

The Duty of Prayer

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I Thes. 5: 17: Pray wth Ceasing -
God of Univ^l. Sov^{er}gⁿ = O Times
in h^{is} h^{is} = all d^{iv} E^{ve} Flowⁿ = Upon h^{is}
depⁿ f^r 5 Hap^r h^{is} = It is y^e f^r an Ino^{re}
More if allers to App^r h^{is} Unions - m^u
Known & Leg^{al} by Pray^r v^o - wth Joy^l Stop =
This Pri^{or} Purch^{er} = wth io^{re} Along
Accept = He h^{is} consecrat^e a New = In h^{is}
Name encourg^e to draw high = by J^h
in h^{is} M^o Med^o wth are ap^{er} in Obi^o
B^o New = Po^{re} lo^{re} y^e lo^{re} Portains to
Life & Now is = = To Pray to G^d y^e
is & Indispens^{le} - & Incomp^{le} = It is &
Reason^{le} - attend^{le} io^{re} m^o hap^r Ado^{re} =
= It is & App^r Mel^o in io^{re} Unreq^{le} Wait
- for y^e all Conq^{er} - by io^{re} D^{iv} f^r Domin^o
& Iuncion^{le} lo^{re} - Unite to - Introd^{er} ent^{le}
Pri^{or} = = It is & io^{re} in io^{re} true Bel^o

Obtⁿ increase f^r St^ol^o - & h^{is} Contol^{le} In
by io^{re} enabled to go on io^{re} L^o wth alac^{le}
& Vig^{le} =
This Dut^y n^o to be perform^{ed} as an
App^r Task - wth Leg^{al} v^o Reluct^{le} - but wth
Apt^{le} Dilig^{le} - as an Incent^{le} m^o Pri^{or} =
Pray io^{re} leas^{le} - said^{le} y^e Apost^{le} - -
be const^{le} Persev^{le} = Be alio^{re} Pray^{le} - -
Emo^{le} Ed^{le} Oypat^{le} = freq^{le} let^{le} = Com^{le}
all y^e World Bies^{le} Dioc^{le} - Let y^e Unos
Apend = Ackno^{re} h^{is} in all = y^e Main^{le}
a Cons^{le} - Convert^{le} wth head^{le} =
In speak^{le} to y^e lo^{re} (STD) f^r h^{is}
Consid^{le} y^e Nat^{le} - & Constituent Parts of
Pray^{le} = This will shaw y^e how m^o
it is & Dut^y v^o Int^{le} to be in y^e Cons^{le} - Proel^{le}
of it = = Then I shall Enforce y^e Dut^y
by some power^{le} v^o Persuasi^{le} - Mot^{le} =

First I am to consid Nat. Pray
= I cant do y. bell y. in w: caton =
Pray an off: = It cons. 4. Parts =

Adorn^m. of G: beaut^m. = Humbl. Confess^m
of 8 Offences = Supplicat. for B^m wo
stand in Need of = Gratef. Ackn^m of
of B^m wo rec. f: H: =

I Pray an act of Adorn. of G: =
The soul most. etc. Pres. of May.
w: of beaut. = It Ad. of Inf. Perf. of
seef Exist. - All full. Joh: - 10. Pres.
fills = It celeb. G. h: attrib. Adorn
h: best & m: Am: = It off. up unt
h: of gratef. trib. Praisd thanksg =

Thy of Thom: w: due f: co Intell^m
Creat. - to of Creat v = Thy of Worshy
the f. on E: - & of Imm: sp: Head: =
Huo C: of Contomp. Perf. h: Nat. of
Wond h: w: - w: being kill: w: Astomish
-- Express. of Admirat. Grat: =

Need of Insp. Compos. of of
Sweet of Hm: = The Worl^m of

And. Prop: = Beh: w: w: Transf:
of Leb: of Inf. Grand: - Unlimit. Good
of of B: w: m: all y: by of wond =

Beh: y: call^m up: of Upper v: Lad:
to Apcit y: in y: Delight: = Beh
y: Inoit: H: Earth - B: - Truly -

Further - to join in gen: Consort of
Pray to G: Alm Creat. - Cons Bond =
= And shall m: G: bewo: - Next

so sublime - so just: Employ: = to
of H: Deel. - for us w: App: L: to be
silont - will be of Black: Ingrat: of

m: Unnatural v: Crim: Toll: = Act of
a Dut: nt. on Unquestion: just - but
highl. Pleasant - I shoud perform it

constant: w: Satisf: v: Delight = Joh
sword v: Mem: to elec: m: thro Ab
of Inf: - & Procl: G: of G: in w: of Liv: =

II Thy sh: Also: be attend: w: a
deep senso of & Unworth: to app: by
G: - I an humble Confess: of Imm: Offens

Thy will app^r - if we consid^r if J^h
Dist^{ce} y^e is betwⁿ = Above all if we consid^r
Of in Ch^m Sonⁿ. w^o h^o for fail^r - Expos^r =
He in J^h Heavⁿ = = He of Creatⁿ = = He of
Hol^y - W^o Pollut^d = = W^o Conkesⁿ y^e must
Cov^r w^o w^o come into = Prosl^d De w^o
sh^o m^o Ackn^d - gratef^l Patriarch - J^hem
lep y^e if least = = J^h y^e oⁿ L^o V^oleuogⁿ -
- but w^o h^o Rebel^d = = He h^o q^uoⁿ w^o
Laws - but w^o Violat^d = = Sent h^o Son
- but w^o trampled = = Invis^d us to let
b^o w^o Refus^d hearkⁿ to Lang^u = = Off to
w^o B^o Life - b^o W^o Chord to w^o y^e W^oider
if lead down = = = These w^o Sons of Infim^y
- b^o high hand^s = = Committ^d a g^rest^r Clear =
W^o W^o deep humiliat^d - w^o W^o Unsub^d
Confus^d sh^o W^o come Pres^d Offender May^r =
w^o sh^o Conkesⁿ w^o Prodig^r - Falsh^d = = w^o
Convinc^d Publicⁿ = = w^o y^e if Cond^d Storanⁿ
and but Emul^r = = most Importunⁿ Suppl^r
Coachⁿ Stypocⁿ = = deep Imprehⁿ y^e aer

Vilon^y Excitor w^o earn^d to Impl^r if J^hemⁿ
Gracy Hol^y = = Unsigned Conkesⁿ oⁿ q^uoⁿ - onclⁿ
w^o thankf^l to Accept - Perd^r Moreⁿ w^o
if tendered =

III Thy brings me to if 3^d Part y^e -
w^o is Larrⁿ Supplicatⁿ for if B^o w^o stand
in Need of =

Thy incumbent on m^o Prosp^r m^o -
in m^o elevat^d Statⁿ = = Thoⁿ y^e left to
forc^d if dependⁿ on h^o - f^o w^o deriv^d w^o
Exp^r = = Thoⁿ left to y^e y^e f^o sec^d f^o y^e
Vicihilⁿ - w^o commⁿ Portⁿ m^o = = Yet a
C^oll^d Acc^d w^o Stytatⁿ w^o m^o cono^d y^e if
and a fat^r Mastⁿ = = y^e Popⁿ Perhⁿ a
Largo - emⁿ confirm^d Steethⁿ - Surv^d w^o
Numⁿ J^h - emⁿ Legⁿ all if Pleasⁿ - = = f^oll^d
y^e if Nothⁿ to Actⁿ - = = y^e Prosp^r m^o if
Unmin^d f^o - J^hsonⁿ Obligⁿ to pray to h^o
b^o Alayⁿ - O b^o m^o - H^o Uncon^d if Trans^d
and all y^e = = y^e sh^oin^d Circumstⁿ Lib^d
and q^uoⁿ in Momⁿ - w^o w^o Malenchⁿ Cloudⁿ
= = y^e if an moⁿ f^o Pairⁿ if Presidⁿ w^o all affⁿ =

= Thy off: humb: proud: sin: deplum
h^m of h: Judas: Hon: - & reduce h^m to a
lev: wth rest m: = B: to: & Circum: new
so Advantg: - defend by a Guard Pro^o
from Ev^{il} Dang^{er} or Accid^{ent}: = Is y^e Nolt^h?
furln: & y^e Want = Will y^e lo: satis y^e de =
H: y^e Nolt^h: to ask f^r y^e Imm: sp: = H^o
y^e No h^o to see: ag: & Imm: Mom: wth all
y^e y^e W: Van: - You Eat Naked into y^e W:
sp: - App: at & tremend: Fear = Are y^e
not y^e Crim: - will y^e n^t seek red^{em}
Are y^e by Nat Dead wth seek for a quick =
= Weak & Infirm - surrounded wth inn: -
y^e m^o be strengthened wth might = Dy: m^o
O Momt: hasten - y^e y^e Imm: sp: m^o
be united - & prep: for head: Stap: = =
= y^e Are h^o wth high & low stand on
Inf: Need = wth y^e must be y^e Mes: = =
= Most prosper: m^o y^e h^o Leas: to pray
y^e Land: m^o high m^o still shine - y^e all
h^o depend: Sancti: = Most Stoly y^e y^e
wth En^o: y^e h^o - strength: y^e Vert = pref: y^e
y^e from fall - keep y^e safe to h^o how =

= y^e wth state Nat - pray y^e God Ex^o Sta
h^o Alm^o Pro^o: to rec^o y^e P^o Paths Deal^o = J
y^e h^o wth turn y^e = = Pleas: sh: Pray to
y^e n^t Ent: ent: Temp^o: - y^e hold not unto
y^e No man m^o take aid: =

IV We sh: n^t en^t Pray for B: Wore
but Rel: y^e for Unmon^o Fav: Rec: = y^e
y^e h^o No fav: to ask - if y^e Grace h^o Acc^o
y^e high: Deg: y^e Perfect: - if y^e Suley
h^o alt: y^e Compl: Consumm^o in Bless^o
net thanki^o y^e wth be y^e cons: & uninter^o
Duty = y^e Practi: n^t en^t by S: Lep: E^o
but S: in Stead: = = wth h^o y^e small
up in - Hope Expires - y^e shall Pray
Rem^o y^e Impley: Inhab: H: = Thy h^o
No m^o: favor to ask for y^e keep Compl =
But y^e cease n^t day & Night to sh: t
forth y^e Prais^o y^e y^e Illus: red^{em} lo
h^o brought y^e wth h^o - m^o S: & P^o =

And O Man wth are yet an Inhab^o
y^e land wth - y^e y^e a Mon^o y^e Liver on wth
y^e n^t Abund: Malt: y^e Prais^o th^o =

stay wth G^d: m^{an}: y^e: out of - crown. wth Disting^u
- stay he wth given Sun to Enlightⁿ: = y^e:
to provide = Is he not y^e: G^d: of thy Life -
wth hⁱ: mercies y^e: Am^{on} 1000 - Test^{imon}: to st^{and}
wth Long^{er} on Bed - Defend^{er} f^r: Mem^{ber} Dang^{er}
Comfort: Und^{er} Aff^{lict}: - y^e: m^{an}: Merc^{ies}: of
Good^{ness}: support^{er}: to y^e: Present Day = Sur^{er}
hⁱ: Merc^{ies} are Vener^{able}: Ev^{er} - Ity Bind^{er}: co^{nt}: =
B^{ut}: wth shall I say of J^{esu}: B^{ut}: wth are
enrich^{ed} m^{an}: Val^{ue}: in y^e: Nat^{ure} - It^{is}: in Contin^{ue} =
wth y^e: Com^{mon}: all y^e: Splend^{or}: Distinct^{ly}: Life
We shall be Cov^{er}: wth Ev^{er} Confus^{ion}: - The Bound^{ary}
Provid^{er}: wth aggrav^{ation}: but^{er}: m^{an}: = = Is it
not y^e: wth sent Sen to be Propit^{ious} = wth caus^{er}
Sun y^e: Lig^{ht} to Arise = y^e: Endow^{er}: wth Imm^{ortal}
- provid^{er}: y^e: Mans^{ion}: G^d: in lo^{ve}: hope to sp^{irit}
a B^{less}ed - wth y^e: Bod^{ies} mingled = y^e: hⁱ: Op^{er}
to us a wth int^{er}: Stol^{er}: y^e: thro^{ugh} of Atm^{osphere} - call
us to accept B^{less}ed. Saloⁿ: as a free thro^{ugh} Lig^{ht} =
= = = If y^e: art a true Believ^{er}: wth it
not y^e: same G^d: of Quack^{ery}: y^e: wth going
on securely = Inquir^{er}: y^e: wth Solom^{on} wth

inconsiderat^{ly}: indulg^{ent}: y^e: = y^e: hum^{ility}
at hⁱ: feet - wth bill^{er}: wth Vain Confid^{ence} y^e
y^e: Good^{ness}: = y^e: Guid^{er}: y^e: to an alm^{ighty}: wth
sink^{er}: int^{er}: y^e: Depth^{er} D^{ist}: = y^e: Enab^{ler}: y^e: wth
Ult^{imate}: lost - to comm^{on}: y^e: Imm^{ortal}: wth ef^{fect}
int^{er}: hⁱ: Grac^{ies}: Comple^{te}: = Is it not by y^e
m^{an}: y^e: Ador^{ation}: - y^e: y^e: det^{er}: f^r: cond^{ition}: = y^e
Inf^{er}: hⁱ: Sp^{irit}: y^e: transform^{er}: into New Creat^{ure}
= by dail^{ly}: comm^{on}: hⁱ: Grac^{ies} - y^e: Enab^{ler} Den^{ial} =
= Is it not y^e: same Grac^{ies}: y^e: confid^{ence} in
to Cond^{ition}: y^e: safely thro^{ugh} Difficult^{ies}: Dang^{er} -
till Arr^{ive}: at y^e: wth: wth: y^e: wth: y^e: Imper^{fect} shall
be don^e - y^e: Grac^{ies}: complet^{ed}: y^e: = = wth thank^{ful}
y^e: do y^e: Owe to found^{er}: = Surely y^e: Pray^{er}
m^{an}: high - sh^{ould}: be perpet^{ual}: Imple^{ment}: = Bless^{ed} y^e
L^{ord}: O m^{an}: Soul = B^{less}ed be y^e: G^d: y^e: Talk^{er}: = To
hⁱ: y^e: hⁱ: Lov^{er}: us =

Second - Jam now to Enforce y^e: Dis^{course}
y^e: Pray^{er} by some Power^{ful}: pers^{on}: wth Mot^{ive} =
I It^{is}: y^e: Plain & positive Comm^{and}: y^e: our
B^{less}ed L^{ord}: y^e: Mast^{er}: = Seek y^e: = wth y^e: Entra^{ust}
y^e: Closet = Pray alio^{ri}: = In wth y^e: Pray^{er}

If y^e Voice of Reasⁿ. is silent - & we are
unacquaint wth an Adv^{ce}. w^{ch} all y^e
Perform^{ce}. of Duty -- yet we know it
& y^e Will of Savg^r. Mast^r. -- & y^e Suff^r. Reasⁿ
to Eng^l. in it - w^{ch} on w^{ch} Submissⁿ. - & silent
& Joy = = = If y^e. are v^l. y^e. love y^e w^{ch}
a Sup^r. - & Esteem hⁱ. as y^e high^{est} =
= = Is it n^t. y^e. a Suff^r. Mot^{ve}. to Obed^{ce}. to
consid^r. - I am doing that w^{ch} is Ag^{re}. to
hⁱ. w^{ch} upⁿ. w^{ch} Dep^r. - w^{ch} hⁱ. injoin^s. it by hⁱ
Plain Posit^{ve}. = The Conscience of y^e
in ful^{fill}. Unult^{ve} Pleas^{ure}. int^{er}. of M^{an}. - Insp^{ire} us
wth an heart felt Satisf^{is}. - Sup^r. to all y^e Hon^{or}
& Applaus^e. M^{an}. = = = If I am walk^{ing} in
y^e w^{ch} Dut^y. - & hⁱ. Reasⁿ. to Bel^{ieve}. & y^e hⁱ. w^{ch}
M^{an}. f^r. - Look down upⁿ. mo^{re} w^{ch} Pleas^{ure}
& Acc^{ount}. - I am safe in ev^{ery} Situat^{ion} =
Noth^{ing}. c^{an}. do me an Reall & Ext^{ra}. = = If
I dwell in m^{an}. Adv^{ce}. I know n^t. of Dispar^{ity}
of Aveng^{ing}. - but chastism^{en}. Comp^{ar}. - w^{ch}
hⁱ. Promis^e. = I m^{ay}. be depriv^{ed}. in W^{or}ld^{ly}
but hⁱ. an Inth^{er} environment

I m^{ay}. be banish^{ed}. I m^{ay}. be dear^{ly} friends - but
ne^{ver} forsak^e. y^e = = = I am never set
ond M^{an}. but und^{er} Protect^{ion} Alm^{ighty}. - shall
und^{er} y^e Th^{at}. = = But if I live in Tolom^{on}
= If by Prayer & Maint^{enance}. a Const^{ant} Inter^{est}
wth heav^{en}. - I h^{ave}. y^e Unfail^{ing}. Prom^{ise}. y^e. be
m^{an}. Sec^{ure}. = Let D^{iv}. close - on all Ovr^{er}. y^e
bes^{et}. - I shall be h^{elp}. y^e on all y^e glo^{ry}. w^{ch}
= Let y^e. tabern^{acle}. clay tumble - Ih^u. on Arise
= Let y^e. Inj^{ury}. Strad^{ge}. Van^{ish}. - Elom^{ent}. Meet - In
m^{an}. Thall^{er}. House in Mans^{ion}

II Duty Pray^{er} n^t. on Eng^l. by y^e Comm^{and}
but Recom^{end}. by y^e Examp^{le}. & B^{ea}. Sed =
= L^{et}. y^e. Model Perf^{ect}. - Unerr^{ing}. Examp^{le}
ed^{ed}. = He Employ^{ed}. in y^e. serv^{ice}. Exer^{cise}. - all
those Mem^{ber}. - w^{ch} n^t. Eng^l. in Public Mem^{ber}
or other Ne^{cess}. Dut^y. of d^{iv}. = w^{ch} n^t. Employ^{ed}
in instruct^{ion}. M^{an}. - he retir^{ed}. to com^{mu}. w^{ch} =
after hⁱ. hⁱ. Preach^{ing}. Gosp^{el}. - heal^{ing}. Sick
& fatig^{ue}. w^{ch}. en^{er}. Lab^{or}. - He depart^{ed}. to
solit^{ude}. M^{an}. - Th^{at}. to pray - Th^{at}

but whole Night Exercise: Devotⁿ = = = yet
he hⁱ no Sen^s to Confess = for he is of
Lamb G^r lo^s = He hⁱ no fac^t to Impl^{re} /
he is: belov^d in lo^m = But herein he set
us an Exam^p of if hem^s lo^s to G^r Joy =
How Lem^s & instruct: of hⁱ Pattern =
= Did not Inne^s Je pray wth leas^r - & sh^d.
We lo^s: Attend^r wth so m^{ch} G^r: - surround^d
wth: so m^{ch} Wants - hⁱ: so m^{ch} Import^{ant} Com^m
to See^r for time El^l - Next: so div^{er} - so
Indispens^{ible}: A Duty =

III Pray is a Means to procure a Law
Dio: Pres^{ent} in 5 m^{ts} - lo^s: a Mot^{ion} to some &
Unioⁿ: Obed^{ience} = = To for^{get} G^r: an Intro^{duct} to
a Mann^{er} Sin = To consid^r of: wth hⁱ Critic^{ism}
- an alm^{ost} irresist^{ible}: Incont^{inent} to Vert^{ue} =
Am I in pres^{ent}: m^{uch} alm^{ost} L^{aw} - how
shall I dare Volunter to off^{end} hⁱ: = And
hⁱ: Alseem^{ing} 24th fix^d - & doⁿ he wait to be
Grac^{ed}: = = G^r: If I apply to hⁱ: he will be
read^y: to Enligh^{ten}: me in lo^s - Def^{ine} me wth

Dar^{ing}: - enlarge m^{uch} hⁱ: in hⁱ Serv^{ice}: - supp^{ly}
mo^{re} hⁱ Temp^{le}: - I need n^{ot}: fear Pow^{er} Policy =
I have set of L^{aw}: said I fl^{at} =

Now by Pray we Place of: at &
feet of hⁱ Thro^{se} - draw Near & more
Seal - Unfold of enw^{rap}: Sentim^{ent}: & Sou^l
befor^e hⁱ: lo^s of Refug^e - Acc^{ord}: hⁱ: wth our Se^l
Desir^e wth: still^{er} hⁱ: a G^r: of hear^{ing}: =
He as^{sert}: wth hⁱ 24th & fix^d - hⁱ: 24th Op^{er} -
of lead^{er}: to bestow aⁿ des^{ire}: to hⁱ Indig^{ent}: =

IV lo^s: bring me to say of Prayers
to pray - bec^{ause}: G^r: is Will^{ing}: to best^{ow}: all of Gra^{ce}
lo^s: too need on hⁱ: Indig^{ent}: = = too m^{uch}: Pray
for y^e: lo^s: Impro^p: - lo^s: if bestow^d: lo^s: Prov^{ide}
an Extens^{ion}: Misch^{ance}: = = B^{ut}: if I ask for y^e
ag^{ree}: - Expect y^e: on f^{or} of Unment^{ion} - thro
Med^{ical}: J^{es}: - I m^{ay}: be ex^{pect}: of hⁱ belov^d: hear^{ing} =
= = How Grac^{ed}: are lo^s: & B^{ut}: Sav^{ing}: - if
yo^u: lo^s: and Evil = How Comfort^{able}: of Com^m -
If an^{other}: m^{an}: seek w^{ith} d^{esire}: = How Refor^m
of: Prom^{ise}: Ask & yo^u shall Rec^{ieve}: = seek =

I conclude wth two Direct^{ions}

I also: Pray und^{er} deep sense of
y^e own Unworth^{iness} = Confite & forfeit =
App^{ro}ach^{ing} throne wth an In^{ter} depend^{ence} on m^y
Uⁿder J^{ud}g^{ment} for Acc^{us}ation

II Pray absolutely on^{ly} for s^{an}c^ti^fy:
Gra: Spi^{rit} = y^e y^e wth Adv^{ance} Pro^{gress} & Soul^{ful}
= You m^y Pray for Health — for a
Comfort & Port^{er} — & all y^e y^e wth Submiss^{ion}
= Be wth Pray for y^e Pard^{on}: Merc^y
& Sancti^fy: Gra: — Here we m^y be
Import^{ant}: = Here to Add^{ress} with all
y^e Hol^{iness} & Viol^{ence}: = For y^e B^{ea}t^{itude} we are
to Pray — wth Unw^{ill}ing^{ness}: Import^{ant} =
as hi^{is} Sanct^{ity} = Lord Remember me
wth y^e Fad^{er} = Thy Fad^{er} Lib^{erty} =
Give me an heart conform^{able} to B^{ea}t^{itude}
will — Give me ap^{er} y^e Lov^e — Let
me be preserv^{ed} faithful to y^e cause —
& h^{is} Lov^e: Approb^{ation} my Mail —
& be Adm^{ir}ed: Jay m^y Li^{ve} — y^e all my
Salv^{ation}

W^{ith} m^y Im^{it}: St^{ill} Jacob — wth w^{ill}
wth y^e y^e =

Whoso^{ever} hav^e such Desires — Let y^e
Come boldly = Let Unre^{qu}est^{ed} — Contin^{ue} y^e
Chor^{us} Inf^{er}: wth m^y effect turn^{ing} — L^{ord}
save me or I perish

Let y^e wth h^{is} Experi^{ence} quick^{en}
Int^{er}: Spi^{rit} — pray y^e Grace: Div^{ine} Lib^{erty}
wth be strength^{en} — & y^e Path y^e of y^e just^{ice}
= y^e all o^{bed}ient^{ia}: Aff^{ection} m^y App^{ro}ach^{ing} so as
y^e y^e m^y be sub^{serv}ent to o^{bed}ient^{ia}: wth w^{ill}

Let Pray be our contin^{ue} Breath^{ing}
— our Dail^y Im^{ploy}ment: — till come to
y^e wth wth Voice Pray Supplicat^{ion}: sh^{all} be
Chang^{ed} int^o Unre^{qu}est^{ed}: Pray^{er} & thank^{sgiving}: — &
we join full Choir y^e Heav^{en}: — in Cele^{stial}
triumph y^e Gra^{ce} — wth safe cond^{ition}: wth y^e
Vall^{ey}: Tears — to wth Unm^ying^{ly}: Felicit^{ous} Joy
To Lord: V^{er} Amen