

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Thou to Thy mercy seat our souls doth gather,
To do our duty unto Thee, OUR FATHER,
To Whom all praise, all honor should be given,
For Thou art the great God WHO ART IN HEAVEN.
Thou, by wisdom rulest the world's wide frame,
Forever, therefore HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
Let nevermore delays divide us from
Thy glorious grace, but may THY KINGDOM COME.
Let Thy commands opposed be by none
But Thy good pleasure and THY WILL BE DONE.
And let our promptness to obey be even
The very same ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
Then, for our souls, O Lord, we also pray,
Thou would'st be pleased to GIVE US THIS DAY
The food of life, wherewith our souls are fed,
Sufficient raiment and OUR DAILY BREAD.
With every needful thing do Thou relieve us,
And of Thy mercy, pity AND FORGIVE US
All our misdeeds, for Him, Whom Thou didst please
To make an offering for OUR TRESPASSES,
And for as much, O Lord as we believe
That Thou wilt pardon us AS WE FORGIVE.
Let that love teach, wherewith Thou dost acquaint us,
To pardon all THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.
And though sometimes Thou findest we have forgot
This love for Thee, yet help AND LEAD US NOT
Through soul or body want to desperation
Nor let earth's gain drive us INTO TEMPTATION.
Let not the soul of any true believer
Fail in the time of trial, BUT DELIVER
Yea, save them from the malice of the devil,
And both in life and death keep US FROM EVIL
This pray we. Lord, for that of Thee, from whom
This may be had FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM:
This world is of Thy work, its wondrous story
To Thee belongs, THE POWER AND THE GLORY;
And all Thy wondrous works have ended never,
But will remain forever and FOREVER.
Thus we poor creatures would confess again
And thus would say eternally, AMEN.

[This prayer-poem was found on the body
of a dead soldier after the battle of
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