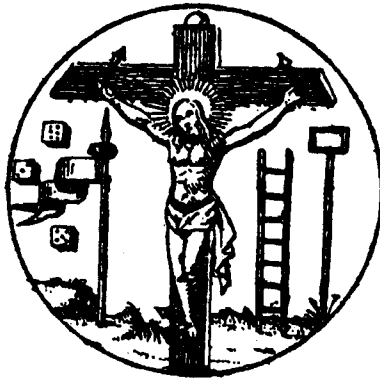


# AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR THE CENTENARY



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## P R E F A C E

THE year 1933 will see the Centenary of the beginning of the Oxford Movement. Many churchpeople are already beginning to make their preparations to keep that Centenary well. This book of prayers, which comes as the sequel to the "Hour of the Fiery Cross" and the "Hour of Prayer for Lambeth," is designed to help such Christians in their preparation for the Centenary.

It consists of seven sections of thanksgiving and intercession, which may be used one on each day of the week, in public or in private. But it is also designed to provide a basis for an hour's continuous prayer for those keeping the Station Days of Prayer, as organised by the Fiery Cross Association of the Anglo-Catholic Congress.

The central idea underlying this scheme of thanksgiving and intercession is the recognition of what the Oxford Movement has already accomplished for the Anglican Communion, and of what work still remains to be done by the Movement, for there are many tasks still to be performed.

The texts of Scripture which preface each meditation and group of prayers are all taken from the second part of the Book of Isaiah. Most of these prophetic utterances were given to the Jewish people at a time when they were in captivity in Babylon, their country desolate, and their temple in ruins. Such confidence and hope in God as the

prophecies reveal is, therefore; all the more striking, in view of that misery and desolation.

The history of the restoration of the people Israel to its land and temple shows the reward which came to that faith and trust in God.

The spiritual situation confronting the Oxford reformers was very like that of Israel in bondage and desolation. And they, too, like the prophets, are beginning to see the fulfilment of their labours and the reward of their hopes. England is returning to its own promised land. Not all the people have returned, but the advance guard has come and the temple is beginning to be built.

Copies of this booklet may be obtained for 2d., postage 1d., from the Church Tract Library, 8, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

The Fiery Cross Association is prepared to make free grants to parishes holding Station Days, and giving the alms to the Association.

# SUNDAY



## The Revival of Faith in Things Unseen

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountains ; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength ; lift it up, be not afraid ; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God ! Behold the Lord God will come as a mighty one, and his arms shall rule for him. Isaiah 40 : 9, 10.*

*Consider*—the wonder of the Catholic Faith revealed in Jesus Christ and the Church.

Give thanks to God :

for the restoration of faith in heavenly truths,  
for Baptism as the beginning of a new supernatural life in Christ,

for renewed devotion to the Real Presence of  
Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,  
for the increased use of Holy Communion for  
grace and for glory,  
for the recovery of the Eucharist as the great  
service of Sunday,  
for the comfort and grace of Absolution,  
for a renewed sense of the Communion of  
Saints,  
for the recovery of faith in the ministry of  
Angels,  
for the great increase in mystical prayer,  
for the faithful witness of all who have been  
firm under persecution for truth and right-  
eousness' sake.

We praise thee, O God ; we acknowledge thee to  
be the Lord ;  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father ever-  
lasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all  
the powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry :  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth ;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.  
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that  
her time of service is accomplished, that her iniquity is  
pardoned ; that she hath received of the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins. Isaiah 40 : 1, 2.*

Pray for pardon :

for neglect of God's revelation of heavenly  
things,

for compromise and want of clear thinking,  
for unworthy and false belief about the  
Sacraments and mysteries of God,  
for narrow-mindedness and violence in controversy,  
for shallow religion that cares only for words  
and external observance.

Make me a clean heart, O God :  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence :  
And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Pardon, O God, our misuse and neglect of thy  
precious truth ; and grant that through our fault  
the faith of thy Church may never be betrayed, nor  
souls repulsed from the glory and grace of thy  
revelation in Christ Jesus, our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray :

for a full restoration of the Eucharist as the  
great act of worship,  
for a love of God's truth by all men,  
for courage and spiritual energy to follow that  
truth,  
for the removal of obstacles to right belief,  
for the taking away of bigotry.

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright  
beams of light upon thy Church, that it being  
enlightened by the heavenly doctrine of thy Prophets  
and Apostles may so walk in the light of thy truth,  
that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting  
life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# MONDAY



## The Renewed Sense of Membership in the Catholic Church

*Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord ; awake as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. . . . And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion ; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. Isaiah 51 : 9, 11.*

*Consider—the enduring glory of the Catholic Church throughout the centuries, though nations rise and fall.*

Give thanks to God :

for the preservation of our descent from the  
Apostles,  
for the glory of the Martyrs and Confessors,

for the generations of noble men and women  
who have set forth Christ in word and deed,  
for repeated revivals of faith and love,  
for the reformers who have arisen when the  
Church was corrupt,  
for all who have asserted the spiritual independ-  
ence of the Church.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee,  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

We give thanks to thee, O God, for the glorious inheritance thou hast given us in the saints, and for the preserving of the apostolic ministry in our communion; and we beseech thee that we may live worthily of our part and lot in the Church apostolic, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Fear not ; for I am with thee : I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west ; I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Keep not back ; Bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the end of the earth ; every one that is called by my name and whom I have created for my glory. Isaiah 43 : 5, 6, 7.*

*Consider*—the vision of a Church reunited once more in faith and love, in outward communion and effort : one body and one spirit.

*Pray :*

for a renewed desire for unity,  
for a better understanding of each other amongst  
all Christians,  
for adherence to truth,  
for allowance for liberty,

for God's over-ruling power in man's helplessness,  
for recovery of her spiritual liberty by the  
Church of England.

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth  
acknowledge thee ;

The Father of an infinite majesty,  
Thine honourable, true and only Son,  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Pray for pardon :

for an unthinking acceptance of past strife and  
division,  
for complacency about our own Church,  
for sectarian pride and jealousy,  
for hasty judgment and narrow-mindedness,  
for self-will and passion in controversy,  
for all bitter things said about other churches.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit :

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, shalt  
thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Zion ;

Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of  
righteousness :

With the burnt offerings and oblations.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles,  
peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you,  
regard not our sins but the faith of thy Church,  
and grant her that peace and unity which is agree-  
able to thy will ; who livest and reignest with the  
Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world  
without end. *Amen.*

# TUESDAY



## The Revival of Personal Religion

*And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. . . . Ye shall be named the priests of the Lord ; men shall call you the ministers of our God. Isaiah 61 : 4, 6.*

*Consider*—that God has given the Catholic Faith to bring the souls of men to him.

Give thanks to God :

for the Evangelical revival which came before  
the Oxford Movement,

for the Bishops who have been true fathers in  
God,  
for the better ideals of the priesthood,  
for the faithful laymen and laywomen who have  
loved God,  
for the revival of the sense of worship,  
for the renewal of personal discipline and  
asceticism,  
for the generous benefactions which have built  
noble churches,  
for the movement for free and open churches,  
for the present wealth of vocation to the priest-  
hood.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death ;

Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all  
believers.

Pray :

for holiness and right zeal in all bishops and  
priests,

for repentance and reparation by all faithless  
and sinful priests,

for the perseverance of the faithful, especially  
the young,

for the return of the lapsed to religion.

Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, O Lord, to strengthen  
and confirm all thy faithful, and to lift them up  
more and more continually to heavenly desires ;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

*The spirit of the Lord is upon me ; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek ; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. Isaiah 61 : 1.*

Give thanks to God :

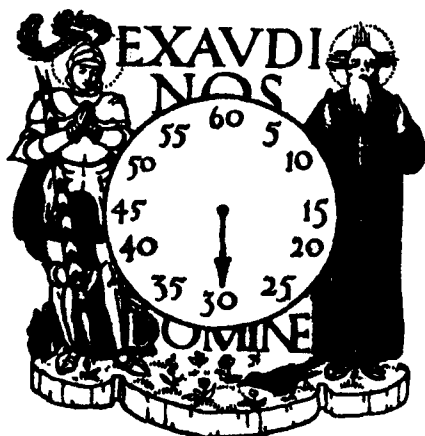
for the new care for the poor and needy,  
for the faithful ministry to souls and bodies in  
our slum parishes,  
for the spirit of compassion in Rescue work,  
for the making of Christian orphanages,  
for the work of the Christian Social Union and  
other Catholic social guilds.

Pray :

for a further quickening of the social conscience,  
for all who are trying to work out a Christian  
social doctrine,  
for all Christian politicians and leaders of  
industry,  
for the cause of world peace and a Catholic  
internationalism,  
for deliverance from the spirit of Mammon and  
materialism,  
for a cure for financial distress and unemployment.

Grant, O Lord we beseech thee, that all men may seek first thy kingdom and its righteousness so that thou mayest reign among us ; and of thy mercy supply our daily needs and the necessities of all who are in particular want ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

# WEDNESDAY



## The Revival of the Religious Life

*The voice of one that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40 : 3.*

*Consider*—the religious life with its abandonment of all for God.

Give thanks to God :

for the founders of the great religious orders of old,

for the men and women who have re-founded the religious life in the Church of England,

for the witness of that life to the love of Christ, for the stern example of simplicity and penance,

for the spiritual work of the fathers and sisters,  
for the works of mercy of men and women  
religious,  
for the wealth of prayer in the contemplative  
life.

Pray :

for more vocations to the religious life,  
especially to the older communities,  
for the founding of new congregations to meet  
new conditions, especially for a teaching  
order of men,  
for the faithfulness and fervour of those already  
under vows,  
for all religious, that they may be preserved  
from worldliness and the love of praise of  
men,  
for all communities, that they may keep the  
freshness of their ideals and love of sacrifice,  
for a better knowledge and understanding of  
the religious life among church-people.

Look favourably, O Lord, on all who have given  
themselves to thee in the bond of poverty, chastity,  
and obedience; and grant that, having forsaken all,  
they may faithfully follow their master Christ in the  
spirit of detachment and oblation; through the  
same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Even the youths shall be faint and be weary, and  
the young men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon  
the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount  
up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be  
weary; they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40: 30, 31.*

*Consider*—the call to heroic sanctity, and the glory of those who have scaled the heights of the spiritual life.

Pray :

that God may make a new generation of Saints,  
that the call to the ascetic life of mortification  
may be more generously answered,  
that the vocation of reparation and suffering  
may be better understood,  
that church-people may listen to the claims of  
other-worldliness,  
that the heroic ideals of faithful marriage may  
be upheld,  
that all who are called to take up the cross may  
bear it with courage and joy.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory  
of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee help thy servants whom thou  
hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in  
glory everlasting.

Grant to us, Lord, the fire of thy Spirit that he  
may so illuminate our understanding, kindle our  
devotion and temper our will, that in all things we  
may fulfil the vocation wherewith we are called ;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# THURSDAY



## The Need for Revival in the Home Mission

*Arise, shine ; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples : but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. Isaiah 60 : 1, 2.*

*Consider*—the duty of every Catholic to try to win his neighbour to the Faith he himself enjoys.

Ask pardon of God :

for the past corruption and sloth of the Church,  
for the lack of sympathy which alienated the  
Methodist movement,  
for failure to provide for the spiritual needs of  
the great cities as they grew up,  
for our want of care for the outcast and poor,

for our deadening respectability,  
for our neglect of real religion and our interest  
in things that do not matter.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is  
done amiss ;

O Lord, who may abide it ?

For there is mercy with thee ;

Therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him ;

In his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord ;

Before the morning watch, I say, before the  
morning watch.

Pardon, O Lord, our sins of lukewarmness and  
self-satisfaction ; and grant that we may be filled  
with a new desire to win the brother for whom  
Christ died ; through the same Jesus Christ, our  
Lord. *Amen.*

Pray :

for a new zeal for the spiritual feeding of the  
multitude,

for priests to do the hard, painstaking work of  
the Good Shepherd,

for writers and preachers with the gift of putting  
things in simple language,

for the fire of the Spirit in all bishops and priests,

for more desire on the part of lay-people to be  
missionaries to their neighbours,

for the work of the bishops in providing  
churches for new areas,

for a radical reform in Church finance and  
organisation.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day, we magnify thee ;  
And we worship thy name, ever world without  
end.

Behold, O God our Defender, and look upon the  
face of thine Anointed ; and grant that from the  
rising of the sun even unto the going down thereof,  
thy name may be great in our country, and in every  
place a pure offering may be offered unto thy name ;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray for the work of religious education :

that God may guide each nation aright as to  
its day schools,  
that the work of Sunday schools and catechisms  
may grow and prosper,  
that there may be better religious teaching in  
secondary and public schools,  
that the Church training colleges for teachers  
may be blessed in their task,  
that church-people may learn the spirit of  
sacrifice in providing for religious education,  
that means for teaching religion to grown-up  
people may be found.

O Lord, who hast made thy Son to be the way,  
the truth and the life, grant that all may be so  
instructed in that way that they may possess the  
truth and the life in this world, and in the world  
to come ; through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

# FRIDAY



## The Theological and Liturgical Revival

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth. The voice of thy watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord returneth to Zion. Isaiah 52 : 7, 8.*

*Consider*—the power of the Catholic Faith to satisfy intellectual needs and to give abundant life.

Give thanks to God :

for the re-discovery of the faith of the Saints,  
for the fine harmony of the ancient faith and  
modern knowledge in English theology,

for theologians in their patient search for  
truth,  
for the great orators who have set forth the  
faith persuasively,  
for the improvement in the theological training  
of the clergy.

We praise thee, we bless thee ;  
We worship thee, we glorify thee ;  
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father  
almighty.

Pray :

for a new defence of the old religion by the  
learned,  
for writers to produce popular books com-  
mending the Faith,  
for the work of the religious Press and  
publishing houses,  
for the religious teaching in the universities  
and theological colleges,  
for the conversion of influential opponents of  
the Faith,  
for a new conviction that only in Christ can  
all things be reconciled.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the  
brightness of thy glory may shine upon us ; and  
may the illumination of thy light, shed abroad by  
thy holy Spirit, fill the hearts of those who by thy  
grace have been born again ; through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord. *Amen.*

*Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. . . . For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron. Isaiah 60 : 15, 17.*

Give thanks to God :

for the new sense of decency and order in  
public worship,  
for the new use of beauty in church building  
and adornment,  
for the improvement of taste in church music,  
for the poets, painters and writers of the  
Oxford revival,  
for the writers, translators and musical com-  
posers of our hymns.

Pray :

that church art and ceremonial may not become  
debased,  
that church-building and restoration may be  
marked by beauty and dignity,  
that wealthy congregations may remember the  
needs of poor churches,  
that the appeal of beauty may not divert the  
heart from the love of God and inward  
religion.

We give thanks to thee, O God, for those who  
have made beautiful the place of thy sanctuary ; and  
we beseech thee to grant that we may ever offer to  
thee the sacrifice of a contrite spirit and a broken  
heart ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

# SATURDAY



## The Revival of Zeal for Missions

*The strangers that join themselves to the Lord, to minister unto him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, everyone that keepeth the Sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast by my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Isaiah 56: 6, 7.*

*Picture*—Jesus Christ receiving the nations of the world at his throne of glory.

Give thanks to God:

for the enterprise and courage of our pioneer missionaries in Africa and the Far East,  
for the founding of the great missionary societies and their bold policies,  
for the thousands of missionaries who have gone forth as ambassadors of Christ,

for the many missionaries who have sacrificed  
life or health in foreign lands,  
for the missionary martyrs,  
for all the money given for the cause of foreign  
missions,  
for the work of the translation of the Scriptures,  
for the establishment of new native churches,  
for all enlightened rulers and governors who  
have encouraged missions,  
for the great increase in prayer for foreign  
missions.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the  
world,

Receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
Have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy ;

Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
Art most high in the glory of God the Father.

*Amen.*

Ask pardon of God :

for our imperfect gratitude to those who  
brought the Gospel to us,

for our want of conviction and zeal for missions,  
for our failure to seize the opportunities God  
has made,

for our selfish, irreligious exploitation of  
undeveloped countries,

for the sins of Christians towards members of  
other races.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee,

And mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said I will confess my sin unto the Lord ;

And so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Zion,  
For it is time that thou have mercy upon her ;  
yea, the time is come.

Pardon, O Lord, our sins of sloth and selfishness ;  
put in us a new heart of love towards thee and the  
heathen for whom Christ died, that we may give  
of our best for the spread of thy kingdom ; through  
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray :

for new missionary volunteers to fill vacant  
places and sustain the present work,  
for increased financial support,  
for men and women of ability to fill leading  
positions in the missionary dioceses,  
for native Christians, that they may be steadfast  
and full of apostolic zeal,  
for the native priesthood and episcopate,  
for the growth of public Christian sentiment in  
heathen lands,  
for unwearying prayer for the spread of the  
Kingdom.

O God, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest  
thy love by sending thine only begotten Son to  
redeem mankind, pour thy Spirit upon thy Church  
that it may fulfil his command to preach the Gospel  
unto all nations ; send forth, we pray thee, more  
labourers into thy harvest ; defend them in all  
dangers and trials ; and hasten the time when the  
fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in ; through  
the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, look upon  
thine everlasting covenant, and cause the captivity  
of Judah and Israel to cease, that all who love  
Jerusalem and mourn for her may rejoice with her ;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*