '43
Bible Sunday	Dec. 6, '42	Dec. 5, '43
CHRISTMASTIDE begins	Dec. 25, '42	Dec. 25, '43
EPIPHANY begins	Jan. 6, '43	Jan. 6, '44
Week of Prayer	January 4-9	January 3-8
Race Relations Day	February 14	February 13
Brotherhood Day	February 21	February 20
Transfiguration	March 7	February 20
LENT begins Ash Wednesday	March 10	February 23
World Day of Prayer	March 12	February 25
Palm Sunday	April 18	April 2
Maundy Thursday	April 22	April 6
Good Friday	April 23	April 7
EASTERTIDE begins	April 25	April 9
Festival of the Christian Home	May 9	May 14
Rural Life Sunday	May 30	May 14
Ascension Day	June 3	May 18
WHITSUNTIDE begins	June 13	May 28
Pentecost	June 13	May 28
Trinity Sunday	June 20	June 4
Independence Sunday	July 4	July 22
KINGDOMTIDE begins	August 29	August 27
Labor Sunday	September 5	September 3
Religious Education Sunday	October 3	October 1
Reformation Day	October 31	October 31
World Temperance Sunday	October 31	October 29
All Saints Day	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 25	Nov. 30

ALMANACS

Dr. Moses Coit Tyler, one of the most learned and loyal men of the literary world of the last century (1835-1900), who had a brilliant career at the University of Michigan and Cornell University, had this to say about the place of the Almanac in the life of the people:

No one who would penetrate to the core of early American literature, and would read in it the secret history of the people in whose mind it took root and from whose mind it grew, may by any means turn away in lofty literary scorn from the Almanac—most despised, most prolific, most indispensable of books, which every man uses and no man praises; the very quack, clown, pack-horse and pariah of modern literature, even in households where the Bible and the newspaper are still undesired and unattainable luxuries.

The first Almanac in America was published in Philadelphia in 1667. The most famous of the early Almanacs was Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack*, first published in 1732. It continued for twenty-five years with an annual circulation of 10,000 copies, which was a notable achievement for those days. Its homely advice, proverbs and common-sense maxims greatly influenced the people of this country. *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, born in New England 150 years ago, still continues.

THE HEAVENS

1943

Morning and Evening Stars

Venus will be the evening star until September and the morning star for the rest of the year. Jupiter will be the morning star until January 11 and after July 30. It is the evening star for the intermediate period.

Behavior of the Moon

The moon will be eclipsed twice during the year. The first eclipse comes on February 19-20, for a period of six hours, and will be visible on the East Coast only at the beginning. The second comes on August 15. It will be visible elsewhere than in the United States.

Eclipses in the Sky

The sun will be in eclipse twice during 1943, on February 4 and August 1. The first of these will be partially visible on the West Coast of the United States.

1944

Morning and Evening Stars

Venus will be a morning star until June 27 and an evening star for the rest of the year. Mars will be an evening star until November 14 and a morning star to the end of the year. Saturn will be an evening star until June 21, a morning star until December 28, and an evening star again the last three days of the year. Watch for Mercury as an evening star about April 12, August 10, and December 4, and as a morning star about January 31, May 29, and September 22.

Blackouts in the Sky

A total eclipse of the sun will occur on January 25, 1944, visible only as a minor partial eclipse at the southern borders of the United States. An annular eclipse of the sun will occur on July 20, but will not be visible in the United States. There will be no eclipse of the moon in 1944.

"Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, the one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." II PETER 3: 8.


1943

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THE ALMANAC CALENDAR

1943-1944

JANUARY



1943	1944	1944
Fr. 1	Sa.	The Epiphany—Star is a symbol of the manifestation of Christ to the Magi.
Sa. 2	S.	Lincoln freed 2,120,000 slaves by Emancipation Proclamation 1863.
S. 3	M.	Reprovisionalists of 26 United Nations subscribed to Atlantic Charter 1942.
M. 4	Tu.	Postal Savings Banks established in U.S. 1911.
Tu. 5	W.	Washington made first address to Congress 1790.
W. 6	Th.	X-ray made public by Roentgen 1895.
Th. 7	Fr.	First Methodist Conference met in England 1739.
Fr. 8	Sa.	President Roosevelt announced Four Freedoms 1941.
Sa. 9	S.	Blanchard and Jeffries crossed English Channel in hot air balloon 1785.
S. 10	M.	Pres. Wilson gave 14 Points to Congress 1918.
M. 11	Tu.	First balloon ascension in America, Phila. 1793.
Tu. 12	W.	League of Nations organized 1920.
W. 13	Th.	Alexander Hamilton born, Nevis, B.W.I. 1757.
Th. 14	Fr.	Iron first made with coal, Mauch Chunk, Pa. 1839.
Fr. 15	Sa.	Donald M. Nelson made chairman of War Production Board 1942.
		New Orleans chief of police fined for not enforcing Sunday laws 1893.
		Pan American Conference of Foreign Ministers, Rio de Janeiro 1942.

"And beside this giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

And now I have my New Year book to fill,
No word yet penned in it, nor any blot
Upon the clean white sheets, the pages still
Unused, though dated day by day, just what
They will record, God only can foretell—
And, after all, perhaps it is as well.

— ETHEL ROMIG FULLER.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

White Captain of my soul, lead on;
I follow Thee, come dark or dawn;
Only vouchsafe three things I crave:
Where terror stalks, help me be brave!
Where righteous ones can scarce endure
The siren call, help me be pure!
Where vows grow dim, and men dare do
What once they scorned, help me be true!

— ROBERT FREEMAN
(Written during World War I)

"Today is ours: what do we fear?
Today is ours: we have it here.
Let's treat it kindly that it may
Wish, at least, with us to stay."

One view of religion is that religion is an idea
... Another view is that religion is emotion, a fire
glow. It says in effect that if a man feels good, he
may think as he pleases. Another view is that religion
is an activity. It consists in doing something.
A fourth view is that religion is contemplation and
meditation, all inside ourselves. Religion is all these
plus one thing more: Thou shalt love thy neighbor
as thyself.

— JOHN SHANK.

Oh God, there are many voices calling, some to
the high road, some to the low. Amidst the din and
confusion we hear thee call to the highest and the
best in the world. Make us willing and able to heed
thy challenge, flung forth by thy Son, Jesus. In His
name. Amen.

— RAYMOND M. VEE.

JANUARY



1943	D	1944	St. Simon — Fish symbolize him as missionary, or "fisher of men."
Sa.	16	S.	English Parliament imposes tax of £26 for absence from church 1580.
Sa.	17	M.	Benjamin Franklin born, Boston 1706.
M.	18	Tu.	8000 at South Pole 1912. Hawaiian Islands discovered by Capt. Cook 1778.
Tu.	19	W.	Robert K. Lee born, Stratford, Va. 1807. Hong Kong fell to Japan 1942.
Th.	20	Th.	John Marshall made Chief Justice 1801.
Fr.	21	Fr.	First homes erected at Plymouth, Mass. 1621.
Fr.	22	Sa.	First permanent British settlers arrive in New Zealand; Wellington founded 1840.
Sa.	23	S.	Indian School gave land and books to Yale 1730.
S.	24	M.	Gold discovered, California 1848.
M.	25	Tu.	Crew of S.S. <i>Antine</i> rescued in mid-Atlantic by Capt. Fried 1926.
Tu.	26	W.	La Salle built the <i>Griffin</i> , first boat on Great Lakes 1679.
W.	27	Th.	Thomas Edison patented electric lamp 1880.
Th.	28	Fr.	Pall Mall in London lighted with gas 1807.
Fr.	29	Sa.	Henry Clay introduced his Compromise 1850.
Sa.	30	S.	F. D. Roosevelt Birthday Balls aid fight against infantile paralysis.
S.	31	M.	Franz Peter Schubert, composer, born 1797. End of siege of Stalingrad 1943.

"The word of the Lord is tried. He is a shield to all them that trust in him. God is my strength and power, and he maketh my way perfect. . . . For thou hast girded me with strength to battle; be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might."

I never met a man I didn't like. — WILL ROGERS.

"At age twenty-six Alexander Graham Bell, working on his first experiments with the telephone, asked his friend, Joseph Henry, 'What would you advise me to do; publish it and let others work it out, or attempt to solve the problem myself?'
"You have the germ of a great invention," said Joseph Henry. 'Work at it.'"

SOME OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

In the Beginning — God Gen. 1:1, 2, 3, 5a, 26a, 27
Definition of a Good Man Ps. 15: 1-5
Law — Natural and Moral Ps. 19:1-14
The Secret of Courage Ps. 27:1-5, 13, 14.

"Dear Master, in whose life I see
All that I long, but fail, to be:
Let thy clear light forever shine,
To shame and guide this life of mine.

Tho' what I dream and what I do
In all my days are often two,
Help me, oppress'd by things undone,
O thou whose deeds and dreams were one."
—SARAH CATHERINE.

"There hath no temptation taken, but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it."

FEBRUARY



1943	D	1944	Agnus Dei — The Lamb of God.
M.	1	Tu.	Germana institutes quinine as remedy of Norway 1942.
Tu.	2	W.	Christian Endeavor organized 1881.
W.	3	Th.	Honore Crowley born Amherst, N.H. 1811. Britain and Ethiopia signed treaty 1942.
Th.	4	Fr.	Presidential electors cast first vote 1789.
Fr.	5	Sa.	Plans for widening Suez Canal announced 1885.
Sa.	6	S.	Woman suffrage effective in Kansas 1887.
S.	7	M.	Agreement with Great Britain to protect seas in North Pacific 1911.
M.	8	Tu.	First sundial in Rome 293 B.C.
Tu.	9	W.	4,000,000-acre forest reserve U.S. opened 1910.
W.	10	Th.	Daniel Boone received 10,000 acres from Congress 1814.
Th.	11	Fr.	Thomas Edison born Milan, Ohio 1847. Valjean City established 1929.
Fr.	12	Sa.	Lincoln's Birthday. Born 1809.
Sa.	13	S.	Race Relations Sunday.
S.	14	M.	St. Valentine's Day. Frederick Douglass, Negro Abolitionist, born in Maryland, 1817.

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.
—Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1862.

Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.
—LINCOLN'S COOPER UNION ADDRESS, NEW YORK, FEB. 27, 1860.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we may say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

"These all are gone, and standing like a tower,
Our children shall behold his fame,
The kindly, earnest, brave, foreseeing man,
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame,
New birth of our new soil, the first American."
—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

MARCH

1943	D	1944	<i>St. Thomas — Spears; the instruments of his martyrdom.</i>
Tu.	16	Th.	Military Academy founded West Point, N. Y. 1802.
W.	17	Fr.	St. Patrick's Day. General Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia 1942.
Th.	18	Sa.	Cornwallis began retreat to the coast 1781.
Fr.	19	S.	William Jennings Bryan born, Salem, Ill. 1860.
Sa.	20	M.	Patrick Henry's famous speech 1775.
S.	21	Tu.	Persia became officially Iran 1935.
M.	22	W.	Grand Coulee Dam in operation 1941. Y.M.C.A. organized 1874.
Tu.	23	Th.	Mississippi River rose to great height at New Orleans 1903.
W.	24	Fr.	Telephone communication between New York and Chicago 1852.
Th.	25	Sa.	Sokoloff, schoolmaster, tried to kill Czar 1879.
Fr.	26	S.	Electrical discovery of ore tested 1903.
Sa.	27	M.	Lord Rayleigh received Faraday Medal for discovering argon 1895.
S.	28	Tu.	Constantinople renamed Istanbul, Angora became Ankara 1930.
M.	29	W.	Confederate General Johnston took command of Army of Mississippi 1862.
Tu.	30	Th.	U.S. bought Alaska from Russia 1867.
W.	31	Fr.	English Parliament forbade cockfighting 1634.

OATH OF THE ATHENIAN YOUNG MAN

We will never bring disgrace to this our city by any act of dishonesty or cowardice; we will fight for our ideals and the sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will reverse and obey the city's laws and do our best to inspire a like respect and reverence in those about us; we will strive unceasingly to lighten the public's sense of civic duty; and that in all these ways we will strive to transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

If it had not been the Lord Ps. 121:1-8
De Profundis Ps. 130:1-8
Thou hast searched me Ps. 139:1-18, 23-24
Make you clean Isa. 1:16-18
Send me Isa. 6:1-8

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

1215 Magna Charta.
 1519 Start of first trip around the earth (by Magellan).
 1619 First woman comes to America.
 First Negroes arrive in America.
 First representative assembly in America.
 1620 Mayflower Compact — first example of self-determination in American history.
 1628 Petition of Rights in England.
 1689 Bill of Rights passed in Great Britain.
 1775 Battle of Concord — first shot in American Revolution.

TOGETHER

"Together"—what a common word! Yes, and it is frequently used even in the Book. We need, indeed we must have, friends and fellowship. With right companions how much more we enjoy life together! And how much more effective we are for good when we work together than when we work just as hard separately! Of course, we cannot be together always. Even then, the memory and example of friends who are absent, or who have passed on and are no longer with us, often make us the more effective. Alone or together we can always cultivate the friendship of presence of Christ. How many blessings are ours when we are really together with Him.

—BRUCE KENNEY.

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
 I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

APRIL

1943	D	1944	<i>Cross in Glory — The Easter cross.</i>
Th.	1	Sa.	Hebrew University at Jerusalem opened by Lord Balfour 1918. First railroad in Miss. 1829.
Fr.	2	S.	Palm Sunday. Read <i>Matthew 21: 1-17.</i>
Sa.	3	M.	Transylvanians made state religion by English Parliament 1660.
S.	4	Tu.	Fury Espinoza leaves Sacramento 1861. Hendrick Hudson sailed to America from Holland, 1609.
M.	5	W.	Booker T. Washington born in Virginia 1836.
Tu.	6	Th.	Olympic Games revived in Greece 1896.
W.	7	Fr.	Good Friday. Read <i>Matthew 27: 27-36.</i>
Th.	8	Sa.	Bataan fell 1942.
Fr.	9	S.	Easter. Read <i>Luke 24: 13-31.</i>
Sa.	10	M.	Gen. William Booth, founder of Salvation Army, born Nottingham, Eng. 1829.
S.	11	Tu.	Luther Burbank, plant breeder, died 1926.
M.	12	W.	Y.M.C.A. War Work Council organized 1917.
Tu.	13	Th.	House passed bill for direct election of U.S. Senators 1911.
W.	14	Fr.	Lincoln assassinated 1865.
Th.	15	Sa.	Titanic sunk 1912.

But now to Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep. . . For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. — I CORINTHIANS 15.

BURDENS

"Is the load heavy? Listen to what seems a paradox: To make your own load lighter, bear another's burden! With all your own cares and anxieties, go out today and find someone who has more than he can bear, and carry his load for him. Strangely enough, it will not add to your own."

BURDEN-BEARERS

Burden-bearers are we all,
 Great and small,
 Burden-bearers be ye all,
 Great and small!
 Where another shares the load,
 Two draw nearer God.
 Yet there are burdens we can share with none,
 And paths remote where we must walk alone.
 Save God;
 And paths remote where we must walk alone.
 With God;
 For lonely burden and for path apart —
 Thank God!
 If these but serve to bring the burdened heart
 To God.

—JOHN OXENHAM.

THE ART OF BEING KIND

Life would be easier if more of us liked one another. I don't mean if we liked friends and acquaintances, but all kinds of people, under all kinds of conditions and handicaps. I think our heaviest burdens would be lighter, and our important problems less worrisome, if we didn't have to carry so many little loads of thoughtlessness, and have our minds and hearts bruised by so many trifling riles. . . . "If a man be serious and considerate of thoughtlessness, and that his heart is so bound out off from other men," Sir Francis Bacon declared, "it stows that he is a citizen of the world, and that his heart is so bound out off from other lands, but part of a vast continent. This, of all virtues, is the greatest, being of the character of God."

—CHANNING POLLOCK.

For struggle and success for achievements won with honor,
 for lessons learned through disappointment, for days of happiness
 and for days of hardship, for the good things we gain and for all
 things which we are made courageous to give up. We thank thee,
 O God.

—WALTER RUSSELL BOWEN.

APRIL



1943	D. M.	1944	St. James, the less— <i>Sons</i> ; the instruments of his martyrdom.
Fr.	16	S.	First play, <i>Coast</i> , performed in America, New York 1786.
Sa.	17	M.	Luther examined before Diet of Worms 1521.
S.	18	Tu.	Midnight ride of Paul Revere 1775.
M.	19	W.	International Bureau of American Republics established 1890.
Tu.	20	Th.	President McKinley demanded Spain's withdrawal from Cuba 1898.
W.	21	Fr.	N.Y. State Library established 1818.
Th.	22	Sa.	Contract signed transferring Panama Canal to U.S. 1904.
Fr.	23	S.	St. George's Day, Patron Saint of Eng.
Sa.	24	M.	First continuous newspaper in America, <i>New-Letter</i> , Boston 1704.
S.	25	Tu.	First auto license plates required (New York State) 1901.
M.	26	W.	1,000 British emigrants gathered by Salvation Army sailed for Canada 1905.
Tu.	27	Th.	Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of telegraph, born 1791.
W.	28	Fr.	Napoleon sent to Elba 1814.
Th.	29	Sa.	Log of <i>Mayflower</i> presented to United States 1897.
Fr.	30	S.	U.S. Navy created 1798. Louisiana Purchase 1803.

SOME READINGS FROM THE PSALMS
 The Lord Our Dwelling Place Ps. 90:1-2; Ps. 91:1-4
 Victory with Righteousness and Equity Ps. 98:1, 4-9; Ps. 100:1-5
 Rise the Lord Ps. 103:1-4, 8-15 (20-22)
 Clothed in Majesty Ps. 104:1-3; Ps. 93:1-5
 The Lord My Help Ps. 121:1-5

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever. Take heed now, for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it. — 1 CHRONICLES 28:9, 10.

Almighty and everlasting God, who on Easter Day didst turn the despair of the disciples into triumph by the resurrection of Christ, who had been crucified; give us faith to believe that every good which has seemed to be overcome by evil, and every love which has seemed to be buried in darkness and in death, shall rise again to life immortal; through the same Jesus Christ who lives with thee for evermore. Amen.

"Death has no victory save over our dust. Goodness need not fear its challenge; it is sure of its 'wages of going on and not to die.' Sorrow ceases to be uncomprehensible and pain is confident of healing. Love, whose enemy death has always been, is radiantly victorious. Courage renews its ardor, wisdom plans beyond the scale of fugitive years."

"Hope knows—
 Lies open to Eternal day."
 "Easter," says Frederick Temple, "is the news of a great victory . . . the solution of a great perplexity, the assurance of a great triumph."

RESURGAM

It happened on an April day,
 Bounded by skies so blue and still,
 And olive trees all hushed and gray,
 They led One up a skull-shaped hill
 Followed by a crowd whose piercing cry
 Was, Crucify!

 It happened on an April day . . .
 A tremor shook the paling gloom,
 A white flame tore the door away,
 Life came a victor from the tomb,
 Love cannot die, nor truth betray. . .
 Christ rose upon an April day!

—JOHN RICHARD MORELAND.

MAY



1943	D. M.	1944	The cross crozier, four Latin crosses with their bases joined; symbol of missions.
Sa.	1	M.	Dewey destroyed Spanish fleet at Manila 1898.
S.	2	Tu.	Stock broken for Canadian Pacific Railroad 1881. Hudson Bay Company chartered 1670.
M.	3	W.	Lord Byron swam Heligoland 1810.
Tu.	4	Th.	170,000 English workers urged 8-hour law 1890. Am. Academy Arts and Sciences founded 1780.
W.	5	Fr.	Napoleon died at St. Helena 1821.
Th.	6	Sa.	Careggiolo surrendered 1942.
Fr.	7	S.	Ludensis sunk 1917. Robert Browning, poet, born 1812.
Sa.	8	M.	Atlantic Cable Company organized 1854.
S.	9	Tu.	Columbus made fourth voyage to America 1502.
M.	10	W.	Holland and Germany at war 1940. First transcontinental railway completed 1869.
Tu.	11	Th.	First conveying of merchant ships 1917.
W.	12	Fr.	Tammany Hall organized in New York 1789. Britain and Turkey sign Assistance Treaty 1929.
Th.	13	Sa.	American Bible Society organized in N. Y. 1816.
Fr.	14	S.	Dr. Jenner inoculated by against smallpox 1796.
Sa.	15	M.	Joseph Whitaker, compiler of England's famous <i>Almanac</i> , died 1835.

WHEN GOD ANSWERS NO
 "We are accustomed to think of 'answers to prayer' as consisting in our getting that for which we have asked. As earthly parents, however, we know that to grant every request of our children would be not true kindness, but absolute folly. Sometimes for their own welfare we are obliged to answer 'no.' Shall we expect love of the infinite wisdom of the Father in Heaven? Our prayers, arising from our limited experiences and judgment and more letature, include many petitions whose granting would bring good neither to us nor to our fellows. When, therefore, we find them denied, we shall not say in haste that our prayers are unanswered; we shall recognize rather that in His wisdom God sometimes answers 'no,' and that that is no less truly an answer."
 —GEORGE HESLEY.

A secret ceases to be a secret if it is once confided —
 It is like a dollar bill, once broken, it is never a dollar again.
 —JOHN BILLINGS.

IS LIFE WORTH WHILE?

"There is no question of the worth-whileness of Life if one gets at it thoroughly and plays it true.
 To work for the love of work and to finish what you start, while others idle all around you and leave the day's job unfinished.
 To do the thing at hand waiting to be done, instead of looking around for something else to do.
 To remember the man a bit weaker and behind, and help him while you push yourself on.
 To put more into the world than you take out of it, and to give to every one more than you get.
 To believe that health of body and health of mind come from doing the wholesome thing."
 —Source Unknown.

OUR MOTHERS

"O magical word, may it never die from the lips that love to speak it.
 Nor melt away from the trusting hearts that even would break to keep it.
 Was there ever a name that lived like this? Will there ever be another?
 The angels have reared in heaven a shrine to the holy name of Mother."
 —Source Unknown.

FOR STRENGTH AND COURAGE

O most merciful Lord, we beseech thee that thou wilt give courage to thy soldiers, wisdom to the perplexed, endurance to sufferers, fresh vigour and interest in life to those who have lost heart, a sense of thy Presence to the lonely, and to bless and prosper all of this household; for the sake of Christ Jesus, Amen.
 —ARTHUR H. O. McCRACKEN.

MAY



1943	M	1944	<i>St. James, the greater — Scallap shells; symbol of his pilgrimages.</i>
S.	16	Tu.	The "nickel" coin authorized 1866.
M.	17	W.	World Bank for International Settlements opened Basel, Switzerland 1930.
Tu.	18	Th.	Montreal founded by French 1642.
W.	19	Fr.	Creation of the French Legion of Honor 1802.
Th.	20	Sa.	Amelia Earhart Putnam flew Atlantic 1932.
Fr.	21	S.	Pan American Airways began flights to Europe 1939.
Sa.	22	M.	Michigan Central Railroad opened 1852.
S.	23	Tu.	Charles A. Lindbergh reached Paris 1927.
M.	24	W.	Martha Washington died 1802.
Tu.	25	Th.	Mary A. Livermore, suffrage leader, died 1925.
W.	26	Fr.	First telegraph message, "What hath God wrought," transmitted 1844.
Th.	27	Sa.	Armistice Treaty between Argentine, Brazil, and Chile 1914.
Fr.	28	S.	Montana organized as a territory 1864.
Sa.	29	M.	Chicago's Century of Progress Exhibition opened 1893.
S.	30	Tu.	German battleship <i>Bismarck</i> sunk 1941.
M.	31	W.	Whitsunday. Read Acts 2: 1-21, 41-42. Australian ballot system adopted in U. S. 1888. Constant Zeppelin ascended dirigible 27 hrs., 40 min. 1909.

Memorial Day.
Johnstown, Pa., flood 1889.
F. A. Wilson, inventor of gas light, died in Paris 1830.

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY
*So, with an equal splendor
The morning sun-rays fall,
With a touch imperceptibly tender,
On the bosoms blooming for aill,
Under the wet and the dew,
Waiting the Judgment Day;
Divided with gold, the Blue;
Mingled with gold, the Gray.*
— FRANCIS MILLS FINCH.

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FOUR THINGS

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true:
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellowmen sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven surely.
— HENRY VAN DYKE.

WHOM DO I CALL EDUCATED?

Whom, then, do I call educated? First, those who control circumstances instead of being mastered by them; those who direct children of the world, so that they may get a decent chance of happiness. Let us have courage above all to face this life, this strenuous adventure, whatever it brings in hardship or peril.


Throughout all the struggles and strivings of the human race, all its heartaches and conflicts, all its exultations and failures, those ideals lived in every simple and noble mind — before and after Socrates and Plato — and that faith helped them and after Socrates and Plato — and that faith helped them through. Only by such faith again, renewed and strengthened, by new knowledge, reaching out across the world, controlling the machines and instruments of power, distributing more fairly the fruits of toil, working for peace, and raising the standard of clarity, may we go forward to meet the unknown future, unafraid.

MEMORIAL DAY — LEST WE FORGET

"Every liberty we enjoy has been bought at the cost of martyrs' blood. We are protected by institutions we have not set up. Our government rests upon the foundations cemented in by the blood of soldiers who tracked their way, barefoot, through icy battlefields. No man liveth unto himself; all the past has invested in him."

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JUNE



1943	M	1944	<i>A ship is a traditional symbol for the Church.</i>
Tu.	1	Th.	4,002,996 slaves reported in U.S. 1860.
W.	2	Fr.	Reign of Terror, French Revolution, 1793.
Th.	3	Sa.	Hobson sank <i>Merrimack</i> to block Santiago Harbor 1898. U. S. recognized Liberian Republic 1862.
Fr.	4	S.	Popular meeting to thank General Grant in New York 1864.
Sa.	5	M.	Telegraph line opened Phila. to Baltimore 1846.
S.	6	Tu.	First Y. M. C. A.; George Williams met with 12 young men in London 1844.
M.	7	W.	Mt. McKinley, Alaska, first climbed 1913.
Tu.	8	Th.	Lincoln nominated for second term 1864.
W.	9	Fr.	John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home," born 1791.
Th.	10	Sa.	David Garrick, English actor, made last appearance in U.S. 1776.
Fr.	11	S.	Domestic animals first sent to America 1509.
Sa.	12	M.	First railway in Japan opened 1872.
S.	13	Tu.	MacArthur Day in U.S. 1942.
M.	14	W.	Congress ordered new flag with 13 stars 1777.
Tu.	15	Th.	First compulsory education law Mass., 1642. Benjamin Franklin made famous experiment with lightning 1752.

SOME OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Comfort ye my people Isa. 40:1-15
Hast thou not heard? Isa. 40:25-31
I will be with thee Isa. 43:2
Repined for our iniquities Isa. 53
Hast thou come ye? Isa. 55:1-3, 6-11

*Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do,
And play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do.*
— MARK TWAIN.

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Nothing is more marvellous in life than the way in which things are transformed, so that their very nature seems to be changed, although the things themselves remain.

This transformation may work in either direction. A success may become a failure; a gift, a burden; a privilege, an embarrassment; a familiar friend, an intimate enemy (Psalm 41:9). Or, a disappointment may turn into a blessing; a load of care may uplift the spirit as with wings; a defeat may become the first step in a victory; a physical limitation may mean enlargement of mental vision; a deep grief may lead to a deeper gladness; an apparent enemy may turn out to be a real and loyal friend.

— HENRY VAN DYKE.

THE REAL WEALTH

There is no wealth but life—life, including its powers of love, of joy, and of admiration. That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings; that man is richest who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal and, by means of his possessions, over the lives of others.

— JOHN RUSKIN.

And there will not be one law at Rome and another at Athens, one law today and another tomorrow; but the same law everlasting and unchangeable will bind all nations at all times; and there will be one common Master and Ruler of all, even God, who will not obey it will be an exile from himself.

— CICERO.


PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love; so guide and inspire, we pray thee, the work of all who seek thy kingdom, that the nations may find their security not in force of arms but in that perfect love which catcheth out fear, and in that fellowship revealed to us by thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— A PRAYER BOOK FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

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JUNE



1943	D	1944	St. Peter — Keys: Our Lord gave Peter the "Keys of Heaven." Matthew 16: 19.
W.	16	Fr.	Two old women thrown into water in which lost 1765.
Th.	17	Sa.	James Weldon Johnson, Negro author, born 1871.
Fr.	18	Sa.	Battle of Dunbar 1778.
Sa.	19	M.	Battle of Waterloo, victory over Napoleon 1815.
S.	20	Tu.	Handy Hook light first used 1764.
M.	21	W.	Seaside of Liberty for New York Harbor received from France 1855.
Tu.	22	Th.	Germany declares war on Soviet Union 1941.
W.	23	Fr.	Cape Cod Canal begun 1909.
Th.	24	Sa.	Matthew Vassar, founder of Vassar College, died 1895.
Fr.	25	S.	Use of prayer books required in English churches 1669. Book of Common Prayer first used in U.S. 1879.
Sa.	26	M.	Congress made 8-hour work day legal 1868.
S.	27	Tu.	Laying of Atlantic cable begun 1858.
M.	28	W.	Paul Laurence Dunbar, Negro poet laureate, born 1872.
Tu.	29	Th.	Molly Pitcher manned a gun in battle 1778.
W.	30	Fr.	First fight from California to Hawaii 1927.
			Cruelty to Animals Act passed by Congress 1906.
			First railway in China opened 1876.

DEFINITION OF A GOOD MAN

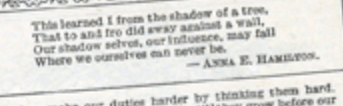
Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

—PSALM 1.

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JUNE



This learned I from the shadow of a tree,
That to and fro did sway against a wall,
Our shadow ebbeth, our influence, may fall
Where we ourselves can never be.

— ANNA E. HAMILTON.

We often make our duties harder by thinking them hard.
We dwell on the things we do not like till they grow before our eyes, and, at last, perhaps about our heaven itself. But this is not following our Master, and He, we may be sure, will value little the obedience of a discontented heart. The moment we see that to do a duty is a plain duty, we must resolutely trample out every rising impulse of discontent.

— FREDERICK TEMPLE.

Democracy is a way of life that looks easy and is difficult.
In these confused times, when we all feel tempted to go around looking for someone upon whom to place responsibility for the world's ills, I have to keep myself reminded of the fact that no one, living or dead, can do for me my job of being free. I like to remind myself, also, that those forefathers of ours knew what they were about: they knew that fighting for liberty was not the end, but only the beginning.

— RONALD W. OVERSTREET.

I never seen a night
So dark there wasn't light
Somewhere about if I took care
To strike a match an' find out where.

— JOHN KENNEDICK BANGS.

Sail on, O ship of State!
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
Humility with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!

Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee — are all with thee.

— HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

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JULY



1943	D	1944	Jesus Savior of Men — I.H.S. — abbreviation of Greek word meaning "Jesus."
Th.	1	Sa.	Rough Riders took San Juan Hill 1898.
Fr.	2	S.	Salvation Army founded in London 1865.
Sa.	3	M.	Woman suffrage objective in Great Britain 1928.
S.	4	Tu.	Battle of Gettysburg ended 1863. First normal school in America, Leavenworth, Mass., 1839.
M.	5	W.	Independence Day. Declaration of Independence 1776.
Tu.	6	Th.	Algiers under French rule 1830.
W.	7	Fr.	John Paul Jones, Scottish-American naval officer, born 1747.
Th.	8	Sa.	Hawaii annexed to U.S. 1898. Japan began open warfare on China at Marco Polo Bridge 1937.
Fr.	9	S.	Liberty bell cracked when rung for Chief Justice Marshall, 1836. U.S. occupied Iceland 1941.
Sa.	10	M.	Vicky voted end of French Republic 1940.
S.	11	Tu.	Ellis Howe, sewing machine inventor, born 1819.
M.	12	W.	Discovery made that locomotive could climb a grade 1835.
Tu.	13	Th.	Marine Corps created by Congress 1798.
W.	14	Fr.	Andree lost in balloon flight to North Pole 1907.
Th.	15	Sa.	Attempt to assassinate Emp. of Germany 1885.
			Free coinage of silver defeated in House 1892.
			Russians flee over North Pole, Moscow to California, 1937. Bastille destroyed by Paris mob 1793.
			Rembrandt, Dutch painter, born 1606.

THE BULWARK OF LIBERTY

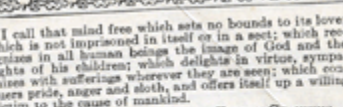
What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence?
It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea-coast, our army and our navy.
Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands every where.
Destroy this spirit, and we have planted the seeds of despotism at our own doors.

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
— JOHN 8:32.

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JULY



I call that mind free which sets no bounds to its love;
which is not imprisoned in itself or in a sect; which recognizes in all human beings the image of God and the rights of his children; which delights in virtue, sympathizes with sufferings wherever they are seen; which conquers pride, anger and sloth, and offers itself up a willing victim to the cause of mankind.

— WILLIAM ELBERT CHANNING.

"Then the chief captain came and said unto him,
Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea; and the chief captain answered,
With a great sum obtained I this freedom.
And Paul said, But I was free born."

— ACTS 22: 27-28.

AMERICA'S GOSPEL

Our country hath a gospel of her own
To preach and practice before all the world —
The freedom and divinity of man,
The glorious claims of human brotherhood,
And the soul's fealty to none but God.

— JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

To all the high desires of the pioneers and prophets,
O God, help us to be faithful.
To their belief in the possibilities of common men,
Help us to be faithful.
To their passion for freedom and their readiness to live and die in its defence,
Help us to be faithful.
To their scorn of tyranny, and their trust in men to rule themselves,
Help us to be faithful.
To their vision of a human commonwealth in which the folk from many lands might share,
Help us to be faithful.
To their release from prejudice and passion of an old world and their will to build a new,
Help us to be faithful.

— WALTER RUSSELL BOWEN.

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JULY

1943	1944	St. Paul — Swords; the instruments of his martyrdom.
Fr. 16	S.	Peary sailed for North Pole from N.Y. 1905.
Sa. 17	M.	King's College, now Columbia University, opened in New York with 10 students 1754.
S. 18	Tu.	Horatio Alger, writer of boys' books, died 1889.
M. 19	W.	Arbitration Treaty with France renewed 1923.
Tu. 20	Th.	First special train with fruit for London left California 1892.
W. 21	Fr.	Frost occurred in Connecticut, New York, and Maryland 1890.
Th. 22	Sa.	Virginia started for America from Holland 1620.
Fr. 23	S.	Wiley Post completed flight around world 1931.
Sa. 24	M.	"Hilometer" costume introduced in public hall at Lowell, Mass., 1851.
S. 25	M.	First iron railroad completed in England 1801.
S. 25	Tu.	World altitude for plane record set 35,474 feet 1927.
M. 26	W.	Liberia free and independent 1847.
Tu. 27	Th.	Orville Wright remained in air 1 hr. carrying a passenger 1909.
W. 28	Fr.	Austria declared war on Serbia 1914.
Th. 29	Sa.	Atlantic cable completed 1866.
Fr. 30	S.	Foundation stone of Palace of Peace at the Hague laid 1907.
Sa. 31	M.	Lafayette, 20 years old, made Major General without command 1777.

*We can't all be eagles, we're got to be crabs,
There's something for all of us here,
There's big men to do and there's lesser to do,
And the task we must do is the near,
If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun be a star;
It isn't by the way that you win or you fail —
Be the best of whatever you are!*

— DOUGLAS MALLOCH.

WHAT HINDERED YOU?

"So many things begin splendidly and end nowhere; as though a ship should set out proudly under full sail and end on a sand bar. Finding out what hindered us cannot mend the past; it may insure the future. If we can bring to a new situation some dearly bought understanding of the cause of past failures, we can do better and more wisely the next time. Hindrances are inside and outside; yesterday's folly, today's weakness, tomorrow's fear. But hindrances can be made steps to climb by. What we have learned from yesterday's failure may thus with God's help become tomorrow's power." — Read GALATIANS 5:7.

I love to watch the rooster crow,
He's like so many men I know
Who brag and bluster, rant and shout
And beat their manly breasts, without
Anything at all to crow about.

— JOEL KENDRICK DAWES.

"Richard E. Byrd's career of adventure began in his fourteenth year, when he made a trip alone around the world. On his return he entered Virginia Military Institute. He received his commission in 1912 and spent four years as an officer in the Navy. Through an injury to his leg he was placed on the retired list in 1916. Eight years later he was assigned to the dirigible *Szenandoah* to fly over the North Pole, and the dirigible was wrecked. But he never gave up and became the only man in the world to fly over both poles. He is a great example of a man who would not be defeated." — ROBERT BARLETT.

"Others, Lord — yes others —
Let this my motto be:
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like thee." Amen.

AUGUST

1943	1944	Cross of Triumph — Signifies victory of the Gospel throughout the world.
S. 1	Tu.	John Muir discovered largest known tree in world in California 1902.
M. 2	W.	Washington demanded recall of French minister 1793.
Tu. 3	Th.	First vessel sailed via Welland Canal 1830.
W. 4	Fr.	Special-delivery letters first distributed in New York 1859.
Th. 5	Sa.	Fly, talking "movie" shown 1920.
Fr. 6	S.	V. I. honored Gen. Grant with great funeral 1885.
Sa. 7	M.	Madagascar proclaimed French colony 1896.
S. 8	Tu.	Paris and Marseilles linked by phone 1883.
M. 9	W.	North tube of Belmont Tunnel under East River, N.Y., opened 1902.
Tu. 10	Th.	Wilbur Wright made first flight in Europe 1908.
W. 11	Fr.	Treaty with Great Britain settled boundary between Mexico and Canada 1842.
Th. 12	Sa.	Great display of shooting stars in U.S. 1862.
Fr. 13	S.	Strike of iron, steel, and tinworkers 1901.
Sa. 14	M.	Railroad completed connecting Albany and Rotterdam, N.Y., 1830.
S. 15	Tu.	Dorcas Nightingale, Army nurse in Crimean War, died 1910.
		Atlantic Charter announced 1941.
		Stromboli volcano in violent eruption 1912.

"St. Paul once told some surely tried people that if they couldn't go forward they must not go backward, but having done all, to stand. And in these latter days when every human resource has been mercifully taxed, the Christian General's orders are ever the same — 'To stand.'"

"In a Odeon hide in an obscure hotel room, these words — 'Have done all, to stand' — were howlingly perished, in no marked them? A young woman driven to sheer desperation? A youth fighting for his honor? A man in middle age wrestling with business failure? Whoever that harassed reader was, may he have found the renewed courage and consolation of 'having done all, to stand.'"

THE KINDLY NEIGHBOR

I have a kindly neighbor, one who stands
Beside my gate and chats with me awhile,
Gives me the glory of his radiant smile
And comes at times to help with willing hands.
No station high or rank this man commands.
He, too, must trudge, as I, the long day's mile;
And yet, devoid of pomp or gaudy style,
He has a worth exceeding stocks or lands.
A kindly neighbor! Wars and strife shall end
When man has made the man next door his friend.
— EDGAR A. GUEST.

It's easy 'nough to titter w'en de dew is smokin' hot,
But his'n mighty ha'd to giggle w'en dey's nuffin' in de pot.
— PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR.

"A creed is a red
And a crown is of night;
But this thing is God;
To be man with thy might,
To grow straight in the strength of thy spirit,
and to live out thy life as the light."

THE GIFTS OF GOD

Peace	Psalms 29 : 11.
Strength	Psalms 68 : 35.
New Heart	Ezekiel 11 : 19.
Rest	Matthew 11 : 28.
Faith	Philippians 1 : 29.
Wisdom	James 1 : 5.
Grace	James 4 : 6.

Give me an open mind, O God, a mind ready to receive and to welcome such new light of knowledge as it is thy will to reveal to me. Let not the past ever be so dear to me as to set a limit to the future. Give me courage to change my mind, when that is needed. Let me be tolerant toward the thoughts of others and hospitable to such light as may come to me through them.
— JOHN BAILEY.

AUGUST



1943	M	1944	W	Event
				<i>St. Bartholomew—Fighting knives; the instruments of his martyrdom.</i>
1943	M.	16	W.	Air-mail route between Chicago and St. Louis established 1920.
	Tu.	17	Th.	Spelling Reform Ass'n. started in Phila. 1876.
	W.	18	Fr.	Puller's Clermont made a trial trip 1807.
	Th.	19	Sa.	Perla sent diplomatic representative to Greece, first in 2,300 years, 1908.
	Fr.	20	S.	First English colonists landed on coast of Maine 1609.
	Sa.	21	M.	Dirigible airship landed at Monticello, Ill., after 5-mile trip 1921.
	S.	22	Tu.	One widow and 11 maids sent to Virginia to be sold for 120 lbs. of tobacco each 1621.
	M.	23	W.	Yacht America won cup of all nations 1851.
	Tu.	24	Th.	Foundation stone of Columbia College laid at New York 1898.
	W.	25	Fr.	Two Americans reached England after crossing Atlantic in 14-ft.-boat 1841.
	Th.	26	Sa.	France made Treaty of Religious Toleration in ports with China 1845.
	Fr.	27	S.	First petroleum well opened, Titusville, Pa., 1858.
	Sa.	28	M.	First news dispatch sent by cable 1858.
	S.	29	Tu.	Bullion filled with hydrogen made ascent in Paris 1783.
	M.	30	W.	Cholera scare in New York 1892.
	Tu.	31	Th.	Militia called to protect quarantine 1892.
				Funerals of William Booth, General of Salvation Army, London 1912.
				Second Battle of Bull Run 1862.
				Fresh outbreak in Philippines against Spanish rule 1896.

GIVING

"If we store five hundred bushels of wheat in a granary, it remains five hundred bushels of wheat. If we put five hundred dollars in gold in a vault or bury it in the ground, it remains five hundred dollars and no more. But scatter the wheat over a well-tilled field and it yields a manifold return to us and food to our fellow men. Put the gold of earth and it brings us a return and also provides work and income to others. Here is a principle which applies to the whole of life and most of all to religion. It adds meaning to our Lord's words: 'He that would save his life shall lose it. But he that loath his life for My sake shall find it.'"

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

According to the report of the Historical Committee of the United States Flag Association, the familiar pledge to the flag used so widely was written by Francis Bellamy of the staff of the Youth's Companion, Boston, and first used October 12, 1893.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

MY SYMPHONY

To live content with small means.
To study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly.
To listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart.
To bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasion, hurry never.
In a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common —
This is to be my symphony.

— WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING.

I seek, O Lord, some purpose in my life,
Some end which will my daily acts control;
So many days seem wasted now to see —
All disconnected hours that by me roll.
Help me to choose, O Lord, while I am young,
Something to keep before me as a goal. AMEN.

— MARJORIE HILLIS.

THE WAYS

To every man there openeth
A Way, and WAYS, and a Way,
And the High Soul climb the High Way,
And the Low Soul gropes the Low,
And in between, on the misty flat,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way, and a Low,
And every man decides
The way his soul shall go.

— JOHN OKENHAM.

SEPTEMBER



1943	M	1944	W	Event
				<i>Maltse cross; a symbol of the eight Beatitudes. Matthew 5:1-10.</i>
1943	W.	1	Fr.	Germany sent troops into Poland 1939.
	Th.	2	Sa.	Great Britain declared war on Germany 1939.
	Fr.	3	S.	New-style calendar introduced in England and Colonies September 3 became 14 1752.
	Sa.	4	M.	Labor Day, inaugurated by Knights of Labor 1882. Holiday 1904.
	S.	5	Tu.	Sam Houston elected President of Republic of Texas 1859. Magister sailed from England 1620.
	M.	6	W.	President McKinley assassinated, Buffalo 1901.
	Tu.	7	Th.	Grace Hopper and father rescued 9 people from a wreck 1858.
	W.	8	Fr.	Lafayette bade farewell to America and sailed for France 1828.
	Th.	9	Sa.	Jupiter's fifth moon discovered 1892.
	Fr.	10	S.	Return of the Discovery from Antarctic 1904.
	Sa.	11	M.	Mrs. Curie and French capitalists purchased radium in Colorado 1912.
	S.	12	Tu.	Louisiana on first voyage broke speed record, crossing Atlantic in 8 days, 15 min. 1901.
	M.	13	W.	Albany and Schenectady railroad opened first in New York State, 1826.
	Tu.	14	Th.	Eruption of Mt. Pele made more than 20,000 people homeless 1911.
	W.	15	Fr.	James Fenimore Cooper, American novelist, born 1795.

SHADOWS

Shadows are but for the moment —
Quickly past;
And then the sun the brighter shines
That it was overcast.

No shadow falls but there, behind it, stands
The light.
Behind the wrongs and sorrows of life's troublous ways
Stands Right.

— JOHN OKENHAM.

A Wise Man Once Said:

"No great thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen."

Religion is the art of being, and of doing, good; to be an adept in it is to become just, truthful, sincere, self-denying, gentle, forbearing, pure in word and thought and deed. And the school for learning this art is not the closet but the world — not some hallowed spot where religion is taught and proficients, when duly trained, are sent forth into the world, — but the world itself — the coarse, profane, common world, with its cares and temptations, its rivalries and competitions, its hourly ever-recurring trials of temper and character.

— JOHN CAIRD.

THE HOUR OF HIGH DECISION

For your country, boy, and for that flag, never dream a dream but of serving her as she bids you. No matter what happens to you, no matter who flatters you or who abuses you, never look at another flag, never let a night pass but you pray God to bless that flag. Remember, boy, that in behind officers and government, and people even, there is the country herself, your mother; and that you belong to her as you belong to your own mother. Stand by her, boy, as you would stand by your mother.

— EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evil-doers shall be cut off, but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth."

— PSALM 37: 7-9.

SEPTEMBER

1943	D.M.	1944
		<i>St. Matthew — Halker or baitcase; the instrument of his martyrdom.</i>
Th.	16	Sa. First overland mail, Pony Express, left St. Louis, Mo. 1839.
Fr.	17	S. Cornerstone of Boston Public Library laid 1856.
Sa.	18	M. Washington laid cornerstone of Capitol in Washington 1793. Peary returned from Arctic 1902.
S.	19	Tu. President Garfield died at Elberon, N.J. 1881.
M.	20	W. Vice-President Arthur took oath as Pres. 1881.
Tu.	21	Th. Congress authorized first printing of Bible in Koinch in U.S. 1782.
W.	22	Fr. Captain Nathan Hale hanged as a spy 1776.
Th.	23	Sa. First radio broadcast from Arctic to Antares 1904. First baseball code adopted in U.S. 1843.
Fr.	24	S. Yale and Harvard won International athletic contest from Oxford and Cambridge 1901.
Sa.	25	M. Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean 1513.
S.	26	Tu. Funeral services for President Garfield, Cleveland, Ohio, 1881.
M.	27	W. President Wilson made first speech for League of Nations 1918. First railway opened, England 1825.
Tu.	28	Th. Louis Pasteur, French scientist, died 1895.
W.	29	Fr. Emile Zola, French novelist, accidentally suffocated 1902.
Th.	30	Sa. Mayor of Indianapolis broke "corner" selling potatoes at cost in small quantities 1911.

I trust a good deal to common fame, as we all must. If a man has good corn, or wood, or boards, or pigs to sell, or can make a better chair or knife, crucifix or church organs than anybody else, you will find a broad, hard-beaten road to his house, though to be in the woods.

*Jim Bonker, he sets, of he's had a fair share,
And a big enough team for his talents to drive,
And the least bit assistance in hevin' his row,
Jim Bonker, he sets,
He'd filled the world full of the sound of his name,
As' 'dumb the top road in the ladder of fame;
If they were here say
I should.*

— SAM WALTER FORD.

SEPTEMBER

Andrew D. White, President of Cornell University, was once asked to name the books that had given him most profit and pleasure. He answered: "First of all, like most American boys and girls of my time, I was brought up to read the Bible, and was nurtured in one of the religious bodies which incorporate into its worship very many of the noblest parts of our sacred books. Of these, the portions which have always seemed to me to give the keynote to the whole have been, for the Old Testament, the utterances ascribed to Jesus himself, of which the Sermon on the Mount is supreme, with St. James's definition of 'pure religion and undefiled'; and St. Paul's description of 'charity.' In perfection of English diction, there is, in the whole range of literature, nothing to surpass the story of Joseph and his brethren."

DIXIE

"I wish I was in de land ob cotton,
Old times dar am not forgotten;
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land!
In Dixie land whar I was born in,
Look away, look away, look away, Dixie land!"

BE NOBLE

Be noble and the nobleness that lies
In other men, sleeping, but never dead.
Write in majesty to meet the many eyes,
Then will perils light around thy path be shed,
And thou wilt neversore be sad and lone.

— JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

A PRAYER FOR THE ARMY

O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and fortitude; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

—BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

OCTOBER

1943	D.M.	1944
		<i>Chi Rho — Abbrivation of the Greek word meaning "Christ."</i>
R.	1	S. Soviet Russia began first 5-year plan 1928.
a.	2	M. University of Chicago opened 1827.
3.	3	Tu. Major John André executed by Americans as spy 1780.
I.	4	W. Turks captured Jerusalem 1187.
u.	5	Th. First Chinese embassy established in U.S. 1878.
V.	6	Fr. Ex-Pres. Theodore Roosevelt left for Brazil 1913.
h.	7	Sa. Salvation Army began work in America 1879.
r.	8	S. Jenny Lind, Swedish Nightingale, born 1820.
ia.	9	M. Edgar Allan Poe, American writer, died 1849.
3.	10	Tu. Great Chicago fire 1871.
V.	11	W. Sweden abolished slavery in dependencies 1847.
Tu.	12	Th. William H. Seward, Lincoln's Secretary of State, died 1872.
h.	13	Fr. George Williams, founder of Y.M.C.A., born in Devonport, Eng. 1821.
Fr.	14	Sa. Columbus Day , America discovered 1492.
	15	S. Mollie Pitcher, American heroine, born 1764.
		President Taft received fleet of 123 warships in Hudson River 1912.
		Kosciuszko, Polish patriot, died 1817.

"Boys flying kites hunt in their white-winged birds;
You can't do that when you're flying words.
Careful with fire is good advice, we know;
Careful with words is ten times doubly so.
Thoughts unexpressed and feelings full back dead;
But God himself can't kill those once they're said."

— WILL CARLSTON.

INTEGRITY
He made honest doors,
Told Christ, the Nazarene,
He laid honest floors,
His work was fair and clean.

— WILLIAM L. STIGLER.

For the trust reposed in me I will return the courage and the devotion that held the line. I can do no less. We face the arduous days that lie before us in the stern courage of national unity; with the clear consciousness of seeking out and precious moral values; with the clean satisfaction that comes from the stern performance of duty by old and young alike. We aim at the assurance of a rounded and permanent National life. We do not distrust the future of essential democracy.

ON LEAVE

"A Mississippi River steamboat owner once advertised for a pilot, so the story goes. To a Yankee who applied for the position the owner said, 'I suppose you know where all the snags in the river are?' 'No,' replied the man, 'I do not.' 'Do you expect me to trust you with a boat, then?' was the sarcastic rejoinder. The Yankee whistled for a moment in silence, and then drawled out: 'If you are looking for a man who knows where all the snags are, I am not the fellow, but, boss, I know the channel where the snags are not, and there's where I calculate to do my sailing.'"

Where the puddle is shallow, the weak fish stay
To drift along with the current's flow;
To take the tide as it moves each day
With the idle ripples that come and go.

— GABRIEL RICE.

Speak, History! Who are life's victors? Unroll the long annals
and say:
Are they those whom the world called the victors — who won
the success of the day?
The Martyrs, or Nero? The Spartans who fell at Thermopylae's
furnace?
Or the Persian and Xerxes? His judges, or Socrates? Pilate, or
Christ?

— WILLIAM WETMORE STORY.

A PRAYER FOR THE NAVY

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens,
and rulest the raging of the sea; vouchsafe to take into thy
almighty and most gracious protection our country's NAVY, and
all who serve therein. Preserve them from the dangers of the
sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that they may be a
safeguard unto the United States of America, and a security for
such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the
inhabitants of our land may in peace and quietness serve thee,
our God, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. AMEN.

—BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

OCTOBER



1943	1944	St. Andrew — The form of cross upon which he was crucified.
Sa. 16	M.	John Brown seized Harpers Ferry 1859.
S. 17	Tu.	Burgoyne surrendered after Saratoga 1777.
M. 18	W.	Czechoslovakia declared its independence 1918. Napoleon arrived at Helena, perpetual exile 1815.
Tu. 19	Th.	Napoleon began his retreat from Moscow 1812.
W. 20	Fr.	Railroad up Pike's Peak, Col., completed 1890.
Th. 21	Sa.	Admiral Nelson killed at Trafalgar 1805.
Fr. 22	S.	First Army R.O.T.C. unit established 1916. First steamboat on Midwestern rivers left Pittsburgh for New Orleans 1811.
Sa. 23	M.	President Cleveland signed Chinese Exclusion Bill 1888.
S. 24	Tu.	United States Supreme Court established 1789. Churchill made First Lord of Admiralty 1911.
M. 25	W.	Capit. Collyer and Taylor flew New York to Los Angeles & etc., 25 miles, 1928.
Tu. 26	Th.	Massachusetts Provincial Congress organized the minutemen 1774.
W. 27	Fr.	William Penn landed at Newcastle, Del. 1682.
Th. 28	Sa.	Stanley found Livingston at Ujiji, Africa 1871.
Fr. 29	S.	Proclamation of the Turkish Republic 1923.
Sa. 30	M.	William Balch first Navy chaplain 1799. Duross, a Jew, founder Red Cross, died 1930.
S. 31	Tu.	Italian courts barred women lawyers 1912.

"These are the twelve Apostles' names: Peter and Andrew, John and James. Two pair of brothers who lived by the sea. When Jesus said to them, 'Follow me.' Then James the less and Jude were called, too. Philip, and also Bartholomew. Matthew, and Thomas who doubted His word. Simon, and Judas who sold his Lord."

"My granddad, viewing earth's worn coze,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His granddad in his house of logs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His granddad in the Flemish bogs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
His granddad in his old skin togs,
Said things were going to the dogs;
There's one thing that I have to state —
The dogs have had a good long wait."

There is no sin His Love can not forgive;
His Mercy endureth for ever!
No soul so stained His Love will not receive;
His Mercy endureth for ever!
No load of sorrow but His touch can move,
No hedge of thorns that can withstand His Love;
For the tenderness of God
Is from age to age the same,
And His Mercy endureth forever!
— JOHN OXENHAM.

ADVENTUROUS CHRISTIANITY

"'True religion,' Donald Hankey told us in France, 'is betting your life on God.' In that striking phrase the soldier-author, who was killed in the trenches, caught the adventurous spirit of Christianity. 'Only believe,' we sometimes say, 'only believe,' forgetting that to believe in God as Jesus meant we should is a daring thing; it is, indeed, the staking of our all upon Him. Simply to stand up on Sunday and recite piously all the creeds of Christendom is not necessarily a manifestation of faith. Faith is not belief in spite of evidence but life in scorn of consequence."
— JAMES D. MORRISON.

Father of us all, O God omnipotent, by whom the nations are gathered in their place and by whose permission rulers govern the peoples of the earth, our desire and our petition are that peace born of love to thee and our fellow men may replace the wars and fighting born of hatred toward thee and thine own. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

NOVEMBER



1943	1944	The Trinity — Fleur de lis; symbol of Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
M. 1	W.	Arbitration Treaty with France signed (not ratified in Senate) 1904.
Tu. 2	Th.	Balfour Declaration on rights of Jews and non-Jews in Palestine 1917.
W. 3	Fr.	William Cullen Bryant, poet, born 1794.
Th. 4	Sa.	Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy died 1847.
Fr. 5	S.	Italy annexed Tripoli 1911.
Sa. 6	M.	Nobel Chemistry Prize awarded Mme. Curie 1911. Abraham Lincoln elected President 1860. John Philip Sousa born 1856.
S. 7	Tu.	U.S. forces landed in North Africa 1942.
M. 8	W.	American Legion organized 1919.
Tu. 9	Th.	Englishman walked 500 miles in 7 days 1808. C.I.O. formally organized 1935.
W. 10	Fr.	Free letter delivery extended 1899. Lenin made Premier of Russia 1917. 4,000 Negroes left for Liberia 1894.
Th. 11	Sa.	World War I Armistice signed 1918.
Fr. 12	S.	National Grange organized 1867.
Sa. 13	M.	Rickenbacker rescued in Pacific 1942.
S. 14	Tu.	Christian Comm. for Civil War Soldiers organized 1861. United Lutheran Church founded 1918.
M. 15	W.	Brazil proclaimed a republic 1889. First short-hand report of a trial in U.S. 1851.

"Seems like I catch more flies with honey than vinegar," the farmer's wife, taking a fragrant pie out of the ample oven, would say to her husband as he came into the kitchen for supper. "Well, yes, I guess maybe you do," he would reply thoughtfully.

"He who would live life
and enjoy good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking guile.
Set a watch upon my mouth, O thou Eternal,
guard thou the door of my lips;
my I have no mind to evil,
to take part in foolish debates."
— MOTTATT'S TRANSLATION.

"Sign of a nation, great and strong,
To ward her people from foreign wrong!
Pride and glory and honor — all
Live in the colors to stand or fall.
Hate off!
Hate off!
The flag is passing by!"
— HENRY HOLCOMBE BENNETT.

WE ARE A NATION OF TALKERS

"It is a comfort when one is lonely or on some duty in a remote spot to recall that at that moment literally millions of cheery voices in happy conversation are flying through the air. Last year in the United States there were 42,642,332 telephones, over which there passed more than 20,000,000 conversations, besides all the vocal clamor that passed on the Herztian waves from the radio broadcasting stations to 56,000,000 sets in use in the country and in addition more than 200,000 telegrams."

DRAW your salary before spending it. — GEORGE ADE.

Stay with the procession or you will never catch up. — GEORGE ADE.

"But we are a colony of heaven." — ST. PAUL.
"We can be colonists — and stay at home. We can be colonists of ideas; colonists of justice, of peace, of a nobler world, of the Kingdom of God. We can set up their standards in an order which forgets or denies them, and say to stupidity, pride and cruel power, 'We do not belong to you. We are colonists of something braver and better, and our task and challenge is to make it real. There is our true homeland. It is already in our thoughts, our vision, our faith, our purpose. Tomorrow's tomorrow, please God, if there are enough of us, it will be in our world.'"

Let America be America again.
Let it be the dream it used to be.
Let it be the pioneer on the plain.
Let it be the house where he himself is free. . . .
Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed —
Let it be that great strong land of love
Where never kings conceive nor tyrants scheme.
— LAWRENCE HUGHES.

NOVEMBER



1943	1944	<i>St. Matthias—Battler; the instrument of his martyrdom.</i>
Tu. 16	Th.	Suez Canal opened 1869.
W. 17	Fr.	New York Evening Post first published 1801.
Th. 18	Sa.	Dr. Koch's discovery for remedy of tuberculosis announced 1896.
Fr. 19	S.	Panama Canal Treaty signed 1903.
Sa. 20	M.	J. C. Symmes petitioned Congress for aid in voyage to interior of earth 1823.
S. 21	Tu.	Alcan, 1,600-mile highway, opened 1942.
M. 22	W.	Spain accepted U.S. offer of \$20,000,000 for Philippines 1898.
W. 23	Th.	Severe earthquake in New Hampshire 1852.
Th. 24	Fr.	Florida named by Ponce de Leon 1513.
Fr. 25	Sa.	First transit of Venus across face of sun observed in England 1839.
Sa. 26	S.	Wendell Wilkie visited Russia front 1942.
S. 27	M.	General Thanksgiving Day observance by English colonies in America 1795.
M. 28	Tu.	Observation of Arbor Day began in San Francisco 1866.
Tu. 29	W.	First photograph exhibited by Edison 1837.
W. 30	Th.	Secretary Blaine proposed Peace Conference between nations of America 1851.

Thanksgiving Day.

SPRIT OF THANKSGIVING
 Our ancestors fathers of the Pilgrims band,
 Amid the dangers of a frontier land,
 Held to the doctrine of their ancient faith,
 Ruled the rocky wastes their hands had gained
 They look and worship Him who had sustained
 Their courage through their first embittered years.
 In reverence, in praise, they shed glad tears,
 And, making there an altar on the spot,
 They lifted hand and heart in thanks to God.
 — THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.

The hill, though high, I covet to ascend;
 The difficulty will not me offend;
 For I perceive the way to life lies here;
 Come, pick up, heart, let's neither falter nor fear.
 Better, though steep, the right way to go,
 Than wrong, though easy, where the end is woe.
 — PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

THANKSGIVING

For all things beautiful, and good, and true;
 For things that seemed not good yet turned to good;
 For all the sweet companions of Thy will
 That chased, and tried, and wrought us to Thy shape;
 For things unnumbered that we take of right,
 And value first when first they are withheld;
 For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;
 For eyes to hear the heavenly harmonies;
 For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;
 For vision of The Worker in the work;
 For hearts to appreciate Thee everywhere;
 We thank Thee, Lord!
 — JOHN OXENHAM.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
 O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
 — PSALM 107.

Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
 — PHILIPPIANS, 3-4.

Almighty and most merciful Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; We give thee praise and hearty thanks for all thy mercies; For thy goodness that hath created us; thy bounty that hath sustained us; thy liberty discipline that hath chastened and corrected us; thy patience that hath borne with us; thy love that hath redeemed us.
 Grant unto us with thy gifts a heart to love thee, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all thy benefits by brave and grateful spirits. Amen.

DECEMBER



1943	1944	<i>The Christmas rose; traditional symbol of birth of Christ.</i>
W. 1	Fr.	Commander Edward J. Parker appointed National Commander of the Salvation Army 1942.
Th. 2	Sa.	Federal Council of Churches first met in Philadelphia 1908.
Fr. 3	S.	Electric street lights in Philadelphia 1881.
Sa. 4	M.	Thomas Carlyle, Scottish historian and essayist, born 1795.
S. 5	Tu.	Great storm off English coast, many ships lost 1784.
M. 6	W.	Allen Freeman Palmer, ex-president of Wellesley College, died 1902.
Tu. 7	Th.	Attack on Pearl Harbor 1941.
W. 8	Fr.	Congress declared war on Japan 1941.
Th. 9	Sa.	General assembly took Jerusalem 1917.
Fr. 10	S.	First Y.M.C.A. in Canada org. Montreal 1851.
Sa. 11	M.	Capt. Colin Kelly died in action 1941.
S. 12	Tu.	Puerto Rico became part of U.S. 1898.
M. 13	W.	Germany and Italy declared war on U.S. 1941.
Tu. 14	Th.	Extraordinary comet seen in Great Britain 1680.
W. 15	Fr.	Lindbergh's good-will flight to Mexico 1927.
		New Zealand discovered by Tasman 1642.
		Germany occupied France 1919. Fourteen inoculated 40 persons against hydrophobia 1884.
		William Hall, Sioux Indian chief, killed protesting arrest 1890.

WHAT IS GOOD?

Order, said the law court;
 Knowledge, said the school;
 Truth, said the wise man;
 Freedom, said the dreamer;
 Fame, said the poet;
 Fame, said the soldier;
 Equity, the seer; —
 Then within my bosom
 Echoed this I heard:
 "Each heart holds the secret;
 Kindness is the word."
 — JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

WHERE PUBLIC SPIRIT PREVAILS

Liberty is the glory of a community, the most firm and unshakable basis of public happiness. The want of this will abate the value of all the comforts of life. The retention that life and all its enjoyments lie at the mercy of a tyrant may the relief of every affliction, and throws a melancholy gloom upon all temporal enjoyments. But wherever public spirit prevails, liberty is secure. There men may think freely for themselves, and publish their sentiments without molestation or fear. For as liberty is the source of so much public happiness, he who is a patriot, and wishes well to his country, must needs be a fast friend to it.
 — NOAH WELLES (1718-1770).

LIFE IN THE PRESENT TENSE

The things that are past have been written into the irrevocable records of history. We cannot change them, however much we would. The hopes and ambitions of the future have yet to be realized. They are the flowers of our imagination. Life as we really know it is in the present tense. It is the immediate need that must be supplied, the present temptation that must be overcome, today's task that must be performed, today's sorrow that must be borne.
 — HERBERT T. S. GOSSALL.

The centipede was happy quite
 Until a load in fun
 Said, "Pray, which leg goes after which?"
 That waked her mind to such a pitch,
 She lay distracted in a ditch,
 Considering how to run.
 — MRS. EDWARD CRASTER.

The inner half of every cloud
 Is bright and shining;
 I therefore turn my clouds about
 And always wear them inside out
 To show the lining.
 — ELLEN THORNTON FOWLER.

O God, we thank thee that thou hast given us our land with its rich resources, our nation with its democratic ideals and institutions, and religious inheritance. Endow us, O God, also with the spirit of sharing and increase in us the blessing of the bounteous heart. In the name of him who gave himself for us.
 Amen.
 — TODAY.

DECEMBER

1943	1944	St. John — Chalice with serpent; legendary attempt to kill him with a poisoned chalice.
Th. 16	Sa.	Boston Tea Party 1773.
Fr. 17	S.	Wright brothers flew plane at Kitty Hawk, N.C., 1903.
Sa. 18	M.	U.S. gold and silver dollars of equal value for first time in 18 years 1872.
S. 19	Tu.	San Francisco granted water supply from Yosemite National Park 1913.
M. 20	W.	Admiral Ernest J. King made Commander of U.S. Navy 1941.
Tu. 21	Th.	Pilgrims landed at Plymouth 1620.
W. 22	Fr.	Dwight L. Moody, evangelist, died 1890.
Th. 23	Sa.	U.S. and Britain organized War Council 1941.
Fr. 24	S.	Last horsecar ran in Boston 1908.
Sa. 25	M.	War of 1812 ended by Treaty of Ghent 1814.
S. 26	Tu.	Christmas. Read Luke 2:1-20. Pope Sixtus Churchill addressed Congress 1941. Battle of Trenton 1776.
M. 27	W.	Charles Lamb died 1834.
Tu. 28	Th.	Women given right to practice in Canadian courts 1892.
W. 29	Fr.	First Y.M.C.A. in U.S. org. in Boston 1851.
Th. 30	Sa.	Short-wave radio program East Pittsburgh to Great Britain 1921.
Fr. 31	S.	East India Company established 1600. First postage stamp used in U.S. 1847.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars do go;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."
— PHILLIPS BROOKS.

VALIANT-FOR-TRUTH CROSSES

THE RIVER

After this, it was noised about that Mr. Valiant-for-Truth was taken with a summons by the same Post as the other, and had this for a Token that the Summons was true, that his pitcher was broken at the fountain. When he understood it, he called for his friends; and told them of it. Then said he, I am going to my Father's; and tho' with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My Sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my Pilgrimage, and my Courage and Skill to him that can get it. My Marks and Scars I carry with me, to be a Witness for me that I have fought his Battles who now will be my Rewarder.

When the Day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the Riverside, into which as he went, he said, Death, where is thy sting? And as he passed deeper, he said, Grave, where is thy victory? So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

— PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

Where are you going, Great-Heart?
"To fight a fight with all my might,
For Truth and Justice, God and Right,
To grace all Life with His fair light."
Then God go with you, Great-Heart!

Where are you going, Great-Heart?
"To lift To-day above the Past;
To make To-morrow sure and fast;
To nail God's colours to the mast."
Then God go with you, Great-Heart!

Where are you going, Great-Heart?
"To set all burdened peoples free;
To win for all God's liberty;
To 'stablish His High Sovereignty."
God goeth with you, Great-Heart!

— JOHN OXENHAM.

"Now my days are swifter than a courier; they are passed away as the swift ships; as the eagle that hasteth to the prey." Jon 9: 25-26.

1944

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

- The Atlantic Charter
- The Four Freedoms
- The Free Man's Duties
- The Three Points
- The Liberation of All Peoples
- Post-war Drives

We are not fighting so much to preserve a Christian civilization, as for the opportunity to make one.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

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THE ATLANTIC CHARTER

*Declaration Signed at Sea on Board
H.M.S. Prince of Wales,
August 14, 1941*

by
*Franklin D. Roosevelt and
Winston S. Churchill*

Accompanied by officials of their two governments, including high ranking officers of their military, naval, and air services, the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of His Majesty's Government agreed upon the following joint declaration regarding their countries' aims of war—and peace:

FIRST, their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other;

SECOND, they desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned;

THIRD, they respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of Government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them;

FOURTH, they will endeavor, with due respect for their existing obligations, to further the enjoyment by all states, great or small, victor or vanquished, of access on equal terms to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity;

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FIFTH, they desire to bring about the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field with the object of securing, for all, improved labor standards, economic advancement and social security;

SIXTH, after the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny, they hope to see established a peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries, and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want;

SEVENTH, such a peace should enable all men to traverse the high seas and oceans without hindrance;

EIGHTH, they believe that all of the nations of the world, for realistic as well as spiritual reasons, must come to the abandonment of the use of force. Since no future peace can be maintained if land, sea or air armaments continue to be employed by nations which threaten, or may threaten, aggression outside of their frontiers, they believe, pending the establishment of a wider and permanent system of general security, that the disarmament of such nations is essential. They will likewise aid and encourage all other practicable measures which will lighten for peace-loving peoples the crushing burden of armaments.

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THE FOUR FREEDOMS

Franklin D. Roosevelt

In the future days which we seek to make secure we look forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want, which translated into world terms means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear, which translated into world terms means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation. That kind of world is the very antithesis of the so-called "new order" of tyranny which the dictators seek to create with the crash of a bomb.

To that new order we oppose the greater conception—the moral order. . . .

To that high concept there can be no end save victory.

MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, JANUARY 6, 1941

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THE FREE MAN'S DUTIES

Henry A. Wallace

As we move forward toward realizing the Four Freedoms of this people's revolution, I would like to speak about four duties. It is my belief that every freedom, every right, every privilege has its price, its corresponding duty without which it cannot be enjoyed. The four duties of the people's revolution, as I see them today, are these:

1. The duty to produce to the limit.
2. The duty to transport as rapidly as possible to the field of battle.
3. The duty to fight with all that is in us.
4. The duty to build a peace—just, charitable, and enduring.

ADDRESS OF MAY 8, 1942

*Four things in any land must dwell,
If it endures and prospers well;
One is manhood true and good;
One is noble womanhood;
One is child life, clean and bright;
And one an altar kept alight.*

Source Unknown.

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THE LIBERATION OF ALL PEOPLES

Sumner Welles

Our victory must bring in its train the liberation of all peoples.

Discrimination between peoples because of their race, creed, or color must be abolished.

The age of imperialism is ended.
The right of a people to their freedom must be recognized, as the civilized world long since recognized the right of an individual to his personal freedom.

The principles of the Atlantic Charter must be guaranteed to the world as a whole—in all oceans and in all continents.

ADDRESS OF MAY 30, 1942

POST-WAR DRIVES

John G. Winant

When war is done, the drive for tanks must become a drive for houses.

The drive for food to prevent the enemy from starving us must become a drive for food to satisfy the needs of all people in all countries.

The drive for physical fitness in the forces must become a drive for bringing death and sickness rates in the whole population down to the lowest possible level.

The drive for man power in war must become a drive for employment to make freedom from want a living reality.

The drive for an all-out war effort by the United Nations must become a drive for an all-out peace effort based on the same co-operation and willingness to sacrifice.

ADDRESS, DURHAM, ENGLAND, JUNE 6, 1942

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THE THREE POINTS

Wendell L. Willkie

We must fight our way through not alone to the destruction of our enemies but to a new world idea. We must win the peace.

To win that peace three things seem to me necessary:

First, we must plan now for peace on a global basis.

Second, the world must be free, economically and politically, for nations and for men that peace may exist in it.

Third, America must play an active, constructive part in freeing it and keeping its peace.

ADDRESS OF OCTOBER 26, 1942

AMERICAN HISTORY IN THREE WORDS

WORLD 1492-1776 America like other countries had its origin in the family of nations from which it drew its life.

SELF 1776-1890 Then followed the period of self-development during which America considered itself largely independent of the rest of the world.

WORLD 1890- Arriving at maturity, America reassociated with the family of nations, gradually taking world responsibilities.

I. D. TAUBENACK

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THE CHURCH TODAY

Its strength, spirit and outlook

- The Church's Opportunity
- The Church Faces a Troubled World
- The New Spirit of Unity
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- Youth Records Its Religious Convictions
- Protestant and Catholic Youth Worship Together
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*"Who builds a church within his heart,
And takes it with him everywhere,
Is holier far than he whose church
Is but a one day house of prayer."*

MORRIS ABEL BEER

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THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY

Prof. John Baillie, one of Scotland's leaders, who holds the Chair of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, in presenting to the 1942 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland an epochal report on the "Interpretation of God's Will in the Present Crisis," said:

"Weary of a day when every man was his own master, men are seeking out new forms of community. Weary of a day when nothing was regarded as holy, men are groping after new loyalties—and even inventing for themselves new religions. Surely there is here for the Church of Christ a golden opportunity to present to men the unchanging Gospel, offering them community without any loss of individuality, loyalty to a leader without any enslavement of personality, total commitment conjoined to tolerance, a worship that is freed from all pagan superstitions, optimism without arrogance, and lowliness without despair."

That is a truth as to everything that is worth doing in this world, or that is being done well: There will be more of it after it is done with than while it was going on.

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THE CHURCH FACES A TROUBLED WORLD

In July, 1937, the World Conference on Church, Community and State gathered for two weeks in Oxford, England. Together with its sister conference in Edinburgh in the following month, it was the most representative official Christian gathering held in centuries. Over 800 people from about 50 countries assembled for this epochal occasion to face a troubled world and formulate a timely message. The "Oxford Message" includes these words:

"We meet at a time when mankind is oppressed with perplexity and fear. Men are burdened with evils almost insupportable and with problems apparently insoluble.

"Yet we do not take up our task as bewildered citizens of our several nations, asking if anywhere there is a clue to our problems; we take it up as Christians, to whom is committed 'the word of reconciliation,' that 'God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.'

"The first duty of the Church and its greatest service to the world is that it be in very deed the Church—confessing the true faith, committed to the fulfilment of the will of Christ, its only Lord, and united in Him in a fellowship of love and service.

"We do not call the world to be like ourselves, for we are already too like the world. Only as we ourselves repent, both as individuals and as corporate bodies, can the Church call men to re-

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pentance. The call to ourselves and to the world is to Christ.

"We have tried during these days at Oxford to look without illusion at the chaos and disintegration of the world, the injustices of the social order and the menace and horror of war. The world is anxious and bewildered and full of pain and fear. We are troubled yet we do not despair. Our hope is anchored in the living God. In Christ, and in the union of men with God and of man with man, which He creates, life even in face of all these evils has a meaning. In His name we set our hands, as the servants of God and in Him of one another, to the task of proclaiming God's message of redemption, of living as His children and of combating injustice, cruelty and hate. The Church can be of good cheer; it hears its Lord saying, 'I have overcome the world.'"

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

M. LOCKIE HASKINS, from *The Gate of the Year*.

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THE NEW SPIRIT OF UNITY

In August, 1937, the Second World Conference on Faith and Order brought together in Edinburgh, Scotland, over 500 representatives of 123 denominations from 45 countries. It voted approval, without a dissenting voice, of the memorable "Edinburgh Affirmation of Unity," a part of which follows:

"We are one in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God. We are one in allegiance to Him as Head of the Church, and as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are one in acknowledging that this allegiance takes precedence of any other allegiance that may make claims upon us.

"This unity does not consist in the agreement of our minds or the consent of our wills. It is founded in Jesus Christ Himself, Who lived, died and rose again to bring us to the Father, and Who through the Holy Spirit dwells in His Church. We are one because we are all the objects of the love and grace of God, and called by Him to witness in all the world to His glorious gospel.

"Our unity is of heart and spirit. We are divided in the outward forms of our life in Christ, because we understand differently His will for His Church. We believe, however, that a deeper understanding will lead us towards a united apprehension of the truth as it is in Jesus.

"We humbly acknowledge that our divisions are contrary to the will of Christ, and we pray God in His mercy to shorten the days of our separation and to guide us by His Spirit into fulness of unity."

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THE CHURCH FACES THE WHOLE WORLD

In 1938 the little village of Tambaram near Madras in India saw a notable gathering of people from all the corners of the earth come together to plan for the spread of the Christian message through the whole world. The following are selections from the message of this conference:

"The International Missionary Council sends greetings to the peoples of all lands.

"We are four hundred and seventy delegates gathered from seventy nations and from many races of the earth to consider how we may better make known to the world the love of the eternal God as He has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ.

"The reports that have been brought to us from every quarter of the globe have made us realize that the ancient pestilences which destroy mankind are abroad with a virulence unparalleled. In every country the fact of war or the fear of it casts its paralyzing shadow over human hope. . . .

"Again and again a sense of penitence has come over us as we have realized that these consuming evils are all of them man-made.

"It is clear that only God can save the peoples, and that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ not only can but will.

"National gods of any kind, gods of race or class, these are not large enough to save us.

"We call upon our fellow Christians through-

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out the world to join us in a new dedication. Surely God is summoning us in these times to let go our self-sufficiency, to frequent His altars, to learn of Him, and to make His ways known in all the relationships of life. God grant to His Church to take the story of His love to all mankind, till that love surround the earth, binding the nations, the races and the classes into a community of sympathy for one another, undergirded by a deathless faith in Christ."

A PRAYER FROM SIERRA LEONE

Thou who art the greatest of Chiefs, beam upon us as the morning sun and stir up our damp spirits to activity. Praise cometh to thee from redeemed sons and daughters of Africa. We sing, we pray, we plead; but how seldom we commune with thee, O God. Warm our hearts by thy presence continually.

We, thy unworthy servants, bring to thee our best gifts. We do not have money in abundance; but we have hands and feet and voices. Help us to improve every opportunity to establish the church in every village in our district. We desire that darkness be driven out and that the light of Christ illumine every center. Amen.

THE WORLD AT ONE IN PRAYER

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YOUTH RECORDS ITS RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS

For the first time in the history of the Church a truly representative world gathering of Christian young people was held during the summer of 1939 in Amsterdam, Holland. The statement from that conference includes the following:

"We are fifteen hundred delegates from over seventy peoples. We are divided in national allegiance, we are separated by denominational and confessional barriers, we are members of different Christian organizations, we are drawn from every walk of life. And yet we are here together because we belong together as those who have one Calling and acknowledge one Lord.

"We believe that a truly just and ordered society will be built only by those who have surrendered their wills to God, who seek to clarify their vision, and who train and discipline themselves to live every day as members of the Christian community.

"We affirm the task of the Church to proclaim the truth as it is made known in Jesus Christ and experienced in the life of the Christian community, and to test all human systems and institutions in the light of this truth.

"In common worship through the services of different traditions, to a degree which has never been achieved before, we have seen of one another's faith, shared in one another's riches, and

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understood together more deeply the fulness of the stature of Christ.

"The world needs a united Church. We must be one, that the world may believe.

"Many of us have discovered the Bible afresh, and in so far as we have allowed God to speak to us, He has become a living God, declaring a living message for our own lives and our generation.

"We are also convinced that real Bible study must lead to definite choices and decisions in all areas of life. To listen to God means to obey Him."

The Light for which the world longs is already shining. It is shining into the darkness, but the darkness does not apprehend it. It is shining into the darkness, but the darkness is not overcoming it. It is shining in many a soul, and already the new order has begun within the kingdom of the heart. It is shining in many a small group and creating a heavenly-earthly fellowship of children of the light. It will always shine within the sanctuary of men's souls and lead them to Him who is the Light of the world. It will always shine and lead men into the world's need, that they may bear it up into the heart of God.

THOMAS R. KELLY

PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC YOUTH WORSHIP TOGETHER

Henry Smith Leiper, Secretary of the Provisional World Council of Churches, reporting on two great movements developing in Britain, Religion in Life (Protestant) and Sward of the Spirit (Catholic), which are working together, tells of a great youth meeting in Manchester:

"The final youth session was a gathering with more than 6,000 Catholic and Protestant youth. Their worship was led by Father Agnelus, Roman priest, who took the Creed, Confessions and the Lord's Prayer; and MacLeod, Scotch Presbyterian minister, who had an intercessory litany immediately following. When I discussed this with Archbishop Cardinal Hinsley—that sturdy old Yorkshireman who so upsets one's ideas of a Roman prelate—he showed his full approval and his hope for growing cooperation between the communions. This evidences a relative advance over anything which we have yet achieved in American experience."

VALUES

*In God's high heaven and in His earth
These things I hold of matchless worth:
Health and a task, the dreams of youth,
Beauty and love, and love, and truth.*

LESLIE PINCKNEY HILL

BASIC CONVICTIONS OF PROTESTANTS, CATHOLICS AND JEWS

Under the leadership of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the following statement of basic convictions common to Protestants, Catholics and Jews has been signed by several hundred clerical and lay leaders of these three faiths:

"We, the undersigned individuals of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, viewing the present catastrophic results of Godlessness in the world and facing the fact that our country is at war, realize the necessity for stressing those spiritual truths which we hold in common. We therefore affirm the following fundamental religious beliefs. We believe these convictions are important to every religious person, and are the spiritual foundation of our national life.

"As Catholics, Jews and Protestants, we assert again our abiding loyalty to our respective religious convictions. We recognize differences in many important beliefs. The following statement is, therefore, not a profession of faith to be considered sufficient or complete by any of us, but an expression of certain basic convictions which we share.

"We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. Though we have varying views as to the nature and content of God's more direct revelation, we hold that He also manifests His being, power, wisdom and love through His works

and especially in the mind, will and personality of man.

"We believe that the mind of man reflects, though imperfectly, the mind of God, and we reject, as a betrayal of human dignity, all attempts to explain man in merely material terms.

"We believe that God's all holy will is the ultimate sanction of human morality and that man's true freedom and happiness depend on his obedience to the will of God as known to him. We reject all deterministic interpretations of man and all reduction of his moral duties to mere custom or social adjustment.

"We believe that recognition of man's dependence upon God is essential to the progress of true civilization; that nations, as well as individuals are bound to acknowledge this; and that education or social theories which would state man's duties, standards and happiness without reference to God are doomed to failure.

"We believe that God's fatherly providence extends equally to every human being. We reject theories of race which affirm the essential superiority of one racial strain over another. We acknowledge every man as our brother. We respect and champion his inalienable rights, and are determined to do all in our power to promote man's temporal and spiritual welfare as necessary consequences of our duty to God.

"We believe the republican form of government to be the most desirable for our nation and for countries of similarly democratic tradi-

tions. Any political forms, however, can bring liberty and happiness to a society only when moral and religious principles are accepted and practiced.

"We believe, with the founders of this republic, that individual rights are an endowment from God, and we reject, as certain to result in the enslavement of man, all denials of this principle."

In practical life we find that that man is not holiest who is remotest from surroundings of evil.

Never fear the length of the path of duty.

The right way through this life is the best way in this life.

Remorse is an enemy to repose.

He who can have joy in the eternal hereafter has joy in every passing day.

To God's children everywhere the best is always ahead. Those who yield to the drawings of God's love, and seek to be conformed to his image and to the likeness of his Son in true godliness, can be sure that much as they have had of enjoyment and profit in the past, or now have in the present, they are to have more in the future—the best is still to come. It is so in the life that now is, and it is so in the life which is to come.

HENRY CLAY TRUMBULL, Civil War Chaplain

THE NATURE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"We believe that the Christian life is the life lived in fellowship with Christ and His Church. It begins with repentance and faith. In repentance men turn from sin to serve the holy and forgiving God with new and glad obedience. In faith they entrust themselves to Christ and rest upon Him alone for salvation.

"We believe that by the teaching and example of Jesus the Holy Spirit shows men the way and the end of the Christian life, what it means to love God with all the heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love their neighbour as themselves.

"We believe that Christian men are called to abide within the fellowship of the Church, to maintain its peace and unity, and to give diligent heed to prayer, to the reading of Scripture, to common worship and the sacraments.

"We believe that they are likewise called to live as those who are of the Kingdom of God, and to seek His righteousness both in individual and social life, serving their fellow-men in love for Christ's sake, and striving and waiting in prayer for an ordered common life where the will of God for the well-being and peace of men shall be done over all the earth."

From the section on the "Christian Life and Duty," in the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada.

THE CHURCH AND THE PEACE

These six propositions were formulated by the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, instituted by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and were approved by the Executive Committee of the Council on January 22, 1943:

1. The peace must provide the political framework for a continuing collaboration of the United Nations and, in due course, of neutral and enemy nations.

2. The peace must make provision for bringing within the scope of international agreement those economic and financial acts of national governments which have widespread international repercussions.

3. The peace must make provision for an organization to adapt the treaty structure of the world to changing underlying conditions.

4. The peace must proclaim the goal of autonomy for subject peoples, and it must establish international organization to assure and to supervise the realization of that end.

5. The peace must establish procedures for controlling military establishments everywhere.

6. The peace must establish in principle, and seek to achieve in practice, the right of individuals everywhere to religious and intellectual liberty.

FACTS ABOUT THE CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

In 1940 there were 250 religious bodies reporting a membership of 64,501,594 persons.

More than 97 per cent of these members were found in 52 religious bodies having membership of over 50,000 each.

Church members amount to almost 50 per cent of the total population.

Between 1930 and 1940, total population and total church membership increased at the same rate, between 7 per cent and 8 per cent.

Eighty-one per cent of the inclusive church membership consists of persons 13 years of age and over.

Largest religious body is the Roman Catholic Church, which reported 21,284,455 members in 18,733 parishes in 1940.

Second largest religious body is the Methodist Church, which reported 7,377,487 members in 42,139 local churches in 1940.

Jewish congregations number 3,728, with an inclusive membership of 4,641,184 in 1936 (latest figures).

The Census of 1930 recorded 148,848 clergymen, of whom 3,276 were women.

In community interests Protestants, Catholics and Jews frequently work together.

In social ideals, there is remarkable agreement. Protestant churches have created many interdenominational organizations. Among these is

the International Council of Religious Education representing 40 denominations (through Boards of Christian Education) that include 85 per cent of the Protestant Church; and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which represents 24 denominations with two-thirds of the Protestant church members.

A number of unions of Protestant churches have recently taken place.

In 1939 the Methodist Church was formed by a merger of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Congregational Churches of the United States and the Christian Churches united in 1931.

In 1934 the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America united to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

In 1942 officially appointed representatives of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. recommended an eight-point plan for organic union which is under discussion.

Baptists, Northern Convention, and Disciples of Christ are discussing closer relationships. Larger branches of the Lutherans have commissions at work studying unity. The United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Churches have formulated a basis of union. At least eight other bodies have given formal attention to merger proposals.

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THE CHURCH'S WARTIME TASKS

The churches of America are alert to the needs created by the war, and are uniting in various projects to meet those needs. Among them are those noted here:

1. Through the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, carefully selected Protestant ministers are nominated to serve as pastors to the men in the national defense. Through the chaplains, the Church follows its sons with its ministry and its friendship wherever they go.

2. Through the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities, special guidance and assistance are given to the churches in the vicinity of camps and posts. The program includes the co-operation of the churches in their relation to the USO and in behalf of wholesome conditions for the health and moral welfare of the men when on leave from the camps.

3. Through a Committee on Aliens and Prisoners of War in America, attention is given to safeguarding the interests of loyal minorities among us and providing a ministry to enemy prisoners who may be interned in our country.

4. Through a Committee on the Conscientious Objector, the churches follow the men who perform "work of national importance" in civilian camps, as determined by the Selective Service Boards.

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5. Through a Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals, the churches unite in a ministry of mercy and relief to those on whom the cruelty of war most heavily falls. Refugees from Europe, civilian populations driven from their homes in China, prisoners of war in all countries, European churches undergoing exceptional difficulties, undernourished children in unoccupied France, missionaries cut off from their ordinary base of support—these and many others are included in a united appeal to which all the churches are asked to make a sacrificial response.

6. Through the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, the churches are consolidating their efforts to lay now the spiritual foundations for a better world order after the war. A group of thoughtful leaders, both ministers and laymen of special competence in international affairs, are pursuing a continuous study of the kind of world organization for which Christians should strive. Study groups in local churches of all denominations are being formed in order to develop an informed conscience on the subject throughout the nation.

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THE SERVICE MEN'S CHRISTIAN LEAGUE

The Service Men's Christian League is the organization of Protestants in the armed forces of the United States which seeks to unite them in a fellowship of faith and service. It was organized in the autumn of 1942 by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, the International Council of Religious Education, and the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

These sponsoring agencies which represent the united forces of the Protestant churches of America have brought to this organization the support and experience of the youth departments of the various denominations and other agencies which know this field. Christian Endeavor, which for more than fifty years has been represented in the Army and Navy, has placed its literature and experience at the disposal of this organization.

There is thus provided by the Protestant churches a united program of Christian fellowship, worship, instruction, guidance, inspiration, and service for the men in uniform.

The League publishes a periodical containing topics for Bible study, suggestions for discussion, a news exchange for local units, inspirational articles, and a forum for those in the services. It also publishes a *Handbook for Chaplains*. All the material of the League is provided for distribution without charge to the men interested.

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Local units of the League are found in posts, camps, air fields, naval training stations, on ships of the Navy and the Merchant Marine, and other training centers. These units are entirely under the direction of the chaplains, with whom the League works closely in all matters.

The League is interested not only in maintaining the Christian life of service men during the war, but also in helping them to keep contact with their churches, and in preparing them for Christian citizenship on return to civil life.

The League is directed by a National Council composed of representatives of the sponsoring agencies and five chaplains each from the Army and Navy who are advisory members. The headquarters of the League are at 1701-03 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

WHAT THE CHURCH BELIEVES

Two Ancient Statements
Two Modern Statements

There are certain circumstances under which religion must be regarded as being intellectually beaten. One such is when it is unable to state its beliefs with cogency and conviction. For it is the essence of religion that its beliefs must be believed profoundly.

HAROLD A. BOSLEY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

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A STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love; and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of men.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.

We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and realization of human brotherhood.

Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, 1913

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the one God, Maker and Ruler of all things, Father of all men; the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Teacher, Example, and Redeemer, the Saviour of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united to the living Lord.

We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society; and in the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE METHODIST HYMNAL, 1935

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PRAYERS

Liturgical and non-liturgical, for use in public worship and private devotions.

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CHRIST'S WORDS REGARDING PRAYER

Pray with sincerity — *Matthew 6: 5, 6.*
Pray in a forgiving spirit — *Mark 11: 25.*
Pray with alertness — *Luke 21: 36.*
Pray remembering God's will — *Luke 22: 42.*
Pray with faith — *Matthew 21: 22.*

NEW TESTAMENT PRAYER PROMISES

Matthew 7: 7-11.	Philippians 4: 6, 7.
I Thessalonians 5: 17, 18.	James 5: 16.
Hebrews 4: 16.	James 4: 8.
James 1: 5, 6.	I John 1: 9.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor, glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties; preserve our unity; fashion into one happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, to the end that there be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law we show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LUTHERAN SERVICE PRAYER BOOK

A GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father: We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life. To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

PRAYER OF LEOPRIC

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

FOR A CHEERFUL OUTLOOK

Keep us, O God, from all complaining and self-pity. When our work is hard, give us the strength we need to do our best. When our hearts are heavy, give us a sense of Thy many blessings now and always. May our efforts and our hopes make us cheerful and serene that others may take new vigor and joy from us. *Amen.*

G. A. CLEVELAND SERMONIST

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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FOR SERVICE IN WARTIME

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, have mercy upon us and upon this country, now at war, and all who are taking part in its defense. Help us to be true and just in all our dealings, patient in all perplexities, calm in all fears, diligent in all duty, honest in all our devotions, so that nothing may stain our arms, hinder our task, or dim our vision of Thee, our God. Strengthen our faith in men and nations. Help us to retain our charity for friends and foes. Grant us a righteous peace in soul and state. Help us to serve and love our nation and Thee, our God, with a quiet mind. Above all, keep us good soldiers of Jesus Christ, now and forever more. *Amen.*

JOHN SUGAR, Chaplain, 17th Infantry

FOR VICTORY OF FAITH

O God of wisdom, enlighten us;
O God of mercy, forgive us;
O God of power, strengthen us;
O God of courage, invigorate us;
O God of love, uplift us;
O God of peace, surround us;
That we may be wholly Thine
In the victory of faith forever. *Amen.*

G. A. CLEVELAND SHERLEY

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LORD ROBERTS' PRAYER

Almighty Father, I have often sinned against Thee. O wash me in the precious blood of the Lamb of God. Fill me with Thy Holy Spirit that I may lead a new life. Spare me to see again those whom I love at home, or fit me for Thy presence in peace. Strengthen us to quit ourselves like men in our righteous cause. Keep us faithful unto death, calm in danger, patient in suffering, merciful as well as brave—true to our country and our colors. If it be Thy will, enable us to win the victory for human liberty; but above all grant us the better victory over temptation and sin, over life and death, that we may be more than conquerors through Him who loved us and laid down His life for us, Jesus Christ our Saviour, the Captain of the army of God. *Amen.*

FOR MEN IN SERVICE

O God, our Father, who art never far from any one of us, be graciously near, we pray Thee, to us who have answered our country's call in this time of danger. Defend us, O God, against all temptations, and sustain us when the low moods and moments come. Help us to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. And hasten the time, O God, when we shall be able to take up our peaceful pursuits in a world where liberty and democracy are secure and in which men shall learn war no more. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALBERT G. BUTZER

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A PRAYER IN A MILITARY HOSPITAL

O Thou Great Physician of men's souls and bodies, and the Comrade of all in pain, come to us and heal us. Lord, come to us that Thou mayest cleanse us of all unworthy thoughts, that we may cooperate with those who minister to our need. Lord, come to us that Thou mayest strengthen us to endure all pain and discomfort with courage and cheerfulness. Steady and support us for into Thy keeping we confide our bodies, minds and spirits. Quietly, trustfully, hopefully, we rest back upon Thy everlasting arms of love. So make us good soldiers in this experience as on every field of service. *Amen.*

DAVID A. MACLENNAN

TO GOD, OUR ALL

O God, Thou art an everlasting Treasurehouse of grace, and I am poor. Fill me with Thy riches. Thou art a Reservoir of hope, and I thirst. Let me drink of Thee. Thou art a Banquet of love, and I hunger. Feed me with Thyself. Thou art an Abyss of virtues, and I sin. Let me lose myself in Thee. Thou art a Rock of strength, and I falter. Plant my feet upon Thy sure foundation. Thou art the Source of peace, and I am in turmoil. Shelter me with Thy wings. Thou art the Beginning and End of all things, and I am nothing. Be to me my All-in-all. *Amen.*

G. A. CLEVELAND SHERLEY

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FOR DOING RIGHT

Eternal God, in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday and as a watch in the night, grant us peace in believing that, above the conflicting purposes of men and nations, Thine eternal purpose stands secure and inviolable, and that the righteousness which Thou dost ordain must, in Thy good time, prevail. Help us sufficiently to see in the light of eternity, that we may pursue the duties of these difficult days with calmness of mind and serenity of spirit, doing the right as Thou dost give us to see the right, with courage and confidence; committing our enemies to Thy justice and mercy; and to Thy providence ourselves and all that we cherish for today, tomorrow, and forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WILLIAM THOMAS HEATH

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FOR DAILY GUIDANCE

O Lord, our Guide even unto death, grant us, we beseech Thee, grace to follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. In little daily duties to which Thou callest us, bow down our wills to simple obedience, patience under pain or provocation, strict truthfulness of word and manner, humility, kindness. In great acts of duty or perfection, if Thou shouldst call us to them, uplift us to self-sacrifice, heroic courage, laying down of life for Thy Truth's sake or for a brother; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTINA G. ROSSOTTI

FOR RIGHT CONVERSATION

O God, who hast magnified Thy name and Thy Word above all things, fill our hearts with such reverence that we may never take Thy holy name in vain. Purge our thoughts and speech, that no unworthy communications may proceed out of our mouths. Restrain all words that may do hurt, and keep the door of our lips, that we may ever be showing forth Thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LUTHERAN SERVICE PRAYER BOOK

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A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

In the daily duty of the army,
In the daily struggle against commonplace temptations,
In the daily tests of character,
Strengthen us, good Lord.

In time of bodily need,
In the hour of danger,
In days of pain or weariness,
In sickness or weakness,
In the shadow of death,
Strengthen us, good Lord.

In times of strain and stress of mind,
In anxiety or sorrow,
In loneliness or heartache,
In discouragement and despondency,
In doubt or perplexity,
In moments of decision,
Strengthen us, good Lord.

In the inner, secret struggles of the soul,
In the difficult search for truth,
In the hidden battle against sin,
In the struggle to surrender self,
In our hours of rebellion,
When doubt or despair threaten to overwhelm us,
In our unuttered longings after God,
Strengthen us, good Lord.

THE ARISING PRESENCE, S.C.M. 1928

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MY BREASTPLATE

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

St. PATRICK

FROM "A PRAYER"

We know the paths wherein our feet should press,
Across our hearts are written thy decrees,
Yet now, O Lord, be merciful to bless
With more than these.

Grant us the will to fashion as we feel,
Grant us the strength to labour as we know,
Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel,
To strike the blow.

Knowledge we ask not—knowledge Thou hast lent,
But, Lord, the will—there lies our bitter need,
Give us to build above the deep intent
The deed, the deed.

JOHN DRINKWATER

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A PRAYER TO OUR LORD

O faithful High Priest,
Merciful and faithful,
Plead Thou for us before the throne,
That we, sinners and faithless,
Tempted and fallen,
May through Thee draw near with boldness,
May through Thee receive mercy,
May through Thee receive grace to help
In time of need,
In daily temptation
In time of fierce battle,
In time of careless ease
In time of our soul's dire peril,
Grant us grace to help.
Tempted Thou to seek Thy body's ease,
Tempted to choose the smoother way,
Tempted to trust in man and not in God,
Tempted to lose Thy faith in God and man,
Tempted to lose Thy peace of heart and mind,
Tempted to despair and bitterness,
Tempted, even at the last, to escape the dreadful
end,
Tempted as we, and more than we,
To Thee, O High Priest,
Merciful and true,
For life and death and for the great beyond,
We commit ourselves.
Christ accept us,
God receive us.

THE ABIDING PRESENCE, S.C.M., 1928

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Bless, O Lord, this Thy food to our use and us
to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bless to us these and all Thy gifts which we
receive of Thy bounteous goodness; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING AFTER MEALS

We thank Thee, O God, for these and all Thy
blessings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For these and all other mercies we praise
Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LUTHERAN SERVICE PRAYER BOOK

Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou
deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to
fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not
to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any
reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IGNATIUS LOYOLA

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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

O Lord, support us all the day long of this
troublesome life until the shadows lengthen and the
evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and
the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging and a
holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

HYMNS

from several centuries and many churches, for use
in services of worship, informal gatherings, and
the common round of personal daily life.

*Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for he is kind;
For his mercies eye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

JOHN MILTON

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2. A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never
failing;

Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills pre-
vailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with
cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving
would be losing;

Were not the right man on our side, the man of
God's own choosing;

Doth ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to
them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who
with us sideth:

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is for ever. *Amen.*

MARTIN LUTHER

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1. OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

ISAAC WATTS

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3. LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has
come;

Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be
our home.

Through days of preparation Thy grace has made
us strong.

And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal! till sin's fierce war shall
cease,

And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of
peace;

For not with sword's loud clashing, nor roll of
stirring drums,

But deeds of love and mercy the heavenly king-
dom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal! We follow, not with
fears;

For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy
face appears;

Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God
of might! *Amen.*

ERNEST W. SHERIDAN

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4. ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

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.

I need Thy presence every passing hour,
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Amen.

HENRY F. LYDE

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5. DAY IS DYING IN THE WEST

Day is dying in the west:
Heaven is touching earth with rest:
Wait and worship while the night
Sets her evening lamps alight
Through all the sky.

Refrain:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of Thee!
Heaven and earth are praising Thee,
O Lord Most High! *Amen.*

Lord of life, beneath the dome
Of the universe, Thy home,
Gather us who seek Thy face
To the fold of Thy embrace,
For Thou art nigh.

While the deeping shadows fall,
Heart of Love, enfolding all,
Through the glory and the grace
Of the stars that veil Thy face,
Our hearts ascend.

When forever from our sight
Pass the stars, the day, the night,
Lord of angels, on our eyes
Let eternal morning rise,
And shadows end.

MARY A. LATHEBURY

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6. ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call:
Extol the Stem-of-Jesse's Rod,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every tribe and every tongue
That bound creation's call,
Now shout in universal song
And crown Him Lord of all. *Amen.*

EDWARD PERRONET

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7. HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath
said,

To you who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to
stand,

Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,

I'll never, no never, no never forsake." *Amen.*

GEORGE KEITH

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8. JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and
nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding
joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His
love,
And wonders, wonders of His love. Amen.

ISAAC WATTS

10. WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the cross of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

ISAAC WATTS

9. IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime. Amen.

JOHN BOWRING

11. MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal-
vary,
Saviour divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt
away,

O let me from this day be wholly Thine.
May Thy rich grace impart strength to my faint-
ing heart,

My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.
While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around
me spread,

Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears
away,

Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside. Amen.

RAY PALMER

12. JESUS, SAVIOUR, PILOT ME

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass came from Thee:
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still."
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
"Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee." Amen.

EDWARD HOPPER

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13. JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest
still is high:

Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life
is past;
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at
last.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in
Thee I find:

Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and
lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteous-
ness:

False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth
and grace.

Piteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover
all my sin;

Let the healing streams abound; make and keep
me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of
Thee;

Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eter-
nity. Amen.

CHARLES WESLEY

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14. ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in
Thee;

Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side
which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its
guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's
demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears
forever flow,

All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and
Thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eye-
lids close in death,

When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy
judgment throne; Rock of Ages, cleft for
me,

Let me hide myself in Thee. Amen.

AUGUSTUS M. TORLADT

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15. I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

Refrain: I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I
need Thee!

O bless me now, my Saviour, I come to Thee!
Amen.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed; Thou blessed Son.

ANNIE S. HAWKES

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16. WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our Refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there. *Amen.*

JOSEPH SCRIVEN

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17. O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live. *Amen.*

WASHINGTON GLADEN

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18. IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be:
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to Me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth. *Amen.*

JOHN OXENHAM

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19. JESUS CALLS US, O'ER THE TUMULT

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me!"

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Saviour may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thy obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all. *Amen.*

CECIL F. ALEXANDER

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20. I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden
dreams.

I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonder-
fully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy
word. *Amen.*

KATHERINE HANKEY

21. I WOULD BE TRUE

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.
Amen.

HOWARD ARNOLD WALTER

22. FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
When'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, faith and prayer
Have kept our country brave and free,
And through the truth that comes from God,
Her children have true liberty!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life;
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death. *Amen.*

FREDERICK W. FABER

23. STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the
cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord
indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call
obey;

Foeth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious
day;

Ye that are men now serve Him against unnum-
bered foes;

Let courage rise with danger, and strength to
strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength
alone;

The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust
your own;

Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with
prayer;

Where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting
there. *Amen.*

GEORGE DUFFIELD

24. ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before;
Christ the Royal Master leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see His banners go.

Refrain:

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before. *Amen.*

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have
trod;

We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise
and wane,

But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church pre-
vail;

We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot
fail.

SARINE BARING-GOULD

25. JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen.

ISAAC WATTS

26. BUILDERS

We would be building; temples still undone
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,
And hearts creative bridge the human rift:
We would be building, Master, let Thy plan
Reveal the life that God would give to man.

Teach us to build; upon the solid rock
We set the dream that hardens into deed,
Ribbed with the steel that time and change doth
mock,

Th' unfailling purpose of our noblest creed;
Teach us to build; O Master, lend us sight
To see the towers gleaming in the light.

O keep us building, Master; may our hands
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there come divine commands
And all the pride of sinful will departs;
We build with Thee, O grant enduring worth
Until the heav'nly Kingdom comes on earth.
Amen.

PURD E. DIETZ

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27. AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of
grain,

For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited
plain;

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea
to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned
stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wild-
erness;

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and
mercy more than life.

America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond
the years,

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human
tears;

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea
to shining sea. Amen.

KATHERINE LEE BATES

28. AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,

Of thee I sing;

Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

Our father's God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,

To Thee we sing;

Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;

Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, Our King. Amen.

SAMUEL FRANCIS SMITH

29. THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last
gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the
perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still
there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the
brave?

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and wild war's deso-
lation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-
rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd
us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall
wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the
brave.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

SIX MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

(Abridged)

CANON A. P. SHATFORD

Loyalty
Courage
Patience
Humility
Freedom
Generosity

SIX MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

Loyalty

I think that all loyalty is summed up in the sentence, Be loyal to God. Be loyal to the highest that is in you. Never smother the voice of conscience. Never try to drown that still small voice within you that says, "Stand right; be true; make no concessions; be loyal—loyal to thyself."

... Wherever you may be, let this be manifested in your life, and then you will be a worthy disciple of Jesus Christ.

Courage

Courage is an essential mark of a Christian. Men make all kinds of excuses for not following religion. I think if they were to give the real reason it would be because they haven't the pluck. Religion is not an easy matter. Christianity is one of the most difficult things in the world. Carlyle said that there is a hero and a coward in every man, and most of us will admit it. What religion means is to develop the heroic in man and not the cowardly.

Patience

Now, this matter of patience is very difficult, and it has been very frequently misunderstood. Patience has usually been thought of as a passive virtue, whereas it shows its most splendid qualities on its active side. . . . What exactly does it mean? It simply means one who is willing to

Required in every good lover . . . the whole alphabet . . . Agreeable, Bountiful, Constant, Dutiful, Easy, Faithful, Gallant, Honourable, Ingenious, Joyous, Kind, Loyal, Mild, Noble, Orderly, Prudent, Quiet, Rich, Secret, True, Useful, Valiant, Wise . . . Young and Zealous.

suffer, who does not take things too easily, who is willing to manifest in his life a capacity for endurance, for restraint, for self-control.

Humility

When Jesus came into the world He lifted humility to a place of great dignity, and ever since that time humility has been looked upon as one of the dominant characteristics of a Christian.

God gives His blessings only to the man of humble mind. He has nothing to bestow upon the proud, the uplifted, and the arrogant. . . .

Freedom

. . . Freedom is the ability of a man to live his life completely and unrestrictedly. But do you think that a man is living his life completely when he gives himself over to the desires of the flesh? A man says, "I am going to have my fling; I am not going to be tied down by any of your piety or your righteousness. If I want to drink I will drink; and if I want to gamble I will gamble." And so he thinks that he is free; and the fool soon finds himself in the bondage of lust, or in the bondage of gambling, or in the bondage of intemperance. He is a slave to the very longings and desires for freedom in which he has made such a clamorous challenge.

There is only one freedom that will keep you free from bondage, and that is the freedom of the service of God. A man only is free to live his life

completely, fully, most unrestrainedly, who has devoted himself to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Generosity

This is our last mark of a Christian—broad, sympathetic, loving, warm, tender compassion toward all men. . . . Every mark helps the others. Loyalty might become very narrow if it were not for patience. Courage might be a mere swagger and braggadocio without humility. . . . In a great orchestra are the horns and the viols and the drums and the brasses, and they all come in to make a glorious harmony. So these marks . . . all coming in together, will make the harmonious and complete life of a Christian.

THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

Passionately fierce the voice of God is pleading,
Pleading with men to arm them for the fight,
See how these hands, majestically bleeding,
Call us to rout the armies of the night.

Not to the work of sordid selfish saving
Of our own souls to dwell with Him on high,
But to the soldier's splendid selfless braving,
Eager to fight for righteousness and die.

Peace does not mean the end of all our striving,
Joy does not mean the drying of our tears,
Peace is the power that comes to souls arriving,
Up to the light where God Himself appears.

G. A. STUBBERT KENNEDY

MADAM CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S RELIGION

By nature I am not a religious person, at least not in the common acceptance of that term. Also, I am more or less skeptical. I used to think faith, belief, immortality were more or less imaginary. I believed in the world seen, not the world unseen.

During the last seven years I have suffered much. I have gone through deep waters because of the chaotic conditions in China. These things have made me see my own inadequacy; more than that, all human insufficiency. During these years I have gone through three phases as related to my religion. First, there was a passionate desire to do something for my country. But something was lacking. There was no staying power. I was depending on self. Then came the second phase. I was plunged into dark despair. Life was all confusion. I was driven back to my mother's God. I knew there was a power greater than myself. Thus I entered into the third period where I wanted to do, not my will, but God's. I used to pray that God would do this or that. Now I pray only that God will make His will known to me.

God speaks to me in prayer. Prayer is not self-hypnotism. It is more than meditation. When one prays, he goes to a source of strength greater than his own. I wait to feel His leading, and His guidance means certainty.

With me religion is a very simple thing. It means to try with all my heart and soul and strength and mind to do the will of God.

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USING THE BIBLE

The Life and Ministry of Jesus of Nazareth
The Early Christians
The Bible in Times of Need

THE BIBLE

*"When I am tired, the Bible is my bed;
Or in the dark, the Bible is my light;
When I am hungry, it is my vital bread;
Or fearful, it is armor for the fight.
When I am sick, 'tis healing medicine;
Or lonely, good friends I find therein.
Should I be lost, the Bible is my guide;
Or naked, it is raiment, rich and warm.
Am I imprisoned, it is ranges wide;
Or tempest-tossed, a shelter from the storm.
Would I adventure, 'tis a gallant sea;
Or would I rest, it is a flowery lea."*

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

1. Birth at Bethlehem—*Luke 2: 1-21.*
2. Presentation in the Temple—*Luke 2: 22-40.*
3. With the Wise Men—*Luke 2: 41-52.*
4. His Baptism and Temptation—*Matthew 3: 13-4: 11.*
5. Testimony of John the Baptist—*John 1: 19-34.*
6. The First Disciples—*John 1: 35-51.*
7. The First Miracle—*John 2: 1-12.*
8. Conversation with Nicodemus—*John 3: 1-21.*
9. Conversation with the Woman of Samaria—*John 4: 5-30.*
10. Rejected in Nazareth—*Luke 4: 16-32.*
11. His Ministry in Galilee—*Mark 1: 32-45.*
12. His Teachings Concerning Fasting and the Sabbath—*Mark 2: 18-3: 6.*
13. Choosing of the Twelve Disciples—*Mark 3: 7-19.*
14. Sermon on the Mount (1)—*Matthew 5: 1-16.*
15. Sermon on the Mount (2)—*Matthew 5: 17-32.*
16. Sermon on the Mount (3)—*Matthew 5: 33-48.*
17. Sermon on the Mount (4)—*Matthew 6: 1-18.*

18. Sermon on the Mount (5)—*Matthew 6: 19-34.*
19. Sermon on the Mount (6)—*Matthew 7: 1-14.*
20. Sermon on the Mount (7)—*Matthew 7: 15-29.*
21. The Parable of the Sower—*Mark 4: 1-20.*
22. Other Parables—*Mark 4: 26-32; Matthew 13: 24-30, 33, 44-52.*
23. Death of John the Baptist—*Mark 6: 14-29.*
24. Feeding the Five Thousand—*John 6: 1-15, 22-29.*
25. The Bread of Life (1)—*John 6: 30-51.*
26. The Bread of Life (2)—*John 6: 52-69.*
27. Thou Art the Christ—*Mark 8: 27-33.*
28. The Transfiguration—*Luke 9: 28-45.*
29. Teaching Childlikeness—*Matthew 18: 1-14.*
30. Teaching Forgiveness—*Matthew 18: 15-35.*
31. The Light of the World—*John 8: 12-30.*
32. Sending out the Seventy—*Luke 10: 1-24.*
33. The Good Samaritan—*Luke 10: 25-37.*
34. The Good Shepherd—*John 10: 1-18.*
35. Teaching the Disciples to Pray—*Luke 11: 1-13.*
36. God's Watchful Care—*Luke 12: 13-40.*
37. On the Way to Jerusalem—*Luke 13: 22-35.*
38. The Prodigal Son—*Luke 15: 11-32.*
39. The Coming of the Kingdom—*Luke 17: 20-37.*

40. True Prayer—*Luke 18: 1-14.*
41. The Rich Young Ruler—*Luke 18: 18-30.*
42. Zacchaeus and the Parable of the Pounds—*Luke 19: 1-26.*
43. The Last Week—Palm Sunday: The Triumphal Entry—*Luke 19: 29-48.*
44. Monday—The Second Cleansing of the Temple—*Matthew 21: 18-22, 12-17.*
45. Tuesday—Jesus' Conversation with the Gentiles—*John 12: 30-36.*
46. The Rejection of Christ—*John 12: 37-50.*
47. Thursday—The Institution of the Lord's Supper—*Luke 22: 7-20.*
48. The Intercessory Prayer—*John 17.*
49. Friday—The Agony in Gethsemane—*Luke 22: 31-46.*
50. Friday—The Betrayal and Arrest—*Luke 22: 47-62, 23: 13-25.*
51. Friday—The Crucifixion, Death, and Burial—*Luke 23: 26, 32-56.*
52. Saturday—*Matthew 27: 62-66.*
53. Sunday—The First Easter Day—*Luke 24: 1-12.*
54. The Walk to Emmaus—*Luke 24: 13-35.*
55. The Parting Commission and the Ascension—*Matthew 28: 9, 10, 16-20; Luke 24: 49-53.*

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THE EARLY CHRISTIANS

New Testament Readings

The Conversion of St. Paul—*Acts 9: 1-19.*
Paul's Story of His Own Life—*Acts 22: 1-21.*
Paul Saved from Shipwreck—*Acts 27: 27-44.*
God Cares for His Own—*Romans 8: 31-39.*
Paul Describes a Christian Man—*Romans 12.*
Everyone Has a Place—*I Corinthians 12: 14-27.*
The Greatest Thing in the World—*I Cor. 13.*
Christian Courage—*II Corinthians 4: 7-18.*
Triumph over Death—*I Corinthians 15: 53-58.*
Sowing and Reaping—*Galatians 6: 1-8.*
One in Christ Jesus—*Ephesians 2: 13-22.*
Growing Up—*Ephesians 4: 11-16.*
Learning Christ—*Ephesians 4: 29-32.*
The Whole Armor of God—*Ephesians 6: 10-18.*
Christian Joy—*Philippians 4: 4-7.*
Christian Graces—*Colossians 3: 12-17.*
Advice to a Young Man—*I Timothy 4: 12-16.*
A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ—*II Tim. 2: 1-13.*
Paul's Last Words—*II Timothy 4: 6-8.*
Heroes of Faith—*Hebrews 11.*
Guarding the Tongue—*James 3: 1-12.*
Christian Addition—*I Peter 1: 1-11.*
Love and God—*I John 4.*
Out of Great Tribulation—*Revelation 7: 9-17.*
The Heavenly City—*Revelation 21: 1-5; 22-27.*
The End of Darkness—*Revelation 22: 1-6.*

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THE BIBLE IN TIME OF NEED

When things go well and the world is good to you, read Deuteronomy 8.
When you are in trouble and things go against you, read Psalm 27.
When your faith gets weak, read Hebrews 11.
When sins trouble you, read Psalm 51.
When you are becoming indifferent toward God and religion, read Revelation 3.
When seeking forgiveness, read I John 1: 7-10.
When you are leaving home, read Psalm 121.
When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.
When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
When you are lonely and fearful, read Psalm 23.
When in danger, read Psalm 91.
When you are tempted by sin, read Matthew 4: 1-11.
When in affliction, read Romans 8.
When in sorrow, read John 14.
When you worry, read Matthew 6: 19-34.
When you grow bitter or critical, read I Corinthians 13.
When you are weary and heavy-laden, read Matthew 11: 28-30 and Isaiah 55.
When you need encouragement to pray, read Luke 11: 1-13.
When you want strength against worldliness, read I John 2: 12-17.
When you would know Jesus as your Redeemer and Savior, read Isaiah 53; II Corinthians 5: 14-21; I Peter 1: 18-19; Romans 5: 8.

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A WORSHIP SERVICE

This service is suggested especially for those who may desire to gather informally for worship together.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He also will hear their cry, and will save them. Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

OPENING PRAYER

O Thou in whose life we find our life, through the gift of whose spirit we do our work and bear our burdens: Grant us now the sense of thy nearness. We would open our hearts freely to thy Spirit, our minds to thy law, and our wills to whatsoever thou wouldst have us to do. May our thoughts and words and deeds be acceptable in thy sight. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

This may be sung or read. See section of hymns in this book.

READING FROM THE BIBLE

A SHARED PRAYER

Leader: O Thou from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named: We give thee thanks for all thy gifts and goodness to us, for friends, for all those we love and those who love us, be they far or near.

Group: *Help us in remembering them to do and be as thou and they wouldst have us.*

Leader: We pray thee for our country: Thou hast made her free that we may freely love and

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serve her. Guide and sustain thy servant the President and all in lawful authority. Defend the true welfare of our land and people, and the cause of all the United Nations.

Group: *Help us to be good soldiers of liberty and justice, we humbly beseech thee.*

Leader: For all in any distress or pain or loneliness or need, we pray thy care and mercy.

Group: *Help us to help them, and bless them with thy fatherly love and care.*

Leader: Thou knowest how far we fail and come short of living as thou wouldst have us.

Group: *Forgive and help us, O Lord, Amen.*

THE LEADER'S TALK

The leader may now make a brief talk of his own, or read some of the selections in this book, or lead in a discussion of some helpful theme. Possibly the group may want to be silent for a while, each with his own thoughts.

HYMN

A PERIOD OF PRAYER

The leader and the group may use together such prayers as they choose from this book; or there may be sentence prayers from members of the group.

FINAL PRAYER

We thank thee, our Father, for this time together with one another and with thee. May we now go on to meet whatsoever thou has appointed for us with a clean spirit, a sufficient courage, and a strength measured to our needs. Remember our comrades in all the services and our friends and families at home. Grant, O most merciful Lord, that we may not depart in word, thought, or deed from obedience to thee, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

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