

A generall Confession of finnes, with other Prayers for  
the Morning and Euening, to be vsed in Families,  
and publicke Assemblies.



**M**ost mercifull and louing  
Father, whose loue is infi-  
nite, and whose mercy en-  
dureth for euer: VVe sin-  
full creatures, trusting in  
thyne vnspcakable good-  
nesse and loue towards vs, doe appeare  
this morning before thy diuine maiestie,  
most humbly confessing our manifold sins  
and innumerable transgressions of thy  
commandements, & fatherly vvit, against  
thee onely, against thee (O Lord) haue vve  
sinned, vve acknowledge our offences, vve  
accuse our selues vnto thee (O mercifull  
Lord) and vwill not hide our vnrighteouf-  
nesse. VVe sinned in our selues nothing but  
ignorance of thy vwill, disobedience,  
misfrust, doubtfulness in thy goodnesse,  
and incredulities, hatred and contempt of  
spiritual things, selfe-loue, confidence in  
our selues, and fruent lusting after car-  
nall things of this vworld; and this tree  
of our corrupt nature bringeth forth  
continually in vs none other frutes, but  
rotten and vsanory vworkes of the flesh,  
in thoughts, vwords and doings, vnto con-  
demnation. VVherefore vve humbly be-  
seech thy fatherly goodnesse, euen for thy  
Son Iesus Christs sake, whom thou hast  
set forth for a purchaser of mercy to vs,  
through faith in his blood, make our hearts  
cleane, take away our stony hearts, and  
giue vnto vs true and liuely faith, work-  
ing in vs vsained repentance & amend-  
ment of our sinfull life. Haue mercy vpon  
vs, and forgiue vs our finnes for thy Sons  
sake. certifie our consciences of the re-  
mission of the same by thy holy spirit, by  
whose operation so mortifie in vs our old  
man, the vwhole body of sinne, that vve  
continually dying vnto sinne, may vvaile  
in newnesse of life, to the glory of thy  
holy name, through Iesus Christ our Sa-  
uiour, Amen.

*A prayer for the Morning.*

O Eternall God and heauenly Father,  
seeing that by thy great mercy, vvee  
haue quietly passed this night, graunt

vve beseech thee, that vvee may bestovv  
this day vvholy in thy seruice, so that all  
our thoughts, vwords and deeds may re-  
dovne to the glory of thy name, & good  
example of our brethren. And as it hath  
pleased thee to make the Sonne, so shine  
vpon the earth to giue vs bodily light:  
euen so vouchsafe to illuminate our vn-  
derstanding with the brightnesse of thy  
spirit, to direct vs in the vway of righte-  
ousnesse, so that vwhat thing soeuer vvee  
shall apply our selues vnto, our speciall  
care and purpose may be to vvaile in thy  
fear, & to serue and honour thee, looking  
for all our vvealth & prosperitie to come  
from thy onely blessing, and that vve may  
take nothing in hand, vvhich shall not be  
agreeable to thy most blessed vwill. Fur-  
thermore, vvas vvee may in such strait-  
uall for our bodies and for this present  
life, that vve may haue alwayes a further  
regard, that is, to the heauenly life, vvhich  
thou hast promised to thy children: and  
in the meane season, that it may please  
thee to preserve and defend vs both in  
body & soule, to strengthen vs against all  
the temptations of the diuell, and to de-  
liuer vs from all perils and dangers, that  
may happen vnto vs, if vvee be not de-  
fended with thy godly power. And for as  
much as to begin vvel, & not to continue,  
is nothing: vve beseech thee, to receiue  
vs not onely this day into thy holy pro-  
tection, but also for the time of our  
vvhole life, continuing and increasing in  
vs daily thy good grace and gifts therof,  
vntill thou shalt bring vs to that happy  
state, vvhich vve shall fully and for euer  
be ioyned vnto thy Son Iesus Christ our  
Sauour vvhich is the true light of our  
soules, shining day & night perpetually:  
and to the end that vve may obtaine such  
grace at thy hand, vouchsafe (most merci-  
full father) to forgiue and forget all our  
finnes, vvhich vvee haue heretofore com-  
mitted against thee, and for thine infinit  
mercies sake to pardon the same, as thou  
hast promised to those that aske of thee  
with vsained hearts, for whom as for

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our selues, vve make our humble petiti-  
ons vnto thee, in the name of thy Sonne  
our Lord & Sauour Iesus Christ, in such  
sort as hee hath taught vs, saying: Our  
Father vvhich art, &c.

*An Euening Prayer.*

O Lord God, Father euerlasting and  
full of pittie, vve acknowledge and  
confesse, that vvee be not worthy to  
lift vp our eyes to heauen, much lesse to  
present our selues before thy diuine ma-  
iestie, vwith confidence that thou vwill  
heare our prayers & graunt our requests,  
if vvee consider our ovne vtretched de-  
seruings. For our consciences doe accuse  
vs, and our finnes vtretched against vs, and  
vve know that thou art an vpright iudge,  
vvhich doth not iustifie the sinners and  
vicked men, but punisheth the faults of  
such as transgresse thy commandements.  
Yet most mercifull Father, since it hath  
pleased thee to command vs to call vpon  
thee in all our troubles and aduer-  
sities, promising euen then to helpe vs  
when vvee seele our selues, as it vvere  
svvalloved vp of death and desperation,  
vve vtterly renounce all vworldly confi-  
dence and trust, and fly to thy ioueraigne  
goodnesse as our onely stay and refuge,  
beseeching thee not to call to remem-  
brance our manifold finnes and vicked-  
nesse, vvhich vvee continually prouoke  
thy vtterly indignation against vs, nei-  
ther our negligence, nor our vnkindnesse,  
vvhich haue neither vtterly esteemed,  
nor in our liues sufficiently expressed the  
svveet comfort of thy Gospell, reuealed  
vnto vs, but rather to accept the obedi-  
ence and death of thy Sonne Iesus Christ  
our Lord, vvhich by offering vpon his body in  
sacrifice once for all, hath made a suffi-  
cient recompence for all our finnes. Haue  
mercy therefore vpon vs (O Lord) and  
forgiue vs our offences, teach vs by thy  
holy Spirit that vvee may rightly vveigh  
them & earnestly repent vs for the same:  
And so much the rather (O Lord our God)  
because that the reprobate, and such as  
thou hast forsaken cannot praise thee nor  
call vpon thy name: but the repenting  
hart, the sorrowfull mind, the conscience  
oppressed, hunging and thirsting for thy  
grace, shall quermore set forth thy praise

and glory. And albeit vvee be but  
vvermes & dust, yet thou art our creator,  
and vvee be the vvoike of thy hands, yea  
thou art our father, and vvee thy children,  
thou art our Shepheard & vvee thy flocke,  
thou art our Redeemer and vvee thy peo-  
ple, whom thou hast deere bought,  
thou art our God, and vvee are thine in-  
heritance. Correct vs not therefore in thine  
anger (O Lord our God) neyther accord-  
ing to our deserts do thou punish vs but  
mercifully chastise vs with a fatherly  
affection, that all the vworld may know,  
that at vwhat time soeuer a sinner doth  
repent him of his sinne from the bottome  
of his heart, thou vwill put away all his  
vickednesse out of thy remembrance, as  
thou hast promised by thy holy Prophet.  
Finally, forasmuch as it hath pleased thee  
to make the night for man to rest in, as  
thou hast ordained him the day to trauell,  
grant O deere Father, that vvee may so  
take our bodily rest, that our soules may  
continually vwatch for the time that our  
Lord Iesus Christ shall appeare for our  
full deliuerance out of this mortall life,  
and in the meane season, that vvee be  
not overcome by any fantasies, dreams, or  
other temptations, but may fully set our  
minde vpon thee, loue thee, feare thee, &  
rest in thee, in such sort that our very sleep  
also may be to the glory of thy holy  
name. Furthermore that our sleepe be  
not excessive or ouermuch, after the in-  
satiable desire of the flesh, but onely  
sufficient to content our vweake nature,  
that vvee may the better be disposed to  
liue in all godly conuersation, to the glo-  
ry of thy holy name, and profit of our bre-  
thren, through Iesus Christ our Lord: in  
vvhose name vvee make our humble peti-  
tions vnto thee, as hee hath taught vs,  
saying: Our Father, &c.

*A Prayer for true repentance.*

MOST gracious God, and mercifull Fa-  
ther of our Sauour Iesus Christ,  
because I haue sinned and done vicked-  
ly, and through thy goodnesse haue recei-  
ued a desire of Repentance, vvhich vnto  
this thy long-suffering doth draw my hard  
heart, I beseech thee for thy great mer-  
cies sake in Christ, to vworke the same  
Repentance