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in the clearest way possible  
that the gospel is not intended  
for people of a low intellectual  
Capacity. Jesus himself said  
"Ye see not that which is holy unto the  
dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before  
swine; why?—lest they trample them  
under their feet, and ~~turn~~ again and  
rend you. Now this simile was used  
not in contempt, but to shew the  
fruitlessness of presenting the deep  
souled philosophy of the gospel to  
unawakened ears.

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Gods own trust  
I will bless the O Zion

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Once again O our Father we come  
in the sacred bond of brotherhood  
and sisterhood, to mingle our  
levies, ~~our~~ prayers and praises to  
Thee, for in these efforts we feel  
the binding force of the Christ  
spirit; so dear and sweet to our  
heart longings for love and  
sympathy; and in Thy holy  
presence we feel these soul unions  
to be pure and unspotted from  
the affections of the world.

We know that we have not done  
all that is good, nor all the good  
we might, and our shortcomings  
we know are many, but with

Thy help through the Christ [7]  
spirit breathing into our lives,  
sometimes through the loving  
thoughts and attentions of those  
about us, sometimes from a

higher sphere than our own, our  
hearts are made glad to think  
of the sweetness of life so dearly  
cared for in spite of our own  
carelessness at times, so tenderly  
loved beyond our own knowledge,  
and only at such times as these  
when Thou art manifest in the spirit of loving  
do we seem to grasp the fulness <sup>care</sup>  
of the blessed life to which  
we are called;                    Therefore  
Sanctify us anew now O God,

deepen the well spring of holy  
life in each one of us. pour upon  
us a larger measure of strength  
to carry us and protect us and  
keep us safe [during the hours  
of sleep.] (now and forever more.  
We ask too of Father for a rich  
blessing on the unfoldment of the  
dear little souls Thou hast  
committed to our charge, and  
we thank Thee for the trust, and  
pray to be made worthy of it at  
all times, and we have learned to  
look with a quiet joy, for the  
unspeakable happiness we enjoy  
which Thou hast sent to us through

them.

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And for the older ones <sup>before</sup> whom the doors of life are almost fully opened, and <sup>who</sup> are looking through into the wonderful beyond, as yet scarce knowing the great mystery of life in each separate being, we pray that they may awaken quickly to wisdom, — to choose wisely between good and evil, for well we know thou hast placed both before us. Teach them to love both soul and body so well, and guard <sup>both</sup> with jealous care <sup>against</sup> all evil desires and impulses which



assault the body and hurt the  
soul, that in the hour of temp-  
tation which comes to all,  
they may keep the fortens and  
main tower for Thy use, and  
a temple therein where Thou  
alone may dwell in majesty  
and might and honour

Strengthen those of still riper  
years, who have fought well in  
the good fight, with sometime  
a loss, but withal a perial gain  
and a sure and certain hope  
and faith in the blessed future,  
that all is well with us, and  
we look with satisfaction

to the end when having done <sup>(15)</sup>  
all that Thou wouldst have us  
do here, we may joyfully  
obey the call, and hear Thee  
say, "Well done thou good  
and faithful servant, enter  
thou into the joy of thy Lord,  
Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy Kingdom done. Thy will be  
done on earth, as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive  
us our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
Amen.

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Filled with faith and hope and  
trust in Thy Fatherly goodness,  
and sharing the blessed life  
as brothers and sisters revealed  
to us in ancient times by holy  
prophets, and completed by our blessed  
Lord and Saviour Jesus <sup>the</sup> Christ,  
and again in the foundation of  
this order by Mother Anna,  
we now desire to open our hearts to  
Thee O God to confess our faults  
in true penitence and seeking  
absolution, that we may become  
more worthy to share with Thee  
and each other the joys of living,  
and the blessed hope of the larger

life to come hereafter.  
Even now we feel the spirit of new life springing up in noble impulses, and bearing glorious fruit in love and trust, which lightens toil and dispels the shadows which fall upon us in unguarded moments, which sweetens service of all kinds and uplifts the soul as now above all that is of the earth earthly and we meet in a transport of joy to which no other condition of life can bring us. Preserve to us this measure of happiness in all purity, truth and love and

Wisdom, for we need the  
wellspring of life only to be  
found in united earnest prayer.  
When the little ones call upon Thee  
in pain or sorrow, may we be  
found near at hand and worthy  
to answer in Thy name; when  
they laugh and sing in gladness  
of heart, may <sup>we</sup> be found good  
enough to share with them <sup>all their</sup> joy,  
and at all times be ready to echo  
the Master's words "suffer the little  
children and forbid them not  
to come unto <sup>me</sup>  
for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven".  
And for the older ones, <sup>now</sup> standing  
as it were on the threshold of life

and looking in wonderment <sup>[15]</sup> at  
the glorious vista unfolding before  
them, nor realizing the sometime  
dangers of things too attractive,  
for these, may we stand erect  
and firm, and with uplifted hand  
and high moral conduct to  
point the way, the truth and  
the life to be found in the example  
of our blessed Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ.

We accept these our responsibilities,  
we glory in our work! We only  
pray to be made more worthy to  
do Thy will. Sanctify us with  
Thy Holy Spirit! Endow us  
with the power to do good

and not ours. but Thine O Lord  
be the glory of all work<sup>s</sup> well done.  
We long to heal the sick<sup>s</sup>; to bind  
up the broken hearted, to be  
strong for the weak<sup>s</sup>, and to  
bring justice to the poor and needy,  
and mercy to all who have offended  
thy holy laws. Be with us now O God,  
We cannot utter all our needs in prayer,  
but Thou knowest our weaknesses;  
We cannot praise Thee as we would  
till the Saviour comes, and daily  
we look for his coming, not in the  
pomp and glory of the world, but  
in our own little Kingdom within;  
in our hearts made free from sin;

in a deeper consciousness <sup>of</sup> Thy  
our dear self, of a keener judge-  
ment between right and wrong,  
and an increased strength to  
choose the right; in wisdom and  
foresight for all things needful;  
in a steadier glow of passionless  
love; in the fearless meeting of  
impending events, and a more  
perfect hearing and seeing at  
those times when Thou art especially  
near, For these things we know  
will mark us true brothers and  
sisters in Christ and inheritors  
of the Kingdom of Heaven, where  
the soul dwells eternally with Thee  
at peace.



For the mothering heart guided  
by wisdom, to reach out and  
sustain the tired soul, by the  
milk of human kindness, drawn  
from the stream of life and offered  
in Thy Name we thank Thee,  
and accept with thankfulness  
such generous and wondrous  
provision of love in our most-  
need, like an oasis in the  
desert, and surely we know  
and recognize Thy guiding  
hand, seen through <sup>in</sup> the light  
which breaks through the  
rift in the cloud; Yea though  
we walk through the valley of

death we will fear no evil, <sup>[17]</sup> for  
thy rod and thy staff shall  
comfort us, and surely mercy and  
goodness shall follow us all the  
days of our life.

Our Father which 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 tres-  
passes, as we forgive them that  
trespass against us, and lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil, Amen

Evening Prayer March 29<sup>th</sup> 1875

Lord teach us to pray aright, to frame our thoughts and to express in words our sorrow for failures, our joy in success, our desires and determination to improve in all that we are called upon to perform day by day; beginning with the simple every-day duties as physical labours, our personal services to each other, which in Thy great mercy come to us as prayers and praises, leading up to the thought creations, many times the silent witnesses of the

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love and respect which belong <sup>(21)</sup>  
peculiarly to our high moral  
standards of life — teach <sup>us</sup> how  
to do these things wisely and  
graciously, that we may  
never fail to uplift each other,  
to stimulate good impulses  
to support and strengthen  
each other, when our zeal flags  
or hope fades, and we weary  
of the struggle so necessary  
to keep our feet hold on the  
straight and narrow way to  
which we are called.

May we ever find in each other  
the comfort and consolation we

need, teach us to open our hearts  
to the kindly influence Thou  
has planted in each breast,  
to claim the sympathy too  
often hidden and withheld  
by habits of reserve, or unprac-  
tised ministrations. Lead us  
O God to bridge the limitations  
of the natural world, and let  
soul meet soul in sweet  
communion, and though it  
be for a few brief moments <sup>only</sup>  
to glorify Thy name in perfect  
harmony.

As may we realize the full  
beauty of our sacred relationship

and for ever treasures as our  
greatest joy, our spiritual life  
expressed in perfect conduct  
in unimpeachable purity, and  
perfect faith and trust.

Give us of that peace which can  
only come from Thee, and when  
we meet together in Thy name,  
We do not want nor need the  
distractions of the world, we  
do not crave for a lower order  
of life, or anything that belongs to  
such a state, but we do want  
to feel and gratify the pure  
love for each other, which lifts  
us above all that is mean

and selfish and worldly.

We would fill our lives with love  
so pure and holy, so steady  
and passionless, so generous  
that naught of evil can find  
entrance in our holy of holies.  
We have seen beyond the natural  
condition; we see the beauty of  
the spiritual world. Even  
now, and our bravery is taxed  
once more, as we hear the call  
that must soon separate  
us, and once again we find  
it hard to say "Thy will be  
done," Yet in the name of Him  
who left the angel life for ours

Sakes, and dwelt amongst  
us that we might see the glory  
of it, whose sorrows exceeded  
all that we may know, who  
suffered the loss of almost  
every earthly friend, yet  
blessed His destroyers who  
mocked and reviled Him,  
and for His sake we will try  
to find the way Thou wouldst  
have us go, nor fear the  
truth Thou wouldst have us  
know to make us free; and we  
will glory in the life exemplified by  
Him and prepare to meet the Cross  
in whatever form Thou mayest see.



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fit to offer it, for Jesus sake  
amen

