

DIOCESAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER.

O Lord God, Who hast taught us to pray together, and hast promised to hear the united voices of two or three invoking Thy Name; hear now, O Lord, the prayers of Thy servants unto their salvation, and give us in this world knowledge of Thy Truth, and in the world to come life everlasting; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray:

For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of the Archbishop of this Province; Bishop of the Diocese of Auckland; Bishop of the Diocese of Nelson.

For our Bishop and our Clergy, that God will pour upon them the continual dew of His blessing.

For the Diocesan Committee of Military Affairs, that God will guide the members in their plans, and that all Church people will fully realise their responsibility to contribute to this work.

For the Chaplains of the Forces, Claude Edward Hyde, Henry Ivor Hopkins, Ernest Blackwood Moore, that the Holy Spirit will direct and strengthen them in all they do.

For the members of the Church Congress Committee, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all preparations for the Congress (April 4th—9th).

For the Temperance Committee set up by Synod, that God will bless its efforts for the better regulation of the distribution and sale of liquor in this country.

For the Social Service Work in the Diocese, that God will guide and uphold the matrons and staffs of St. Mary's Home, St. Hilda's and Abbotsford Homes.

For the C.E.M.S., that God will further with His blessing the efforts being made to increase and strengthen the membership of this Society throughout the Diocese.

For teachers and the work of education: Direct, O Lord, the work of education and guide all those to whom thou hast entrusted it, that in their

various stations they may do. The hearty service, and when their task is completed they may render up their account with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For General Synod (February 15th): O Almighty God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; mercifully look upon the Synod of this Province shortly to come together, endue its members with the spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind; let nothing be done by them through strife or vainglory, but grant that all things needful for the ordering and edifying of Thy Church may be established and settled among us to Thy praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In time of war: O Lord God of Hosts, God of Israel that dwellest between the Cherubim, Thou art the God, even Thou alone of all the kingdoms of the earth; Thou hast made heaven and earth. Incline Thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open Thine eyes, O Lord, and see; and save us from the hand of our enemies, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord, even Thou alone. Amen.

Look in Thy mercy, we beseech Thee, O Lord, on those who are called to tasks of special peril, in the air or beneath the sea. Even there also shall Thy right hand lead them and uphold them. Help them to do their duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the Eternal GOD is their refuge, and underneath them are the Everlasting Arms. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake.—Amen.

You will find half the battle gained if you never allow yourself to say anything gloomy.

"Teaching of the Creed," G. W. Sheet, in the Anson Series (1/6) is a further course of lessons in this series, which in New Zealand would be suitable for Bible Class work. There are fifteen lessons on the Apostles Creed, with questions at the end of each which could usefully be used as a basis for discussion.

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