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LITTLE FOLDED HANDS

Prayers for Children

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Revised Edition

Morning Prayers.

1.

Now I awake and see the light;  
Lord, Thou hast kept me through the night.  
To Thee I lift my voice and pray  
That Thou wilt keep me through the day.  
If I should die before 'tis done,  
O God, accept me through Thy Son! Amen.

2.

The morning bright  
With rosy light  
Has waked me from my sleep;  
Father, I own  
Thy love alone  
Thy little one doth keep.

All through the day,  
I humbly pray,  
Be Thou my Guard and Guide;  
My sins forgive

And let me live,  
Blest Jesus, near Thy side. Amen.

3.

Now I raise me up from sleep,  
I thank the Lord who did me keep,  
All through the night; and to Him pray  
That He may keep me through the day.  
All which for Jesus' sake, I say. Amen.

4.

O help me, Lord, this day to be  
Thy own dear child and follow Thee;  
And lead me, Savior, by Thy hand  
Until I reach the heavenly land. Amen.

5.

O Lord, my God, to Thee pray  
While from my bed I rise  
That all I do and all I say  
Be pleasing to Thine eyes. Amen.

6.

Jesus, Lord, to Thee I pray,  
Guide and guard me through this day.  
As the shepherd tends his sheep.  
Lord, me safe from evil keep.  
Keep my feet from every snare,  
Keep me with Thy watchful care.

All my little wants supply  
If I live or if I die.  
And when life, O Lord, is past,  
Take me to Thyself at last. Amen.

7.

In the early morning,  
With the sun's first rays.  
All God's little children  
Thank and pray and praise.

I, too, thanks would offer,  
Jesus, Shepherd dear,  
For Thy tender pasture,  
For Thy guiding care.

And I would implore Thee,  
Be with me this day,  
Lest I from Thee wander,  
Into danger stray. Amen.

8.

For this new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends.  
For everything Thy goodness sends,  
We thank Thee, dearest Lord. Amen.

9.

I thank Thee, Lord, for sleep and rest,  
For all the things that I love best,  
Now guide me through another day  
And bless my work and bless my play.  
Lord, make me strong for noble ends,  
Protect and bless my loving friends;  
Of all mankind good Christians make.  
All this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

10.

Jesus, gentle Shepherd,  
Bless Thy lamb to-day;  
Keep me in Thy footsteps,  
Never let me stray.  
Guard me through the daytime.  
Every hour, I pray;  
Keep my feet from straying  
From the narrow way. Amen.

11.

Keep my little tongue to-day,  
Keep it gentle while I play;  
Keep my hands from doing wrong.  
Keep my feet the whole day long;  
Keep me all, O Jesus mild,  
Keep me ever Thy dear child. Amen.

12.

Jesus, keep me all this day.  
When at school and when at play;  
May I do all things I ought,  
May I hate each evil thought;  
Help me love and trust in Thee  
Now and through eternity. Amen.

13.

O blessed Lord, protect Thou me  
And my dear parents graciously;  
With Thy strong arm be ever near  
To brothers and to sisters dear.  
And all our loved ones in the land,  
Protect them with Thine own right hand.  
From sin defend and keep me free;  
Help me a Christlike child to be. Amen.

14.

My Father, for another night  
Of quiet sleep and rest.  
For all the joys of morning light,  
Thy holy name be blest. Amen.

15.

Now with the new-born day I give

Myself anew to Thee,  
That as Thou willest, I may live,  
And what Thou willest, be. Amen.

16.

Lord, for the mercies of this night  
My humble thanks I pay  
And unto Thee I give myself  
To-day and every day. Amen.

17.

Whate'er I do, things great or small  
Whate'er I speak or frame.  
Thy glory may I seek in all,  
Do all in Jesus' name.

My Father, for His sake I pray.  
Thy child accept and bless  
And lead me by Thy grace to-day  
In paths of righteousness. Amen.

18.

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son,  
that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray  
Thee that Thou wouldst keep me this day also from sin and every evil,  
that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I  
commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel lie  
with me, that the wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayers.

19.

Savior, lay Thy hand on me,  
Bless me, and remember me. Amen.

20.

Now I lay me down to sleep;  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep.  
If I should die before I wake.  
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take;  
And this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

21.

Dear Father in heaven,  
Look down from above;  
Bless papa and mama,  
And those whom I love.

May angels guard over  
My slumbers, and when  
The morning is breaking,  
Awake me. Amen.

22.

Now the light has gone away;  
Savior, listen while I pray.  
Asking Thee to watch and keep  
And to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus, Savior, wash away  
All that has been wrong to-day;  
Help me every day to be  
Good and gentle, more like Thee.

Let my near and dear ones be  
Always near and dear to Thee.  
O bring me and all I love  
To Thy happy home above. Amen.

23.

In my little bed I lie:  
Heavenly Father, hear my cry;  
Lord, keep Thou me through this night.  
Bring me safe to morning light. Amen.

24.

The day is past and over,  
All thanks, O Lord, to Thee!  
O Jesus, keep me in Thy sight  
And save me through the coming night.  
Amen.

25.

The day is done;  
O God the Son,  
Look down upon  
Thy little one!

O Light of Light,  
Keep me this night,  
And shed round me  
Thy presence bright.

I need not fear  
If Thou art near;  
Thou art my Savior  
Kind and dear. Amen.

26.

Forgive, O Lord, for Thy dear Son  
The ill that I this day have done.  
That with the world, myself, and Thee  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be. Amen.

27.

Watch o'er a little child to-night,  
Blest Savior from above,  
And keep me till the morning light  
Within Thine arms of love. Amen.

28.

Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me:  
Bless Thy little child to-night;  
Through the darkness be Thou near me,  
Keep me safe till morning light.

All this day Thy hand has led me,  
And I thank Thee for Thy care;  
Thou hast warmed me, clothed me, fed me;  
Listen to my evening prayer.

May my sins be all forgiven;  
Bless the friends I love so well;  
Take me, Lord, at last to heaven.  
Happy there with Thee to dwell. Amen.

29.

Lord, send me sleep that I may live;  
The wrongs I've done this day forgive.  
Bless every deed and thought and word  
I've rightly done, or said, or heard.  
Bless relatives and friends alway;  
Teach all the world to watch and pray.  
My thanks for all my blessings take  
And hear my prayer for Jesus' sake.  
Amen.

30.

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! Amen.

31.

At the close of every day,  
Lord, to Thee I kneel and pray.  
Look upon Thy little child,  
Look in love and mercy mild.  
O forgive and wash away  
All my naughtiness this day,  
And both when I sleep and wake  
Bless me for my Savior's sake. Amen.

32.

Lord, I have passed another day  
And come to thank Thee for Thy care.  
Forgive my faults in work or play  
And listen to my evening prayer.  
Thy favor gives me daily bread  
And friends, who all my wants supply:  
And safely now I rest my head,  
Preserved and guarded by Thine eye.  
Amen.

33.

All praise to Thee, my God, this night  
For all the blessings of the light:  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,

Beneath Thine own almighty wings. Amen.

34.

I fall asleep in Jesus' wounds,  
There pardon for my sins abounds;  
Yea, Jesus' blood and righteousness  
My jewels are, my glorious dress,  
Wherein before my God I'll stand  
When I shall reach the heavenly land.  
Amen.

35.

The toils of day are over;  
I lift my heart to Thee  
And ask that free from peril  
The hours of night may be.  
O Jesus, make their darkness light  
And guard me through the coming night. Amen.

36.

O Lord God, I pray Thee, for Christ's sake, forgive me whatsoever I have  
done wrong this day and keep me safe all the night while I am asleep. Amen.

37.

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that  
Thou hast graciously kept me this day; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst  
forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this  
night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all  
things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked Foe may have no  
power over me. Amen.

Table Prayers.

Before Meals.

38.

Abba, Jesus! Amen.

39.

Abba, Father, bless this food  
For our everlasting good. Amen.

40.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest  
And let Thy gifts to us be blest. Amen.

41.

O Bread of Life, from day to day  
Be Thou our Comfort, Food, and Stay.

Amen.

42.

Be present at our table, Lord,  
Be here and everywhere adored.  
Thy creatures bless and grant that we  
May feast in paradise with Thee. Amen.

43.

Great God, Thou Giver of all good,  
Accept our praise and bless our food.  
Grace, health, and strength to us afford  
Through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord.  
Amen.

44.

Jesus, bless what Thou hast given,  
Feed our souls with bread from heaven;  
Guide and lead us all the way  
In all that we may do and say. Amen.

45.

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts which we receive  
from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

46.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat  
in due season: Thou openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of  
every living thing. Amen.

47.

Grant us Thy grace, O Lord, that, whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever  
we do, we may do it all in Thy name and to Thy glory. Amen.

After Meals.

48.

Thanks, Lord Jesus! Amen.

49.

Thanks be unto Thee, O God! Amen.

50.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. Amen.

51.

We thank the Lord  
For meat and drink

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

52.

We thank Thee, dear Lord Jesus.  
That Thou our Guest hast been;  
O be Thou with us ever  
And save us from all sin. Amen.

53.

We thank Thee for those gifts, O Lord;  
Pray feed our souls, too, with Thy Word.  
Amen.

54.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth  
forever. Amen.

55.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His holy  
name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Amen.

56.

Heavenly Father, accept our thanks for this and for all Thy blessings,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

57.

O God, who givest unto all their food, make us thankful and provide for  
all the needy, now and evermore. Amen.

58.

Accept, O Lord, our thankful praises  
For all Thy goodness did bestow;  
May it increase our faith and lead us  
Our praise by godly lives to show,  
That every deed and word may prove  
We trust and own our Father's love.  
Amen.

59.

We thank Thee, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, for all Thy benefits, who livest and reignest forever and ever.  
Amen.

60.

O Lord, we thank Thee for our daily bread. May it strengthen and refresh  
our bodies! And we pray Thee, nourish our souls with Thy heavenly grace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

61.

The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy  
name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Amen.

Prayers in Sickness.

62.

Lord, help me! Amen.

63.

Jesus, Redeemer, have mercy upon me! Amen.

64.

Tender Jesus, meek and mild,  
Look on me, a little child;  
Help me, if it is Thy will,  
To recover from all ill. Amen.

65.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty.  
Help me, O my God! Amen.

66.

Dear Father, help me believe that all things work together for good to  
them that love God. Amen.

67.

O Thou, from whom all blessings flow,  
I lift my heart to Thee;  
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,  
Dear Lord, remember me. Amen.

68.

Dear Father, Thy child is sick. Look upon me in tender mercy, and if it  
be Thy will, raise me up and grant me health and strength. Amen.

69.

Heavenly Father, it hath pleased Thee to visit me with sickness, I know  
that Thou art too kind and good to send me anything but for my blessing.  
Help me to bear my illness and grant that I may soon recover, through  
Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

70.

Other refuge have I none;  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee:  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,

All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing! Amen.

71.

Lord, gracious God, I cry to Thee,  
Still bless me with Thy favor,  
Forgive my sins, and let me live,  
Thy child remain forever.

Thou hast redeemed me with Thy blood,  
Thou art my only Trust and God  
In every need, my Savior. Amen.

72.

Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee!  
E'en though it be a cross  
That raiseth me;  
Still all my song shall be,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee. Amen.

73.

Lord Jesus Christ, my best Physician, I come to Thee in this my  
sickness. I pray Thee to look upon me in tender mercy. Send Thy guardian  
angel to watch over me and soon make me well. Amen.

74.

Lord Jesus, look down from heaven upon my mama (papa, brother, sister)  
and soon make her (him) well again. Thou canst do all things; hear my  
prayer! Amen.

Birthday.

75.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way,  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide.  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide. Amen.

76.

As a little child relies  
On a care beyond his own;  
Knows he's neither strong nor wise,  
Fears to stir a step alone,--  
Let me thus with Thee abide  
As my Father, Guard, and Guide!  
Amen.

77.

Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
In the pastures green;  
Faithful Shepherd, lead me  
Where Thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast and guide me  
In the narrow way;  
So, with Thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer  
To the heavenly shore;  
May my faith grow clearer.  
May I love Thee more!

Hallow every pleasure,  
Every gift and pain;  
Be Thyself my Treasure.  
Though none else I gain. Amen.

78.

We thank Thee, heav'nly Father,  
For ev'ry earthly good,  
For life, and health, and clothing,  
And for our daily food.

O give us hearts to thank Thee,  
For ev'ry blessing sent,  
And whatsoever Thou sendest  
Make us therewith content. Amen.

79.

Holy Jesus, be my Light,  
Shine upon my way;  
Through this tempting, changing life  
Lead me day by day. Amen.

80.

Lord, be Thou my constant Guide,  
Lead me all the way,  
Till I reach Thy home at last,  
Nevermore to stray. Amen.

81.

O God, Thou faithful God,  
Thou Fount that ever flowest,  
Without whom nothing is,  
Who all good gifts bestowest:  
A pure and healthy frame  
O give me and within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unhurt by sin. Amen.

82.  
Lord Jesus Christ, to us attend.  
Thy Holy Spirit to us send. Amen.

83.  
Lord, teach us how to keep Thy day  
And lead and bless us all the way. Amen.

84.  
Lord, open Thou my heart to hear  
And by Thy Word to me draw near;  
Let me Thy Word still pure retain,  
Let me Thy child and heir remain. Amen.

85.  
Direct me now, O gracious Lord,  
To hear aright Thy holy Word;  
Assist Thy minister to preach,  
And let Thy Holy Spirit teach,  
And let eternal life be found  
By all who hear the joyful sound. Amen.

86.  
On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The power is Thine alone  
To make it spring and grow. Amen.

87.  
Blessed Lord, let Thy blessing go with me to-day and grant that I may be  
obedient to my teachers and may learn with pleasure whatever I am  
taught, to Thy great honor and glory. Amen.

88.  
O most gracious God, let me never forget the many good things that I  
have heard this day; but let them abide in my heart, so that I may amend  
my life, that I may be able to give a good account of them to Jesus  
Christ, our Lord and Savior, when He comes to judge the world at the  
Last Day, for whose sake I ask all blessings, and to whom be glory  
forever and ever! Amen.

89.  
Almighty God, Thy Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heaven descend  
And righteous fruits abound. Amen.

90.  
May the grace of Christ, our Savior,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

91.

O give me Samuel's ear,  
The open ear, O Lord,  
Alive and quick to hear  
Each whisper of Thy Word,  
Like him to answer at Thy call,  
And to obey Thee first of all. Amen.

92.

Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Thy Word  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford. Amen.

93.

Now our worship sweet is o'er--  
Singing, praying, teaching, hearing:  
Let us gladly God adore  
For His gracious strength and cheering.  
Blest His name, who fain would save us,  
For the rich repast He gave us.

Let our going out be blest,  
Bless our entrance in like measure;  
Bless, O Lord, our toil and rest,  
Bless our bread, our grief and pleasure;  
Be in death Thy blessing given,  
And make us blest heirs of heaven.  
Amen.

94.

My God, accept my heart this day  
And make it always Thine,  
That I from Thee no more may stray,  
No more from Thee decline.

Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,  
Adopt me for Thine own,  
That I may see Thy glorious face  
And worship at Thy throne.

Let every thought and work and word  
To Thee be ever given;  
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,  
And death the gate of heaven. Amen.

95.

Dismiss us with Thy blessing, Lord;  
Help us to feed upon Thy Word;  
All that has been amiss forgive  
And let Thy truth within us live. Amen.

Christmas.

96.

Let us all with gladsome voice  
Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,  
His own Son hath given. Amen.

97.

O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,  
Be Thou ever near us;  
Grant us now a glad New Year.  
Amen, Jesus, hear us! Amen.

98.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in.  
Be born in us to-day. Amen.

99.

O welcome, little Christmas Guest,  
Dear Jesus, from above;  
Upon Thy face, so pure and mild,  
We see God's smile of love. Amen.

100.

Precious Babe of Bethlehem,  
Gift of love to sinful men,  
Thou, our Savior, Lord, and King--  
May we all Thy praises sing! Amen.

101.

Ah! dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee. Amen.

General Prayers.

102.

Come, dearest Savior, take my heart  
And let me ne'er from Thee depart. Amen.

103.

Jesus, tender Savior,  
Thou hast died for me;  
Make me very thankful

In my heart to Thee.  
When the sad, sad story  
Of Thy grief I read,  
Make me very sorry  
For my sins indeed.

Now, I know Thou livest,  
And dost plead for me;  
Make me very thankful  
In my prayers to Thee.  
Soon I hope in glory  
At Thy side to stand;  
Make me fit to meet Thee  
In that happy land! Amen.

104.

Lamb of God, I look to Thee;  
Thou shalt my example be;  
Thou art gentle, meek, and mild,  
Thou wast once a little child.

Fain I would be as Thou art:  
Give me Thy obedient heart.  
Thou art pitiful and kind:  
Let me have Thy loving mind.

Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,  
In Thy gracious hands I am;  
Make me, Savior, what Thou art,  
Live Thyself within my heart.

I shall then show forth Thy praise,  
Serve Thee all my happy days;  
Then the world shall always see  
Christ, the holy Child, in me. Amen.

105.

Jesus, help my eyes to see  
All the good Thou sendest me.  
Jesus, help my ears to hear  
Calls for help from far and near.  
Jesus, help my feet to go  
In the way that Thou wilt show.  
Jesus, help my hands to do  
All things loving, kind, and true.  
Jesus, may I helpful be,  
Growing every day like Thee. Amen.

106.

Be near me, Lord Jesus!  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven  
To live with Thee there. Amen.

107.

Holy Spirit, give us  
Each a lowly mind;

Make us more like Jesus,  
Gentle, pure, and kind.

Holy Spirit, brighten  
Little deeds of toil,  
And our playful pastimes  
Let no folly spoil.

Holy Spirit, help us  
Daily by Thy might  
What is wrong to conquer  
And to choose the right. Amen.

108.

Jesus, from Thy throne on high,  
Far above the bright blue sky,  
Look on us with loving eye;  
Hear us, holy Jesus!

Be Thou with us every day,  
In our work and in our play,  
When we learn and when we pray;  
Hear us, holy Jesus!

May we grow from day to day,  
Glad to learn each holy way,  
Ever ready to obey;  
Hear us, holy Jesus!

May we ever try to be  
From our sinful tempers free,  
Pure and gentle, Lord, like Thee;  
Hear us, holy Jesus!

Jesus, Son of God most high,  
Who didst in the manger lie,  
Who upon the cross didst die--  
Hear us, holy Jesus! Amen.

Special Prayers.

For Parents.

109.

Almighty and most merciful God, who in Thy infinite goodness hast  
committed us unto the charge of loving parents, who are to watch over us  
and provide for all our wants of body and soul, we pray Thee, protect  
and prolong their life, that we may continue to enjoy their loving care,  
and strengthen us that as obedient children we may be subject to their  
will and hold them in love and esteem; through Jesus Christ, our Lord  
Amen.

For the Teacher.

110.

Dear Father in heaven, who in Thy goodness hast given us teachers that  
they may instruct and train us in all useful knowledge, we pray Thee,  
bless them with strength and patience so to guide our feeble footsteps

that, being warned, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened, we may do all things well-pleasing to Thee and profitable to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For the Pastor.

111.

O almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy apostles many excellent gifts and commandedst them faithfully to feed Thy flock, bless, we beseech Thee, our pastor that he may diligently preach Thy holy Word, and grant us grace to believe Thy saving Gospel and obediently to follow the teachings of Thy Word, that we may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a Blessed End.

112.

While life's paths we still are pressing,  
Grant us, Father, steadfast faith  
And for Christ's sake grant the blessing  
Of a peaceful, Christian death. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

113.

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 23.

114.

1. The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

3. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Common Doxology.

115.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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