

### Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Prayers after Any Office

Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Collect for A Day of Humiliation and Prayer

Almighty and Most Merciful God, our Heavenly Father, of Whose compassion there is no end, Who art long-suffering, gracious, and plenteous in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, we have sinned and done perversely, we have forsaken and grievously offended Thee; against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned and done evil in Thy sight. But we beseech Thee, O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities; let Thy tender mercies speedily come to us, for we are brought very low; help us, O God of our salvation, and purge away our sins for the glory of Thy holy Name and for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

### Collect for Cantate

O God, Who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest and desire what Thou dost promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and rust destroy and where thieves  
break in and steal.” St. Matthew 16:19*



## Psalm 32



P: BE GLAD || in the Lord and rejoice, you | right- | eous; \*

C: And shout for joy, all you up- | right | in | heart!

P: || Blessèd is he whose transgression is for- | giv- | en, \*

C: Whose sin | is | co- | vered.

P: || Blessèd is the man to whom the Lord does not impute in- |  
*i-qui-ty*, \*

C: And in whose spirit there is | no | de- | ceit.

P: || When I kept | si- | lent, \*

C: My bones grew old through my groaning all | the | day | long.

P: || For day and night Your hand was heavy up- | on | me; \*

C: My vitality was turned into the drought | of | sum- | mer.

P: || I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not | hid- |  
den. \*

C: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and  
You forgave the iniquity | of | my | sin.

P: || For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time  
when You may be | found; | - \*

C: Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not | come | near  
| him.

P: || You are my hiding *place*; (+) You shall preserve me from | trou- |  
ble; \*

C: You shall surround me with songs of de- | liv- | er- | ance.

P: || I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should | go; | - \*

C: I will guide you | with | My | eye.

P: || Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no under- |  
stand- | ing, \*

C: Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will  
not | come | near | you.

P: || Many sorrows shall be to the | wick- | ed; \*

C: But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall | sur- | round | him.

P: || Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you | right- | eous; \*

C: And shout for joy, all you up- | right | in | heart!

**TLH 518 “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”**

Georg Neumark, 1640

1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee  
And hope in Him thro' all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee thro' the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.
2. What can these anxious cares avail thee,  
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee  
O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.
3. Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.
4. God knows full well when times of gladness  
Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware  
And makes thee own His loving care.
5. Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to everything.
6. All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.
7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed. Amen.

**TLH 520 “Commit Whatever Grieves Thee”**

Paul Gerhardt, 1656

1. Commit whatever grieves thee  
Into the gracious hands  
Of Him Who never leaves thee,  
Who Heav'n and Earth commands.  
Who points the clouds their courses,  
Whom winds and waves obey,  
He will direct thy footsteps  
And find for thee a way.
2. On Him place thy reliance  
If thou wouldst be secure;  
His work thou must consider  
If thine is to endure.  
By anxious sighs and grieving  
And self-tormenting care  
God is not moved to giving;  
All must be gained by prayer.
3. Thy truth and grace, O Father,  
Most surely see and know  
Both what is good and evil  
For mortal man below.  
According to Thy counsel  
Thou wilt Thy work pursue;  
And what Thy wisdom chooseth  
Thy might will always do.
4. Thy hand is never shortened,  
All things must serve Thy might;  
Thine every act is blessing,  
Thy path is purest light.  
Thy work no man can hinder,  
Thy purpose none can stay,  
Since Thou to bless Thy children  
Wilt always find a way.
5. Though all the powers of evil  
The will of God oppose,  
His purpose will not falter,  
His pleasure onward goes.  
Whate'er God's will resolveth,  
Whatever He intends,  
Will always be accomplished  
True to His aims and ends.
6. Then hope, my feeble spirit,  
And be thou undismayed;  
God helps in every trial  
And makes thee unafraid.  
Await His time with patience,  
Then shall thine eyes behold

The sun of joy and gladness  
His brightest beams unfold.

7. Arise, my soul, and banish  
Thy anguish and thy care.  
Away with thoughts that sadden  
And heart and mind ensnare!  
Thou art not lord and master  
Of thine own destiny;  
Enthroned in highest Heaven,  
God rules in equity.

8. Leave all to His direction;  
In wisdom He doth reign,  
And in a way most wondrous  
His course He will maintain.  
Soon He, His promise keeping,  
With wonder-working skill  
Shall put away the sorrows  
That now thy spirit fill.

9. A while His consolation  
He may to thee deny,  
And seem as though in trial  
He far from thee would fly;  
A while distress and anguish  
May compass thee around,  
Nor to thy supplication  
An answering voice be found.

10. But if thou perseverest,  
Thou shalt deliverance find.  
Behold, all unexpected  
He will thy soul unbind  
And from the heavy burden  
Thy heart will soon set free;  
And thou wilt see the blessing  
He had in mind for thee.

11. O faithful child of Heaven,  
How blessèd shalt thou be!  
With songs of glad thanksgiving  
A crown awaiteth thee.  
Into thy hand thy Maker  
Will give the victor's palm.  
And thou to thy Deliverer  
Shalt sing a joyous psalm.

12. Give, Lord, this consummation  
To all our heart's distress;  
Our hands, our feet, e'er strengthen,  
In death our spirits bless.  
Thy truth and Thy protection  
Grant evermore, we pray,

And in celestial glory  
Shall end our destined way. Amen.

**TLH 581 "All Ye Who on This Earth do Dwell"**  
Paul Gerhardt, 1648

1. All ye who on this earth do dwell,  
Give thanks and glorify  
The Lord Whose praises ever swell  
In seraph songs on high.

2. Lift up your hearts in praise to God,  
Himself best Gift of all,  
Who works His wonders all abroad,  
Upholding great and small.

3. Since first our life began to be,  
He has preserved our frame;  
And when man's strength was vanity,  
He as our Helper came.

4. Though often we His patience try  
And well deserve His frown,  
In grace He lays His anger by  
And pours new blessings down.

5. 'Tis He revives our fainting soul,  
Gives joyful hearts to men;  
And when great waves of trouble roll,  
He drives them back again.

6. May He adorn with precious peace  
Our own, our native, land  
And crown with joys that never cease  
The labors of our hand!

7. Long as we tarry here below  
Our saving Health is He;  
And when from Earth to Heaven we go,  
May He our Portion be! Amen.