

“Remember how the Lord your God lead you all the way in the desert these forty years ... feeding you ... your clothes did not wear out ... during those 40 years”. (Deut. 8.2-4).

“He sent his signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants. He struck down many nations and killed mighty kings – Sihon King of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan and all the kings of Canaan – and he gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to his people Israel.” (Ps. 135.9-12).

“Do this”, Jesus said, “in remembrance of me”. And the apostle Paul added “For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (1.Cor. 11.25-26).

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FORMS
OF
PRAYER and THANKSGIVING
TO
ALMIGHTY GOD

TO BE USED ON
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, THE SIXTH OF JANUARY, 1918

Being the Day appointed for Intercession on Behalf of the
Nation and Empire in this Time of War.

Issued under the Authority of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

THE KING'S PROCLAMATION

"In the Order of Holy Communion after the Creed at least once in the day, and at Morning or Evening Prayer, or before the Forms of Prayer hereinafter set forth, the Minister shall read the King's Proclamation, saying as follows:

Brethren, I bid you hear the words of His Majesty the King appointing this day to be set aside as a Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving in all the Churches throughout his Dominions.

TO MY PEOPLE.—The world-wide struggle for the triumph of right and liberty is entering upon its last and most difficult phase. The enemy is striving by desperate assault and subtle intrigue to perpetuate the wrongs already committed and stem the tide of a free civilization. We have yet to complete the great task to which, more than three years ago, we dedicated ourselves.

At such a time I would call upon you to devote a special day to prayer that we may have the clear-sightedness and strength necessary to the victory of our cause. This victory will be gained only if we steadfastly remember the responsibility which rests upon us, and in a spirit of reverent obedience ask the blessing of Almighty God upon our endeavours. With hearts grateful for the Divine guidance which has led us so far towards our goal, let us seek to be enlightened in our understanding and fortified in our courage in facing the sacrifices we may yet have to make before our work is done.

I therefore hereby appoint January 6th—the first Sunday of the year—to be set aside as a special day of prayer and thanksgiving in all the Churches throughout my dominions, and require that this Proclamation be read at the services held on that day.

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“Our fathers of old were never ashamed to ask God’s blessing on their enterprises, because they openly acknowledged there were many things man cannot do by his own unaided strength ...

“Whether we admit it openly or not we all know in our hearts that there is above us a Power who made this world and all that is in it, including mankind. Let us, therefore, unashamedly and humbly, ask God’s help in our endeavours ...”

“The word of the Lord came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.” (Mic. 1.1)

“Is not the Lord among us? No disaster will
come upon us.” (Mic.3.11)

“Therefore because of you, Zion will be ploughed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the Temple mound overgrown with thickets.” (3.12)

“should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against the city.” (Jer. 26.11).

“Some of the elders of the land stepped forward and said to the entire assembly of people, ‘Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He told all the people of Judah, “This is what the Lord Almighty says ‘Zion will be ploughed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the Temple Hill a mound overgrown with thickets.’”

“Did Hezekiah king of Judah or anyone else in Judah put him to death? Did not Hezekiah fear the Lord and seek his favour? And did not the Lord relent, so that he did not bring the disaster he pronounced against them?”
(Jer. 26.17-19)

“In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills and peoples will stream to it.

“Many nations will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” (Mic.4.1-2).

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4. “Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.” (Mic. 4.3-4)

